



The Golden Eagle



Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year at CPES! We are eager to share with you the many exciting happenings at our school. Teachers will give you a look into their classroom throughout the first semester. We hope you enjoy reading and if you would like to take a tour or stop by to see our work in progress please feel free to call our school office at 795-4222. Look for our spring issue in April and until then the CPES staff wishes you a blessed Christmas season!

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Administrator News

A little more than 150 years ago and just 70 miles away an extraordinary event took place that resulted in a remarkable proclamation on December 8th of this year. Bishop David Ricken of Green Bay declared the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion Wisconsin to be officially a Marian Apparition site. It is the only such apparition site in the United States. We are all familiar with places like Lourdes and Fatima where visions of Mary are supported by miraculous healings. They are rare and venerable places where Our Lady's words of love and encouragement give us courage and hope.

To have such uniquely holy ground so close might seem surprising to some. But is it just a coincidence that our Holyland area had begun forming just 20 years earlier? As our ancestors moved bravely into a new land they sustained themselves with a powerful faith. They built communities centered around duty to God and family with the strong desire to enlighten their children through a formal education. Indeed one of the Virgin Mary's admonitions to Adele Brise (the young woman who spoke with Our Lady in Champion) was to educate the children in this new land. That is a mission that our families have dedicated themselves to for well over a century.

As we turn the page on a new millennium we know that the challenges facing our children have changed in many ways over the years. In order to respond effectively to our children's needs we must change as well. But at Consolidated Parochial Elementary School we never lose sight of our core mission, which is to bring each child into a unique and lasting relationship with God. Our methods of teaching will adapt to a new culture but our message of love and devotion to God and one another remains timeless and forms a great bond between our past and our future. We stand along side our ancestors in our desire to provide a better world for our children through faith in Our Lord.

God bless you and your family as we enter a new year of opportunity and discovery. Working together we are forming the future of our church and nation and building a community of which we can all be proud.

~Mr. Gerald Stepanek

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PRECIOUS HEARTS PRESCHOOL

Calendar of Events

August 30, 2010 – Landon Buechel, Addison Casper, Brady Freund, Luke Graf, Cole Schaefer, Joseph Volz, Keaton Wagner and Madelyn Wahl began preschool.

September 2010 - The preschool class was busy getting to know each other, their teacher, the classroom, the school, school procedures, and C.P.E.S. staff. The students participate in Mass, library and music class on a regular basis.

October 2010 – The class has its first field trip! They visit the Little Farmer. While there the students learned about the importance of bees. They know that without bees there wouldn't be any apples. They learned about good bugs and bad bugs in the apple orchard. Everyone was taught how to pick an apple, twist and lift. The students had a hayride through the orchard, woods and fields, with a stop in the pumpkin patch. They had a lot of fun picking out their own pumpkin.

The preschool students joined the C.P.E.S. students for a visit from the fire department. The visit began with a fire drill. Afterward the students listened to the firefighters talk about fire safety. They got a tour of the fire trucks, an opportunity to see many of the tools that are used in a fire or an accident, and a chance to see the firemen dressed up in all of their safety equipment.

The preschool students participated in the Red Ribbon Week activities. They learned about being safe with medicine, knowing that it should only come from Mom or Dad.

November 2010 – It was a busy month studying all the changes that happen in fall, and learning all about Thanksgiving and being Thankful.

This month the students did a few experiments. Apples were sliced open and the students predicted what would happen to the apples; they turned brown. Then they predicted what would happen if the apples were dipped in lemon juice, water and milk. They were surprised to find that the apple slices stayed white. They really liked the smell of the lemon juice. Their second experiment allowed the students to explore with magnets, finding out how the magnets come together or push apart, and finding out what objects the magnets will attract and pick up. They thought it was fun how you could put a magnet on one side of a pan and move another object (ex. paperclip) along on the other side.

December 2010 – Singing Christmas songs during concert practice has been a lot of fun for the preschool this month. They enjoy having music with the Kindergarten class and they are excited about the Christmas concert. They are learning about Christmas. They know that the most important part of the holiday is celebrating Jesus' birthday. But they are also looking forward to Santa Claus coming!

~ Mrs. Kay Hellman





Kindergarten Corner

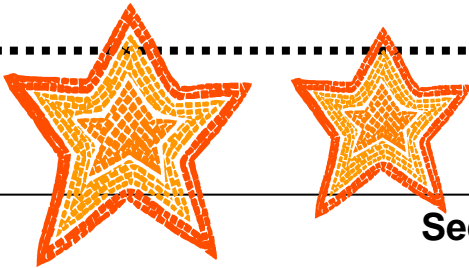
We are learning a lot and having tons of fun in Kindergarten! We have been working on a letter a week and by Christmas we will already be on letter N. Each week we do activities with that letter, learn a new song, meet a new alphafriend, and have show n tell Fridays. With all this hard work we are becoming readers!

We are also counting the days of school. Every ten days of school, Zero the Hero visits our room. He always brings us a treat that is in the shape of a Zero. Some things that he has left us so far are circle stickers, light up bracelets, balls, and lollipops. The 100th day of school is sure to be a celebration.

In October we were able to go to the Twohig Farm with the 1st graders. While we were there we learned about their Dairy Farm along with their Pumpkin Farm. Although it was a bit cold, we all had fun! Also this past fall, we worked as a class to make a scarecrow outside of school, I hope that everyone was able to see him!

We look forward to learning more about weather, how to count money, read more words, and having more fun. Our class is very thankful for all that God has given us and we are looking forward to celebrating Jesus' birth this Christmas season. Merry Christmas from CPES Kindergarten!

~Miss Samantha Schmalzer



First Grade News

We have had a magnificent start to the new school year! It's amazing how much children grow from Kindergarten to First Grade. We have settled into the new routine and are doing fine! The children in First Grade have been busily learning reading strategies and math concepts.

We have gone from reading simple words to complex terms in every subject. Everyone is realizing how difficult our language can be to read and how important it is to look at words all around us! We are proud that we can now read during Mass and share the Word of the Lord with our community.

Math and Science are also getting more challenging. The First Grade students are learning many different approaches to addition and subtraction sentences. Daily practice keeps everyone proficient at these building blocks for future mathematical skills. We have learned that Math and Science go together in so many ways, beginning with sorting and classifying.

In Social Studies, we have begun our journey to being future leaders as we learn about our Nation's history. We have so many freedoms that all began with the desire to be able to pray to the one true God. We thank Him each day for how he works through the Holy Spirit to help us learn and spread the Good News of Jesus! We are looking forward to a Christmas filled with joy and wonder as we learn about its true meaning!

~Mrs. Deidra Compton

Second Grade News

The students have been busy in Math learning about money. They are now able to count money into the dollar amounts, figure out change, and make amounts of money using the fewest coins possible. The students also worked with some story problems concerning money.

In Social Studies the students learned about landforms. They were able to draw examples of the different kinds of formations. They also looked at maps to see how these different formations are shown. They finished up this lesson with designing their own state, making a map key, and showing their different types of landforms in their state.

The second graders have also been preparing for their First Reconciliation. They have learned about sin and the importance of forgiveness, the steps and ways to receive reconciliation, and about the 10 Commandments and what they each teach us about living our life for God.

~Mrs. Linda Escher

Third Grade News

In Religion, we are in the season of Advent, and the children are preparing the way for Jesus. We remember Jesus' birth into this world. We ask for guidance as we wait, pray, and prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We are discussing more about how the children can prepare the way for Jesus. One way our class is preparing for Jesus is by holding a prayer service in our classroom. We read a scripture reading, reflect upon it, and recite a prayer together. This prayer celebration shows our happiness because Jesus is coming to us at Christmas. The children are also preparing the way for Jesus by going to confession.

In the third grade class, we have been working very hard to prepare for the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. This is a test which evaluates students on basic skills and knowledge. We have been working extra hard to recall information that we learned in our early school days. We have been making it extra fun and exciting by doing activities that challenge the mind with all the information taught and learned.

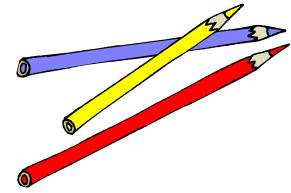
Every day, our third graders come into the classroom to find two Daily Oral Language (D.O.L.) sentences on the board. Each day the children are asked to read each sentence and correct the grammatical errors in each sentence. Then, as a class we edit the sentences to check if they are written properly. D.O.L. helps and prepares the children in their Reading, Language, and Spelling skills.

Along with D.O.L., the children do Daily Oral Math (D.O.M.). Each day the children are given a story problem in to solve. The children have been working on story problem strategies while solving everyday math problems. Each math problem reviews the five mathematical strands: 1) Number Sense 2) Algebra and Functions 3) Measurement and Geometry 4) Statistics, Data Analysis, and Probability 5) Mathematical Reasoning. The math problems help maintain concepts, skills, and strategies that the children have learned as well as reinforce test-taking strategies to better prepare them for the standardized test that they will be taking in March.

Overall, the children are learning lots and having a good time in school. Please feel free to come and see our third grade classroom and all their wonderful work.



~ Mrs. Amber Schwerin



Grade 4

Mrs. Allen welcomed nine 4th graders to her 4th grade homeroom this year. The 4th graders this year are taught by Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Paczkowski. They also have special teachers for art, health, music and phy. ed.

The fourth graders are taking a journey through the state of Wisconsin. The study of Wisconsin is a story of different people from different countries that choose to settle in Wisconsin. Wisconsin is rooted in a compelling past. The students will learn about how Wisconsin helped in the war effort from the Civil War to World War I and II.

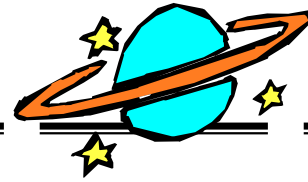
Do you know how Camp Randall got it's name? Just ask a fourth grader. The journey throughout Wisconsin will come to an end in January. After Wisconsin, we will continue studying other states in the U.S.A.

~Mrs. Sharon Allen

Middle School Language Arts News

Once again the fifth and sixth graders' smiling faces fill my classroom this year. However, most of the day the fifth graders are in other classrooms. The majority of my day is filled with the study of parts of speech, grammar, punctuation, spelling, and writing. Students in fifth through eighth grade are covering the basics of our English language. A few six, seventh, and eighth grade students are even working on grasping the Spanish language as well. Another portion of my day revolves around reading instruction. Sixth through eighth grade students have covered several units and skills, as well as a variety of literature. I am hoping to begin a trade book with some of the students soon.

~ Mrs. Amy Christianson



Science and Math

In science class, the students have explored space, atoms, and forces of nature. The seventh and eighth grade students began the school studying space. This included the planets, stars and the solar system. After exploring the solar system the class began looking at the atom, which is the extreme opposite in size. They all learned that the atom is incredibly small but very complex. In the coming weeks they will study how atoms combine or why two hydrogen atoms combine with one oxygen atom.

The fifth and sixth graders have learned about many concepts discovered by Sir Isaac Newton. The students were surprised to learn that homework is not work, based on our science definition. They will continue to learn about why things move the way they move.

In math class the students are studying about number relationships. The fifth and sixth graders began the year practicing multiplication and division. With each day they are becoming more proficient with their math facts. The class just began studying fractions. We have taken a look at fractions in the world around them, and as the school year continues they will learn lots of applications for the fractions.

The seventh graders spent part of the year studying graphs and methods to analyze data. Each student analyzed data of his or her choice. Many of the students discovered the importance of analyzing data in sports.

~Miss Christine Morlock



Mrs. Paczkowski's Bits 'n Bytes and other 'Stuff'

The computer lab at St. Cloud has under gone some major changes during the summer. Gone are the older Power Mac machines and in their place we now have some newer G4 towers with flat screen monitors, eMac machines, an iMac, a G3 Mac Tower, and 2 PC towers with flat screens running Windows XP. We most certainly appreciate the many donors including a university, a business and four private donors, which made these upgrades possible. Wiring done by our new administrator, Mr. Stepanek, allowed all the computers in the lab to access the Internet and through the electrical wiring, Internet access has been extended to some of the classrooms providing the teachers with access too. The Power Mac machines were moved to the St. John building replacing many of the older machines, which despite their age were still operating but could not be upgraded. In the New Year though, the Power Macs at St. Johns will also be replaced by some newer Bondi blue iMacs that were obtained from St. Thomas School in Waterford. That school was excited to know their machines were going to be used by another Catholic school system in the diocese. It is exciting to see all the changes occurring in the area of technology.

In addition to computers, I also teach the fourth graders in the subject areas of math, science and english. The fourth graders are showing great strides in mastering their multiplication and division facts. The aplusmath.com website makes reviewing and learning facts fun, while the spellingcity.com site is great for practicing spelling words with it's many and varied activities. The science class has also benefited from learning about vertebrates and invertebrates on the web. My fifth grade reading class has used the vocabulary word game on the eduplace.com website for practice and lastly, my seventh/eighth grade Religion class used the web to do research on various saints in addition to visiting the homepage of the Vatican. Technology continues to be an important tool in the education process.

~Mrs. Lucy Paczkowski

♪♪ Music Notes ♪♪

This has been a busy and exciting year so far for the Music Classes.

On November 17, a new digital keyboard greeted the people at the Children's' Mass in Johnsburg. The keyboard was paid for by contributions and donations to the Music Program Fund.

On December 5th, our 3rd Graders performed for the first time at the New Holstein Lions' "Country Christmas" program held at the New Holstein High School. As one of six choirs, our 3rd Graders were the first and only Children's' Choir to perform at this event. They performed their three concert songs, plus the "Our Father."

The 2nd and 4th Graders got an opportunity to sing on the radio this month. They were entered into the "Children's' Idol" contest sponsored by Mike's Music and Sunny 97-7 KFIZ out of Fond du Lac. The 2nd Graders sang "Christmas Wishes;" the 4th Graders – "The Secret of Christmas." KFIZ listeners have the opportunity to call in and vote for their favorite group. The CPES students will be on-air sometime before Christmas. The winner of the contest receives a gift certificate from Mike's Music and a cash award from KFIZ. Watch for notices from the Music Program as to when the students' singing will be on-air. Call in and vote often for our students.

Our annual Christmas Concert is December 16 at 1:30 and 7:00 p.m. at the St. Lawrence High School/Seminary auditorium in Mt. Calvary. This year's theme, "The Secret of Christmas," reminds us that it's the good you do all year through and not just at Christmas time that is the true secret of Christmas. The play portion of the concert, entitled "The Donkey's Christmas Story," provides us with the Nativity story through the perspective of the donkey that carried Mary to Bethlehem.

On December 21st, our 2nd and 3rd Graders will go to the Villa Loretta in Mt. Calvary to sing their concert songs to the residents and have a short sing-along with them.

The CPES Music Ministers choir will soon be sporting a new look at Masses and special events as they will be wearing their new choir polo shirts, paid for, in part, by the Music Program funds.

The Music Program also bought new animal costumes, angel halos and a shepherd's crook for use at the Christmas concerts through Music Program funds. This fund is made possible by the generous donations made during each of the year's concerts.



~ Miss Nadine Guckeisen

Physical Education

We welcome all our students and families back to a new school year. The students are excited, and continue to grow in their knowledge of sport and fitness. Our school year began with various games and activities to instill fair play, cooperation, and sportsmanship. These games also increase their heart and lung capacity.

All of the students at CPES have completed their Presidential Fitness Mile Run test for this fall. Many of our students have improved their mile run time from last spring.

The CPES volleyball team has been playing very well this year. The coaches have worked hard to get the girls ready for their season. Hope you were able to make it to one of their games to cheer on our CPES Eagles girls volleyball team.

~Mr. Leonard Riemersma





Students in all art classes have been experiencing many different medias during the first quarter at CPES. One of my personal goals as a teacher this year was to challenge myself and try as many different lessons as I could with my students. I told my students about this challenge and asked them to also take on the challenge—try to sketch you, try new ideas and techniques, and try to “think outside the box!” I feel that this is very important in today’s world in order to keep creativity alive.

The 7th and 8th grade students are experiencing such a challenge right now. They are working on basket weaving. Once they get past the start of the basket it becomes much easier, but since they are very accustomed to having everything “instant” they are definitely facing a challenge! Students in 5th and 6th grade made their very own sketchbook using a cereal box and coving it with a design of the color wheel. They had a lot of directions to follow but came through with flying colors! In the 4th grade, students have done some long projects that included metal tooling a beautiful leaf design and tempera batik painting. Weaving on a cardboard loom and trying many different types of weaves was the challenge that the 3rd grade had. The results are going to be stunning! In the 2nd grade, students did an excellent job of drawing fish and other underwater life and transferring it to a print. These prints along with watercolor paintings done by the 1st grade are on display in the halls of Johnsburg. Of course the kindergartners are constantly learning new skills and recently have made some Christmas elves that show each of their unique personalities!

Each year the students make ornaments to decorate the Christmas tree in the lobby of the National Exchange Bank in Mt. Calvary. These creations are unique and beautiful so be sure to stop in during the Christmas season to see it. I myself am very proud of the progress the students have made so far this year in art class. Hopefully when you see what they have done you will be too!

~Mrs. Mary Bowe

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