



Knights News - St. Patrick School
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**ANNIVERSARY IN OUR
BEAUTIFUL SCHOOL BUILDING**



**YEARS EDUCATING
STUDENTS**

Our Mission Statement: In gratitude for God's goodness to all generations, our mission as St. Patrick Catholic School is to meet the needs of our students, families, and community for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

St. Patrick School is blessed with amazing teachers. They genuinely care about each of their students, striving for them to understand they are loved by God, to be prepared to carry out their mission on earth, and for continuing their education as they proceed through life.

We are pleased when our teachers are recognized for their dedication. We would like to congratulate Mrs. Peterson for being nominated, and receiving an award from Wireless World in appreciation of all she does for her students.

We
appreciate
our
amazing
teachers!



Message From The **Principal**



We know that absences happen. Children may need to miss school for illness, medical appointments, or important family circumstances. These are a normal part of life, and St. Patrick School understands that.

However, as parents, you play a powerful role in setting the tone. When children hear that school is important from home, they learn to value their education. Even when absences are unavoidable, reminding your child that school is a priority helps build the habit of showing up, being prepared, and making the most of every school day.

Attendance matters in school for several important reasons:

1. **Learning builds daily** – Each lesson connects to the next. Missing class can leave gaps that make it harder to keep up.
2. **Better grades and test scores** – Students who attend regularly tend to perform better because they don't miss key explanations, practice, or review.
3. **Participation and collaboration** – Many activities involve group work, discussions, or labs that can't be repeated the same way outside of class.
4. **Life skills** – Showing up on time and consistently is a habit that helps later in jobs, college, and other responsibilities.
5. **Stronger relationships** – Being present helps students connect with teachers and classmates, which makes school more enjoyable and supportive.

In short, good attendance leads to more learning, greater success, and increased opportunities. Life sometimes interrupts school, but your attitude makes all the difference. When children see you treat school as important, they will do the same.

It's SOCKTOBER!



7th graders have been planning a Stewardship Project for October titled Socktober. They have been creating donation boxes for new socks and/or house slippers be placed in. The socks will then be delivered to CASA for foster children and the slippers to Hillcrest Nursing Home. More info will be available mid-October. If you would like to support this cause, please reach out to Shannon or any of the 5th-8th graders.



Father Basil visits each class in school. Students are always happy to see him and eager to learn about his many experiences. Thank you so much for your visits Father! We are very blessed that you are here.





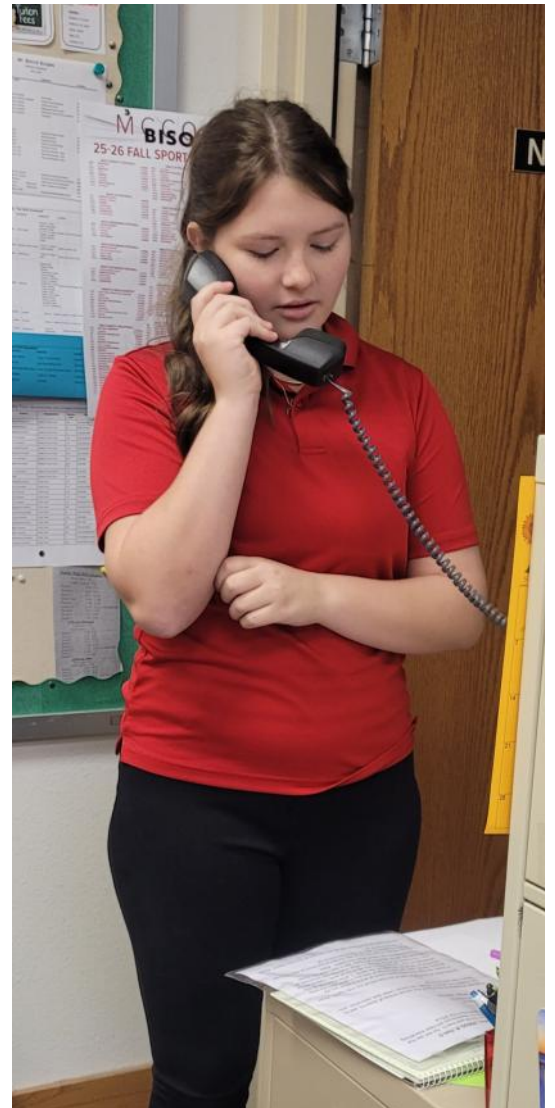
2nd grade students with Fr. Basil Ejim





SAINT PATRICK KNIGHTS STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council vice president, Lily Spencer, left, secretary Corbyn, center, and president Annie, below, giving morning announcements. They are wonderful speakers!





**Patrick
congratulates Emily
on her kind and
caring attitude.**

When someone sees a student going out of their way to display kindness, positive actions, and leadership skills, they are awarded Paw Print and a handshake with Patrick Norm



Student Council members include:

Front Row L to R: Ana, Celia, Brekkan and Kenlyn

Back Row: Galilea, Penelope, Annie, Lily, Vivie and Corbyn



Our volleyball crew

Front row: Summer, Grace, Ariel, Kenlyn, Malania, Ana and Naomi

Back row: Annie, Kali, Lily, Celia, Kylie, Vivie and Penelope



Bus evacuation drills (shown here,) lock down drills, school evacuation drills, fire drills, are all part of our happenings at St. Patrick School.

Thank you Cassie Spencer for presenting our bus drills!





BE A KNIGHT

Knights are:

- ♦ Brave
- ♦ Self Giving
- ♦ Honorable
- ♦ Faithful
- ♦ Hard Working
- ♦ Fair
- ♦ Respectful
- ♦ Humble

During the recent rain event, these Knights helped keep students safe while going to their cars. A big thank you to Riley, Kade, Anthony and Augie. We are proud of you, Knights!



These two Knights are helping out with some phone repairs :-)



Our Cross Country Stars



Brady, Corby and Ruth



TAs this year for Mrs. McNutt is Gracie Cornelson. Thank you so much for helping us out at St. Patrick School! Gracie is also playing softball along with alumni Mya Meixner and Hannah Peterson. We wish them all a fun and successful season.



Our 7th Grade Football Crew

Hayden, Levi and Greyson



A beautiful day, beautiful surroundings to create maps of the continents. Third grade students work with the direction of the 4th grade aiding them with this cool project.





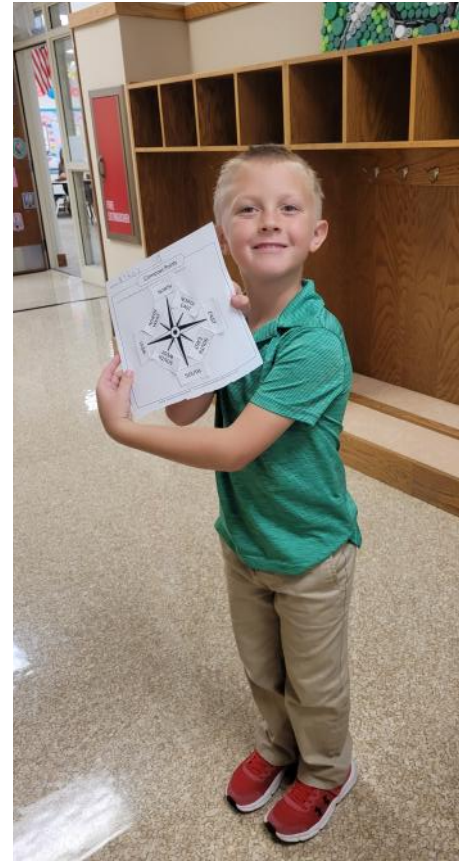
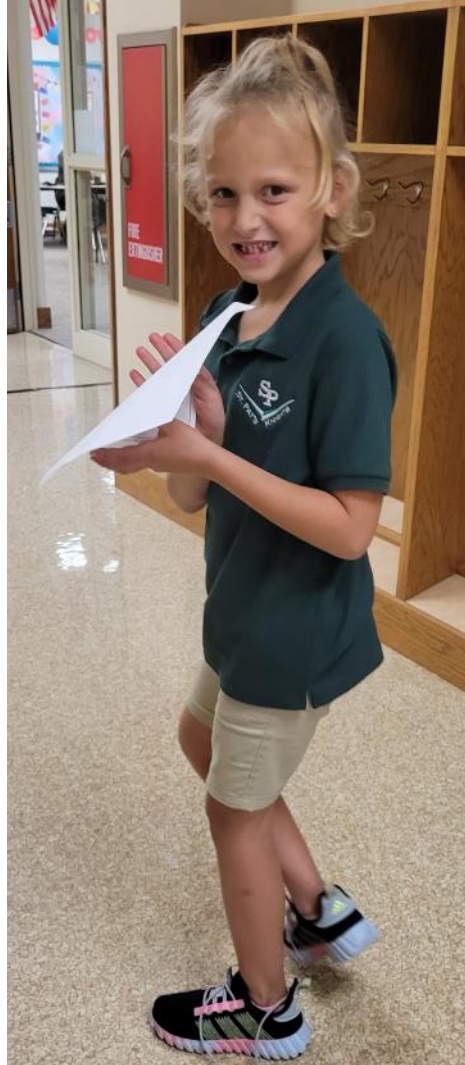
Mrs. Brewster's 3rd grade students are working on the "Elephants in your Back-yard" fossils of mammoths exhibit from UNL's Morrill Hall.

1st Grade Explorers

Learning Directions



The first grade students went through school with their compasses recently learning their directions.



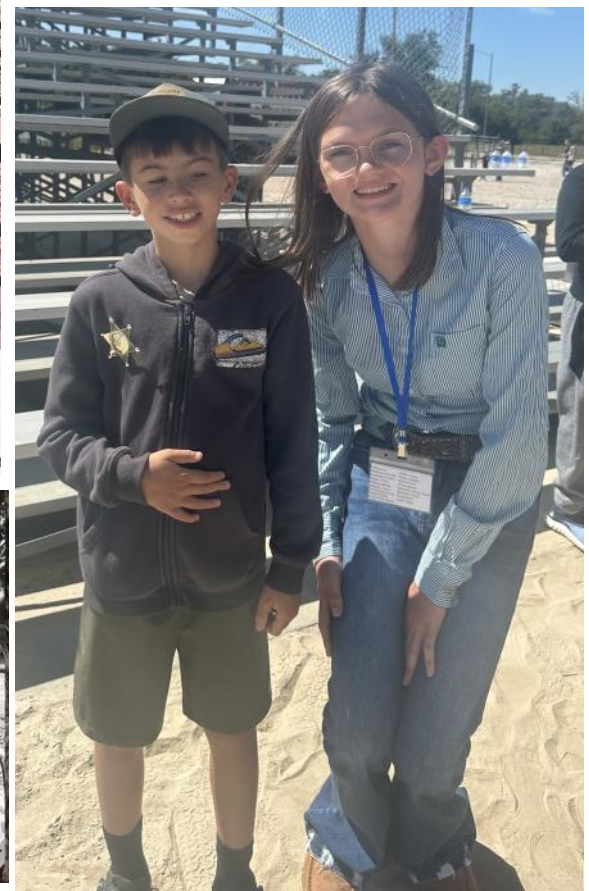
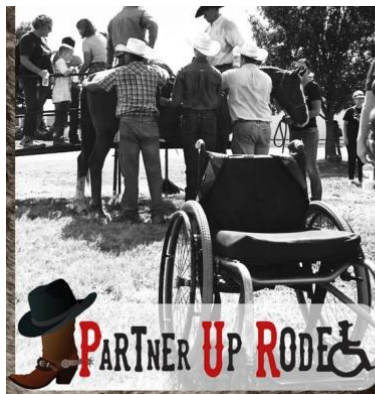
Kindergarten

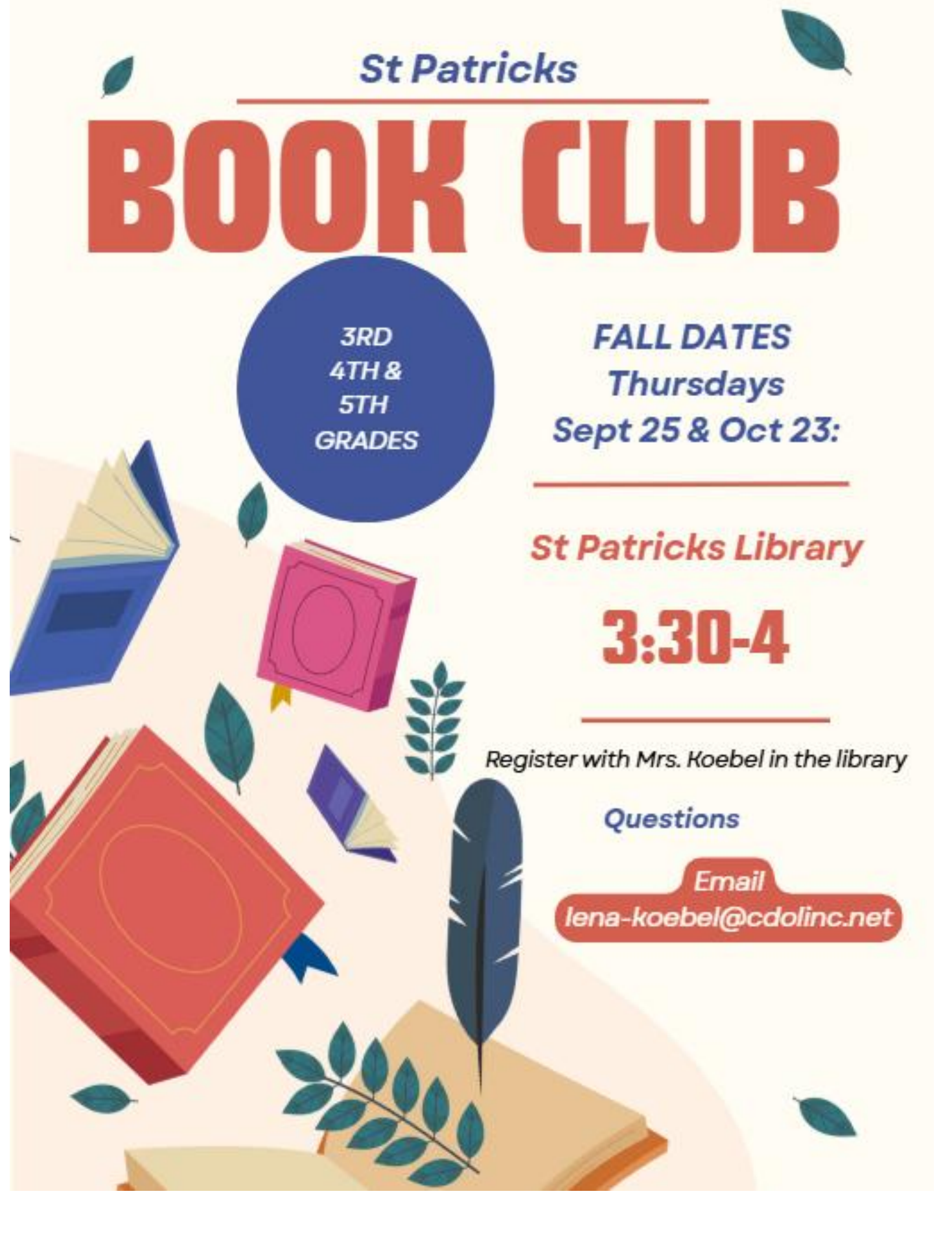
The Kindergarten class studied handwashing and germs, and are currently conducting an experiment to learn how germs spread, and how they can be avoided.





The Partner Up Rodeo was held recently in North Platte in conjunction with the college rodeo. Keith and Corbyn helped children participate in many events that they would otherwise not have the opportunity to experience.



A stylized illustration featuring several books in various colors (blue, pink, red, orange) and green leaves scattered across the page. The books are shown in different orientations, some open and some closed. The leaves are simple, pointed shapes. The background is a light cream color with subtle curved lines.

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BOOK CLUB

3RD
4TH &
5TH
GRADES

FALL DATES
Thursdays
Sept 25 & Oct 23:

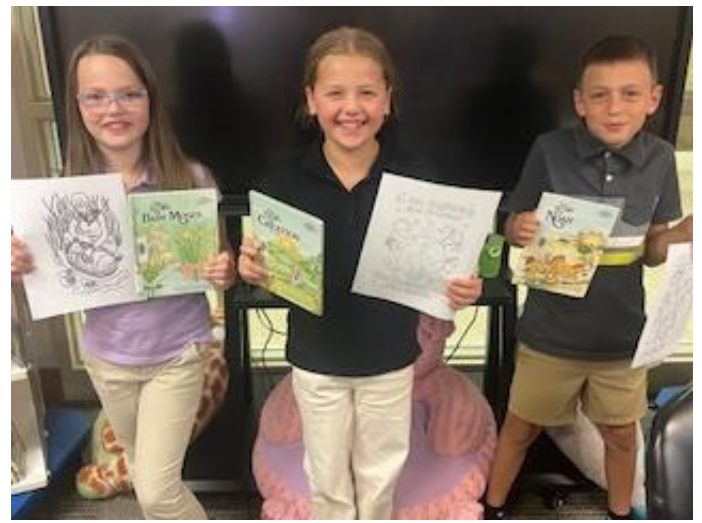
St Patricks Library

3:30-4

Register with Mrs. Koebel in the library

Questions

Email
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3rd, 4th & 5th Grade Book Club with Mrs. Koebel

September 1st Meeting Theme: *Be the Light*

Our very first Book Club meeting was held on September 1st, and what a wonderful beginning to this new adventure! We are so excited to be starting this journey of reading, reflection, and faith together.

We introduced our very first book: *Brave Like That* by Lindsey Stoddard. This is a special moment — it's the first time our Book Club members are reading a novel together! The story invites us to explore courage, identity, and kindness — all deeply connected to our club's theme: Be the Light. As this is our first time reading a book together, we ask for your support, grace, and patience as we find our rhythm and grow as a community of readers. This is more than a book club — it's a chance for students to connect through story, deepen their faith, and discover the light God has placed within each of them. Students should begin reading *Brave Like That* and come to our next meeting ready to share thoughts or favorite parts. Remind students to bring their books and any notes or reflections.



We celebrated our kickoff with some delicious snacks — popcorn and fruit pizza lovingly made by Mrs. Risenhoover. Thank you for adding such a sweet and special touch to our gathering!

To help us reflect on our theme, students colored beautiful "Be the Light" pages. These will be laminated and hung around the school as a visual reminder of how we can all shine God's light through our words and actions. Our 3rd grade students will also take part this year by reading books based on Bible stories. These stories will help them grow in faith and biblical understanding at their own level.

We're so proud of our students for stepping into this journey with open hearts. May this Book Club be a place where stories inspire, friendships grow, and God's light shines brightly in all we do.

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." — *Matthew 5:16*

October



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Chicken Alfredo Bake Vegetable Fruit Roll or Biscuit Milk	2 Biscuits & Gravy Eggs Hashbrown Tri-taters Fruit Juice Milk	3 Meatless Spaghetti Vegetables Fruit Cheesy Breadstick Milk	4
5	6 Sloppy Joe on Bun Baked Beans Sweet Potato Fries Fruit Milk	7 Chicken & Noodles Mashed Potatoes Vegetable Fruit Biscuit Milk	8 Sausage Piz-za Salad Baby Carrots Fruit Milk	9 Deli Sandwich Salad Vegetable Fruit Milk	10 NO SCHOOL	11
12	13 NO SCHOOL	14 Chicken Fajitas Beans Salsa Fruit Tortilla Chips Milk	15 Spaghetti and Meatballs Vegetable Fruit Garlic Toast Milk	16 Mandarin Orange Chicken Fried Rice Vegetables Fruit Dinner Roll Milk	17 Omelet Breakfast Cookie Hashbrown Tri-taters Fruit Juice Milk	18
19	20 Pulled Pork on Bun Baked Beans Sweet Potato Puffs Fruit Birthday Cake Milk	21 Ham & Rice Bake Vegetable Fruit Dinner Roll Milk	22 Chicken Chili Vegetable Fruit Tortilla Chips Milk	23 Walking Tacos Beans Salsa Fruit Milk	24 Cheese Pizza Salad Baby Carrots Fruit Milk	25
26	27 Pancake Wrap Yogurt Hash brown Taters Fruit Juice Milk	28 Chicken Nuggets Vegetables Fruit Cookie Milk	29 Ghoulash Vegetable Fruit Biscuit Milk	30 COOK'S CHOICE	31 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Vegetable Fruit Milk	

Menu Subject to Change

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 HOME VB vs May/ Hay @ 2:00 p.m. (make up game)	2 Confessions 7th/8th grade Art Field Trip to Kearney	3 Buddy Mass St. Francis Feast Day with Blessing of the Pets at 3:40	4
5	6 Student Council Meeting after school	7 Our Lady of the Rosary Rally at 2:40	8 2nd Wednesday 2:00 Dismissal Faculty Inservice at 2:15	9 Dismiss at 1:00 Parent Teacher Conferences	10 No School End of 1st Qtr.	11
12 Fall Festival	13 No School Hitchcock Co. Volleyball Tour- nament 2:00 Teacher Insti-	14 Report Cards Fire Safety Kin- dergarten, 1st & 2nd grades	15 Hayes Center Volleyball Triangu- lar 1:00 p.m. Fire Safety 3rd, 4th and 5th grades	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Faculty Meeting after school	23 Book Club 3rd, 4, 5th grades 3:30–4	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 All Saints Parade @ 2:15	