

## All Saints Elementary



### Principal's Corner

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## January Newsletter

### HEADLINE NEWS

#### Catholic Schools Week:

Sunday, January 27th to Saturday, February 2nd

One of our favorite times of the year happens within the month of January: National Catholic Schools Week. Your child(ren) may have shared with you some of the plans and activities that they have participated in during this week that promised to be both meaningful and fun. This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed," which encompasses the core products and values that can be found in all Catholic schools across the country. Not only are we teaching students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples and enriched citizens in our communities, we as educators are growing with them. At All Saints, we are all learners, servants, and leaders. These shared qualities are what make us a part of a Catholic School system. They are what make us succeed. Also, please join me in saying thank you to our teachers, staff, administrators, board members, parents, community, volunteers, and everyone else involved in running All Saints. Through their dedication and commitment, they make our school an excellent example of how Catholic schools are "faith-filled servant leaders."



Our school mission for the 2018-2019, "Let the Adventure Begin.....Adventure Awaits go Find it" was adopted from our current 5th Grade All Saints student and it ties to the NCEA mission statement because we are continually trying to find ways that help shape our faith by learning, serving, leading, and succeeding and that in itself is the adventure.

### Homeroom Masses for the Month of January are as follows:

- ❖ Thursday, January 03--All Saints Teachers
- ❖ Thursday, January 10th--Mrs. Holverson Grs. ½
- ❖ Thursday, January 17th--Ms. Root Grs. ½
- ❖ Thursday, January 24th--Ms. Kremer Gr. 5
- ❖ Thursday, January 31st--Ms. Dalton & Students

### Extended Learning Program (ELPs):

Our next round of ELPS will begin on **Friday, January 4th**. Please ask your child(ren) about which ELP they have been assigned to for this month. Encourage them to talk with you about the what they will be learning. The mission of the ELP is to provide challenging, enriching, and/or acceleration to meet the academic needs of all K-5 students. The goals for each student are to:

- Become independent, lifelong learners.
- Develop their intellectual and academic abilities through challenging instructional activities and materials.
- Become more enriched in parish life.

### THANK YOU to:

The faculty and staff would like to thank APT for hosting our annual Christmas party. We enjoyed the festivities.

A "BIG" thank-you goes to all our homeroom parents which helped out with our classroom Christmas parties. Our students had a wonderful time and experienced getting into the holiday spirit.



Thank you to Liz Whannel, Brandis McFarland, and Anne Shires for coordinating both the Preschool and K-5 Christmas concert set-up. It was an amazing decor for our students to perform in.

### CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

As always, thank you to Mrs. Williams & Mrs. Moore, and staff for their support in helping bring together a wonderful night of Christmas music. Music education helps prepare our young students to think creatively, learn how to work together, and become critical thinkers and problem solvers. We are blessed to have such wonderful teachers who continue to inspire our students with the love of music.



**EVENTS AHEAD in January:**

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No School Monday, January 14th-- Teacher Professional Development Day</li> <li>• No School Monday, January 21st--Teacher Professional Development Day</li> <li>• School Board Meeting, Wednesday, January 16th at 5:30PM</li> <li>• Catholic Schools Week Sunday, January 27th-Saturday, February 2nd</li> <li>• Spirit Day Friday, January 25th</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book Fair Wednesday, January 23-Wednesday, January 30th</li> <li>• Brown Envelope Friday, January 25th</li> <li>• Teacher Luncheon Wednesday, January 30th</li> <li>• Sock Hop Dance--Friday, February 1st at 6PM-8PM</li> </ul> 



**APT Hosts Sock Hop:**

As always, thank you to APT, and all staff and volunteers for their coordination in helping to bring together a wonderful Sock Hop Dance on Friday, February 1st. We are continually blessed to have such a wonderful community who continue to show our students what it means to be life-long learners, and faith-filled servants

in a Catholic School environment during National Catholic Schools Week.



**News**

The window for STO sign-up will be open as of January 1st. When applying for STO, it is extremely important to have the necessary paperwork with you so your application can become verified. FACTS Management System is asking for the following pieces of paperwork:

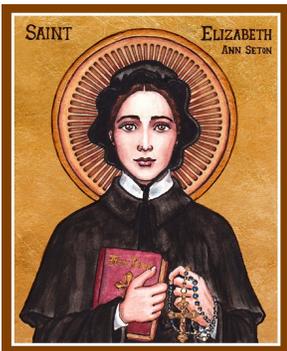
- **2018 Taxes**
- **2018 W2**

We at All Saints would love to see the majority of our families fill out their applications within the first two weeks of February so that your family is considered for Round 1 of awards. The deadline for round #1 will be April 15th. The later a family waits to get their information into FACTS, the greater the possibility an award will not be given out until Round 2.

**SCRIP**

Need that perfect gift for the person who has everything? Try SCRIP gift cards! Cards are available for many national chain stores in various denominations. Now will be the time to start thinking about buying SCRIP. This is a fantastic fundraiser that only requires you to use SCRIP cards for many of the purchases you already make. Your family receives 50% of the amount that certificates earn for the school.





## FAITH

### January Saint of the Month: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "Saint." Elizabeth was a wife and the mother of five children. Her husband died of tuberculosis at a young age. Widowed and penniless, she was forced to support her family. To ensure the proper education of her children, Elizabeth opened a private school in Boston, and later a Catholic girl's school in Baltimore, which initiated the parochial school system in America. To run the system, she founded the Sisters of Charity, the first native American religious community for women. Elizabeth also established the first American Catholic orphanage. Learn more about the life of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton here:

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-elizabeth-ann-seton/>

## REMINDERS

**"Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit." ~Leviticus 26:4**

Weather Wear: As cold weather begins to settle in, please remember to send your child to school with a coat, hat, and mittens/gloves. Once the snow falls, children are required to have boots and snow pants at school.



Incident Weather: When the weather requires a school delay or cancellation, we follow the closings of the Cedar Rapids School District. Please consult local TV/radio for delays/cancellations, as well our new School Flyer App. An email will also be sent out from the All Saints email account.



Drop-Off and Pick-up: When parents are dropping students off in the morning, and picking up, please make sure we are being cautious of speed within a school-zone.

