

Important Dates:

2/27-3/8.... Iowa Testing
3/3 End of 2nd Trimester
3/15 Teacher Inservice, No School
4/6 Teacher Inservice, 11:30 Dismissal
4/7 Good Friday, No School
4/10-14 Easter Break, No School

K-8 Absent/Tardy . 513-347-2231
Preschool Absent .. 513-347-4450
Early Dismissal note to teacher
Aftercare 513-371-0371

AUG'S BLOG

Visitation Families,

We are one week into Lent. How are your Lenten promises going? If you fail, restart! Acknowledge your failure, ask God for forgiveness, forgive yourself and then begin anew. If you fall down on the ground, you pick yourself up. Pick yourself up for the glory of God this Lent.

I made a mistake in last week's newsletter. School Reconciliation is March 9th for grades 3-8.

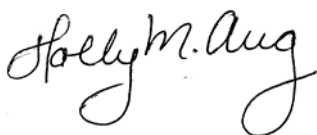
Please pray for the men in our parish attending the Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) retreat this weekend. This provides participants a time to reconnect with God and hopefully provide nourishment on their faith journey. If you haven't participated in this weekend, I highly recommend it for anyone who needs some spiritual renewal.

This Friday marks the end of the second trimester. Spring is just around the corner, along which comes Spring Fever. Remind students we still have a long time to go! Make goals for your child. Just as we may fall down during Lent, your child may fall short of their academic/emotional/behavioral/social goals. Encourage them, pick them up when they fall and start anew!

Students in grades 2-7 are taking part in our annual standardized testing. There are two parts taken: the Cogats and the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills. The Cogats is what I like to describe as evaluating what God gave you, it's your natural ability (2nd graders only take the Cogats). The Iowas are how you apply God's gifts. This will take place in the mornings the rest of this week and most of next. Please make sure your child arrives at school on time and eats a healthy breakfast.

Please continue to pray for our friends Ross and CeCe. The last week has had some challenges for both of them. Pray for strength for their parents, patience and knowledge for their caregivers, and courage for both of them! Perhaps your Lenten prayers could include each of them daily. Don't forget that many families are gathering on Friday mornings at 6:30 a.m. mass to pray for these two.

Blessings,



COOK'S CURRICULUM CORNER

Students in kindergarten are celebrating Dr. Seuss Week by reading his stories and dressing as a theme from a different book each day. Yesterday students read Green Eggs and Ham and made "green eggs" to help them write a "how to" writing prompt. Today, students wore a hat with their uniform to go with the book The Cat in the Hat. The students will complete a forested drawing and write what they would do to get rid of the cat. Thursday is a wacky day where students will get to complete assignments under their desk instead of on their desk. Friday is a kindergarten favorite where students will read What Pet Should I Get. The students will bring a stuffed pet to school and have a parade. The focus in all academic areas on Friday will be about pets! What a great way to make learning fun while celebrating Dr. Seuss!



For Lent, download the Hallow: Catholic Meditation app. Hallow is currently hosting a Lent “40 day pray challenge” to encourage all Catholics to take more time to pray and reflect. This app also provides meditations, rosary devotionals, bible stories (even stories for bedtime), as well as popular Christian music. This app is free and most suitable for children ages four and up.

CAFETERIA

There will be no hot lunch offered on March 10th. Milk, water, bag snacks and ice cream will be available to purchase by cash only this day. Preschool can still order their milk for this day with the Hot Lunch Program.

CHURCH CHATTER

LENTEN RICE BOWLS: As we journey together this Lent, we remember that through prayer, God invites us to slow down and look for him around us. Through fasting, we act in solidarity with people who are hungry. Almsgiving is an act of love for God and neighbor. Lent is a chance to serve others. Join us in helping those communities in Honduras, the Philippines, and Kenya who are struggling to overcome hunger.

Rice bowl cartons came home last week, take your carton and fill it! Return it to school by March 31st and help someone in need. All donations will be sent to Catholic Relief Services.

REDIKER: All Rediker issues, primary email changes or primary household phone number changes should be emailed to rediker@olvisitation.org.

7th GRADE PARENTS



Are you interested in helping with the 8th grade events? In years past, the 7th grade parents have helped plan and coordinate the 8th grade celebration. We have worked on simplifying these events to make it much easier to organize. There are outlines in place to direct you. This would be a group of parents helping, not just an individual. Please contact Erin Becker if you are interested. ebecker@olvisitation.org

YOUTH ART MONTH DRAWING CONTEST

Design a piece of the puzzle for Youth Art Month. Use any art materials. A worksheet is attached or can be found in the art room. Prizes will be awarded for the best drawings each Friday in March.

8th GRADE SCHOLARSHIP

Attached you will find a copy of the Knights of Columbus Essay Scholarship. It is due Monday, March 8th by 8:00 a.m. in the school office.

7th GRADE SCHOLARSHIP – deadline is TODAY

Every 7th grade student may apply for a \$1,000 scholarship from ESAP (Elementary Scholarship Assistance Program). Our school is guaranteed 2 winners! Please visit <https://esap.org/>. The application process involves a short essay addressing a time you have given back to help others. Applications are due TODAY, March 1st.

YEARBOOKS: Yearbooks for the 2022-2023 School Year are on sale now! Yearbooks are \$20 each and are available for purchase online at www.strawbridge.net

1. Click ***Order Pictures and Yearbooks***, and enter code **YB25505**
 2. Enter your name and email, and click ***Access Yearbook***.
 3. Enter your students information, then click ***Submit Details***.
 4. Select your product and quantity. Click ***View Cart*** to proceed to checkout.
- If you have any questions, please email ebecker@olvisitation.org

CUB SCOUTS

Please see attached about purchasing flower bulbs from Dutch Mill Bulbs.

PTO and SPIRITWEAR

Spiritwear: You can shop online at visispiritwear.weebly.com. Any questions, please contact Nikki Niemann at 513-379-8478

VAC

3/4 - Spring Cleanup 9:00am - 3:00pm

3/7 - Jet's Pizza Fundraising 4pm-8pm

3/23 - VAC general meeting 8:30pm in Pavilion

Fundraising: VAC is hosting a Jet's Pizza fundraiser night March 7, 4-8 p.m. Mention your order is for Visitation when you order and 20% of proceeds will go to VAC. This is the Harrison Ave location, for both delivery and carry out.

Sponsorship: Own a Business or Looking to Donate? The Visitation Athletic Program has sign sponsorship opportunities available in our gyms, outdoor pavilion area. A sponsorship will continue to allow us to provide our young athletes the opportunity to grow and compete with one of the best athletic facilities on the Westside.

If you have interest, please contact Mike Bollin via call or text at (513) 460-6428 or via email at bollinmr@gmail.com. He can provide the sponsorship details and help answer any questions.

Spring Clean Up - March 4th: Spring is getting closer and that means it's time for all of baseball and softball families to come together on March 4th for our annual Field Clean-Up Day. Volunteers of all ages are welcome, but we ask that 6th graders and under be accompanied by an adult. High School students can receive Service Hour credits for their time. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

SPRING SPORTS SIGNUPS

Baseball:

5U, 7U & 14U,15U: 2/28/2023: (Late Registrations will be placed on a Waiting List and cannot be guaranteed a spot on a team)

Please see the baseball home page at vacsports.com **Baseball (bluesombrero.com)** for all important dates and information regarding the 2023 Season. We also have multiple opportunities to volunteer in leadership roles within the program, so please consider those opportunities while registering your players. Please note that all volunteers must undergo Safe Parish training and certification.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

- St. Xavier will be hosting a number of summer camps for eighth grade students. Please click here for more information. <https://www.stxavier.org/academics/summer-camps>
- Moeller high school will be hosting a number of summer camps for eighth grade students. Please click here for more information <https://moellercamps.campbrainregistration.com/>
- Ursuline Academy will be hosting a number of summer camps for eighth grade students. Please click here for more information <https://www.ursulineacademy.org/admissions/summer-at-ursuline>
- Mercy McAuley High School presents their spring musical, Seussical, on March 24-26. Please click here for more information www.mercymcauley.org/seussical.

- The Elder High School Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble, and Steel Drum Band is presenting a concert in Seton's Tom and Janis Kelley Theater next Tuesday, March 7 at 7pm. The musicians consist of students from Elder and Seton, as well as guest performers from Our Lady of the Visitation School. Enjoy a free evening of "rhythm and grooves." Grade School students who attend will also receive a gift from either Seton or Elder as well have the opportunity to try the percussion equipment themselves following the performance.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Playground Upper lot	Playground Lower lot	Lunchroom (wiping tables)	Cafeteria (food service)
3/6	M	Dan Kaiser Matt Hofmann	Jennifer Leisgang Kate Raterman	Kerri Todd Amy Coors	Bob Johnson Kelly Sullivan Jill Ballman
3/7	T	Angela Graman Johnna Rowe	Dana Ellsworth Sarah Ray	Amanda Bruner Deb Tisch	Sue Stautberg Keith Schutte
3/8	W	Amy Beitz Maria Kersting	Amy Faillace Amy Burns	Aunnie Werteneberger Susie Ammer	Brandon Ranier Randy Lipps
3/9	Th	Kaite Rorhmeier Erin Pace	Shannon Hafner Laura Cavanaugh	Jeananne Nichols	Chris Cassiere Jenna Erhart
3/10	F	Kim Post Jennifer Briede	Kirsten Law Laura Miller	Monica Trapp Grace Faigle	No Hot Lunch

LUNCH MENU FOR MARCH 6-10

Please note, due to manufacturer shortages, menu may change.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
-French Toast Sticks (4) -Sausage Patty (2) -syrup -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	--Chicken Nuggets (5) -Dinner Roll -Mac-n-Cheese -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	- La Rosa's Pizza (1 Slice) Cheese or Pepperoni -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-Chicken Patty -Seasoned Fries -Pickles -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-No Hot Lunch- Snacks, Drinks and Ice Cream may be purchased. Cash only. ***Preschool can purchase milk on Hot Lunch Program***
A La Carte				
-French Toast Sticks- 4	-Chicken Nuggets-5	-La Rosa's Pizza 1 Slice	-Chicken Patty	

Cash can be used for milk, snacks and ice cream. Assorted bagged snacks daily for \$.75. Ice cream for \$1.50. Milk and water for \$.50.

To purchase the regular lunch or hot a la carte items, you must set up an account and order through <https://olvlunch.ahotlunch.com/login>. You may order daily until 8:00 a.m. Regular lunch is \$4.00. Hot a la carte is \$2.00.

If your student has an appointment and will not be here for lunch, please do not order a lunch for that day. If you did order a lunch and then your student leaves early for sickness or an appointment, please email Linda Good lgood@olvisitation.org so your account can be credited. Thank you.

GENERAL REMINDERS

- If your child will be absent from school or tardy, a phone call is required by 8:30 a.m. The direct phone numbers to report a student absent or tardy are:
K-8: 513-347-2231
Preschool: 513-347-4450
- If your child needs to leave school early, a note written by a parent must be given to the student's homeroom teacher at the start of that same day.
- For school closings and delays due to inclement weather, Our Lady of the Visitation will follow Three Rivers Local School District.



St. Joseph of the Three Rivers Council Knights of Columbus

THE DEHMER/NIEPORTE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION

COVER SHEET

The St. Joseph of the Three Rivers Knights of Columbus will be awarding three \$1000.00 scholarships to three eighth grade students who will be attending a Catholic High School for the 2023-2024 school year.

To be eligible for the scholarship the student must complete the Application Form (both pages) and submit an ESSAY which completes the following:

“ How will your education in the Catholic Faith equip you to succeed as a Christian in the world of high school and beyond.”

The essay must be the work of the student alone.

The essay can be no more than one page typewritten or two pages handwritten.

Both pages of the “Application Form” must be completed. The Application Form must be signed by both the student and his/her parents. The Form is to be placed inside a plain white envelope and stapled to the essay.

There can be NO identifying information on either the envelope or in the essay.

The completed Essay along with the envelope containing the Application Form must be returned by the date determined by your building Principal.

A representative from the Knights of Columbus will collect the envelopes of the Finalists on Monday, March 8, 2023.

The winners will be announced the first full week of April.



ST. JOSEPH OF THE THREE RIVERS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

DEHMER/NIEPORTE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION FORM

Both pages of the Application must be completed along with an Essay on the following prompt: **“How will your education in the Catholic Faith equip you to succeed as a Christian in the world of high school and beyond?”**.

Please place your completed Application Form (both pages) in a plain white envelope and secure it to your Essay.

Do not put any identifying information in your essay or on the outside of the envelope.

This Application Form is to certify that the attached essay is the work of the undersigned student. The ideas and narrative are that of the student alone.

Student Name (print) _____

Student Signature _____

Parent Name (print) _____

Parent Signature _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Parish _____

Catholic High School you plan to attend _____

Address _____

List all the activities, events and organizations in which you participated in your school.

(ex. Band, Choir, Student Council, ACT, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Drama/Plays, Chess Club, Coding Club, Kindness Club, EGO, Peer Tutoring, Computer Aide, Fishing Club, etc.)

List all the Church related activities and events in which you have taken part. (ex. Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Choir, Right to Life Marches and Fundraising, etc.)

List all the sports in which you have participated,

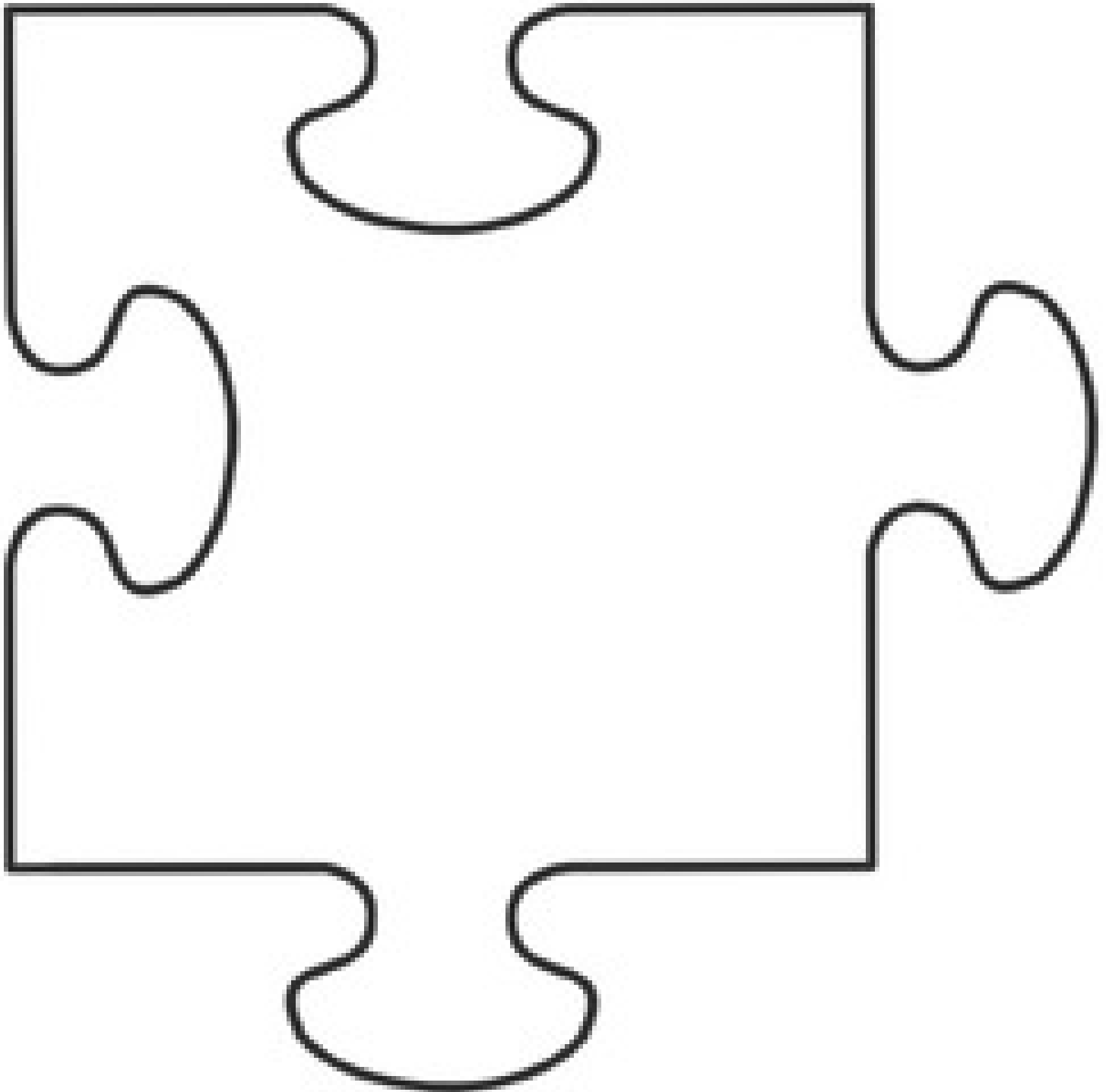
(ex. Baseball, Basketball, Football, Lacrosse, Swimming, Volleyball, etc.)

List anything you have done in your Community.

(ex. helped with picking up trash along our roadways, helped on the Township Beautification Committee, helped collect can goods for the Food Pantry, visited shut-ins, etc.)

YOUTH ART MONTH DRAWING CONTEST

Instructions: Design a piece of the puzzle. Use any art material. Cut it out.
Put your name and Homeroom teacher's name on back. Give to your art teacher.
Prizes will be awarded for the best drawings each Friday in March.



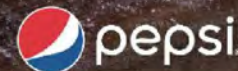
**Support Visitation Athletic Club
when you deliver or carryout
from 4-8PM on Tues. March 7th**

**20% of proceeds go to
Visitation Athletic Club**



JET'S PIZZA

BETTER, BECAUSE IT HAS TO BE.



5865 HARRISON AVE.

(513) 574 7777

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Saturday March 4th

9:00am - till list is completed.

**Volunteers of all ages come
and go as you can; even a couple
hours are a great help.**

Service Hours available for Teens.

**Lunch Provided for
All Volunteers**

Tools Needed:

**Gas Blowers,
Gas Weed-Wackers,
Ladders, Shovels,
Spades, Rakes,
Brooms, Tree/Shrub
Cutting Tools, Tin
Snips, Post Hole
Digger, Wire-Cutters
& any other handy
tools you may use
around the yard.
Please label your
tools with your name.**



CLEAN UP DAY



Please help support
Cub Scout Pack 238

Purchase flower bulbs from Dutch Mill Bulbs
via the link or QR code below and 50%
of the proceeds help us support activities
throughout the year for our Pack.

We appreciate your support!

<https://dutchmillbulbs.com/cub-scout-pack-238-cincinnati-oh>





The Elder HS Band presents...

An Evening of Rhythm and Grooves
March 7, 7pm

The Tom and Janis Kelley Family Theater, at Seton High School



Featuring the Elder Jazz Band,
Steel Drum Band,
and Percussion Ensemble
with special guests,



The Visitation Viking Jazz Band