




# St. Francis de Sales School Times



## Some Notes from June 2011

### In Pre-K...we

- ✦ participated in Kindergarten orientation with Sister Bart and were measured for our uniforms for next year.
- ✦ had an eye screening through the Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired.
- ✦ prepared for our graduation on June 20<sup>th</sup> in our gym. 
- ✦ grew spiritually, emotionally, and academically through the year. God Bless all for continued success in life & school!

### In Kindergarten...we

- ✦ celebrated an indoor picnic symbolizing a Bible theme covered in class.
- ✦ counted by 2s, 5s, and 10s.
- ✦ printed sentences, numbers 1-100, names, addresses and phone numbers.
- ✦ practiced spelling 100 High Frequency Words derived from 1,000 pre-primers.


### In First Grade...we

- ✦ learned that Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit to help us be joyful, brave, and forgiving.
- ✦ practiced adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers.
- ✦ enjoyed reading about fish and other sea creatures, wrote reports about them, and created underwater scenes.
- ✦ learned about national holidays, voting, and local, state, and federal government.

### In Second Grade...we

- ✦ began a fairy tale unit with stories, movies, creative writing and art.
- ✦ created "memory" books.
- ✦ learned measurement and multiplication tables.
- ✦ learned the importance of milk and dairy products.
- ✦ went on a field trip to the Van Hornesville Fish Hatchery.

### In Third Grade...we

- ✦ made cards for soldiers and had a visit from a classmate's cousin – a soldier who was "on leave".
- ✦ took field trips to the Iroquois Indian Museum, Howe Caverns, and the Van Hornesville Fish Hatchery. 
- ✦ made Father's Day gifts and cards.
- ✦ wrote prayers and burned all the letters to send them up to God.


### In Fourth Grade...we

- ✦ used balloons and a wool cloth to learn about static electricity in science. We also did experiments using batteries, wires, and light bulbs.
- ✦ read a book called The Book Report From the Black Lagoon for our last book report.
- ✦ read Farmer Boy to get ready for Pioneer Day.
- ✦ wrote essays about things that are dear to us.

### In Fifth Grade...we

- ✦ visited Howe Caverns and the Iroquois Indian Museum.
- ✦ finished reading Daniel's Story and read books of choice during sustained silent reading.
- ✦ learned about the sacraments of commitment.
- ✦ finished up a series of personal essays.
- ✦ learned about life in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century – Imperialism, Immigration, and Industrialization.
- ✦ took our 1<sup>st</sup> final exam in Social Studies.

### In Sixth Grade...we

- ✦ discussed wartime propaganda posters in World War I and World War II.
- ✦ learned about the Cold War.
- ✦ finished reading and discussing Touching Spirit Bear.
- ✦ finished writing a series of personal essays.
- ✦ dressed as a favorite book character and told our stories to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders.
- ✦ graduated! 



### Technology and Library

Please encourage your children to read during their spare time. It is also a good idea to be read to and to read aloud. All of these reading methods enhance our comprehension skills which promote academic success. The summer time is a perfect time to visit your local library, check out a book, and read while enjoying the warm weather.

### Notes from the Music Room

Musicians in Pre-K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade performed for the class their own compositions or learned songs. They worked on pitch control with musical games. Musicians in grades 3 – 6 practiced reading music, including beat, rhythm, pitch, duration and tempo. They worked independently and auditioned pieces of varying complexity on their recorders.

This last month, students had fun playing different types of baseball, hockey, and a mix of others, as well as Spud. All K-6 students participated in our annual Field Days. I hope that everyone has a fun and safe summer while being as physically active as possible!

Coach's Corner 

## The Wrap-Up

As we complete the 2010-11 academic year, it is clear that our school is embracing our historic past 90 years and looking forward to our future. Thanks to your support, we have continued to provide excellent academic programs, immersed in faith and enrichment. This year our school celebrated it's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday – with an unforgettable Mass and celebration. Through these newsletters, you were able to get just a glimpse of the learning that took place both academically and spiritually. You saw that our students experienced field trips, such as to the fire station, Stanley Theater, Iroquois Indian Museum, Howe Caverns, among others. We also had excellent programs visit our school such as an award winning storyteller, and a visit from the Museum of Science and Technology (the MOST). Within the classroom, our children had celebrations that enhanced their learning such as toga parties, beach parties, rainforest parties, country/ state/town fairs, Chinese New Year, etc. Through all of this, our primary goals are to participate with pride in the Catholic mission; to enhance academic quality; and to help deserving students receive an excellent, broad-based, elementary education. We are proud to carry forward the enduring values of our school: community, respect, and service for and with others, to name just a few. We are honored to teach your children as we respond to the challenges of our times, always seeking to ignite that spark of God-given potential in every St. Francis student.

May God Bless You and Your Family,

Visit our school website – [www.stfrancisherkimer.org](http://www.stfrancisherkimer.org) for event pictures and more...

### Congratulations 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates!

Nicholas Ferri  
Andrew Fitzer  
Keri Manne  
Brandan Parks  
Alexandra Pawlusik  
James Petucci  
Christopher Ward  
Laura Wind  
Nathan Zambri



### Pre-k Field Trip

This past month, our pre-k 4s took a bus trip to Randy's Ridge Hobby Farm. While there, students were given a tour that featured a pig, many horses, a goat, alpacas, and baby chicks. They also fed chickens, geese, and ducks. Each child got to sit on a saddle and the trip ended with a picnic lunch.



### Monthly Raffle Winner

Congratulations to  
our June winners!  
Frank & Kim Spatto

### Cash Raffle Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Courtney Valasek  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: John Piseck  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Debra Lusiak



Congratulations!

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Trip



On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and their families went to Niagara Falls on their annual Graduation Trip. They took a tour of the area which included Niagara Park, Cave of the Winds, and Maid of the Mist. All of this was topped off with a fun dinner at the Hard Rock Café.



### Pioneer Day

On June 15<sup>th</sup>, students in grade 4 travelled back in time for Pioneer Day. Students dressed in pioneer clothing and did various activities such as completing school work, eating lunch, and playing games just as they would have been done in the middle 1800's. They even made their own butter!