

5th Grade News May 19, 2017

Next week we are going to present our speeches for the speech festival on Wednesday the 24th from 12:55 p.m. to 2:05 p.m. Thank you for helping your child practice at home so they will be prepared to present next week. I am looking forward to hearing their speeches.

Our field trip to Yellowstone was very informative. Students spoke to the ranger about the ecosystem and environmental changes from the introduction of wolves. We also learned more about the super volcano and geological features in Yellowstone.

We haven't received any student council forms from interested students. Next year, there will be two student council members to represent 6th grade. Please talk to your child about applying and campaigning for a position. Applications are due on Wednesday, May 24th.

We still need one more volunteer for our OMSI field trip on Tuesday, June 13th. Please sign up through Volgistics and thanks in advance for helping us end the year with an exciting dissection and planetarium film.

We will celebrate all birthdays in May/June on Friday, May 26th from 11:10-11:30 a.m. We will be writing individual letters to each of the birthday students during this time and celebrating their birthdays as a class. Thank you all for coordinating treats for this celebration.

Curriculum Focus for Next Week

Religion

Students will examine the use of lamentation prayer. Students will review and take a test on Chapter 13.

Reading

Students will continue our last small group reading assignment. Students will demonstrate their understanding of mode and tone in their books.

Writing

Next week, students will start their draft on a famous historical figure in U.S. History. Students will be learning how to add suffixes to the end of the word. Students will practice prepositions in grammar.

Math

Next week students will identify and graph points on a coordinate grid. Students will find the distance between two points by using ordered pairs. Students will also create and interpret coordinate graphs.

Science/Social Studies

Next week, students will identify the causes, key events, and results of the War of 1812. Students will summarize the role of Andrew Jackson and others in the settlement of the new territories. Students will identify the events that shaped the fight for women's suffrage rights.

School News

Cathedral School Student Council is seeking members for the 2017-2018 school year. The Cathedral Student Council is made up of leaders from Fifth through Eighth Grade. As representatives of service and leadership at Cathedral School, it is expected that Student Council members strive for excellence in their academics, collaborate positively with their peers, and demonstrate strong Catholic and Christ like values in their actions.

Current 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th grade students may apply to run for next year's Student Council. Campaigning will begin Monday, June 5th and conclude June 9th with speeches starting at 8:20 followed by voting later that day.

Permission slip and Student Council member expectations have been given to students as well as campaign/election information. Please read through this information carefully and return the signed application and answered questions to Ms. Fry by Wednesday, May 24th.

We are looking forward to the election!

Second and sixth grades are hosting May's spotlight on service. The Mac Attack service project provides boxed macaroni and cheese to the Portland Sunshine Division. This two-week service project began on May 15th and ends on May 26th. This was started at St. John Fisher several years ago and has become a competition between St. John Fisher, ourselves and a few other west side schools. Please help us with this battle against hunger by bringing in boxes of Mac and Cheese to 5th grade through May 26th.

Upcoming Events

Student Council Applications due, Wednesday, May 24th

Speech Festival 5th grade speeches, Wednesday, May 24th from 12:55-2:05 p.m.

Religion Test, Thursday, May 25th

Half Day for students, May 26th

May/June Birthday celebration, May 26th from 11:10-11:30 a.m.

Memorial Day, No School, May 29th

Social Studies Chapter 7 test, Monday, May 30th

OMSI field trip, Tuesday, June 17th