



April/May 2020

The Mission of Spalding Catholic Schools is to instill a Belief in God and Self, and provide Excellence in Learning through Mutual Support, Service, and Catholic Leadership.

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Dear Friends,

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Amid the very real concerns surrounding the coronavirus, we need to hear and abide in Gods Word ever more. One thing is sure, we are not in control. We can't go one millisecond without God comforting and sustaining us. His peace surpasses all understanding.

As we come to the 'final stretch' of the school year, let us be intentional in sharing first of all what God has done for us. Let us remember Gods many blessings and gifts – our family, our friends, our faith, our freedom, forgiveness, salvation, our very lives. And let us remember that He is the Giver of all these gifts. Let's continue to follow, even when it can be trying.

Our students at Spalding Catholic learn this important lesson. Jesus is continually calling us. And He is always right here with us, especially in difficult times. Jesus has known our every sorrow. He wants to be with you more than anything. He would give his very life for you....and in fact, He did.

God bless your observance of the holy season of Easter!

In His Mercy,

Fr. Dan Greving

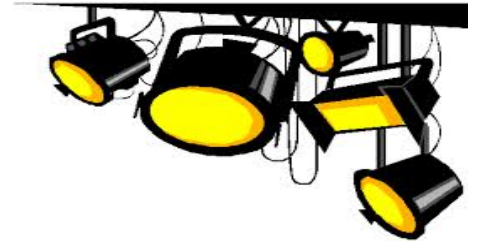
P.S. on the lighter side: On February 28, the day before February 29, on offence I had two receiving touchdowns and on defense I almost prevented a pick-six. No April fools! Thought you'd want to know.

A Word From Mr. Mueting:

It is most important at this time in our history that we come together in prayer for all of those individuals affected by COVID-19. Spalding will follow federal and state guidelines while teachers work hard to provide a positive educational experience for all of the students.

Thank you for your support and please call the school if you have any questions.

SPALDING SPOTLIGHT ON:



PE, MRS. BUSCH:

In the Physical Education program we are again using pedometers in grades 2-6. Each student has a pedometer to wear for class, and at the end of class, I record their steps. Each student in grades 3-6 is asked to obtain more than 2000 steps per class. The second grade students have a lower number. I am happy to say that almost all students are active in the gym. We finished our Basketball Unit in January and are now in a bowling unit for grades 2-6. We will try to culminate this activity with a trip to Sweet 16 Lanes in LeMars. The K-1 students are working on Aerobics, checking our hearts at the beginning and end of activities. In order to check hearts, I ask the students to feel their heart at the beginning of an activity and at the end of the activity. Many of them are surprised at how different their heart feels. We also talk about slowing our hearts back down by walking slowly before sitting down. Walking slowly is obviously a hard concept for children, but we work on it! Our other activities involve listening to directions, playing fairly, and trying our hardest. We are working on some dance, relay activities, station work and aiming at targets.

I do continue to work with the 6th grade and the bank program. We are hoping to take a trip to the American Bank in Sioux Center in the near future to enjoy lunch, ask any banking questions, and have a tour. This is always a fun field trip!

This is the last newsletter I will write a note for at Spalding. I am retiring at the end of the school year. I have enjoyed my many years here & want to thank all the students, parents, colleagues & other supporters of the Spalding Catholic School System. You have made my job fun & I will miss you.

God Bless,
Mrs. Busch

MUSIC, MRS. SLOAN:

We have had a great year in the music classroom! The students were just finishing preparations for our Spring Concert when we received news of Iowa schools closing. I hope we will get an opportunity to share all our learning and hard work with you later this spring!

In kindergarten, first, and second grades I focus heavily on developing the Tune-ful, Beat-ful, and Art-ful aspects of music. During each class, we go through a "musical workout" that includes several different activities that move along at a quick pace. Echo singing as a group and individuals (repeating short phrases the teacher sings) and simple songs with games help students practice singing in tune. Keeping the beat to classical music, playing instruments, and moving to the beat help students learn to find and keep a steady beat in music. Moving our bodies together to music and listening to Song Tales (stories that are sung) help students develop expression and emotional connection to music.

The upper elementary grades continue to focus on the fundamentals listed above, but also on learning to read notes on the staff and sing in 2-part and 3-part harmony. The older students get to spend more dedicated time learning to play an instrument. The fifth and sixth grade students have focused on the ukulele. They have learned many chords and their repertoire of songs is growing! The third and fourth grade students are playing the recorder. We are using a system called "Recorder Karate" in which they earn "belts" for each song they can play successfully. The fourth grade students are in their second year of recorder and a few have reached the end of the first book, earning their black belt!

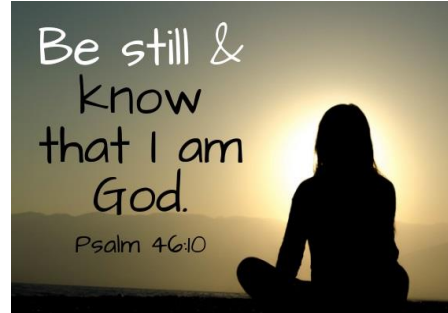
The 3rd and 4th grade class had the opportunity to join area schools at The Orchestra Moves concert in Sioux City at the Orpheum Theatre on March 9. This program was designed by Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute and performed by the Sioux City Orchestra. Students not only got to hear the orchestra play, but they also had the chance to sing, move, and play their recorders along with the orchestra. It was a highlight of the year and a wonderful experience for everyone!

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2019/20 School Year Theme

Our theme this year is: "Be still and know that I am God." – Psalm 46:10. As we transition from Lent to Easter, we reflect on how Jesus responded to this painful and then glorious time in His life. His relationship and trust in His Father kept Him steadfast and grounded. How do you and I respond to painful and joyful times? If our trust is grounded in a deep relationship with the Father, nothing can shake the "still"ness. May we **Be still** in all things.



Thank You!

- ❖ All who have returned their 2019-20 Annual Appeal pledge mailer (sent in July). If you need a new one, please contact us. 2020-21 mailers will go out this summer.
- ❖ The Richard Paulsen family for their recent gift to Spalding Catholic in his memory! Their passion and love for Catholic education is an inspiration.

Don't forget about our Family Referral program!

You receive \$300 for helping someone choose to attend Spalding Catholic - it's a win-win!



As you meet with your Tax Advisor, be sure to ask if making a gift to the **Msgr. Lafferty Tuition Foundation** (STO) will benefit you! You will receive a 65% tax credit!

Spalding Catholic's goal this year is: \$25,115.



Would you consider including your favorite organization(s) as a beneficiary in your Will or Life Insurance policy? Including a non-profit organization such as your parish or Catholic school is beneficial for tax purposes and makes the statement that you support the mission of sharing the Good News of Christ through them.

* As always, consult your accountant and/or legal expert for advice.
Thank you for your prayerful consideration!!



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Looking Ahead:

At the time of printing, we do not yet know what the rest of our school year will look like. We will do our best to pass along updates as we get them. Once again we'd like to thank you all for your continued support of Spalding Catholic.

