



THE NAVIGATOR

LAKE MICHIGAN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*Nourishing the Human Spirit ~ Mind, Body, and Soul ~
through Jesus Christ*

LAKER FAMILY UNITY NETWORK: LAKER F.U.N.

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Susan Latham: 927-1721
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Laker F.U.N. News & Events

I don't have to tell you what a long, cold winter it has been but LMC certainly heated up in January when **Cindy Adent, Jann Sullivan, Gretchen Busch** and **Jen Gaska** threw another fantastic **Adult Trivia Night!** Not only was the multi-purpose room transformed into a festive Mexican cantina, Laker F.U.N. also had its highest number of attendees come out to enjoy beer, wine and sangria while trying to answer some mind-boggling trivia questions provided by **Chris and Sara Duris**. Last, but certainly not least, thank you to our Master of Ceremonies, newly elected State Senator, **John Proos**, for another fantastic job!

Speaking of **Sara Duris**, she deserves a huge THANK YOU for putting together another fantastic Catholic Schools Week. The teachers and staff were treated to a special luncheon, and the students enjoyed the beautiful and delicious cupcakes baked and donated by Laker parents.

Unfortunately, due to lack of volunteers needed for Winter F.U.N. Fest, we could not end Catholic Schools Week on its traditional note. I had several conversations with many parents who expressed their disappointment with the decision to cancel the fest. As I have said before, “Many hands make light work.” Remember, these events can't happen without you. I'm hoping we won't have to make the same decision again.

The much anticipated **Daddy/Daughter Dance** will be on **Saturday, March 5th**. **Susan Latham** and her incredible helpers will transform the multi-purpose room into a land of enchantment for our girls and their princes. Susan has been working on this event since May of last year, and her ideas are out of this world. If you would like to participate in this year's Daddy/Daughter Dance, contact **Susan Latham** at 927-1721.

Next Laker F.U.N. meeting: Wed., 3/2, at 8:15am

Elementary Essentials from Mrs. Maher

I'm sure you've noticed our wonderful new electronic sign on Washington Avenue. We'd like to extend a huge Laker THANK YOU to a very generous anonymous donor and to our hardworking Laker F.U.N. organization for donating the funds needed to purchase and install the sign. Laker F.U.N. has been putting part of the money made from their annual Trivia Night toward purchasing a sign. This would have taken several years until a member of our Laker family graciously donated enough to complete the project. The choice of vendor was made after several bids were submitted. **Art & Image of Benton Harbor** was selected, and started work almost immediately. By the second week of February, the sign construction was done, the software was installed, and it was showtime!

We hope this new addition to our grounds will be an informative and eye-catching way to get our message out! The sign and software have myriad features. We are still learning the ropes for creating messages and graphics, so stay tuned!

Burger King "Lend a Hand" Fund-Raiser

Please help our "You Can Lend a Hand" fundraising event for Lake Michigan Catholic Schools. Coupon books will be available **February 14 through March 4 or until supplies are gone.**

Our students will be selling coupon books for \$3.00 each. Each book contains 16 coupons worth over \$80.00 of FREE Burger King, Chili's and Papa Vinos food items, and FREE admission to a Silver Hawks baseball game. Additional coupon books are available at the Elementary office or at the LMC Business Office located at the Middle/High School.

Thank you for your continuing support for Lake Michigan Catholic Schools! Questions may be directed to **Mrs. Chris Glendening at 429-0227, 757-4391 or cglendening@lmclakers.org**

S.C.E.N.E. Auction Celebrates 25 Years! April 29th & 30th at LMCES

This year's theme, "Stars of the Silver S.C.E.N.E.," brings to mind all the people, past and present, who have made the auction such a sterling event!

Chris and Larry Glendening have already begun work on this year's auction, rounding up volunteers, procuring donations, and looking for new faces to join the fun. **Do you have:**

- **Time to offer?** Whether short or long, at home or school, we need your help now and through the nights of the auction.
- **A business or service to promote?** Consider donating to the S.C.E.N.E. Auction to display your product and access a receptive client base.
- **Friends who'd like a couple nights out?** Share Friday's "open to the public" details, or round up a group to fill a table at Saturday's semi-formal dinner and auction.

Contact **Chris Glendening at 429-0227, 757-4391 or cglendening@lmclakers.org** for all things S.C.E.N.E. Auction.

Navigator Co-Sponsorships Available

Support from Laker families and friends keeps the elementary newsletter, *The Navigator*, coming to you in print form throughout the year. Currently, there are two co-sponsorship slots available for the remainder of the school year, **March/April (due 3/23), and May/June (due 5/25).**

At \$25 per co-sponsorship, you are welcome to send a seasonal message, make the issue in honor or memory of a special person, or advertise a business, service, or event. If you are interested in contributing, please contact **Jan Mathews at jmathews@lmclakers.org or call 429-0227.**

Lenten Pasta Dinners

**Fridays in Lent, except Good Friday ~ 5-7pm at LMC Elementary
\$5/person ~ \$20/family**

Rotini or Linguini with Marinara or Alfredo Sauce

Steamed Vegetables ~ Garlic Bread ~ Salad ~ Assortment of Desserts

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph the Provider Council 13942

Preschool with Mrs. Grundy, Mrs. Cutter & Mrs. Glotzbach

Little Laker Preschoolers stayed warm this winter with a flurry of activities. Our 3-year-olds started off 2011 with a bang, and celebrated the new year by making our own tambourines and hats. Next, our Little Lakers learned about healthy foods and how many beautiful colors God created for them. Food really is beautiful, and by using those bright colors as a guide, we can eat very healthfully. Our spectacular Michigan winter provided the setting to learn about winter animals and how they keep warm. We all think that penguins and polar bears are very cool! After our arctic adventures, we visited the world of fairytales, reading our favorites and discovering some new stories, dressing up in fairytale finery including crowns and magic wands.

Our four-year-olds were ready to return from their Christmas break to find friends and routines. "Missy mouse" introduced us to a unit on music and rhythm. We delighted in songs and dance experienced through new technologies in our library. After reading the book *Rap-A-Tap-Tap: Here's Bojangles, Think of That!*, which introduced Bill "Bojangles" Robinson and his wonderful gift of dance. We downloaded and viewed his famous staircase routine performed with Shirley Temple, as well as his masterful and intricate stage solo that left us speechless at the way Robinson combined the art of dance with athleticism, and turned his feet into amazing instruments of rhythm.

We also decided to make healthy food choices after reading about *Gregory the Terrible Eater*. Observing the birthday of Dr. King was time of understanding that we are all God's children. God made us all alike and all different. Our diversity is a blessing to be appreciated. "Pee-wee penguin" ushered in our unit on winter's snowy days. He introduces us to ice cube painting, playing with instant snow in the sensory table, and snowshoeing at Sarett Nature Center. "Queeny quail" showed us many folktales and fairytales during National Catholic Schools Week. *Rumplestiltskin*, the puppet show, was a great hit and a great fit for our folktales unit. The celebration of Valentine's Day provided our students with an opportunity to learn that Jesus expects to love one another as we love ourselves, and that's a rule to follow every day, not just on February 14th!

Junior Kindergarten with Mrs. Fields

January brought lots of snow and with it the opportunity to visit Sarett Nature Center for a talk about animals in winter. We played detective and tried to guess what animals had been out and about by the tracks they left behind. The children left large tracks of their own with snowshoes. Watching the children try something new was exciting as they listened to the directions, worked through the initial clumsiness, and quickly got the hang of this new way to enjoy a snowy day in Michigan. Parents, don't forget that as long as there is snow on the ground, you can make a return trip to Sarett, and *let your kids teach you* how to cover some ground on snowshoes.

Back in the classroom, Letter People keep appearing each week. We are thoroughly acquainted with half of them, and every new introduction brings us closer to reading! In Math, it's been all about the long and the short of measurement. This is an abstract idea for young children so it's important to be as hands-on as possible. Our five senses were the focus in Religion as we learned how God gave us these special gifts to help us learn and to keep us safe. We are certainly thankful for that since we have such a big and exciting world to explore!



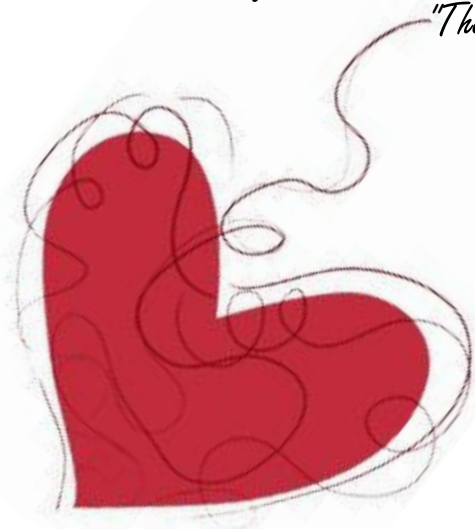
***Wait for it...as the snow recedes,
the days warm, and the sap rises.***

Kindergarten with Mrs. Kuehn

Kindergarteners did not even notice the polar temperatures outside—we've been so busy in the classroom that we generate our own heat! Our science unit this quarter is learning all about "Kindergarten in Motion." We have been learning about force and the push & pull that are need for motion. Boy, do we have motion in our classroom every day! We will be doing many experiments on the playground and in the classroom with many fun materials, and recording our observations in our science journals.

As our one hundredth day of school approaches this month, we look back and see how far we have come. Our morning journal has expanded from only a picture back in September to now writing our own complete sentences using a word or two from our word wall. We are writing more on our own as our ABC Writing Dictionary grows thicker every day. When we have ventured outside, it has been a treat. At recess, the children have conquered the "big hills" and built forts. After studying the winter season and the ways animals adjust to the change of the seasons, we traveled to Sarett Nature Center, and slipped on some snowshoes for a walk through the woods. We saw some tracks and holes of animals brave enough to stick around, and we appreciate our own warm coats, toasty fires, and comfortably heated homes.

February brings many reasons to celebrate! We will learn more about several of our presidents, learn how to keep our teeth and gums healthy, and, of course, we celebrated that all important holiday, St. Valentine's Day. Thank you to all my parents who helped plan and celebrate our party, and for helping each of us count, group, and assemble our collections for the one hundredth day of school.



*"There's something like a line of gold thread
running through a man's words
when he talks to his daughter,
and gradually over the years
it gets long enough for you
to pick up in your hands
and weave into a cloth
that feels like love itself."*

John Gregory Brown

1st Grade with Mrs. Petsovich & Mrs. Faris

January brought the Feast of the Epiphany, and we wrote **exactly** what we would bring Baby Jesus if we got to visit him. Most of our ideas were more practical than the Kings' gifts! The weather for the past month was perfect for our special units, author Jan Brett, penguins and animals in winter. A very snowy **Catholic Schools Week** was a special reminder of how lucky and thankful we are to all be at LMC, where there are so many willing hands to help us learn and celebrate.

The month of February marked our 101st day of 1st Grade. We spent the day doing many activities that had to do with the number 101. We timed ourselves to see what we could accomplish in 101 seconds. We "guesstimated" which jar had 101 items. We sang songs and read poems that had the number 101 in them. We drew pictures of what we will look like when we're 101 years old. We wrote about how we would spend \$101.00. We created collages and experimented to see if we could stay silent for 101 seconds. Our day was fun-filled with excitement and learning.

The short month also included the study of the presidents. We learned about Abe Lincoln's tall hat and realized that our school is on **Washington** Avenue and that many of us live in **Lincoln** Township. February is also **Dental Health Month**. **Dr. Christina Strickler** helped us learn more about our teeth, and everyone went home with a brand new toothbrush.

Whew! We're glad our two busy months are almost over. Now we have rainbows, St. Patrick's Day, spring, and Dr. Seuss' birthday on tap in March!

2nd Grade with Mr. Deja, Mrs. Fish & Mrs. Mills

At the half-way point of the school year, there is much to look back upon but so much yet to come. During the month of January we all received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation along with our continuing preparation for the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We have started to study the different parts of the Mass, and are becoming more aware of the importance of our weekly responsibility to attend Mass, and our service to God.

In the classroom we have started a new science unit on measurement. Hands-on activities teach us the different ways of measuring. We did a lot of fun things such as measuring our arms and legs with popsicles sticks and designing paper airplanes capable of record-breaking flights. Hey, NASA, our resumes are forthcoming! Also in February, we began the study of our presidents and related geography as we located many presidential monuments and memorials found in our nation.

The shortest month of the year also found us celebrating Valentine's Day with a classroom party. We would like to thank all the parents who volunteered to make all the parties a great success with plenty of sweets for all to enjoy. Speaking of sweets, we are looking forward to our annual trip to the South Bend Chocolate Factory on February 24th. This field trip will help us with our JA unit on factories and production. This is always one of our favorite trips with plenty of free samples for everyone to taste. As the month starts to wind down we are closing in on our 100th day of school with many activities planned for all the classrooms. So many things to do and so little time to do them—*that's what makes school so much fun.*

3rd Grade with Mrs. Bodley & Mrs. Kurina

The 3rd graders continue to work on mastering multiplication facts for speed and accuracy. Daily practice at home and school ensures success on our daily time tests. While memorization is a valuable type of learning, hands-on was the method we used for simple machines when the Curious Kids Museum brought their mobile exhibit to us. After studying the concepts in the classroom and during Computer class, putting our knowledge to the test with different gadgets was fun.

Catholic Schools Week was the perfect time to be thankful for the wonderful staff, students, and parents who work together to LMC a blessed, loving and caring Catholic school. The students considered what they felt was most special about our school, and a few of their responses are:

We honor God. **Bailey S.**

We are all taught with love. **Emily S.**

We have Mass twice a week, and we get to go to penance. **Bella F.**

We have nice teachers and they smile all the time. **Tia J.**

Everyone learns about God. **Mariah S.**

LMC is the best school ever! **Jake K.**

4th Grade with Mrs. Binger & Mrs. Zetts and News Team 4

The 4th Grade spent most of January “spaced out,” working toward the goal of commanding a space shuttle with a well-qualified crew. To earn the privilege of *slipping the surly bonds* of our desks, we did an electronic research report on a planet, and read astronomy books, news articles, and more. In all, there were seven tasks and two tests. Mrs. Binger and Mrs. Zetts, who outrank everyone in the classrooms, promoted commanders **Matthew T., Emily C., Michael M., and Mary Ellen N.** in Mrs. Binger's room, and **Simerjit K., Max J., Ryan F., and Anika G.** in Mrs. Zetts' room.

After crews were selected, construction of the space shuttles, made from the enormous boxes supplied by enormously nice parents, was underway. On February 4th, the skies were overcast but that didn't stop the teachers from giving us clearance for lift-off. The crews worked by flashlight to complete in-flight tasks, and communicated with other shuttles via walkie-talkies. Many of the tasks required math, and we found that sometimes the calculator was the best tool. Since our calculators were solar powered, we needed steady hands with our flashlights, and constant teamwork to complete the problems. Reentry was successful, and we regained the classroom atmosphere. With the space above us now behind us, we are getting ready for Science Olympiad and our Oprah Show. We expect to achieve great heights at these events as well.

**5th Grade with Mrs. LaSata & Mrs. Miller
and 5th Grade Reporters Jack Howard,
Tommy Koenig & Dominic Damico**

Dr. Charlotte Groff from Daughters of the American Revolution chapter came to visit the school to honor **Nick M.** for first place, and **Tommy K.** for second place on their “Memoirs of Paul Revere” essays. Nick also got to read his essay at the Whitcomb, and we hope his essay does well at the state competition.

We had a great kick off celebrating Catholic Schools Week by reflecting on why it is important for us to go to and be part of a Catholic School. This is what some of our classmates had to say:

“I am very privileged to be able to go to a Catholic school. Being in a Catholic school is better than public because I am able to learn about my faith and to become a better Catholic.” **Max B.**

“One of the best things about going to a Catholic school is that I can wake up in the morning knowing that I will go to a school that teaches me about my faith.” **Alex S.**

“Going to a Catholic school means a lot to me. We can pray and learn about God, and in other schools I would not be able to do this.” **Corey S.**

“Being in a Catholic School makes me feel safe and special. It helps me be a better kid and grow closer to God. I would never dream to not go to a Catholic school because it fills me with so much happiness. Being in a Catholic school is the most important thing in my life.” **Nick M.**

We all agree that being part of a Catholic school is a great experience. Thanks to our parents, teachers and everyone who makes it possible for us to be part of Lake Michigan Catholic! Representing LMC at the annual Catholic Schools Mass at Notre Dame with hundreds of kids from Michigan and Indiana was a privilege, and showed that we are a part of a very important educational tradition that is worth celebrating.

In English, we have started our poetry project, learning about different styles, and writing various types of poems. Onomatopoeia, limerick, haiku, metaphor, and alliteration are some of the poetic devices we will attempt. When we are done with this unit, we will all be poets and share what we’ve written with our classmates.

In Computer class we have taken a break from doing our food experience outlines to work on a digital distortion of sports image for Art class that we will turn into an abstraction. Before we began changing our own images, Mrs. Mathews showed us a few photos that have been digitally altered, and we couldn’t believe what some people have been able to change. We were all fooled with a few of the pictures but were reminded to use our common sense to know which ones were real and which were fake. We can’t wait to see the outcome of everyone’s pictures.

Music Notes with Mrs. Gallagher

Thank you to the many children and parents who participated in the Catholic School Week Masses in the parishes. We made a wonderfully joyful noise in song, with chimes, and with the rhythm of tambourines and clapping hands. The children’s enthusiasm and pride represented LMC so well, and showed our appreciation for the priests’ and parishioners’ support. I’m especially thankful to all the helping hands that set up microphones, passed out instruments, helped put everything away after each Mass, and many other behind the scene tasks. Thank you again for sharing your time and talents.

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The available World Book modules, including multimedia resources for preschool through high school and a Spanish language reference tool, are:

Early World of Learning

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World Book Discover

Enciclopedia Estudiantil Hallazgos

Curtain Up! *A Twist of the Tongue*

The cast and crew of *A Twist of the Tongue* are putting on the final touches, readying for their performances on February 25th and 26th. A few sprained tongues and a lot of fun have accompanied the hard work as we tongue-twist our way through this musical. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to make a show as good as this one, and Laker Drama would like to thank all of the cast and crew. The show included:

Julia A.
Jayden B.
Elli B.
Leo C.
Joseph C.
Mary Kate C.
Katrina C.
Caroline D.
Sarah D.
Joey F.
Lexie G.
Maison H.
Keely K.
Chas L.
Harry L.
Amelia M.
Joey M.
Ana Maria N.
Sammi P.
Adriana P.
Alex S.
Anthony S.
Nick S.
Matthew T.
Hannah W.
Megan Y.
Thomas Z.

Olivia A.
Anna B.
Max B.
Oliver C.
Luke C.
Arshiya C.
Nathan C.
Jack D.
Bella F.
Angela G.
Kaela G.
Anna K.
Anna L.
Claire L.
Tyler L.
Jeffery M.
Nick M.
Lauren O.
Torrie P.
Chloe S.
Skylar S.
Cici S.
Emily S.
Noah T.
Carter Y.
Aidan Z.

We'd also like to thank the Laker Drama Club, especially **Janine G., Patrick P., Chad R., Hailey B., Gina G., Matt G., Mitch B., John G., Dan H., Nic Z., Juliet G., Avalon Z.,** and **Jenna D.** for their hard work. We were fortunate to have two tremendously talented Laker parents on hand, **Mrs. Karen Garavalia** and **Mrs. Stephanie Tan**, who shared their artistic and musical expertise—we could not have done it without you.

Take Music, Add Mystery & Murder: *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*

Laker Drama's spring production is early this year but the Middle/High School performers will be ready to present *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* on **March 17, 18, 19, 24, 25 and 26**. This wildly warm-hearted theatrical experience kicks off when the Music Hall Royale puts on its flamboyant rendition of an unfinished Dickens mystery.

The story deals with John Jasper, a choirmaster who is madly in love with his music student, the fair Miss Rosa Bud who is, in turn, engaged to Jasper's nephew, young Edwin Drood. Edwin disappears mysteriously one stormy Christmas Eve—but has Edwin Drood been murdered? If so, *whodunit?* The giddy playfulness of this play-within-a-play draws the audience toward one of DROOD'S most talked about features, *the audience will decide who the murderer is!* Don't miss this opportunity to play detective and help solve a mystery.



***Be patient...the sap flows slowly.
Drip by sweet drip, the buckets fill.***

Scouting Around at LMCES

2nd Grade Brownie Troop #30522: Brrr...it may have been cold outside but our Brownie Troop has been keeping warm by staying busy this New Year of 2011!

At the first meeting of the year, the Brownie girls practiced how to approach their potential customers for cookie sales in order to achieve their Try-It badge, *Cookie Count*. Cookie goal cards were completed by each girl to determine how much they are willing to sell and how much as a troop they want to accomplish in order to meet the troop's goal, *an Amtrak train trip for an overnight stay in Chicago!* It's a hefty task but leaders Mrs. Cordes and Mrs. Latham are confident the girls can succeed. So, calling all cookie monsters in need of cookies: *come see Troop #30522!*

Meow! Bark! Squawk! The Brownies learned about pet responsibility. We took that learning a step beyond by taking turns volunteering our services at the Whitcomb to care for their parrots and parakeets. It's always fun to see our feathered friends who bring so much joy to the residents.

Labas! That's hello in Lithuanian. Our troop will be representing the country of Lithuania for the **Girl Scouts' International Bazaar**. The Brownie girls have spent the last few meetings creating a wonderful display of traditional Lithuanian items. So grab your passport and come join us on our travels to various countries **Saturday, February 26th at the First United Methodist Church located at 3003 Leco Court in St. Joseph.**



***Keep working...hours go by.
Your labor will bring a sweet reward.***

The Pack Sets the Pace: Pinewood 2011

LMC's Cub Scout Pack 624 held its 2011 Pinewood Derby on January 28th. This year our Pack showed that they are living the Scout Oath by hosting Pack 654 from Benton Harbor's Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, making it a Double Derby Night. Our guests' pack is in its first year of existence, and the boys who participated were awed by the energy and spectacle of the Pinewood Derby.

Scouts from both Packs enjoyed a fast paced evening. Our racing lineup started with our six 1st Grade Tiger Scouts. These rookie racers made a great showing with **Nick Q.** finishing first followed by **Samuel K.** in second, and **Finn S.** in third. The mighty Wolf den was next where the thirteen 2nd Grade Scouts fought hard for the Alpha Wolf prize. **Andy C.** came away top dog with **Chas L.** and **Joey M.** nipping closely at his heels. The 3rd Grade Bears came out of hibernation to take their turn at the track. **Will B.** proved the hungriest as he snatched first place from the paws of **Luke C.** with **Dashiel M.** finishing third. Our 4th Grade Webelos I Scouts were all business, and it took all the computing power Pack 624 could muster to determine the winner. **Caleb C.** claimed first place over **Noah K.** by a slim 5 ten-thousandths of a second. How fast is that? A speeding jet airliner only moves 5 inches in this amount of time! **Sam J.** came across the finish line next taking third place. The elder Webelos II Scouts finished their racing careers in style. **Gavin K.** took top 5th Grade honors along with bragging rights that will never expire. **Myles C.** finished second followed closely by **Jesse S.**

Following the conclusion of the Den races, the Scouts eagerly awaited the announcement of who would be in the top 16, and get the chance to race for the big hardware presented to the top 3 in the Pack along with the honor of racing at the District level. Announcements were made, and the head-to-head double elimination began. When the graphite dust cleared, only one Scout remained unbeaten. **Will B.** is this year's Pack champion. **Andy C.** finished second and **Noah K.** went home with the third place trophy. Many thanks to the Boy Scouts of Troop 624, **John G., Andrew G. and Nathan G.,** who helped make the evening run smoothly.