



Lord our God,

You bring light and joy to the darkness of this world. Let us carry your light in our hearts this day.
Come Lord Jesus! **Come quickly!**

May this advent season bring you good times with family and friends.

At this time, we thank God for all the blessings we share at
All Saints Catholic School

As always, we are most appreciative to our parish priests for their leadership and partnership in education. Blessings to our parish priests-, Father Hennen, Father Appel, Father Juarez, and Father Nicholas.

We give special appreciation to our classroom helpers and volunteers.

We thank all of our families for helping us with the service missions to give to those in need.

The question is, "Is Christ the King in our country, in our homes, in our community and in our school? In other words, we hope that our society, family, and school are permeated by the kingdom values of justice, love and peace.

Many times we can be discouraged by the many problems of the world today. We need to be reminded that a good act, no matter how simple helps build God's kingdom characterized by justice, love and peace.

Let us continue to do our share in building God's kingdom in our families, community and school...one simple kind act at a time.

Wishing you a very Blessed Christmas Season! May your family feel God's love and peace.

Jeanne Von Feldt
Principal of All Saints Catholic School

David Sowell
Assistant Principal/Director of Technology

Remember-
2 hour Early Out and No Aftercare - Friday Dec. 17. All students including preschool daycare students need to be picked up at 12:30.
Christmas Break Dec 20 - Jan 3



SAFETY

All visitors/parents need to sign in/out at the office.
All doors will be locked after 8:15a.m.

WEATHER

With winter weather upon us, please remember that we will do what the Davenport Public Schools do in regard to closings/late starts. Watch KWQC TV 6 for announcements. Be sure that your children are dressed appropriately for outside weather. We do go out for recess each day unless it is bitterly cold.

ATTENDANCE

It is mandatory that students attend regular school hours. Appointments, if at all possible, need to be scheduled during non-school hours. We want to avoid as many interruptions as possible for our classes during the school day. Please avoid last minute changes to dismissal procedures. The end of the day is just very busy and it is really hard to ensure teachers get the change.

RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to our second graders who have been receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation at their respective parishes or will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We celebrate with them during this important step in their faith life. We will have Reconciliation for our students in grades 2-8th before Christmas.

Christmas Programs-

The **K-8 Christmas Program** is, **December 12, at Sacred Heart Cathedral**. This will feature a choral program under the direction of **Mr. Barry**. Here are the times for each grade:

Here is when the following grades perform:

1:00pm Grades K, 2,4 will be performing. Students should be at Sacred Heart by 12:45pm.

2:00pm Grades 3,5,6 will be performing. Students should be at Sacred Heart by 1:45pm.

3:00pm Grades 1, 7, 8 will be performing. Students should be at Sacred Heart by 2:45pm

GALA

Save the date for our All Saints GALA to be held on February 26, 2022! This event helps fund facility improvements, classroom materials, technology upgrades, student activities, and community service projects. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year! It is a great chance to come together as a community to celebrate All Saints while raising funds to help support the valuable work of providing our children with a solid, faith-based education.

Be prepared to enjoy the food, visit with friends, and of course to bid on items during the silent and live auctions! All Saints Catholic School depends on your continued generosity!!

Band News!

The Winter Band Concert Is Coming Soon!

The All Saints Instrumental Music Program invites you to the Winter Band Concert, featuring performances from the Beginning Band and the Concert Band! The students have been working very hard to put together our first live concert since 2019.

When: 6:30pm, December 9th

Where: All Saints Gymnasium

Who: 5-8th Grade Band Fans

We are very excited to put on a great show for you! Can't wait to see you there!





PE News!

Back in late October we had the opportunity to have 2 guest professors from the UNI Physical Education Department come to All Saints for 3 days as guest instructors for all of our classes. It was a very beneficial time for me, the students as well as the instructors from UNI. They complimented the school, students and administration on their visit.

Here is a follow up/summary letter I received from them that I thought I would share with you. We have stayed in touch and hopeful to do more in the future.

STAY ACTIVE STAY HEALTHY

Mr. Neubauer

Serving up Professional Development in Physical Education

Reciprocity was the name of the game when Dr. Kim Hurley (Dr. Kim) and Dr. Tam Burt (Dr. B.) visited Mr. Doug Neubauer's physical education classes in mid-October. Both Dr. Hurley and Dr. Burt work in the Department of Kinesiology at the University of Northern Iowa teaching Physical Education Teacher Education students. With support from Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) funding, and an invitation from All Saints' Catholic School, Dr. Kim and Dr. B packed up equipment and their best ideas in an effort to sharpen their K-8 teaching skills and introduce some exciting, new activities to All Saints' students.

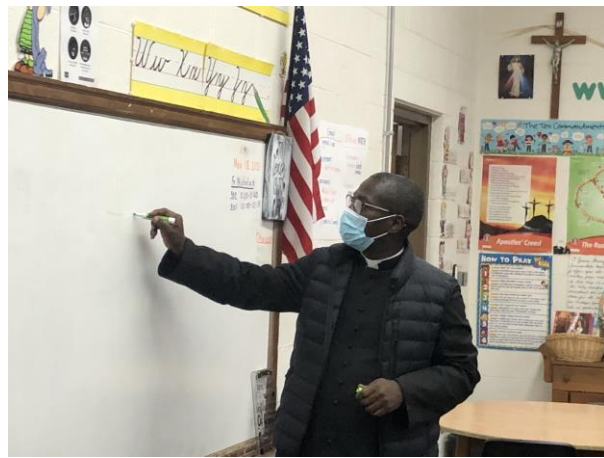
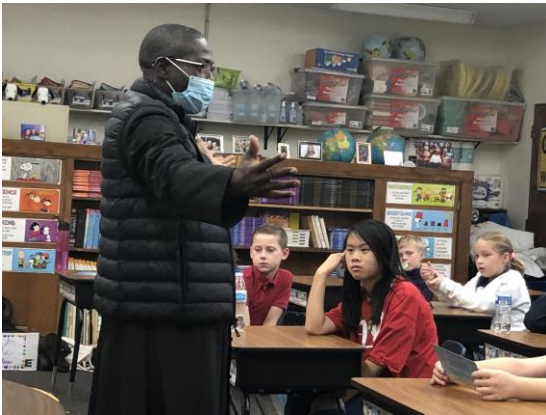
As the Tchoukball rebound frames, NitroBalls, and Lollipop paddles were set out in the physical education classroom, students began to start asking questions and looking wide-eyed as the passed by. The youngest students (K-4) were introduced to beginning striking skills that were developmentally sequenced and led up to a mini version of pickleball. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America with an estimated 2.5 million "picklers" nationwide. Fifth graders learned the basics of NitroBall, or "inverted volleyball". NitroBall is a fast-moving game with many opportunities for success and strategy building. Finally, the upper grade classes (6-8) discovered the challenge of Tchoukball, pronounced (chewk-ball). Tchoukball is played internationally and requires athleticism and mental agility. The experience of new movement and physical activities fueled lots of curiosity, interest, and engagement.

Everyone involved in this professional development opportunity benefited in some way. Students got to try out some new and engaging ways to be physically active. Mr. Neubauer had the chance to collaborate with his colleagues in physical education and to reflect on his own practices. Dr. Kim and Dr. B were appreciative of the rare occasion to teach in the K-8 setting once again. They left exhausted and thrilled with a newfound appreciation for the art and science of teaching physical education. Most importantly, ESSA identifies physical education to be a part of a student's "well-rounded education" and allocates funding for professional development opportunities such as this, with the collaboration between All Saints' Catholic School and the University of Northern Iowa.

3rd Grade News!

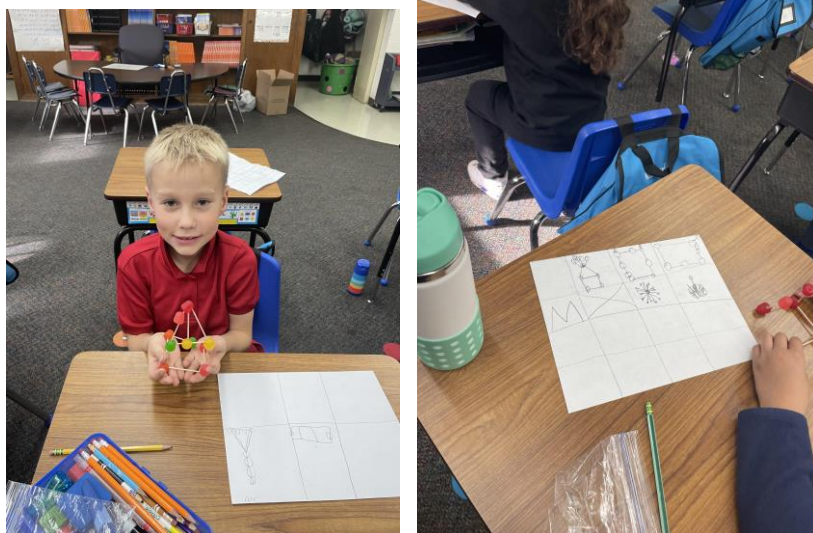
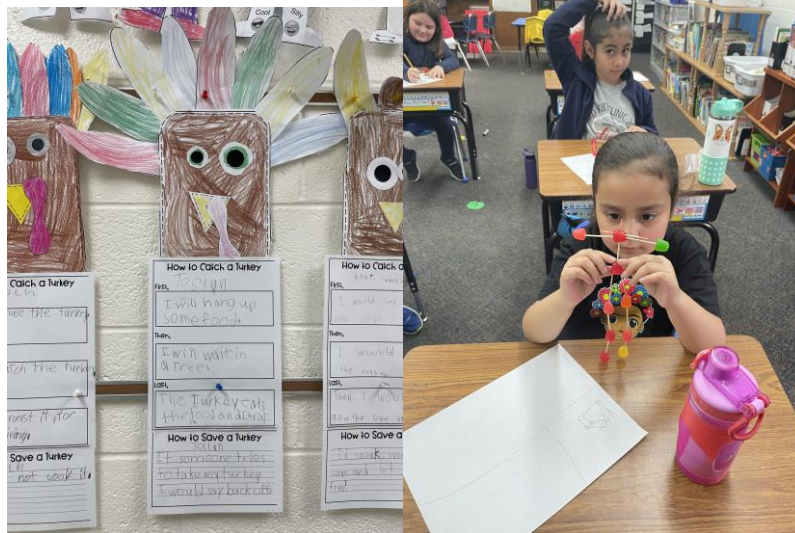
Here at All Saints Catholic School, we are blessed to have such wonderful priests, Fr. Akindele (aka Fr. Nicholas), Fr. Appel, Fr. Hennen, and Fr. Juarez, who we get to see on a rotating basis each week at our school mass. Additionally, Fr. Nicholas is now visiting classrooms on Thursdays between 10:45AM and 1:00PM.

Fr. Nicholas visited both Third Grade classes on November 18. He gave each child a card with both a morning and evening prayer printed on it and spoke about the importance of prayer. Afterwards, the students were able to ask questions. The children enjoyed his visit and are looking forward to when he comes next time.



2nd Grade News from Miss Huettman's Class

What 2nd Grade is doing for Writing and Science:



For writing, the 2nd graders made a turkey for Thanksgiving. They had to write about the steps to catching a turkey and saving a turkey. They had some interesting and creative responses! These pieces are hung up in the 2nd grade hallway.

For science, the 2nd graders are learning about matter and how objects are usually made of several smaller pieces. For this activity, the students were given 10 toothpicks and 10 gumdrops. They had to show understanding of how the same pieces can be made into something, then deconstructed and made into something different. Students also had to draw what they made to show the differences between the objects.