



Elementary News

*O Lord, you fill the whole world with your glory and give it to us as a home. Teach us to recognize its wonders, to treasure its variety, and to protect its fragile beauty. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen*

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Mark Your Calendars:

Please note all the different activities on the calendar. The next 2 months are very busy and will go by very quickly. Happy Spring!

Mission Statement

The mission of St. Albert Elementary, a school committed to Jesus Christ through the teaching of the Catholic Church is to foster spiritual, moral, physical, and intellectual growth by providing quality educational opportunities for all students.

April showers bring . . . tuition savings with Scrip

You can save money on your tuition by making everyday purchases through the Saint Albert Scrip program. Hundreds of merchants are involved in the program – each with a different rate of return. The merchants are both local and national, and they offer products that you will purchase anyway, so your cost savings potential is endless.

Don't believe me? Just ask TJ and Laura Pattermann or Mike and Joni Klusman how easy the program is to use. These families have saved more than \$5,500 and \$5,000, respectively, on their tuition since the Scrip program started!

Still not sure about the program? We suggest you start small and work your way up. Begin the program by ordering just the groceries and gas you will use each week. Then when you're comfortable with that, you can add other products and services (restaurants, haircuts, clothing) to your order. Once you get started, you'll be hooked!

Families currently enrolled in the program will receive their Scrip credits on this month's tuition bill, so now is the perfect time to get started. Contact Natalie at 329-9000 with any questions or go to www.shopwithscrip to sign up.

(Please note: The Scrip Office will be closed the week of April 5-9 for Easter and inventory.)

Thank you,
Natalie Burkey
Scrip Coordinator

Congratulations to the following students who competed at the Invention Convention.

Jackson Dunning, Joe Liston, Olivia Brungardt, Khloe Niesen, Tyler Blaha, Madison Gerjevic, Alan Powers-Wettstad, Lorna Puhl. **Congratulations!**

Lorna Puhl and Alan Powers-Wettstad will go on to represent St. Albert at the State Invention Convention on April 24th. **Good Luck!**

Music News!!

The Third Grade is hard at work on the musical “How To Be A Pirate”. It is full of fun, light-hearted songs about dressing like a pirate, sailing on a ship and following a treasure map. And best of all we get to divide up the loot we find! It will be a very entertaining show. We hope you can join us on Friday, April 30, at 1:15 and 2:15 in the elementary gym.

The Fourth Grade are preparing a concert featuring different styles of music. They have chosen a calypso song, a 1960’s set, a 1980’s set, and a contemporary song with fun syllables and no actual words. Their set will be presented at the 4-6 Spring Concert on May 4 and on May 5 at Woodlands Rehabilitation and in the elementary gym for the other elementary students. Times are listed below. We hope you will get a chance to see our show.

Fifth and Sixth Grades will be performing on the May 4 concert and their music styles will include jazz, swing, the 50’s, and some surprises. Recorders and Elementary Band will also be performing so you are in for a great evening of varied music.

The Kindergarten musical is called “A Barnyard Moosical”. We’ll just tell you that much for now. You can expect to see some singing, dancing barnyard animals. That show is on Friday, May 14, 1:15 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. in the elementary gym.

The complete schedule of musical performances remaining for this year is listed below:

Friday, April 30	3rd grade musical “How to Be a Pirate” 1:15 and 2:15 in the elementary gym
Tuesday, May 4	4-6 spring concert “We’ve Got Style” H.S. gym 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 5	4th grade choir sings “We’ve Got Style” at Woodlands Rehabilitation at 1:45 and for PreK-3 at 2:30 in the elementary gym
Friday, May 14	Kindergarten musical “Barnyard Moosical” 1:15 and 2:15 in the elementary gym

Thank You!!!

Thank you to the following students for donating items to Mrs. Spencer's classroom: Emmy Sealock and Madisun Mattingly.

Thank you to Ian Brungardt, Bailey White, Rylee Zais, and Ashley Aldebute for donating items to Mrs. Stevens' and Mr. Schaeffer's classrooms.

Thank you from Mrs. Epperson to the following students and their families for donating items to our classroom: Ryan Genereux, Jayce Dales, Alexis Johnson and everyone who sent in empty shoe boxes.

Thank you to the 6th grade parents who were able to attend the field trip to Des Moines.

Thank you from Mrs. Overstreet to Jill White for helping them learn more about muscles and bones.

Thank you from kindergarten to all the families for the baking chips and to Kathy Harrington for the cleaning supplies.

Our Wish List!

****Mrs. Stevens is asking for an electric pencil sharpener.**

****Mr. Schaeffer is asking for dry erasers and an electric pencil sharpener.**

****Mrs. Chullino is requesting sidewalk chalk.**

****Mrs. Schmitz is asking for biography and autobiography books.**

****Mrs. Overstreet is asking for Pang or Crayla water color paint sets and lunch-size paper sacks.**

Thank you from the Elementary office and the teachers to the families that sent in the bandaids and kleenex.

Thank you from Mrs. Assmann to Julius and Jackson Matolek for the classroom donations.

Thank you from Mrs. Schnepel to the students who read books to the pre-school students on March 2nd, Dr. Seuss' birthday.

Mrs. O'Neil would like to thank Gavin, Frankie Jo, Lauren, Karsten, Hayden, and Michael for the supplies for the classroom. Also, thanks to Mrs. Barnes, Ms. Bruns, Mr. Alter, Mrs. Kavars, Mrs. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Mortvedt for helping with the St. Patrick's Day activities.

Classroom Activities

In 3 year old Pre-K, the children enjoyed having baby chickens brought to the classroom to help them welcome the new season of Spring. Thank you to the grandmother of one our students for this event.

The children in Pre-K have learned to write letters Tt, Uu, Vv, and Ww. In math, they learned about more than, less than, and equal to, symmetry, and measurement with a ruler and yardstick. In religion, they learned about how Joseph helped people and how God helped Joseph.

In language arts the kindergarteners are finishing up the alphabet letters and sounds. The children continue to work on sight words and reading skills in their small groups. In math, they finished a unit on measurement, and explored place value. Jesus' miracles and teachings as well as the events of Holy Week are the topics of study in religion. They are learning about human body systems and weather in science.

The first graders have been learning about the stations of the cross in religion. In math they have been learning how to tell time, read a calendar, and to add and subtract 2-digit numbers. Weather, seasons, rocks and fossils will be the topics in science. In writer's workshop, they are writing jelly poems.

In science, the students in 2nd grade learned the 3 forms of matter and the properties of each. In math, they have been working on a unit about different types of measurement. In religion, they learned about the Sacraments of Initiation. They have been using the writing process to write their own stories.

The 3rd graders are finding Bible verses in religion. They are completing some of their assignments in cursive and are almost done learning the upper-case letters. In math they are using their multiplication skills to divide. In social studies they are learning about the branches of government and are experimenting with states of matter in science. They are also researching a president and learning how to write paragraphs.

In writing, the 4th graders have been busy learning and writing feature articles. In math, they have been working on long division. In reading they just finished novel groups. In science, the processes of nature that shape earth will be explored.

Central America has been the focus for 6th graders in social studies. They investigated the three branches of state government before their field trip to the state capital in Des Moines. They finished a non-fiction unit with a biography project. In math they learned about measurement. They have been praying the stations of the cross.



Enter to Win!

“Go Green” Cash Raffle

A benefit for Saint Albert Catholic Schools

Grand Prize: \$25,000

2nd Prize: \$5,000

3rd-5th Prizes: \$1,000



\$50 per ticket or 3 for \$100

Drawing on April 24 at Mid-America Center

Questions? Call (712) 329-9000

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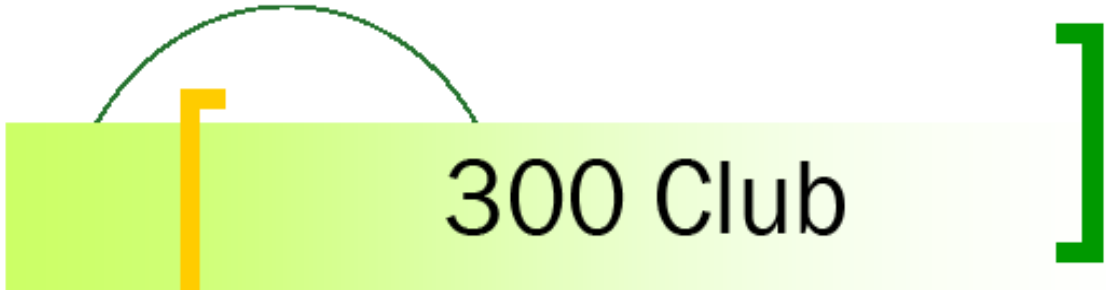


Mail this form and payment to: Saint Albert “Cash Raffle,” P.O. Box 1582, Council Bluffs, IA 51502

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April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Easter Break No School	2 Easter Break No School	3
4	5 Easter Break No School	6 Pre-K to IWCC	7 4th gr. to Rose Theatre	8	9 2-6 Mass @ 8:45a.m.	10 DI State Competition
11	12	13 SA Papa Johns Night PSG Meeting @ 6:30p.m.	14	15	16 No Mass 6th gr. Vocation Day	17
18	19	20 Pre-K to Stephen Fite Concert	21	22	23 2-6 Mass @ 8:45 a.m. Pre-K Womens Day 11:30 Dismissal	24 SA Auction Inv. Conv. State Competition
25	26	27 High School Thea- tre Arts Presenta- tion 1:30 and 2:15pm	28	29	30 3rd gr. Musical 1:15 & 2:15 pm @ Ele. Gym 5th gr. to Neb. City	



300 Club

Help Saint Albert complete its fund-raising campaign for the new elementary school by becoming a member of the **300 Club!**

The Club is a group of Saint Albert supporters who are committed to continuing the tradition of academic excellence at the school. It's called the **300 Club** because that's the number of members we need to help us meet our fund-raising goal.

Here's how it works: **if 300 families pledge \$100 per month for three years, we will raise \$1,080,000!** One-time donations of \$3,600 also will be accepted for membership. (Of course, larger pledges/donations will always be accepted, if your budget allows!)

In exchange for your pledge/donation, your name (or the name of someone you wish to honor) will be added to the club membership wall in the new building. You also will receive a gold medallion and membership certificate.

The **300 Club** is a simple, affordable way to make a lasting impact on the Saint Albert school community. **Are you one of the 300 families we need to help us meet our goal? Memberships are going fast, so act now!**

_____ **Yes, I would like to be a member of the 300 Club.**

I would like to pledge \$_____ per month for three years for a total pledge of \$_____.

I would like to make a one-time donation of \$_____.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Method of Payment: Check _____ Cash _____ Credit Card (VISA/MC) _____

My company, _____ will match my gift.

Please list my name (or the person you wish to honor) as follows: _____

Seller of membership: _____

APRIL ELEMENTARY MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 HOLY THURSDAY NO SCHOOL	2 GOOD FRIDAY NO SCHOOL
5 EASTER MONDAY NO SCHOOL	6 Chicken Patty on Bun Potato Rounds Peas Applesauce Milk	7 Chili Shredded Cheese Apricots Cinnamon Rolls Crackers Milk	8 Corn Dog Macaroni & Cheese California Veggies Mixed Fruit Milk	9 SA Cheese Pizza Lettuce Salad Green Beans Pears Milk
12 Hamburger on Bun Potato Wedges California Veggies Applesauce Milk	13 Sloppy Joe on Bun Nacho Chips Cheese Sauce Corn Jello Milk	14 Chicken Noodle Soup French Bread Carrots & Dip Pudding Bananas Milk	15 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Peas Peaches Bread Milk	16 Deli Sandwich Veggie Soup Crackers Pasta Salad Pears
19 Cheese Pizza Lettuce Salad Peas Applesauce Milk	20 Ham & Cheese on Bun Scalloped Potatoes Baked Beans Pineapple Milk	21 Turkey Gravy Mashed Potatoes Sweet Potatoes Cranberries French Bread Milk	22 Garlic Cheese Bread Dipping Sauce Green Beans Pears Milk	23 11:30 DISMISSAL NO BREAKFAST OR LUNCH SERVED
26 Hot Dog on Bun French Fries California Veggies Applesauce Cookie Milk	27 Cheeseburger on Bun Chips Baked Beans Fresh Fruit Milk	28 Pasta with Meat Sauce Green Beans Apricots Garlic Buns Milk	29 Quesadilla Lettuce Salad Green Beans Fruit Salad Bread Milk	30 Mandarin Orange Chicken Rice Stir Fry Veggies Pineapple Bread Milk

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