SPALDING SNAPSHOT- JAN 2024

The Feast of the Holy Family on December 29 and Epiphany on January 6 remind us of our own families and homes which are the center for sharing the faith. As Mary and Joseph created a home for Jesus, loving him, keeping him safe and teaching and guiding him, may our homes be filled with the same. May we follow the Wise Men's determination to find Jesus and create an epiphany (means "reveal") in our hearts, homes and school.

Happy New Year from the Spalding Catholic School family!

Lorie A. Nussbaum
Lorie A. Nussbaum, Principal

Upcoming Events

1/3:	No School-Teacher In-Service
1/4:	School Resumes
	8:30 Mass @ St. Marys, Alton
1/12:	2hr Early Out Teacher In-Service
1/17:	1st Reconciliation for 2nd grade
1/18:	8:30 Mass @ St. Marys, Alton
1/25:	8:30 Mass @ St. Marys, Alton
1/26:	2hr Early Out 1:10 PM Dismissal
1/28-2/3:	Catholic Schools Week
2/1:	8:30 Mass @ St. Marys, Alton

GALA TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!

Make plans to join us for our 33rd annual Gala on **Saturday, February 3, 2024.**

Our hope for this event is to celebrate our school community and its legacy. Since it is not a typical fundraiser, we will replace the auction with some fun and unique entertainment. Tickets are $125 per couple and includes dinner, entertainment, cash prize drawings and dance. We hope you can join us!

60 Years of BLACK, GOLD & GOD

Contact one of the committee members for your tickets:

- John & Rhonda Heller - 402-672-6592 or 712-433-6473
- Doug & Krista Klein - 395-1954 or 395-1934
- Joe & Lori Pohlen - 230-0451 or 230-0051
- Rick & Gwen Kellen - 230-0502 or 395-3267
- Development Office - 756-4528

The top 9 things in Mrs. Roder's 3rd & 4th grade so far this school year—picked by the students!

Playing Kahoot—Kahoot is when questions are asked and each student needs to see how fast they can answer each question. We have done multiplication facts kahoot and Thanksgiving facts kahoot. We plan on doing more throughout the year. -------Santiago

Playing Apples to Apples--It is fun playing this game together. The students can come up with many silly ideas together as a group.-----Nahil

Christmas tree decorating— This is the 3rd year we have participated in the Christmas Tree decorating contest. We first had to find some pinecones. We found at least 6 bags full of them. The students made reindeer, angel, and snowman ornaments to decorate our tree. We then had to go to the nature center to put up our tree. It was fun field trip playing the ABC game and the Color game—I spy on our journey there and back.------Uriel

Turkey escape---Students had to work together to help the turkey escape so that he didn't get eaten for Thanksgiving. They had one hour to complete 10 activities to save the turkey. The students had to solve multiplication facts, addition facts, do a maze, venn diagram, draw a disguise for the turkey, word search and more. ------- Nahomy

Nursing home—To spread the Christmas cheer, all students at Spalding Catholic made cards and an ornament for the residents at the care center in Orange City. We delivered our cards and sang songs and brought Christmas joy to the residents.--------Lydia

Christmas presents— Students made Christmas presents for their parents and wrapped them up to put under the tree. The students even learned how to wrap the presents!---------Alex

Slideshow for Southeast states—Through-out the year the students will be studying all the regions of the United States. For the region of Southeast, each student had a place to research in the southeast region. For example, coal mines in West Virginia, French Quarter in Louisiana, Everglades National Park in Florida, John F. Kennedy Space Center in Florida and more. Then they created a slideshow to share with each other.------Brianna

Novel study— Our first novel that we read was James and the Giant Peach. The students read it outloud and did vocabulary and questions for the chapters. They liked it a lot because they could read about the insects' adventures with James. They loved that they ended up in New York City. What a site it was when James meet the insects for the first time.---------Mikayla

Writing notes to the Franscican Sisters—Once a month, the students zoom with Julie Tebbe and the Franscian Sisters in Dubuque. We pray and read stories about St. Francis. We play games and talk about what Jesus means to all of us. The students wrote letters to the sisters and to Julie Tebbe to wish them a Merry Christmas.--------Genesis

Mrs. Roder and her students pose in their Christmas sweaters!

Students had a blast caroling around Alton.
Mrs. Sloan organized a Christmas karaoke party before break !!