



Week of September 5, 2021



RECENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- The first grade students learned many interesting ways animals use camouflage to hide from predators and catch prey.
- Third and Fourth grade students finished their first literature book, *The Trumpet of the Swan*.
- The kindergarteners have begun their first science unit of the year. Their study of plants this week included watching bean seeds grow and learning about roots.
- All the students in grades 5-7 used the force meter they made last week to measure the amount of friction exerted by several different surfaces.

FROM MRS. MAY:

Just a few announcements:

1. Academy Choir sings for the first time on Sept. 19!
2. Is your singer's choir robe back in the closet in the Gerhard Room? Please bring it back no later than next week.

Thank you!

3. If your Cherub is needing a wiggle break during homework time, encourage him/her to dance to music and show you how they can keep the beat using different parts of their body.

LEARN-BY-HEART CATECHETICAL WEEK 3



Verse:

Romans 5:19

Catechism:

Ten Commandments- Fifth and Sixth Commandments

Leaders:

Verse: Alec W.

Fifth Commandment:

Mary B.

Meaning:

Autumn C.

Sixth Commandment:

Sarah B.

Meaning:

Sarah B.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 6 - Labor Day NO SCHOOL

Sep 10 - Fish Fry

Sep 14 - August C.'s Birthday

Sep 15 - Benjamin V.'s Birthday

Sep 17 - Pike Lake State Park Field Trip (grs. 1-7)

Sep 19 - Academy Choir Sings

Sep 21 - 6:30 Board of Ed. Mtg
Open to all

Sep 24 - School Pictures
Kali W.'s Birthday
Fish Fry

ART NOTES

What's going on in Art?

My primary goal in Art this year is to introduce our students to the basic building blocks of drawing. Understanding of these building blocks is to the artist as an understanding of grammar, vocabulary and punctuation is to the writer of stories. The children will develop feelings of comfort and confidence in their own observational and analytical skills as they apply them to drawing.

We are spending these first few weeks doing a series of age-appropriate drawing exercises to determine the readiness of each child to pursue the various drawing tasks that will lead him to become a competent and confident artist. This week students will have completed several readiness exercises and be introduced to the 5 Basic Elements of Shape. (Ask your student-artist to enumerate those 5 basic elements of shape. Challenge him to draw them!) It is interesting to note that none of the classes are using pencils and erasers. Permanent black markers facilitate focusing on the image being drawn, planning placement of the parts which make up the whole, and the pleasure of the silence required to allow concentration.



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NEW STUDENTS:

Peace Lutheran Academy would like to officially welcome two new students. Wesley Giordano and Beatrice Hermanson have joined the family and are both first grade students with Miss K. Laubenstein. They are both settling in nicely with their peers and doing well. Please make every effort to welcome them.

The September catalog is available online for the Ignatius Book Club. Similar to the Scholastic Book Club that many of us remember from our school days, the Ignatius Book Club works in cooperation with schools. For every order that is placed using our code, the Academy receives points. Those points can be redeemed by us for books and other educational items. To shop, go to

<https://ignatiusbookclub.com/JTB8D2N>.

You can shop by grade or subject.

Please remember that Ignatius is specifically designed for Catholic schools, so do not be disconcerted by materials that are specific to Catholicism.

LUNCHBOX REMINDER:

Parents, please make sure to include forks and spoons with your child's lunch, if necessary. As a rule, teachers do not keep a regular supply of eating utensils in their classrooms.

FROM THE CLASSICAL BOOKSHELF

Excerpted from:

"Classical Education Can Purge a Multitude of Sins,"

by Anthony Esolen

"We can only produce life in others by the wear and tear of our own being." As Paul says, "I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me." Or as Spurgeon wrote, "If

by excessive labor, we die before reaching

the average age of man, worn out in the Master's service, then glory be to God, we shall have so much less of earth and so much more of Heaven! It is our duty and our privilege to exhaust our lives for Jesus. We are not to be living specimens of men in fine preservation, but living sacrifices, whose lot is to be consumed."

We cannot be better served in cultivating this intellectually robust moral vision than with the language arts of grammar, logic, and rhetoric.

Now that the institutions, governments, and committees of this world have turned a blind eye to virtue, our students will change the world with their words and their pens and their



lives in courageous sacrificial love.

A classical curriculum does not propose that a student merely "shake hands" and develop a passing acquaintance with the greatest thinkers, the greatest artists, saints, and prophets, but rather that he becomes so wholly habituated to their thoughts and words, their prayers and psalms, their masterpieces of art and music, that he himself becomes like those great people.



GOT MILK?

Like many other businesses, Oberweis Dairy is having difficulty procuring the 12 oz bottles for their milk. Since the bottles have not been available, we have been ordering the 1/2 gallons of Oberweis 2% milk and pouring it into glasses for individual students. Students have been instructed to ask for more milk if they need it, and teachers are on hand to pour additional milk. Our standing order of 12 oz bottles remains and Oberweis will fill that order when they have the product.