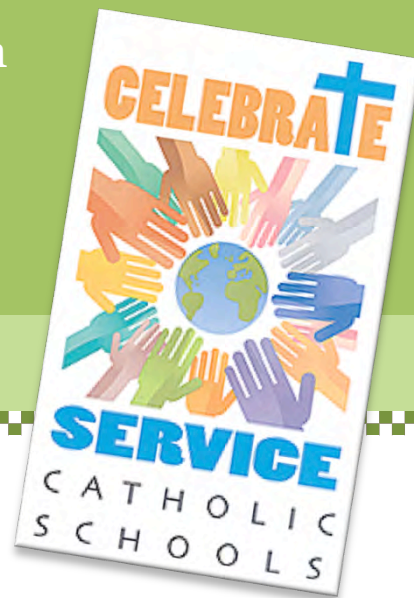


# Sixth Grade

Want to know the news from the sixth grade classes? Read more to find out about events, projects and other happenings in sixth grade.



January/February 2009

## A few reminders..

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| January 28<br>8:30-12:30 | Sixth grade field trip to the Clark Planetarium.                             |
| January 29<br>1:30       | Come see some of our wonderful sixth graders as they show off their talents. |
| February 11<br>& 12      | Student led conferences  |
| February 25              | Ash Wednesday  |

## Absences and Make Up Work

As stated on page 13 in the St. John the Baptist Middle School Parent/Student handbook, *"No work will be given in advance due to a vacation. Upon the student's return his/her parents are responsible to assist in completing the missed work."*

Please realize that the activities and investigations we do in class cannot usually be explained or modeled in a text. Missing class means missing an opportunity to understand the meaning of concepts, to learn how to represent and apply these ideas, to discover how these concepts connect to other ideas we have or will learn, and to investigate how these ideas apply to our lives.

**THANK YOU!**

The sixth grade team would like to extend a sincere thank you for all of your thoughts, prayers and generous gifts during the holiday season.





### Math- Mrs. Kafentzis

Looking forward to a new outlook on decimals at a fraction of the price? Well good. The sixth grade students will be diving deeper into decimals and fractions this month. So dust off those brains and get ready. The students will be learning and reviewing concepts such as least common multiples, greatest common factors, multiplying and dividing decimals, changing decimals to fractions, and learning to solve fraction problems using all of the operations. Lights! Camera! Fractions!!



### Science- Ms. Leonard

We just finished our unit on the moon and seasons. There are some widely held misconceptions regarding why we have the four seasons and now your child knows the real reasons for seasons. Ask them. Next up, we will be learning about space exploration and the planets. A field trip is scheduled for Jan. 28th to the Clark Planetarium. We will see a movie in the Imax theater called Space Station 3D and visit the Dome Theater for a celestial presentation.



### Social Studies- Ms. Robertson

We are just finishing a unit on Ancient China in which we also studied Confucianism. Ask your student what all the ancient civilizations have in common. We will be studying Ancient Greece. The Newsworthy Article is due on Friday, March 6th. Expect to see Fusion Fair information before February!

### Language Arts- Ms. Algarin

Students in language arts have begun studying Shakespeare. They will be reading/performing "Julius Caesar." Sixth-graders just set 3rd Quarter RAP goals. Please continue to encourage nightly reading. Students are now being assigned nightly writing. SSW (sustained silent writing) is now nightly homework. Students should be spending a minimum of ten minutes writing in their journal notebooks. We're continuing to tackle those spelling demons. Look for the Take Home Tasks that come home every other week. These can really help with spelling and improving consistent spelling even with the best spellers.

### Mrs. Arndt- Religion

The students just finished up learning about the Temple in Jerusalem. They built models, wrote newsletters and drew pictures about life in the Temple. We have been discussing how Christ is everywhere including inside of all of us. Look for your child to be working in their Finding God book, Unit 3. They will also come to understand how we prepare our hearts for the liturgical season of Lent.