



St. Philip's Snippets

All Saints Day Edition

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It's Going To Be Wonderful!

Please join us on Wednesday, November 1st for our All-School All Saints Day Mass! The Kindergartners have been researching a favorite Saint and will be dressed as that person at Mass. The Saints will go marching in at 8:40 am. Ms. Zimmermann's class will be our Mass Ministers. There is also a 6:30 pm Mass that evening. Please join us! Everyone is welcome.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR ST. PHILIP'S SHIRT ON WEDNESDAY!

Light Bulbs Needed!



Ms. Oswald is in need of used light bulbs for an art project. They need to be the kind in the picture and not the curly-q ones! If you have any to donate, please send them with your student or drop off in the school office. Thank you!

DUE:

Immunization & School Records:

Please turn in immunization and other school records that have been requested lately from you for your student(s). Thank you!



Wild-West Book Fair

Howdy Wranglers! Mosey on over to our Wild-West Book Fair Friday, November 3rd-Thursday November 9th. Lots of help is needed to make this a rip-roaring success. To volunteer, just type in this link and rope (pick) your favorite time to help. It's a fun and easy way to get in those volunteer hours!

<https://volunteer.scholastic.com/#/signup/QelJCJ7R2>

Any questions, contact Ranch Hand Ericka at
epickett@stphilipsbemidji.org

NOTE ABOUT SCHOOL EMAIL:

Our school email (school@stphilipsbemidji.org) is not cooperating! If you need to send an email to the school about an absence, please use Stephanie's email: sglen@stphilipsbemidji.org. For anything else, please email the person needed. Our emails are our first initial and last name@stphilipsbemidji.org



STUFF A TRUCK!

Did you know that 6000 pounds of food is distributed daily to those in need when the Bemidji Community Food Shelf is open? Classes are collecting boxed and canned food items, monetary donations and personal care items for our annual community-wide "Stuff A Truck". Items can be brought into the classrooms and placed in the designated boxes. They will be delivered at a later date to the food shelf.

Children's and Teen Choir

*Do you like to sing? Join Children's or Teen choir! Children's choir is open to kids grade 2-5 and will rehearse Wednesdays from 3:15-4:00 pm. Teen choir is for grades 6 - 12 and will rehearse on Wednesdays from 4:00 -4:45 pm. The first rehearsal is November 1st. These groups will meet for 5-6 weeks and then sing at a Parish Sunday Mass. Contact Ms. Aana at afreihammer@stphilipsbemidji.org or 444-4262 for more information and to register.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The following families collected the most pledges for our School Marathon:

1. Taevon Welle
 2. Grant & Ethan Gellately
 3. Elizabeth & Felicity Brooks
 4. Ella Willford
- And tied for 5th place:
5. Aubree Brown
 5. Jackson Fogelson



These students went to lunch with Mrs. Norgaard at Giovanni's Pizza last week. Thank you to every family who helped raise funds for our school!

Label, **Label**, *Label*, **Label**, **Label**, **Label**, **Label**

We'd love to see what YOUR handwriting looks like on the inside of your kids' clothing! To prevent a mountain of clothing this winter, please label sweatshirts, jackets and winter clothing, and we'll get it back to them when it gets lost! (Older students included if this would be beneficial!)

What's Happening?

Wednesday, November 1: All Saint's Day Mass. 8:40 am- Wear your St. Philip's shirt!

Friday-Thursday, November 3-9: Wild West Book Fair

Thursday, November 9: Conferences & No School

Thursday, November 9: WE Day for Fridays with the Father

Friday, November 10: No School

Wednesday, November 15: Picture Retake Day/Pre-K Non-Tues. Picture Day

Wednesday, November 15: Stuff-A-Truck pick up day

Wednesday-Sunday, November 22-26: Thanksgiving Break

The Back Page

(Written by our staff, sharing God in our lives)

This week's contributor: Mrs. Shannon Hunsberger, 7th Grade/English Teacher

The sixth grade Language Arts class has spent the last month or so reading and analyzing the short novel Seedfolks by Paul Fleischman. This story is centered around a garden that was once a garbage-filled lot and the people who are uniquely affected by it as it grows into a beautiful hub of activity and camaraderie. Some characters are planters, others observers or problem solvers.

During a part of the story when the neighborhood is still quite divided into racial and ethnic groups, one of the characters says that “the garden was a copy of the neighborhood.” The students were asked to imagine what a St. Philip’s neighborhood garden would look like and describe it, imagining it as a “copy” of our school community. Here are some snippets of those responses:

- Our St. Philip’s garden would look like people coming together and helping each other’s plants grow. People would probably not put up barbed wire and “keep out” signs.

- Our garden would be colorful and it would smell good. The grades would be working together on our plants. Our school would let anyone participate, even if they were strangers.

- Our St. Philip’s garden would be nice and organized just like our school. Everyone would be included, and everyone would have a job. Some people would water the plants, and some people would plant more seeds. The place for our garden would not be trashed.

- The older kids would help the younger kids, and the school would donate all the food to the homeless shelter.

- It might look from the outside like recess is going on--lots of people interacting, people being very loud. I think it would be very cool to have a garden at our school.

- It would be different from the book because people here don’t care what color other people’s skin is.

- Our St. Philip’s garden would be open to anyone, and there would be religion. Everyone would help each other and work together with older kids helping younger kids. Our garden would also be fun and we would praise and worship God.

Wow. I think these students said it perfectly. What a blessing to be a part of St. Philip’s School. I am grateful to be a teacher here.