

JANUARY 2026



# NEWSLETTER



ISSUE NO.  
TWENTY-TWO

## WESTSIDE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, please give me...

A few friends who understand me and remain my friends;

A work to do which has real value, without which the world would be the poorer;

A mind unafraid to travel, even though the trail be not blazed;

An understanding heart;

A sense of humor;

Time for quiet, silent meditation;

A feeling of the presence of God;

The patience to wait for the coming of these things, With the wisdom to recognize them when they come.

Amen.

### IN THIS ISSUE



**WESTSIDE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS week

**SUNDAY**  
We celebrate our Parish  
Join us at the 10:00 am Mass at Saint Boniface as we celebrate the gift of a Catholic Education

**MONDAY**  
We celebrate the Evansville Community  
Dress as your future self (what will you be when you grow up?)  
\*No sweats or jeans\*  
Thank you cards & trail mix delivered to first responders

**TUESDAY**  
We celebrate our students  
A comfy day: sweats and jeans allowed  
\*no pajamas\*  
(8<sup>th</sup> grade can change after the Diocesan Mass)  
Friendship feast at Saint Agnes  
Movie & popcorn in the afternoon

**WEDNESDAY**  
We celebrate our Country  
Uniform bottoms with red/ white/ blue tops  
1:30 ALL School Rosary & Benediction at Saint Boniface

**THURSDAY**  
We celebrate our Vocations  
Uniform bottoms with house shirts  
8:00 ALL School Mass at Saint Agnes  
9:00-10:15 House Meeting  
5:00-7:00 Come and See Night at Saint Agnes

**FRIDAY**  
We celebrate our families  
Dress as a novel character or a story book character  
10:30-11:30: Open House (visit classrooms)  
11:30-12:00: Join us for lunch  
\*reservation needed\*  
\*continued below\*

**FRIDAY CONT.**  
12:00-12:30: Play with us  
12:30-1:30: Family activity in your child's classroom  
1:30: Optional dismissal time if you choose to continue celebrating with your family elsewhere

## YOUTH FIRST PARENT AND CAREGIVER RESOURCES FOR RESILIENCY



Youth First is empowering parents with monthly talks

**January 2026**

**"Talk. They Hear You."**

**Topic: Parenting in a Digital World:  
Navigating the Challenges & Opportunities**

Read the full article [here](#)

## DIOCESAN REPORT AND INFORM POLICY

**Policy Link**



## A MESSAGE FROM PTO

Happy New Year, WCS Families!

Thank you to all who volunteered to help with school events last semester! You are appreciated! There are more activities coming up this semester with the first being another staff luncheon at the end of the month for Catholic Schools Week. Please check the link below and sign up to cover any shifts you will be able to help with. If you haven't yet completed safe environment training, contact the school office at either campus to get this taken care of. As always, volunteering is a great way to get to know both your student's teachers and classmates and other school families! Also, if you weren't able to get coverage for your families shifts during the Fall Festival, volunteering for other events is a way your family can still support the school!

[WCS Volunteer Second Semester Sign Up](#)



## FATHER CHRISTOPHER DROSTE PASTOR

# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

The first major blockbuster movie that ignited my sense of wonder as a child was E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial. Ironically, the Netflix series Stranger Things has once again captivated the attention of everyone, particularly our youth. It's intriguing why the 1980s are once again considered prime time for mysterious creatures to descend upon Earth. However, I believe there's something profound about our collective imagination's desire to either confront or befriend these strange entities in our universe. I'll delve deeper into this topic in my homily this weekend, so if you're interested in hearing more, I'll see you then!

# FEATURED 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADER

## HENRY ZENTHOEFER

**What do you like best about WCS:**

Kickball tournament and bowling party

**Favorite Sport:** Football

**Favorite Food:** Chicken Parmesan

**What do you want to be when**

**you grow up:** Software developer



Most of the fliers are “clickable” on the PDF version of the newsletter and will direct you to a larger image of the flier, the associated website, or the forms that are needed.

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**ST. HILDEGARD SYMPOSIUM**  
Speaker Line-Up

January 31, 2026 | 8:00 am | Griffin Center, University of Southern Indiana

For More Information & Register [eaglecatholic.com/symposium](http://eaglecatholic.com/symposium)

Early Bird Registration until January 3, 2026  
/person - Regularly \$25 (faculty, staff, community members)  
/student - Regularly \$20 (students with a current college ID)

American Labor Movement  
Karin, Indiana University  
"Anno: Foundations of Catholic Social Teaching. Discover how God made workers' rights, unionization, and the American labor movement principles of human dignity."

Schuermann's Medieval Latin Epoch  
Evansville African American Museum  
Schuermann's reading of Meister Eckhart in *Broken Hegemonies* for Ward von Bingen's feminist theology. It explores how Hildegard's ideas were re-examining the medieval Latin era through a feminist lens. Vvoda centered scholarship and demonstrates how incorporating women's voices understanding of medieval religious philosophy.

Chair  
Chair of Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene Programs, USI  
Education reveal the presence of God's beauty within the ordinary realities of those oriented towards healing and service, participate in the divine life. It is inherent in dental hygiene and education assume a contemplative call to service to the Body of Christ. Work can become sacramental when we can face is where personhood and vulnerability meet.

**HOLY FIRE INDIANAPOLIS**

Sat., February 28, 2026 - 5:00am to 7:30pm  
Pike Performing Arts Center  
**INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA**

A Collaboration of Evansville Parishes  
Holy Redeemer, St. Boniface, Corpus Christi, Resurrection, St. Philip, St Joe Co., St. Wendel, St. Francis Xavier, Good Shepherd, Holy Rosary, St. Benedict, Annunciation, St. John the Baptist - Newburgh, St John Evangelist - Daylight

**For 6th, 7th & 8th Graders!**

Noelle Garcia, Brian Greenfield, Most Rev. Charles C. Thompson, Giancarlo Bernini

REGISTRATION IS OPEN! [ARCHINDY.COM/HOLY-FIRE](http://ARCHINDY.COM/HOLY-FIRE)

Hosted by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis

**★WANTED★ VOLUNTEERS**

**REWARD**  
Help our your child's school! Get to know other parents, students and the teachers!

There are many opportunities available for help! Please ensure your CMG Connect Safe Environment training is up to date. If you need assistance, contact either campus.

ALL YOUR HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

★ WCS Volunteer Link ★

**INDIANA YOUTH RALLY FOR LIFE**

**JANUARY 22, 2026**

9:00AM - YOUTH RALLY FOR LIFE  
11:30 AM - MASS FOR LIFE  
INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER - SAGAMORE BALLROOM  
LUNCH, PRE-MARCH RALLY, & MARCH THROUGH DOWNTOWN TO FOLLOW AFTER MASS

FEATURING MOTHER OLGA AND THE NICO CABRERA BAND

Ascension St. Vincent

SPONSORED BY THE DIOCESES IN INDIANA  
OPEN TO ALL 8TH - 12TH GRADE STUDENTS & ADULT CHAPERONES



**WESTSIDE WILDCATS**  
**BASEBALL TRYOUTS**

MARCH 14 & 18, 2026

[FACEBOOK.COM/EVWWESTSIDEWILDCATS/](http://FACEBOOK.COM/EVWWESTSIDEWILDCATS/)

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THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF THE WEST SIDE OF EVANSTVILLE INVITES STUDENTS IN GRADES 6TH-8TH



**ICE SKATING** @ Swonder

JANUARY 17, 2026      \$10 PER PERSON  
INCLUDES ADMISSION TO PRIVATE RENTED RINK, SKATE RENTAL - CONCESSIONS AVAIL. FOR EXTRA COST  
4:00-6:00PM  
SWONDER ICE ARENA || 209 N. BOEKE Rd.  
RSVP: BY JAN. 15 TO YOUR PARISH CONTACT  
\*\*DIOCESAN EVENT PERMISSION & MEDICAL FORM REQUIRED

Corpus Christi: Cecilia Riesing  
Holy Redeemer: Mary Jo Keen  
Resurrection: Aubree Beyer  
St. Boniface: Jenny Mayer

St. Joe: Jessica Reckelhoff  
St. Philip: Mary Weger  
St. Wendel/St. Francis Xavier: Sherie Cooley

**Mater Dei High School CHEER CLINIC**

CLINIC DATE: Sunday, January 25th  
TIME: 1 PM-3 PM  
LOCATION: Mater Dei High School Main Gym  
PARTICIPANTS WILL PERFORM DURING THE VARSITY GAME @ HALFTIME ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 27<sup>th</sup>. GAME STARTS @ 7 P.M.

PRICE: \$35- CASH OR CHECK ONLY

SCAN ME



MATER DEI CHEERLEADING      FOR CLINIC UPDATES & REMINDERS FOLLOW US ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!

**7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GLOW DANCE**

Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>  
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
St. Joe Catholic School  
Gym Doors  
6130 W St Joseph Rd

**ADMISSION**  
**\$5.00**

A valid school ID must be presented for entry into the dance.

Glow bracelets will be available for purchase at door. \$.50 per bracelet



### Step 1 - The Setup: Link Your Accounts

The "Gold Standard" for Roblox safety is linking your parent account to your child's. This allows you to monitor activity and change settings remotely.

- Create a parent account: Sign up for your own Roblox account if you do not have one.
- Verify your identity: You will need to verify you are an adult using a government-issued ID or credit card. This "Parent Privilege" prevents kids from simply changing the settings back.
- Link the Accounts: In the Parental Controls section of your settings, select "Add Parent" (or respond to the link request sent from your child's account.

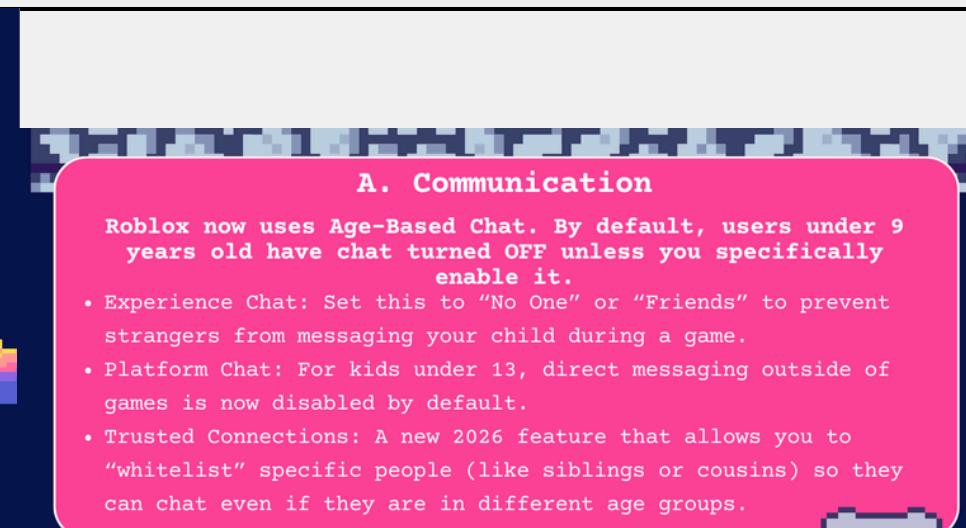
[Parental Controls Overview - Roblox Support](#)

[Roblox parental controls guide | Internet Matters](#)

### Step 2 - Key Safety Settings to Toggle

Once linked, you can manage these 4 "pillars" of safety from your dashboard.

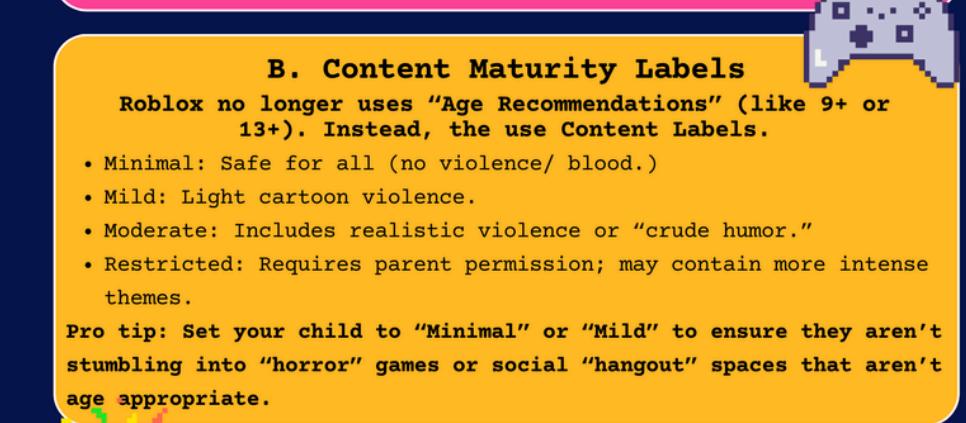
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**LINK** OF **FLYER**



#### A. Communication

Roblox now uses Age-Based Chat. By default, users under 9 years old have chat turned OFF unless you specifically enable it.

- Experience Chat: Set this to "No One" or "Friends" to prevent strangers from messaging your child during a game.
- Platform Chat: For kids under 13, direct messaging outside of games is now disabled by default.
- Trusted Connections: A new 2026 feature that allows you to "whitelist" specific people (like siblings or cousins) so they can chat even if they are in different age groups.

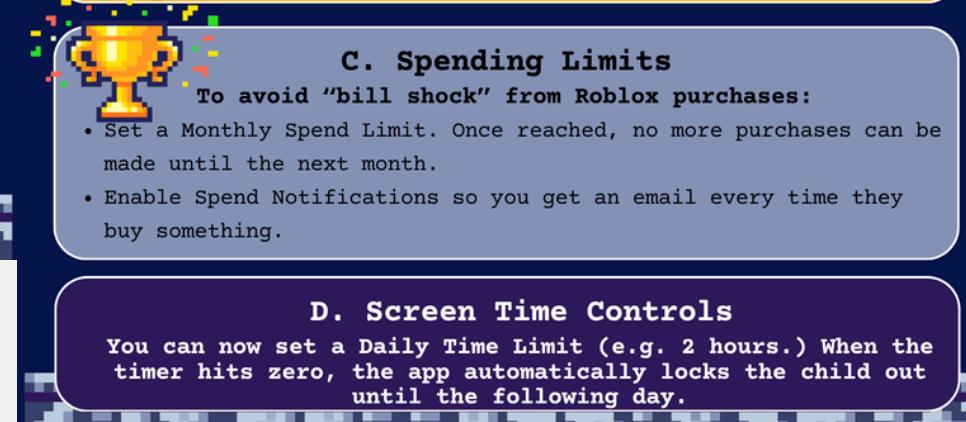


#### B. Content Maturity Labels

Roblox no longer uses "Age Recommendations" (like 9+ or 13+). Instead, the use Content Labels.

- Minimal: Safe for all (no violence/ blood.)
- Mild: Light cartoon violence.
- Moderate: Includes realistic violence or "crude humor."
- Restricted: Requires parent permission; may contain more intense themes.

**Pro tip:** Set your child to "Minimal" or "Mild" to ensure they aren't stumbling into "horror" games or social "hangout" spaces that aren't age appropriate.



#### C. Spending Limits

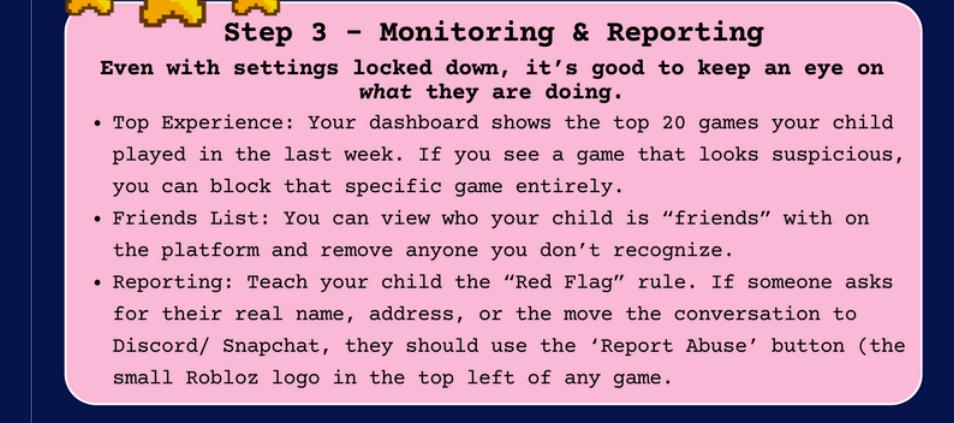
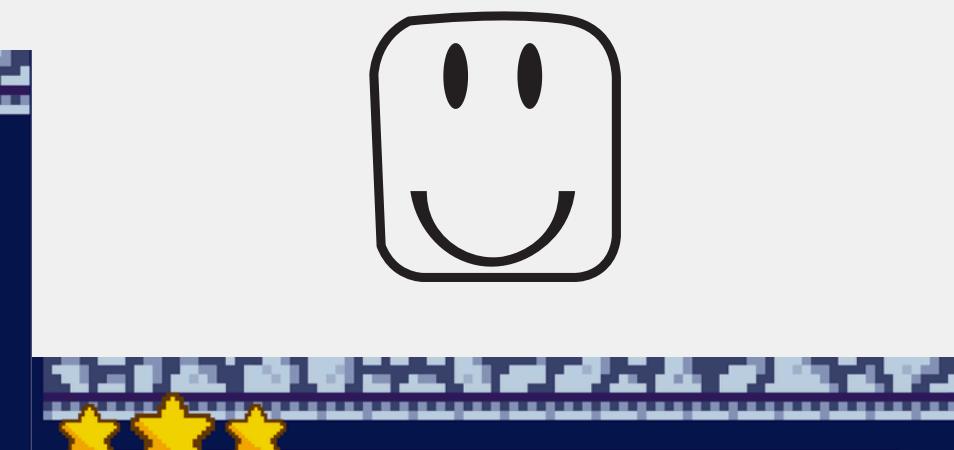
To avoid "bill shock" from Roblox purchases:

- Set a Monthly Spend Limit. Once reached, no more purchases can be made until the next month.
- Enable Spend Notifications so you get an email every time they buy something.



#### D. Screen Time Controls

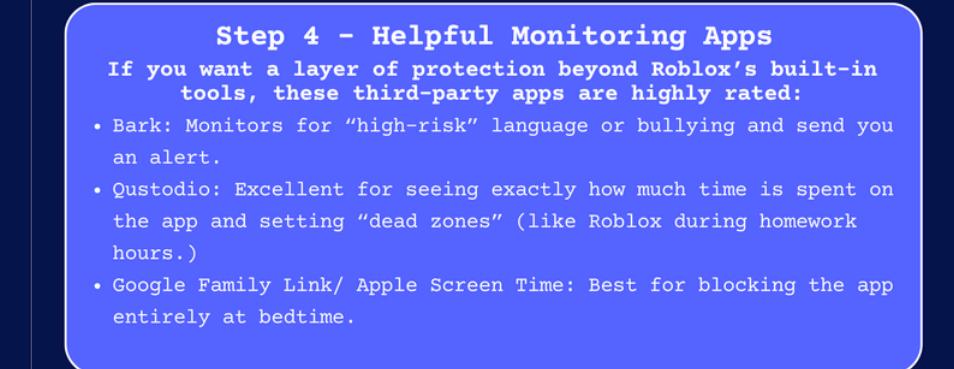
You can now set a Daily Time Limit (e.g. 2 hours.) When the timer hits zero, the app automatically locks the child out until the following day.



#### Step 3 - Monitoring & Reporting

Even with settings locked down, it's good to keep an eye on what they are doing.

- Top Experience: Your dashboard shows the top 20 games your child played in the last week. If you see a game that looks suspicious, you can block that specific game entirely.
- Friends List: You can view who your child is "friends" with on the platform and remove anyone you don't recognize.
- Reporting: Teach your child the "Red Flag" rule. If someone asks for their real name, address, or the move the conversation to Discord/ Snapchat, they should use the 'Report Abuse' button (the small Roblox logo in the top left of any game).



If you want a layer of protection beyond Roblox's built-in tools, these third-party apps are highly rated:

- Bark: Monitors for "high-risk" language or bullying and send you an alert.
- Qustodio: Excellent for seeing exactly how much time is spent on the app and setting "dead zones" (like Roblox during homework hours.)
- Google Family Link/ Apple Screen Time: Best for blocking the app entirely at bedtime.



#### Other Resources

These go beyond Roblox and cover Tiktok, as well as others.

- [Connect Safely](#)
- [Keep Children Safe Online: Information, Advice, Support - Internet Matters](#)



## MADE FOR MORE

with CHRISTOPHER WEST & MIKE MANGIONE

Brought to you by Holy Redeemer and St. Boniface Parishes & The Theology of The Body Institute

February 5, 2026

7-9:30 PM

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

MADE FOR MORE is an inspired blend of teaching, live music, and art that taps the deepest desires of the human heart revealing their ultimate purpose and goal. Want to be inspired by beauty and the wisdom of the Church? Join Christopher West and Mike Mangione as they offer a vision of the Gospel like you've never heard through the lens of Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body.

Tickets are on sale now and are limited! Grab your tickets today in the parish office or online at <https://aftontickets.com/M4MIN>. Tickets are \$25.



Check out the promo video at the link below

<https://vimeo.com/251850893>

Please contact Amy Schroeder at [jimandamyschroeder@gmail.com](mailto:jimandamyschroeder@gmail.com) or Abby Zenthofer at [abbyzenthofer@gmail.com](mailto:abbyzenthofer@gmail.com) if you would like more information.



## REMINDER

If you have a transportation change for your child, you need to **call the office** to inform them.

If you only send a message to the teacher, it could be missed.





conGRATULATIONS

## SYMPHONY OF COLOR COMPETITION WINNER

Marshall W. in 1<sup>st</sup> grade wins the Symphony of Color competition in his category (1st grade). His artwork will be projected on a big screen during the January 17th concert at the Victory Theater.



He also revives three tickets to attend the concert, a certificate, and \$50.00. Congratulations Marshall!

## "MY SPARK MOMENT" ESSAY CONTEST RUNNER UP

We are excited to share that one of our students was recognized in the Junior Achievement "My Spark Moment" Essay Contest! After reviewing many inspiring submissions from across the area, JA selected essays that truly captured the impact of their programs.

Congratulations to Chloe W. in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, who earned 2nd Place in the contest! We are so proud of her for sharing such a meaningful Spark Moment. Way to go, Chloe!



**Junior Achievement**  
of Southwestern Indiana



## SAINT AGNES CHURCH

THURSDAY - 8:00 AM

SATURDAY - 4:30 PM

SCHOOL MASSES

## SAINT BONIFACE CHURCH

TUESDAY - 8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY - 5:30 PM

SUNDAY - 10:00 AM

GROTTO

SATURDAY - 8:00 AM

## ADORATION TIMES

MONDAY - 6:30 PM SACRED HEART

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH - 8:00

AM - 5:00 PM - SACRED HEART

[SAINTBONIFACEPARISH.ORG](http://SAINTBONIFACEPARISH.ORG)



## SACRED HEART CHURCH

MONDAY - 7:30 PM

FRIDAY - 7:30 AM

SUNDAY - 7:30 AM

LATIN MASS

SUNDAY - 12:00 PM

## UPCOMING DATES

- MLK Day No School - January 19
- Second Participation Partnership Meeting - January 22
- Kick off Mass for Catholic Schools Week & Change for Change Mass- January 25
- Catholic Schools Week - January 25-30
- All School Mass at Saint Agnes - January 29
- Come & See Night - January 29
- Lent Family Activity after 10am Mass - February 8
- Science Fair - February 10
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade to Soup Kitchen - February 11
- No School (snow make up) - February 16
- Mardi Gras party - February 17

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Scarlett Oldham - 2
- Troy Luckett - 3
- Beckett Farmer - 4
- Jael Atwood - 5
- John Atwood - 5
- Eli Van Hook - 9
- Leann Helmer - 10
- Braven Klingaman - 11
- Mr. Rust - 21
- Adler Bordelon - 26
- Annaleigh Hollis - 28
- Lacey Fisher - 29



HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

ONE FAITH. ONE FAMILY. ONE FUTURE.