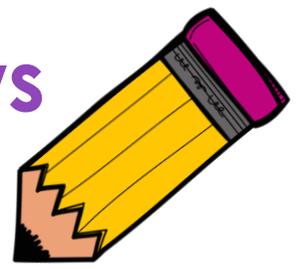


Fourth Grade News



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A Note from Miss Sears

Thank you for everyone who was able to attend back to school night! If you were not able to attend, the materials are in your Monday folder. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me any time!

If you signed up to drive for our field trip next Friday, please ensure Lisa has an updated copy of your insurance. Please get this to her by Wednesday. If you have not turned in your child's permission slip, please get this in ASAP. Without the permission slip and \$10, your child will not be able to attend.

In religion we will learn about how we give thanks and praise to God for the gifts He has given us.

This week in math we are reviewing subtraction and borrowing from other place values to regroup. We will also continue to review rounding and estimating to really solidify this skill. IXL homework will come home this week, so please keep an eye out for this. The assignment will be found in your child's planner. We are nearing the end of our first chapter. I anticipate our first math test to be at the end of next week!

In science we are learning about energy and where we get it from. We will also be doing some small introductions to our Sierra Nevada Journeys lessons, which start next week, as well as introduce our hydroponics unit.

In social studies we will continue learning about our state's symbols. We will also be practicing singing the state song. Please remember to help your child research the Nevada question each week. .

~Miss Sears

Specials Schedule

Monday: PE

Tuesday: Music, Computers

Wednesday: Living Our Faith

Thursday: Library, PE

Friday: Kidscape, Computers

We, the community of St. Albert the Great Catholic School, in keeping with the teachings of Christ, are dedicated to integrating the Gospel values, promoting academic excellence and preparing students to be responsible individuals with a daily commitment to living the Gospel in a diverse society.



Upcoming Events

- o Otis Spunkmeyer and Charleston Wrap fundraiser starts today and ends on September 23rd.
- o \$2 free dress day tomorrow! Bring your \$2 and wear your free dress.
- o Mass is on Wednesday at 10:30 in the church. Please join us!
- o Our Galena Creek field trip is on September 20th from 9:30-1:30.
- o Fall festival is September 29th after the 10 am Mass.

Quiz/Test Schedule

Monday: none

Tuesday: none

Wednesday: none

Thursday: none

Friday: Spelling

Useful Websites

Math: ixl.com/signin/stalbertreno

Writing: myaccess.com

Google: docs.google.com

Email:

4thgradestalbertreno@gmail.com

Password: 4thGrade2020

Vocabulary:

www.sadlierconnect.com/vw
Select "Orange" for our vocabulary level. No log in information is needed.

Religion: www.blestarewe.com

Why My Kids Go To Catholic School

JANUARY 20, 2015 BY **TOD WORNER**

<https://www.patheos.com/blogs/acatholicthinker/2015/01/why-my-kids-go-to-catholic-school/>

Author's Note: For Catholic Schools Week, I've been asked to speak to my parish congregation about why, as parents, we chose to send our kids to Catholic school. While my testimony spoke about our Catholic school specifically, I have changed the name to reflect what I think is common to most Catholic schools. Here was my answer.

It was years ago, but it seems as clear as if it were yesterday. I was talking with my dad when he stopped me short. He looked me square in the eyes and simply, but firmly said,

"I'm proud of what you do, but I love you for who you are. Are you listening? I'm proud of what you do, but I love you for who you are."

I don't recall the circumstances that prompted him to say that or my sheepish response, but I'll never forget how special it made me feel.

This wasn't the first time my dad said this. Nor would it be the last. Growing up, my parents made abundantly clear that to get anywhere in life you need to set clear goals, have a strong work ethic and be honest with God and yourself. And being raised by a school superintendent, English teacher and two sisters aspiring to become teachers, you can only guess the value we placed on education. So between my home and my local public school, there were high expectations to work hard, learn and succeed.

But that was not all.

I was taught that while accomplishments matter and success is important, achievement uninformed by faith, purpose, & character will ultimately be hollow. As my dad said, *"It's not just about what you do, it's about who you are."* It was a philosophy I have never forgotten and still value deeply.

Well, time has passed. I am now married with two young wonderful children. And three years ago, we had to make an important decision. In the west Metro, arguably a hub of the finest public and private school education in the country, where would we send our daughters? Instead of schools immersing students in language or the arts, we opted for a different type of immersion: *Catholic Immersion*. We chose to send our girls to the Catholic school here. *And we couldn't be more satisfied.* Now, I can recite for you the data about the robust performance of our Catholic school students on standardized tests or the enviable student-teacher ratio. I could impress you with the diverse class offerings in art, music and Spanish or the deeply skilled and compassionate staff. I could even dazzle you with the Smart Board technology, iPad utilization and cutting edge internet based teaching tools. *I could...* but that vital data is proudly displayed on the website, in the brochures or available on a school tour. Instead, let me share with you the *true spirit* of my daughters' Catholic School:

At my daughters' Catholic school,

- **a child once shy to speak much in class is soon beaming while reading prayer intentions at the School Mass**
- **you may receive a smiling email from a teacher telling you your daughter looked up at him and said, "God bless you" because he picked her favorite game in gym class.**
- **you find parents who tow a tractor hundreds of miles simply to pull a school float in the local parade.**

At my daughters' Catholic school,

- **you may find your child spontaneously apologizing at the end of the day for something she said at the beginning of the day simply because of what she learned from the priest's homily at the School Mass**
- **you encounter staff, parents and children enthusiastically showing up to pack food for the hungry, rake leaves for the elderly and plant pinwheels for peace**

At my daughters' Catholic school,

- **teachers approach you about the right book or exercise for your child, the principal knows your kids and cheers them on by name, and the priest offers wise support at just the right time.**
- **you may find a child at home thoughtlessly humming a hymn or telling you an interesting fact about St. Benedict, or at the school Talent Show telling corny jokes or belting out Frozen's "Let It Go"**
- **staff, parents and students pray for and rally around a spouse who has been sick, a baby soon to be born, or a sixth grader saying goodbye**

You see, our Catholic school is more than just a school, it is a deeply invested community. A community. And in a world grown increasingly cold and harsh, a community of faith and warmth is an immeasurably important springboard in these young kids lives. And in ours. Undoubtedly, this school prepares the mind. But by God, it prepares the soul as well. To paraphrase my dad, *"Catholic schools are proud of what our kids do, but love them for who they are."*

If you are considering a school community for your child that is rich in academics and rooted in faith, please consider calling, visiting or touring a Catholic school. Believe me, you won't be disappointed.