

Falcon Flyer

Spring 2022





A note from the principal...

Hello SGB Families:

Finally! Spring is trying to get here. Every spring rejuvenates me, and every spring new life begins. The birds begin to sing, the trees start to bud, the flowers bloom, baby calves (or lambs) are born and the weather warms up. Is it a coincidence that new life happens in the spring? I think not! New life started with the sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus on the first Easter.

Things move quickly this time of year! We have so many exciting things happening to end the year and begin next year. All of the end of the year items are listed on the calendar on the next page, so I won't bore you by retyping them, but be sure to take notice of all the Holy Week activities coming up. Please join us for any, or all of the activities you would like. Your child(ren) has so much to look forward to and learn before our last day of school on May 20.

Sadly, when we mention the end of the year, we have to say goodbye to some of our SGB staff members. It is like losing a family member. To Miss Freund, Mrs. Frederick and Mr. Klocke; we wish you the best on your journey. We will miss Kelly Quinlin's beautiful smile and leadership in the front office. We wish her much happiness and success in her new endeavor. As well, we will miss Sally Klaas's gentle touch and kindness with all of our students and staff in the nurse's office. We wish her the best in retirement. She has earned it! Charlotte Stiens's knowledge in food service direction will be missed. Charlotte prefers not to call it retirement, but a new adventure waiting for her. Last, but certainly not least, Mrs. Sue Seipel will be missed after 37 years of service to the SGB community. Her love of her students and teaching is far reaching for generations to come. No one can get results like Sue Seipel! She is a beautiful soul, full of knowledge and skill. Don't be surprised to see her around here teaching reading groups, but we also expect she will be working that "grammy" job too!

We are pleased to announce that we have almost fully completed staffing for next year! Mrs. Hall will teach 3 year olds and Mrs. Bostwick will teach pre-kindergarten. Mrs. Renshaw will move to kindergarten, Mrs. Oliver will teach first grade, Mrs. Louiselle will remain in second grade, Mrs. Parra will teach third grade and Mrs. Barber will teach fourth grade. For middle school, Mrs. Nielsen will continue to teach 6th grade/math, Mrs. Gastler will teach 7th grade/English and Mrs. Ackley will teach 8th grade/science. We have added another rotation to the middle school schedule, and Mrs. Casteel will teach 5-8 religion and K-8 technology. Mrs. Braymen will teach PE and Mrs. Dropinski will teach Music/Art. Of course, as mentioned earlier, we have added Katie Walter as our school secretary and Tonya Hann as our school nurse. To complete our staff, we are currently interviewing for our 5th grade/social studies position and 2 para positions for preschool.

The PTO, Advisory Council and Finance Council continue to do the work that's best for SGB students. The PTO is currently working with staff to help provide supplies for classrooms for the 22-23 school year, as well as planning Teacher Appreciation Week activities for this year. The advisory board continues to provide valuable advice for items such as the 22-23 calendar, SACC, substitute pay, athletics and much more! The finance council is in the process of reviewing the current budget, the projected budget, tuition rates and other fees, and offering advice on items of financial concern.

We hope to have registration information for the 22-23 school year sent to you in the next couple of weeks. This includes the 22-23 calendar. We look forward to our Kindergarten Welcome (formerly known as FACTS night) on Wednesday, April 13 at 6:15 PM, following Night at the Museum.

May Easter remind us all that we have a living Savior who offers us hope. *Happy Easter! Mrs. Coleman*





Fourth Quarter Dates

March 28th - April 1st

- 29th 8th Grade Play (@9am and 6pm)
- 31st 3rd Grade Stations of the Cross (1pm)
- 1st FFF Mass (8am)

April 4th - 8th

- 6th IOWA Assessments (3rd-8th Grade)
- 7th IOWA Assessments (3rd - 8th Grade)
Track Meet @ Albany (@2:30pm)
- 8th IOWA Assessments (3rd - 8th Grade)

April 11th - 15th

- 11th IOWA Assessments (3rd - 8th Grade)
- 12th IOWA Assessments (3rd - 8th Grade)
Track Meet @ Savannah (@4pm)
- 13th IOWA Assessments (3rd - 8th Grade)
6th Grade Stations of the Cross (@9am)
Night at the Museum (@5pm)
Kindergarten Welcome (@6:15pm)
- 14th 8th Grade Last Supper (@9am)
FFF Holy Thursday Activities (@10:30am)
Early dismissal (@12:30pm)
4th Quarter Midterms
- 15th No School/No SACC (Easter Break)

April 18th - 22nd

- 18th No School/No SACC (Easter Break)
- 19th No School/No SACC (Easter Break)
- 21st Track Meet @ Maryville (@4pm)
- 22nd 7th & 8th Grade trip to Omaha



April 25th - 29th

- 25th Student Ambassador Applications sent out
Track Meet @ St. Joe Christian (@4pm)
- 26th Track Meet @ East Atchison (@4pm)
Preschool Conferences
- 27th Preschool Conferences
- 28th 5th Grade to Safety Acres (@9am)
Track Meet @ Worth County (@3:30pm)
Preschool Conferences
- 29th Grandparents/Special Friends Day(@10am)
Preschool Conferences

May 1st - 6th

- 1st First Communion (@2pm)
- 2nd 8th Grade Career Fair (@8am)
- 3rd Student Ambassador Applications Due (3pm)
- 4th Spring Concert (@7pm)
- 6th May Crowning/FFF Mass (@8am)
Parent's Night Out Fundraiser (@6pm-9pm)

May 9th - 13th

- 9th SAs for 22-23 School Year Announced
SA & SAA End of Year Celebration (@3pm)
- 12th FFF Mass with 8th Grade Blessing(@8am)
FFF End of Year Celebration (@8:45)
- 13th 8th Grade Early Dismissal (@12:30pm)
8th Grade Graduation (@7pm)

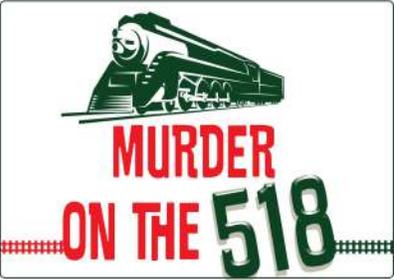
May 16th - 20th

- 16th K-2nd to Remington Nature Center
3rd & 4th to SAC Museum
5th & 6th to Omaha Zoo
- 17th 5th & 6th Grade Book Parade
8th Grade Lunch at MHS (@10:40am)
- 18th Preschool Graduation (@10am)
- 19th Field Day
- 20th All School Mass (@8am)
Awards Assembly (@8:45am)
Early Dismissal (@11am)
4th Quarter Ends
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL





8th Grade Play - Murder on the 518
Tuesday, March 29th at 9am and 6pm



IOWA Assessments



3rd - 8th graders will be taking these assessments from April 6th - 13th.

Holy Week Activities



6th Gr. Stations of the Cross
 Reenactment
 Wed. 4/13 at 9am



8th Gr. Last Supper
 Reenactment
 Thurs. 4/14 at 9am

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM
 EXCLUSIVE FALCON EDITION



Wednesday, April 13th from 5 to 6pm
 Presented by the 4th - 8th Graders

Grandparents/Special Friends Day



Friday, April 29th
 Mass at 10am
 Lunch and Book Fair to follow
Registration due April 1st

First Communion

Sunday, May 1st
 Mass starts at 2pm

Please pray for our second graders as they receive this special Sacrament.



Spring Concert

Wednesday, May 4th at 7pm
 MHS Performing Arts Center



Graduations



8th Grade Graduation
 Friday, May 13th at 7pm

Preschool Graduation
 Wednesday, May 18th at 10am





Preschool





Pre-K



We learned all about helpers in our community and celebrated with our own Career Day at the end of our unit!

When I grow up, I want to be a...



Peyton- Doctor
Bianca- Vet
Colt- Football Player
Elsie- Astronaut
Nora- Nurse
Jaxson- Doctor
Nathan- Baseball Player

Elias- Swat Team
Cohen- Firefighter
Finn- Hulk
Vivian- Elsa & teacher
Kendyl- Vet
Brooklyn- Baker

Lily- Vet
Eli- 4-wheeler racer
Liam- Spiderman
Isaiah- Bearcat Coach
Maggie- Cheerleader
Meredith- Soccer Player
Autumn-Vet





Kindergarten



It's been an exciting 3rd quarter in Kindergarten. The highlight of the quarter was definitely our 100th Day of school. We worked hard counting, building, and writing about the number 100.

We are really picking up steam and learning so much. Counting coins, learning more about weather, animals and God's beautiful world, discovering more about vowel sounds, digraphs and making complete sentences are all things we will be digging into during the fourth quarter.



First Grade

The first graders played the role of being the teacher in Science class. Each student performed his or her experiment for the class.

Lily the Leprechaun was the "Mystery Reader" for the first graders on St. Patrick's Day! Lily read There's a Leprechaun Loose in the Classroom. The students enjoyed spending time with Lily!





Second Grade



The second graders have had so much fun learning this semester! In religion, they are learning about and eagerly anticipating receiving Jesus in the Eucharist. In ELA, the students finished their creative writing story about a leprechaun that is loose in our classroom. We've tackled learning about basic multiplication in math. During social studies, each student completed their own maps of a playground they want to build. We can't wait to see where the rest of the year takes us!

Third Grade

The third graders have officially learned each operation in math, and are becoming more fluent everyday. In ELA they have written alternate endings to the classic fairy tale, "Hansel and Gretel". In religion they have learned about the three pillars of Lent and have been preparing to lead stations of the cross. Finally, the third graders just finished their unit in unbalanced and balanced forces where they went to several parks to evaluate how playground equipment is affected when forces are applied.





Fourth Grade

Fourth grade has been busy! We just finished presenting Stations of the Cross. We practiced in the church and our classroom many times to prepare for this presentation. We are starting our Social Studies unit on Lewis and Clark. Some fascinating information about an expedition that was quite an adventure! We have a lima bean garden growing in the classroom! What began as a small science experiment has grown into a huge group of lima bean plants! It has been so fun to watch them grow. We have been measuring the plants, comparing them to see which is the tallest, and encouraging the late bloomers to catch up!! Our tallest lima bean plant is approx. 34 inches tall!



Fifth Grade/5-8 Social Studies

Fifth grade has been busy studying the 13 colonies and learning about what life was like when people first settled in the United States. We have also been getting prepared for School of Economic along with fourth and sixth grade. Students are learning what it takes to run a store and how it's much more than just selling things. Fifth grade was also able to do Stations of the Cross after mass and they did an amazing job. We are also getting ready for our Night at the Museum so students are studying Presidents and First Ladies that they would like to dress as and learn more about so they may present this information at Night of the Museum. We have also had Father Albert coming in once a week to talk with us and answer any questions we have and we have been doing reading buddies with preschool once a month too.





Sixth Grade/5-8 Math



Sixth grade enjoyed collaborating with many other classes over the last several weeks. They helped the first graders plan a presentation for a nursery rhyme. The sixth graders also wrote and illustrated their own books about one of the Ten Commandments. They took some time to share these books with our younger students as well.

They worked through the engineering process with the seventh and eighth graders at our recent XSTREAM meetings. They have also been planning their School of Economics trip with the fourth and fifth graders.

Being able to collaborate with the other classes so often is truly what makes our school so special. The sixth graders continue to shine and be positive role models for all they work with.



The seventh graders have been busy perfecting their writing skills! They finished their snow globe essays, wrote two more poems, and are finishing up their narrative essays. They had fun rolling the story cubes that determined the characters, setting, problem, and solution for their story.

Choosing Up Sides by John Ritter has had our attention for the last few weeks. They have really enjoyed reading this novel and are in the final stages of completing their 1920's project.

The students enjoyed receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation with Father Albert and practicing for the Stations of the Cross. Our focus has been on the cardinal virtues and how we can do a better job of living a virtuous life.

The class enjoyed playing with the preschool last week after the Northwest game. We are looking forward to our class trips with the 8th grade in the upcoming weeks!

Seventh Grade





Eighth Grade/5-8 Science

8th grade has been busy as usual!

Some of this semester's extra accomplishments:

- completed Theology of the Body
- cared for "real-life" babies
- started our 4 year high school plan
- went to County Government Day
- memorized & worked on our play

We still have a lot to look forward to this spring:

Mar. 29 8th Grade Play @ 9:00 am & 6:00 pm

Apr. 6, 7, 8, 11, 13 Spring testing (Iowa Assessments)

Apr. 13 Night At The Museum @ 5:00 - 6:00

Apr. 14 "The Holy Supper" presented by 8th graders @ 9:00 am; Followed by FFF Holy Thursday activities

Apr. 22 7/8 Trip to Omaha (Spaghetti Works & Sky Zone)

Apr. 29 Grandparent's Day

May 2 8th Grade Career Fair 8:00 - 11:00

May 4 Spring Concert

May 12 FFF Mass with special 8th Grade blessing @ 8:00 am

May 13 8th Grade breakfast & graduation practice... dismissed @ 12:15

8TH GRADE GRADUATION @ 7:00 pm with a reception following in the gym



5-8 Science classes got to experience some fun activities with liquid nitrogen, thanks to Scott Liebhart. We are now gearing up for Iowa Assessments, and looking forward to preparing for Night At The Museum.





Technology

It's amazing how quickly this year is flying by. The students have been adding to their skill set during technology. Our kindergarteners continue to work on their mouse skills. They are also learning how to navigate different websites. First grade covered digital citizenship, learned how to use Google Slides, make folders in their Google Drive, and learn some basic typing skills like where homerow is. Check out their Google Slides! Our second graders have spent almost all of second quarter learning how to type properly. They are working on "home row hands" and having the correct posture when they type. Third grade and fourth grade both had a review on their typing skills and did a couple of Shapegram activities. The fourth graders also had a basic introduction to Google Sheets. The first through fourth graders all worked on monthly tech slides. These slides have basic tech skills but also reinforce concepts learned in the classroom (counting, alphabetical order, etc.)

Our middle school students have also been working hard. The fifth - seventh graders have all worked on similar projects with varying degrees of difficulty. They have worked with Google Sheets, Shapegrams, created Pixel art (which will be displayed at Night at the Museum), and participated in the Doodle for Google contest. The eighth graders continue to work hard on the yearbook. They participated in two yearbook retreats where they spent the whole day working on their spreads. They hope to finish up the yearbook around Easter break, minus a few special pictures from events happening later in the year.



5-8 Art

Art Gallery!

Don't forget to check out our 5th-8th grade Art Gallery at Night at the Museum. The event will be **Wednesday, April 13th at 5pm** and feature artwork that we have created in class throughout the school year.





Music:

Spring Music Concert - Fourth quarter is upon us and that's means we are rehearsing for our annual Spring Concert. Our concert will be **Wednesday, May 4th at 7pm at the Maryville High School Performing Arts Center**. The concert will feature students from Preschool-8th Grade. We hope to see you all there!

Grandparents Day performances - during our Grandparents/Special Friends Day celebration on April 29th we will have students providing musical performances as students and their grandparents wait to go to lunch. If your student(s) would like to perform, **please contact Mrs. Dropinski by April 14th**.

Maryville Young Players - The 15th season of MYP's musical theater camp and show is this summer. MYP is an amazing opportunity for students to perform on stage and have a blast learning about musical theater. Registration is now open for students in 1st-8th grade. You can register by following this link: [MYP REGISTRATION](#)

Spectrum Auditions - Any 8th graders who are interested in auditioning for Spectrum need to contact Mrs. Dropinski to start the process of preparing. Auditions are **Saturday, April 30th at 1pm**.

Upcoming Dates:

4/13 - Night at the Museum
[5-8 Art Gallery]

4/29 - Grandparents Day
[Student musical performances]

4/30 - Spectrum Auditions
[interested 8th grade students]

5/4 - Spring Music Concert [PK-8]



Walker, Avah & Connolly warm-up their singing voices



Decker throws a bean bag as part of our Music Olympics events.



Ella practices guitar chords



Torri and Marleigh compose music.





Physical Education

During this semester we have spent time on racket sports like badminton, tennis, and pickleball. The students learned the rules of each sport as well as how to serve, volley and play mini games. They also worked on eye-hand coordination and ball control.

This semester the students have also continued with their fitness weeks. During these weeks they do a lot of games and activities that specifically target and aim to improve their overall physical fitness. They complete a lot of body weight exercises as well as cardio exercises. Some of the activities they complete include: Tic-Tac-Toe fitness, Partner circuit, 3x3 fitness, and Fitness for Points.

Most recently the students completed the students completed a Cup Stacking unit. They learned how to stack and un-stack using both hands. They learned the 3-3-3 stack, the 3-6-3, 6-6, and 1-10-1. They even got a chance to use the timers and race against each other as well as try to beat their previous times. We were also able to borrow the JUMBO Cups and use them in races and relays.



Athletics

Our middle school track athletes have been practicing hard and are ready to get out to Northwest so they can run on an actual track. We are praying for more “spring-like” weather. We have a total of six track meets this season. We are hoping to beat some personal times and maybe some school records. Our closest track meet is at Maryville High school on Thursday, April 21st. We hope you can come out to join us, cheer on the Falcons and to possibly see history in the making!

Field Day

The end of the school year is fast approaching and we all know what that means...FIELD DAY!! Field day this year will be on Thursday, May 19th. The pre-school field day will be held in the morning and the Kindergarten through 7th grade Field Day will be held in the afternoon from noon-2:20pm. I am in need of volunteers. As a volunteer you will be running one of our station games. If you are interested in volunteering for Field Day please send me a quick email at kbraymen@stgregoryschool.org and I will get you signed up!





Falcon Faith Family (FFF) Update

Third quarter is especially busy for our Falcon Faith Families. Catholic Schools Week is an exciting and busy time for our FFF. The Student Ambassadors helped to decorate before the week began and also selected the dress up days. Our SAs selected PD day, Character day, Color day, and Hillbilly day.

We kicked off the week with our All School Mass on Sunday morning. The faculty and staff Our SA officers helped to serve both our students and their parents at Mugs in the Morning on Monday morning. We had a fantastic turn out and were incredibly grateful for all the families who came!

The 5th - 8th graders participated in a scavenger hunt on Monday morning. This allowed our SAs and Student Ambassador Assistants (SAAs) to have fun before helping with the activities for the younger students on Tuesday morning. Tuesday morning consisted of fun and games for our preschoolers and a trivia competition with our Kindergarten through fourth graders. We had a tie at the trivia competitions but eventually our fourth graders came out on top.

Wednesday evening we hosted our first ever Family Game Night. There was yard darts, GaGa Ball, volleyball with balloons, cards, Bingo, and more! Both parents and students got in on all the fun and we hope to make this a tradition in the future.

Thursday and Friday were days to celebrate our students. On Thursday the preschoolers headed to The Hangar to watch a movie. Friday morning started with our FFF Mass and the school wide spelling Bee. Later the kindergarten through second graders watched a movie at The Hangar. The third and fourth graders got to head to Bearcat Lanes and bowl a few games. The fifth through eighth graders headed to the skating rink in St. Joseph.





What have been your favorite part of school this year?



Playing
- Iva, Pre-K



Playing dinos
- Madden, Pre-K



Doing puzzles
- Maggie, Preschool



Centers
- Nathan, Preschool



Playing outside
- Corah, Kindergarten



Church
- Isaac, Kindergarten



Science
- Chloe, First Grade



Gym
- Layton, First Grade



PE
- Molly, Second Grade



Recess
- Hayden, Second Grade



Math
- Landon, Third Grade



Math
- Brinley, Third Grade





What have been your favorite part of school this year?



Reading
- Beckett, Fourth Grade



Math
- Ava, Fourth Grade



Roller skating
- Gavin, Fifth Grade



Roller skating
- Kelby, Fifth Grade



Reading nooks
- Avah, Sixth Grade



Doing projects with
Mrs. Nielson
- Kolyn, Sixth Grade



Having Mrs. Gastler as a
teacher
- Channing, Seventh Grade



Mrs. Gastler
- Decker, Seventh Grade



Having Mrs. Johansen
come and talk to us
- Jacy, Eighth Grade



Yearbook retreat
- Jack, Eighth Grade

Student Questions done by:

Evelyn, FFF/SA Secretary

and

Jacy, FFF/SA Historian





Faculty and Staff Spotlight

Mrs. Frederick



Favorite Food: Pizza
Favorite Season: Summer
Favorite Quote: "Celebrate all, especially the small."
 "She's funny and nice." - Layla, Kindergarten

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Miss Weigel



Favorite Food: Chinese
Favorite Season: Spring
Favorite Quote: "The only impossible journey is the one you never begin." - Tony Robbins
 "She is always fun." - Mrs. Frederick, Kindergarten Teacher

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Mrs. Riggs



Favorite Food: J Bruner's Onion Rings
Favorite Season: Spring
Favorite Quote: "Always be humble and kind."
 "She is super fun to work with and every day I learn something new from her." - Mrs. Louiselle, Second Grade Teacher

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Miss Bliley



Favorite Food: Mexican
Favorite Season: Spring
Favorite Quote: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." - Matthew 7:12
 "She is a cheerful and friendly person. She would do anything for anyone." - Mrs. Klaas, School Nurse

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Mrs. Klass



Favorite Food: Apples
Favorite Season: Spring
Favorite Quote: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." - Matthew 7:12
 "She is calming and awesome." - Miss Bliley, Office Volunteer

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Mrs. Reed



Favorite Food: Pizza
Favorite Season: Fall
Favorite Quote: "Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans." - John Lennon
 "I couldn't imagine a better person to be the face of our church. She is always kind and welcoming to everyone." - Mrs. Johansen, Church Staff

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Faculty and Staff Spotlight continued...

Mrs. Coleman 

Favorite Food: Mexican and Steak
Favorite Season: Summer
Favorite Quote: "The good you do today will often be forgotten. Do it anyway... In the final analysis it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway." - Mother Teresa

"She has been a great addition to our SGB family. Her leadership and guidance have been outstanding and we are grateful for her transparency, honesty and love for our students and staff." - Mrs. Quinlin

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SACC Update



It is so great to have SACC back to normal after the craziness of last school year. This year we have been making lots of crafts, eating a ton of good snacks, and having an enormous amount of fun! SACC has done several big craft projects this year. We made scary monsters and spiders during Halloween. We also created beautiful snowflakes to celebrate the winter and we learned about how each snowflake is different just like each person is different! Our craft goal for April is to make "egg-carton Easter eggs". Our hope is that we will get enough cartons that each of our SACC kiddos will have an egg to decorate. We would like to be able to hang them from the ceiling in the Leitner room. To achieve this goal, we desperately need egg cartons. Any size of egg cartons will work, and you can drop them off to any SACC teacher either before school or after school. You DO NOT have to be a SACC family to donate your egg cartons. Anything that you can donate will help! We would like to do this craft towards the beginning of April so we can display what we have made throughout the month. We are also in search of plastic easter eggs. If your family has any extra that you would like to get rid of, SACC would be grateful to take them. Please drop these items off as soon as you can if you are able to donate.

Thank you for sending your students to us! We love them!
 The SACC Family

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