

An Education We Can Have Faith In

October 2011 Newsletter

Dates to Remember:

- October 2nd
6:00 pm Social Hall
State of the Parish/School
Report
- October 4th Booster Club
4:45 pm Gym
- October 5th Feast of St. Francis
9:00 am Mass
2:30 pm Blessing of Animals
- October 5th School Committee
6:00 pm School Library
- October 6th
8:30 am School Picture day
- October 10th No School
Teacher In-Service
- October 12th No School
Rice Lake Conference
- October 16th
All School Sunday Mass
10:00 am
KC Pancake Breakfast
8:30 – 11:30 am
- October 19th Grandparent's Day
- October 24th
Safe and Sacred Training
6:30 pm School Library
Call school office to sign up
- October 31st
12:00 Early Release

Greetings,

We are one month into the new school year. How time flies! We have had a lot going on. I would like to thank all of you for helping the school year start successfully. It has also been nice to see so many of you in and out of the buildings. We have a number of events coming up and I look forward to seeing you all then. *Mr. Bell*

State of the Parish/School Report Sunday, October 2nd

As part of the Accreditation process, we will be holding the State of the School report in conjunction with the Parish report. Join us in the Social Hall at 6:00 pm for both reports.



Feast of St. Francis Wednesday, October 5th

Join us as we celebrate St. Francis at our regular 9:00 am Wednesday School Mass and at 2:30 pm that same day for the Blessing of the Animals in the back parking lot. We ask that animals and people start to gather on the parking lot next to the playground around 2:15 pm. Please no pets or animals before that time and make sure your animals are secure for their and our safety.

Grandparents Day Wednesday, October 19th

We will be celebrating our Grandparents and special Grand-friends. Join us in the Social Hall from 7:30 – 8:45 am for breakfast, 9:00 for Mass in the church and a visit to the classrooms from 10:00 – 11:00 am.

All School Sunday Mass and KC Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, October 16th

10:00 Mass

8:30 – 11:30 am Breakfast available in the Social Hall

Adults \$6.00

Children 6 -12 \$4.00

Children 5 and under Free

\$15.00 family maximum

**Precedes will go towards the
Kindergarten Interactive White Board!**

Preschool is going to a 12 month program!

In order to better serve our families, we have decided, starting summer 2012 that we will have a 12 month preschool program. This program will be open to not only preschool students/families, but also families with students from Kindergarten through 3rd grade.

More information will be coming soon!

Iowa Tests of Basic Skills and Cognitive Abilities Test.

The Iowa Test will be administered beginning the week of October 17 and going to October 28th. This year we will be testing all students 3rd – 8th grade.

In order to help your child do their best on this test, we ask your help in the following areas:

- 1) Make sure they get a good night sleep each night.
- 2) Have breakfast at home and/or at school.
- 3) Talk with them about the importance of taking their time and doing their best.
- 4) We ask that any appointments be reschedule (if possible) in order to ensure that each child has the time to take the tests and to help avoid rescheduling trouble.

We value the input that these tests give us and thank you for your help and support.

Dress Code:

We have had a number of student wearing sweat-pants, wind-pants, and other athletic wear as their normal clothes for the school day. Please make sure their clothing matches the dress code. These types of clothes usually fall into the “baggy” or “overly tight”. There are so many types of athletic and lounge wear out there, which makes it impossible to specifically name them as “not to wear” items. Our dress code is designed to be appropriate for our Catholic/Christian school. The policy is reviewed by the staff and School Committee, on a regular basis. A pair of jeans, kakis, or dress pants is always the best choice for school pants.

Good Bye Summer

Clothes...

It is that time of the year when we put away our summer clothes. Following our Dress Code Policy, shorts and flip-flops are no longer allowed to be worn to school effective Oct. 1st.

Parent Volunteers

Are you or someone you know interested in volunteering in the school? Check with your child's teacher or with the school office.

Some current volunteering jobs are:

Help set up an art room/area.

Help re-organized the Supply Room.

Read to/with students in many grades.

Help teachers with copy work.

Fundraising: Holiday Bazaar / Winter Wonderland Scrip sellers (after school or after weekend Masses)

Historians – help organized historical pictures and documents.

Spread the Word...

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School is a Fully Accredited School. We are accredited by WRISA (the Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation). The process takes a 1-2 year Self Study (ours included 52 people) to review and create the documents supporting the 116 standards, and a Site Visit by an Accreditation Team reviewing our documents.