

ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

5/7/24 |ssue #18

We are in the midst of Staff Appreciation Week and want to say THANK YOU to all our amazing staff members! They have worked so incredibly hard this school year and I hope they know how much they are appreciated. Our SPA will be sharing surprises with the staff all week and we encourage parents to reach out to their child's teacher and let them know how much they are appreciated through a thoughtful message or kind note.

Field Day is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14th at West Point-Beemer Public School. Parents who are safe school certified are encouraged to sign-up to help. (The Field Day flyer with the sign up link and schedule are attached to this newsletter.)

Next week wraps up the 2023-2024 school year and our last student day is Thursday, May 16th (this day is a full day of school). Please know we will not have after school care that day.

Finally, I would be remiss not to mention how much we will miss Mrs. Jane Knobbe next year as she will be retiring at the end of the year. It is easy to admire and respect how many years Mrs. Knobbe has given to Guardian Angels Central Catholic and how many lives she has touched. Please know we do have her talked into coming back to substitute teach which is exciting. We wish her all the best in her retirement.

Blessings, Paula Peatrowsky

NO AFTER
SCHOOL CARE
PROGRAM ON 5/16

There will be a Safe Environment training offered here at school June 17th, 4-6 PM. (more information to follow on Sycamore)

MAY 13th: Sign-up & first day of Summer Reading Program at the John A. Stahl Library

Tuition contracts have been sent home with each student for the 2024-2025 school year. We need one for each child, as each tuition contract only shows the amount for one child's yearly tuition. These must be submitted by May 16th to the office.

iMACs available
for nominal
fee···click
HERE to find
out more!

24-25 School Supply
List will be sent home
on 5/16 & will be
posted on Sycamore

DATES TO KNOW

- 5/8: 4th & 5th Grades to Zoo
- 5/9: No School (Holy Day)
- 5/10: 1st Grade to Sioux City LaunchPAD
- 5/10: 4th Grade Pioneer Day
- 5/10: Comfy Clothes for May/June/July Birthdays
- 5/14: K-6 Field Day (Rain date 5/15)
- 5/16: 8:15 AM Elementary Mass (6th Grade reception to follow)
- 5/16: Last Day of School (Full Day)
- 5/16: Pre-K Graduation at 6:15 PM

SUMMER ELEMENTARY OFFICE HOURS:

8 AM - 11 AM Tuesdays & Thursdays
Starting after Memorial Day



Teacher

My name is Jane Knobbe. I'm the second grade teacher here at Guardian Angels Central Catholic. I am blessed to have been a part of this amazing school for 34 of my 38 years in education. This is my final year as retirement is calling my name. My husband John and I have three children and eight grandchildren. I plan to enjoy time with my family and friends, cheering on the Chicago Cubs, and learning the game of golf. I will forever have a special place in my heart for all of the wonderful teachers, staff, parents, and students that I've worked with.



Heartfelt congratulations on your retirement Jane!
We all love you and hope you enjoy every minute of
your retirement with your grandchildren (and
subbing, of course)! You will always be one of my
favorite teachers to observe! I learned so much from
you! Your passion for teaching, love of students. and
dedication is like no other. Thank you for your years
of service! God certainly knew what he was doing
when he made you a second grade teacher!

I will miss our drives to McDonald's for a quick ice cream cone on a hot school day, sitting on her steps during our lunch break and catching up on life, wearing our matching Christmas shirts, dressing up as coordinating compound words, showing up to school in matching/coordinating outfits NOT on purpose, her advice and positivity, putting my energy drinks in her mini fridge so I can have an excuse to come in and say hi during a break, and her corny joke and her "Jane" stories.

There's more, but that's a majority:)

Working with you up on third floor the last few years has been so much fun! Enjoy retirement!!

There are so many! My favorite memory was going to Chicago with Jane and a bunch of teachers for a week long teacher's convention!

I will miss Jane as my neighbor and our many conversations across the hall. I will also miss how when she would leave at the end of the day, she would say, "See you tomorrow." When she would forget something and have to come back, she would say, "Good morning."

I have known Jane as a neighbor, teacher, and co-worker. She has always been so kind and compassionate towards her students, and she really looks for the best in others.

One of my many favorite memories from being in her class was when the person with the cleanest desk would show up to school on Monday to find the coveted Beanie Baby in their desk, and it was their to keep for the week as a reward! So fun! She always knew how to make learning enjoyable!

I will miss the way that Jane effortlesly intertwines her Faith into everything she does. Enjoy retirement! I am going to miss her bubbly personality, she has always been so sweet and kind to everyone around her. My children love talking to her whether they are at school or outside of school. She will definitely be missed!

I will miss seeing Jane in the hallway and her smile. Jane's "blonde" moments always give me a good laugh!

I am going to miss seeing Mrs. Knobbe at school with her bright smile every day. She also has some pretty great jokes that I will miss hearing too. Enjoy retirement Mrs. Knobbe!

As a fellow veteran THIRD FLOOR teacher I will miss the plethora of steps we have taken together through the halls and on the multiple flights of stairs of GACC! ENJOY RETIREMENT!

I enjoyed enjoyed when you would stop in the library & we would chat about Gabby & Devins next steps in life.
It was fun watching them grow up!

Last year when it was my birthday she set up a surprise party with the kids and everyone was hidden and they sang me happy birthday in Spanish.

I will miss seeing her smiley, bubbly, and positive self. Mrs. Knobbe will be greatly missed for her sense of humor, her positivity, and for the kindness and compassion she showed to her students. Her faithfulness was very visible and was greatly admired by both her fellow teachers and students. We have all learned a great deal from Mrs. Knobbe over the many years that we have worked with her. She will be missed by all of us, especially me. I hope her retirement days are full of many happy moments and fun-filled activities!

APRIL BUEJAY OF THE MONTH NOMINEES

- Hayden Roeber
- Brody Doescher
- Mila Pederson
- Orin Miller
- Cole Ridder
- Reece Dinslage
- Garrett Nebuda
- Bridgette Borgmann
- Remy Tejkl
- Roni Stratman
- Paxton Randel
- Jema Lofgren
- Jane Hagedorn
- Brooks Larson
- Bennett Nesladek
- Duke Strehle
- Paisley Jacobsen x2
- Jase Ritter
- Brynn Knobbe

- Annalise Eusterwiemann
- Leighton Baumert
- Karter Kai
- Isabella Onate
- Elise Lueshen
- Miles Randel
- Blaise Toline
- Burke Ridder
- Weldon Johnson x2
- Sawyer Hugo
- Grace Vonahme
- Noah Bormann
- Ellie Ridder
- Evan Engelmeyer
- Clayton Strehle
- Brooks Bramlet
- Elijah Woodbury
- Kyler Throener



APRIL BLUEJAYS OF THE MONTH

- Ricky Breitkreutz
 - For always following classroom rules and procedures, taking pride in all of her work and completing all of her assignments on time.
- Rickie Kai
 - For showing her Faith and talents by stepping up to read a Mass part for a classmate who was absent the day of Mass.
- Emma Eilerts
 - For being positive, kind and caring. She always comes in with a smile, includes her peers and is always willing to participate in class.



APRIL BLUEIAYS OF THE MONTH





REMINDER: Totus Tuus

Grades 1-6: June 3-7 (Mon-Fri), 9 a.m. - 2:30 pm.

Registration grades are based on entering grades for Fall of the 2024-2025 school year.

Where: GACC School Campus, West Point

Cost: \$40 per student

Registration forms and information can be found on Sycamore and gaccbluejays.org.

Contact Jen Kreikemeier with any questions.

Lunch Menu MAY



*Menu Subject to Change

An Assortment of fruits, vegetables, and milk offered daily.

Salad Bar Grades 4-12.

*Deli Bar Grades 2-12.

The GACC lunch program documents will be updated and posted on the school website on July 1, 2024 as required by the NDE lunch program guidelines. All information and documents will be available at that time.

Please remember you can check your balance on Sycamore at any time. You can pay your balance anytime your account is getting low.

The estimates are based on the school calendar and 100% attendance. They are adjusted with credits to your account as needed.

Estimates follow:

Preschool, Pre-K, & Kindergarten: \$3.85/meal (\$3.85/meal multiplied by # of the days attended.)

Semester One Estimate: \$319.55 (Based on those attending 5 days) (83 student days) Semester Two Estimate: \$338.80 (Based on those attending 5 days) (88 student days)

Year Estimate: \$658.35 (Based on those attending 5 days)

1st-6th: \$3.95/meal

Semester One Estimate:\$327.85 (83 student days) Semester Two Estimate:\$347.60 (88 student days)

Year Estimate: \$675.45

7th-12th: \$4.15/meal

Semester One Estimate: \$344.45 (83 student days) Semester Two Estimate: \$365.20 (88 student days)

Year Estimate: \$709.65

Reduced price \$.40 meals

Semester One Estimate: \$33.20 (83 student days) Semester Two Estimate: \$35.20 (88 student days)

Year Estimate: \$68.40

Adult/Teacher meal: \$4.85



The meal price is based on a reimbursable meal with one milk. Remember all seconds and extras are deducted from your child's account on the day they are purchased.

For assistance or questions, please contact Tami Bracht Authorized Representative, Claim Contact, and Lunch Program Bookkeeper at tbracht@gaccbluejays.org

Call the high school office at #402 372-5326 or call or text Tami's cell #402 380-1842

Lunch must be prepaid by the 1st of the month unless you pay by the semester or the year. (We are unable to pay current program expenses without prepayment!)

The NDE lunch program requires a meal plan charge policy.

Partners in FAIFI

In the month during which we

honor our mothers, we give special

honor to the Blessed Virgin

Mary. Jesus gave her

Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

May 2024

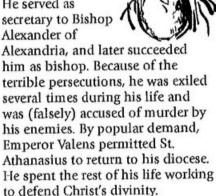
St. Mary's Parish

Fr. James Weeder, Pastor



St. Athanasius of Alexandria

Born a Christian in Egypt, St. Athanasius became a priest and a great defender of the Catholic faith. He served as secretary to Bishop Alexander of



Our spiritual GPS

Children understand the importance of having guides. When we want to travel somewhere, a map or GPS can show us how to get there. The Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes are like our spiritual GPS. If we follow them, we will get where Jesus wants us to go.

"Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me" (Matthew 18:4-5).



Flowers are a traditional way to show devotion.
Place a flower crown on a statue of Mary in your home, plant a garden in her name, or place bouquets by her image. Praying the Rosary is also a way of giving flowers,

with each prayer like a rose for Mary.

Give thanks: We owe Mary our
gratitude for agreeing to be God's
mother, and ours, too. It is hard to
comprehend the depth of the sacrifice

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Follow Mother's instructions: Mary's requests are simple yet profound. Her directive,

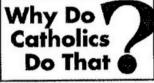
"Do whatever [Jesus]
tells you," found in
John 2:5, is her
clearest
instruction. By
following Jesus,
Mary tells us we
will find
happiness.

Acts of service and imitation: Another way to show devotion to Mary is to emulate her virtues by

following her example, Mary is venerated for her humility, obedience, purity, and love. By striving to live out these virtues in our own lives and by serving others with compassion and love, we honor her legacy and demonstrate our devotion to our Mother.



Honor our Blessed Mother this month



Why do Catholics crown Mary in May?

The practice of crowning images of Mary began in the eighteenth centuy. Origins of the practice drew inspiration from Scripture, particularly Revelation 12:1, which describes the crowning of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth. By



crowning a statue of Mary with flowers, and commemorating her royal role, Catholics express gratitude for her unwavering faith and her "yes" to God, fostering a personal and communal renewal of devotion.

Three ways to welcome God into a busy home

Welcoming God into your home can transform it into a sanctuary of love and faith. Try these meaningful ways to invite His presence into your daily family life:

Display heavenly reminders: Adorn your home with sacred art, crucifixes, and statues of saints. These visual symbols serve as constant reminders of God's presence and love. Encourage each family member, especially children, to choose a favorite and visit it daily, building a personal, visual connection to their faith.

Integrate Prayer: Begin and end your day with

family prayer, such as a morning blessing of protection and bedtime prayers of peace. Say grace before meals and pray the Angelus. Praying together also solidifies your family's bond.

Perform acts of service; Encourage acts of service and kindness. Children can take on extra chores, volunteer at church, gather and donate clothes or toys. These actions reflect the love of the Holy Trinity and make your home a welcoming place for Jesus.

By making God the center of your home, you create a

vibrant domestic church.



Matthew 28:16-20, "I am with you always."

This passage contains the Great Commission and it encapsulates the

essence of Christ's mission and mandate for I-lis disciples. In this Gospel reading, Jesus appeared to His eleven remaining apostles in Galilee after His Resurrection. The setting is significant; Galilee symbolizes the

beginning of Jesus' ministry, and then marked the continuation of His mission through His followers.

claiming all power in heaven and on earth, thereby commissioning His

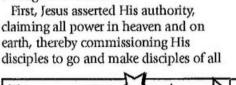
nations. This commissioning extends beyond mere preaching. He instructed

them to baptize believers in the

name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything Christ commanded.

What can a parent do? The Great Commission is a call to spread the Gospel

to the ends of the earth. It is required of every follower of Jesus. Help children know that they, too, are asked to tell others about Jesus and to live according to His laws. Make sure to take your family to Mass every week so you are all fortified for the mission.





May 3 - Sts. Philip and James (First Century). St. Philip was born in Bethsaida and followed John the Baptist before he followed Christ. After the Ascension, St. Philip preached in Asia Minor, where he was martyred. St. James, the son of Alphaeus, was also one of the twelve Apostles.

May 9 - The Ascension, This solemnity marks the completion of Jesus' mission of salvation and His triumphant entry into heaven. Note: In many dioceses, observance of Ascension has been moved to the following Sunday.

May 15 - St. Isidore the Laborer (1130). Born in Madrid to a poor farming family, he married St. Mary de la Cabeza and worked for a wealthy landowner. He spent many hours in prayer and caring for the sick and the poor.

May 26 - St. Philip Neri (1595). Born in Florence in 1515, St. Philip Neri left his career as a businessman for the priesthood, He later founded the Oratorians, He is remembered for his humor and his joyful

love of God.



Our girls are two years apart and usually close. As they got older, however, the bickering got louder and



more frequent, I wanted to help but wanted to let them to solve their own problems. So I

spoke to other moms in my prayer group and got ideas for age-appropriate conflict resolution.

First, I asked each girl to use "I" statements to articulate her feelings without blaming others. "When you borrow my favorite book without asking, I feel sad because then I can't read it." "When you don't take turns playing, I feel frustrated and don't have fun." This helped the sisters understand the other's perspective. Then we simulated conflicts and used role-playing to solve them, providing them with hands-on ways to practice resolution. We worked on negotiating, finding common ground, and active listening.

Progress wasn't immediate but building skills gave the girls something to fall back on when they clashed.

Our Mission

To help parents raise faithful Catholic children Success Publishing & Media, LLC Publishers of Growing in Faith™ and Partners in Faith™ (540)662-7844 (540)662-7847 fax http://www.partnersinfaith.com (Unless noted Bible quotes and references are from Revised Standard Version and the New American Bible,

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- Please send your child to school wearing tennis shoes, athletic clothing, & sunscreen.
- Send your child with a water bottle.
- A sack lunch will be provided for each student.
- Parents & grandparents are welcome to attend. You may arrive after 8:30 a.m.
- We are allowed to park in the high school parking lot located on the SW side of the school. Be careful not to park in the elementary parking lot.
- Many VOLUNTEERS are needed! Sign Up Genius:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FACAA22A5 FACF8-49194371-gacc



GACC K-6 TRACK AND FIELD DAY

@ WEST POINT BEEMER HIGH SCHOOL TRACK SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Parent/Spectators Guidelines

Volunteers

- Must have safe environment
- training
- Please pack a lunch
- Bring your own lawn chair
 Teachers will rotate with their students and will be able to assist when needed

Parent/Spectators

Please stay off the track but feel free to sit in the stands.

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE PARK IN THE HIGH SCHOOL LOT ONLY, SOUTH SIDE OF TRACK SPECTATORS AND



8:55 AM	8:30-8:45 AM
PRAYER	STUDENTS AND STAFF START TO ARRIVE AT WPBHS TRACK
	K-2 WILL BE BUSSED
	3-6 WILL WALK WITH TEACHERS AND STAFF

BOYS THEN GIRLS

9:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:00 AM 10:30 AM 11:00 AM

100 m dash Ball Throw

6th Grade

Tic Tac Toe Race Egg and Spoon Race Sack Race

Sack Race	Egg and Spoon Race	Ball Throw	100 m dash	Shoe Kick	5th Grade
Egg and Spoon Race	Ball Throw	100 m dash	Shoe Kick	Running Long Jump	4th Grade

Ball Throw	100 m dash	Shoe Kick	Running Long Jump	3 Leg Race	3rd Grade	

100 m dash	Shoe Kick	Running Long Jump	3 Leg Race	Tic Tac Toe Race	2nd Grade	

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2:45 PM	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM BOYSTHEN GIRLS 12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM
CLEAN UP TRASH AND ITEMS FROM TRACK	6th Grade 3 Leg Race Running Long Jump Shoe Kick Relay Race Tug of War
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	3rd Grade Egg and Spoon Race Sack Race Tic Tac Toe Race Tug of War Relay Race
	2nd Grade Ball Throw Egg and Spoon Race Sack Race Tug of War Relay Race
	Ist Grade 100 m dash Ball Throw Egg and Spoon Race Tug of War Relay Race
	Shoe Kick Shoe Kick 100 m dash Ball Throw Relay Race Tug of War

and check in with your child's teacher before leaving the track***	*** If you will be taking your child home from the track please have a written note turned in prior to field day	Will start dismissing K-3 Students to Bus to go back to GACC 4-6 will start walking back to GACC	

3:00 PM 2:50 PM

POPSICLES PROVIDED BY SPA



WHO: BOYS ENTERING K-3RD GRADE GIRLS ENTERING K-4[™] GRADE

2024-2025 school year

WHEN: MAY 21 - 22 FROM 1:00-3:00_{PM}

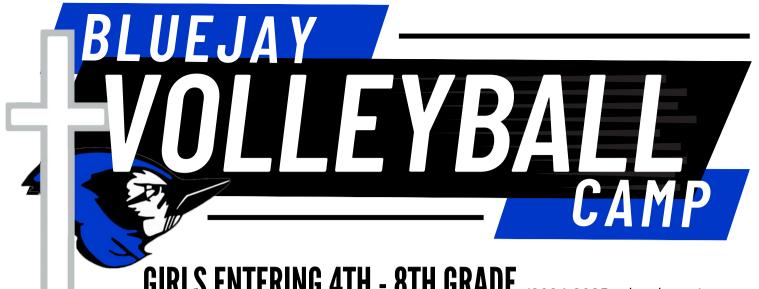
WHERE: GACC ACTIVITY CENTER

EACH CAMPER WILL

GET A BASKETBALL! PRICE: \$25 Make checks out to GACC

PLEASE RETURN REGISTRATION AND MONEY TO THE OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY, MAY 15TH.

Contact Cherie Kreikemeier with any questions at (402)-459-1262 **PAPER COPY SENT HOME** Cut and return the bottom portion to the office by *May 15th*. **GACC YOUTH BASKETBALL CAMP** Camper's Name: _____ Grade (2024-2025) _____ It is expressly understood that Guardian Angels Central Catholic, as well as its coaches, do not insure against and accept no responsibility for personal injury which might be sustained as a result of participation in camp. Each camper is responsible for her own medical insurance. Parent Signature: ______ Date: ______ Address: ______ Telephone #: ______



GIRLS ENTERING 4TH - 8TH GRADE (2024-2025 school year)



JULY 30th & 31st Tuesday & Wednesday



9:00 AM - **11:00** PM









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Adult Sizes:

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CAMPER'S NAME:	GRADE:
	(2024-2025 school year)
PARENT SIGNATURE:	CELL #:



who are interested in setting.

JULY 29th - AUGUST 2nd 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Price: \$50 Checks may be made out to GACC

WHAT WILL BE COVERED

- footwork to and from the net
- delivering a ball with accuracy and at different tempos
- being a leader on the team

Cell Phone #:

Turn your registration in to the office or give it to Mrs. Lueshen by **Wednesday, May 15th**.

• Space is limited.

Contact Mary Lueshen at (402)–372–8922 if you have any questions.

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Tuesday, May 28 5:30-6:30 P.M.

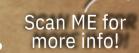
REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 5:00 P.M.

Adaptive trikes and strider bikes available. Kids with special needs may come as early as 4:30 (w/4:00 Registration).

DRAWINGS FOR PRIZES!

Events Include:

- Helmet Fitting
- Obstacle Course
- Face Painting & More!





ROUND UP YOUR BIKE AND HELMET, AND COME ON OVER! Franciscan Healthcare Far South Parking Lot 430 N. Monitor Street West Point, Nebraska WIN A BIKE!

Parent or guardian must sign permission slip before child can participe CALL 402.372.2404 FOR MORE INFORMATION!