



LAC News and Notes

Week January 21, 2024



Third grade math

Miriam and Andyn work together on the concepts of finding area and perimeter and working with the coordinates system.



Third grade math

Nick and Katie are all smiles as they use games and strategies to solidify their math concepts.



Recess fun!

Students enjoyed getting outside for some winter fun this week.



Sensory Skills

Levi and the Kindergarten class worked on fine motor skills in Mind Maze class!



Mind Maze

Millie concentrates on her task at hand while improving her fine motor skills.



Spanish fun

Students in Mrs. Yeager's Spanish class went shopping for fruits and veggies with their Spanish shopping list!

News from the Principal's Desk



Kindergarten Math

Max works on his math counting and sorting skills.



Hands-on Math

Charlotte does a great job in creating/following patterns and learning new math concepts.



Winter Play

Addy enjoys playing in our winter wonderland.

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JOIN US FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2024! HERE'S OUR WEEK OF EVENTS AND SPECIAL DRESS DAYS FOR STUDENTS.

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Shamrock News from the Principal's Desk

This was a short, but fun-filled week with outdoor winter play and indoor learning. The students enjoyed being able to finally get outdoors and play in God's creation. Snow people, snow forts, snow football and tag enveloped our playground this week. Students had a great time playing together.

Catholic Schools Week 2024:

LAC will join with Catholic schools around our diocese and the nation during the week of January 28 through February 2nd. Our Families in Partnership Association, in addition to our school staff, have created a week filled with fun activities, prayer and a great deal of appreciation for our school, our staff, our volunteers, our parishes, our families and our community helpers. For a full detailed calendar of the events and the 'student dress' code for the week, visit the events link above.

Preparations for 2024-2025:

Thanks to our families who have responded to my survey. If you haven't done so, please visit and let me know of your plans for school year 2024-2025. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me so we can sit down and talk! I love sharing the good news of our school with our families!

Please visit help me to prepare by going to the following

<https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/sC99dJvZ>

Please respond by January 23rd!

Good luck to our MathCounts team as they head to WSCC for competition on Tuesday, 1/23/24. Lexi, William, Corinne and Domminic will be representing LAC this year!

Families in Partnership--WE NEED YOUR HELP PARENTS!

Thanks to our parents who were able to join us on our Google Meet last week. We worked on Catholic Schools Week plans, discussed our upcoming fish fry events and planned some new and exciting changes to both areas. Stay tuned! ***They need your help with the following Catholic Schools Week events:***

Teachers/Staff, morning greeters/volunteer luncheon help....visit here to help/sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044BAFA629A6FD0-47287614-teacherstaffdoor#/>

To help with our (k-8)Student Appreciation Day.....sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044BAFA629A6FD0-47303691-student#/>

Mrs. Zwick and Mrs. Carsten will be sending home pre-school celebration plans!

Kindergartner for the Day: Plan Ahead!

The LAC Y5/Kindergarten class invites our current pre-school 4 year old students to be 'Kindergartners for a Day' on February 8th and 15th! More news and sign up will be sent home

soon. SAVE the dates! Participating students will be in the K classroom from 7:45-12:15 p.m. allowing them to visit and work/play in the classroom, buddy up with a current Y5/K student, participate in specials, recess and hot lunch (compliments of Mrs. Bigalke!) It will be a great day!

LAC FAMILY/SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP in FAITH: EXCITING NEWS!
SAVE the DATES...

In an effort to enhance our partnership in the faith formation of our children, I will be offering an 'online' parent faith gathering, titled "Parents in Faith" for any of our LAC parents who would like to speak with other parents, pray together, and receive helpful resources on how to raise our children to be disciples of Christ and virtuous in heart in this secular world that tries to lure them away from faith and God's mercy and love. This will begin in February and will be offered twice a month on the following dates and the time of **7:30 p.m.**

- Thursday, Feb. 8, Feb. 22
- Thursday, March 7, March 21
- Thursday, April 11, April 25
- Thursday, May 9, May 30

This will be an informal gathering and led by Mrs. Bigalke as a teacher, principal, certified advanced catechist, mother and grandmother. I don't have all the answers, but I'm willing to share with you my experiences and to help you, as parents and first faith-formers of your children. I will invite guests speakers, allow for open dialogue and Q & A between parents, facilitate some helpful ways to engage your family in practices of family prayer time, seasonal practices (Advent, Lent, etc.). We will learn from the lives of the Saints and from the example of Jesus. This is meant to be a time for parents to share, pray and work on our roles as first catechists of our children, in cooperation with LAC and our faith communities. If you are interested, please contact me at: mrsbigalke@lacschool.net and let me know of any particular topics you are most interested in!

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News from the Shamrock Cafe! (Mrs. Reisterer)

I am looking for volunteer assistance in the kitchen helping me to continue to serve our 'hungry' students at lunch. January volunteer sign: [up: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084FACAF28A0FB6-46893046-january/99639240#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084FACAF28A0FB6-46893046-january/99639240#/)
The January menu is posted on our school website, under Parent Page: lacschool.com
Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions/concerns. mrsreisterer@lacschool.net
Thanks for supporting our program.

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Family Prayer Corner & Parent Resources

*Almighty God, giver of all that is good, we thank You for the precious gift of human life:
For life in the womb, coming from your creative power,
For the life of children, making us glad with their freshness and promise,
For the life of young people, hoping for a better world,*

*For the life of the elderly, witnessing to the ageless values of patience and wisdom.
Like Blessed Mary, may we always say "YES" to Your gift. May we defend it and promote it from
conception to its natural end. And bring us at last, O Father, to the fullness of eternal life in Jesus
Christ, our Lord.
Amen*

Check out these sites for parents/families:

<https://www.catholicfamilyfaith.org/>

<https://thekidsbulletin.com/> (prepare for Mass each week)

<https://grdiocese.org/> (Diocese of Grand Rapids)

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Our Week Ahead:

Sunday, January 21: Knights of Columbus breakfast after 8:30-10:30 Masses at St. Simon. Half of all proceeds from their breakfasts are split between LAC and parish faith formation.

Thank you K of C!

Monday, January 22: Third Quarter Begins

Tuesday, January 23: MathCounts competition for MS at WSCC.

Wednesday, Jan. 24: Join us for Mass! 8:30 a.m.; (Grade 5 to host)

Memorial of St. Francis de Sales

Thursday, Jan. 25: Knights of Columbus school spelling bee (12:10 p.m.)

Friday, January 26: Report Cards are sent home!

NWEA testing continues this week.

View our school calendar [here](#)



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Jan Bigalke

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