



North American Martyrs School

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From our Principal

This is our LAST NEWS-LETTER for the 2009-2010 school year.

The school year has gone quickly as we saw the students grow in faith and knowledge. A Catholic education's emphasis on the formation of the whole child offers parents a great return on their investments. Thank God for this opportunity.

Thank you to our teachers and staff and thank you to our parents who have entrusted their children to our care.

Thank you to our P.T.O. and parish of North American Martyrs who have so generously offered its support for our educational mission.

Have a safe and wonderful summer; we look forward to seeing you in August!!



WATCH FOR THESE UPCOMING DATES

- Thursday, May 20 - Track Party 6:00 - 6:45 in the Parish Hall
- Friday, May 21 - Spring Talent Show - 1:15 pm
- Monday, May 24 - Schoenstatt Meeting 3:15 - 4:45 pm in the Parish Hall
- Tuesday, May 25 - Eight Grade Graduation - 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, May 26 - Kindergarten Graduation after 8:00 am Mass
- Wednesday, May 26 - Field Day - Mile run @ 11:00 am
- Thursday, May 27 - Last Day of School - 10:00 a.m. Dismissal
No extended care after school
- June 21 - 25 - TOTUS TUUS - 9:00 - 3:00 pm

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- ⇒ **Eric Castillo, Jeralyn Poe, Shelby Ritterbush** for winning 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the various track competitions.
- ⇒ The Elks Club honors two eighth grade students from each middle school in the city with a \$100.00 Certificate of Deposit. This year, **Ryne Kortum** and **Anna Arndt** were honored. They received their CD at a program presented by the Elks Club in April.
- ⇒ **Kayla Brion** who was chosen as a member of the Pius Student Council.
- ⇒ The University of Nebraska and EducationQuest will honor two of our eighth grade students. On May 24th at the Quest Center, **Catherine Gries** and **Kaela Samek** will be given A Big Red Stars Award. This is a brand new award that replaces the Breakfast of Champions award the University discontinued last year. Governor Dave Heineman will speak at this award ceremony.



Spring Fundraiser Reminder The fundraising contest ends **Friday, May 21st**. Parents: If you haven't ordered yet, please order before school is out. **KFOR Summer passes** available for \$5 in the office. PTO receives 100% profit. **Thank you** to the parents, PTO Board members, and to all those who volunteered their time and helped in any way. Your efforts made our Mayfair a successful and fun evening.

FEATURING THE SECOND GRADE

As the second grade class reflects upon the 2009-2010 school year, we see how blessed we were to learn so many fun and exciting things.

Religion--- We learned the Act of Contrition and know that telling Jesus we are sorry and receiving His forgiveness is very important. We understand that Jesus gave His life for us so that we can now receive Him in the Holy Eucharist and some day live with Him forever in Heaven!

We have special memories of receiving 2 sacraments this year: **First Penance** and **First Holy Communion**! Stay close to Jesus---real close!

Math---Our last two chapters have focused on counting money and telling time! A great website for practice with clocks is: www.time-for-time.com. Keep practicing these two important skills along with addition and subtraction facts and regrouping over the summer.

Phonics---We practiced many skills in learning to sound out new words. This is helping us to become great readers!

Reading---We read many fun and informative stories this year. We practiced many skills such as: finding the main idea, learning new vocabulary words, comprehending what we've read, and study skills. We even presented our first ever book report! It was hard work, but worth it!

English/Handwriting/Spelling---We have been working hard to become good writers. We studied grammar and punctuation. We reviewed and perfected our printing and then began to learn cursive; we sure enjoyed that! We learned to spell many new words too---we hope to remember them in the future!

Social Studies---We learned about our community and enjoyed 5 Junior Achievement presentations. The children did an activity with donuts where they compared unit production with assembly line production---this was a big hit! We also learned about the many workers in a community along with how taxes work and how money moves from business to business.

Science---We studied plants, insects, magnets, electricity, the water cycle, space and dinosaurs. A highlight was our Field Trip to the Humane Society, Oak Lake Park and Morrill Hall. We rode on a bus for our trip; thanks to Target Stores for funding the grant we received. It was especially fun to see the dinosaur exhibits and learn more about these creatures from the past!

The second graders have had a great year and are ready for some summer fun.

**NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS SCHOOL
2010-11 School Calendar as of May 14, 2010**

Used uniforms can be dropped off at the school office the week of **June 21-25**. We will not be accepting clothing the day of the sale. Please mark items clearly with name, size, and price so money from items sold can be returned to you.

JUNE	30	Used Uniform Sale 3:00-6:00 pm
JULY	7	Dennis Uniform Sale 3:00-7:00 pm
AUGUST	10	Parents pick up 2010-11 information packets 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
	11	Parents pick up 2010-11 information packets 2:00 - 6:00 pm
	17	PTO Meeting/Open House 7:00 pm
	19	(Thursday) First Day of School - 12:00 Noon Dismissal
	20	(Friday) Second Day of School- 12:00 Noon Dismissal - <i>No extended care <u>after</u> school on August 19 and 20.</i>
	25	Magazine Drive Begins
SEPTEMBER	6	Labor Day - No School
	14	Magazine Drive Ends
	17	Dismissal at 1:30 pm - Faculty Meeting
OCTOBER	5	Individual Pictures (M/W/F Preschool on October 6)
	11	Diocesan Teachers' Institute - No School
	13	Health Screening K-8
	15	Dismissal at 1:30 pm - Faculty Meeting
	22	End of First Quarter
	28	Dismissal at 1:30 pm – Parent/Teacher Conferences
	29	No School
NOVEMBER	1	No School – Holy Day of Obligation
	19	Dismissal at 1:30 pm - Faculty Meeting
	24-25-26	Retreat for teachers/Thanksgiving Vacation - No School
DECEMBER	8	Immaculate Conception – Holy Day of Obligation – No School
	16-17	Christmas Programs
	17	Dismissal at 1:30 pm - Faculty Meeting
	22	Christmas Vacation Begins - Dismissal at 1:30 pm
JANUARY	1	Mary, Mother of God – Holy Day of Obligation
	5	School Resumes
	14	Dismissal at 1:30 pm - Faculty Meeting
	14	End of Second Quarter
	17	No School
	30	Catholic Schools Week Begins
FEBRUARY	1	PTO General Meeting/Science Fair 7:00 p.m.
	9	Kindergarten Preview - No Kindergarten Classes
	18	Dismissal at 1:30 pm - Faculty Meeting
	21	Presidents' Day – No School - Teacher Inservice
MARCH	14-18	C.T.B.S. Testing (Grades 3-7)
	18	Dismissal at 1:30 pm - Faculty Meeting
	18	End of Third Quarter
APRIL	15	Dismissal at 1:30 pm – Faculty Meeting
	21	Easter Vacation Begins
	27	School Resumes
MAY	1	First Communion
	13	Dismissal at 1:30 pm – Faculty Meeting
	25	Last Day of School