

FEBRUARY NEWS

**THE ST. LOUIS BESANCON ACADEMY
THE POWER OF T.E.A.M.
TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE!!!**

It's the beginning of February already and it feels like we just started the school year. I can't believe how fast it's going! Some great things have happened for our students and staff. Jake Castleman was the winner of the Spelling Bee and Emily Platter was runner-up. Sam Stein won the Geography Bee and Jake Van Horn was the runner-up. Mrs. Bowers received an award at the Komets game for her years of service to our community. Samantha Voors, Jake Castleman and Elyse Oberley represented us in the Knights of Columbus free throw contest. Also, the Box Tops contest is still going strong! The students are so excited and the amount of box tops turned in has been amazing. I'm sure the winning class will LOVE having me as a substitute for the day (or not, HA)! Derick Herschberger won the grand prize in the academic pep session, an I-pod shuffle! Keep sending in your ink cartridges for recycling and box tops. Those are what pay for our prizes for the students at the end of each quarter and provide for the little extra things we do.

Please watch the calendar for the numerous activities happening this month and be prepared for the joint parish mission, which starts March 1st. It will sneak up on us too!

Since we have already had four missed school days due to weather, we will be attending school on February 16. There is no bus service that day. I'm trying to avoid June school days as much as possible.

HASA is sponsoring another square dance, February 14. Rick and I attended the last one and had a great time (even though we didn't know what we were doing, and he fell)! The classroom baskets should be very interesting. The following themes have been chosen:

Kindergarten – Happy Hands & Fancy Feet (manicure and pedicure items)

1st and 2nd grade – Sports

3rd and 4th grade – Hunting

5th and 6th grade – Breakfast

7th and 8th grade – Girls are doing a baby basket and boys are doing a sports one.

Staff – Pampering basket (you'll have to wait and see what that includes)

Bring your sweetie and bid on the baskets, dance and have a fun Valentine's Day while still supporting our great school! It's a win-win situation!

The Fish and Tenderloin dinner on February 20, will also be a good way to avoid spending time in the kitchen. I believe parish dinners don't just provide fellowship for us, they are also God's way of saying, "Eat out!" (Hope you're laughing.)

The skating party at Bell's in combination with Pizza Hut night is scheduled for February 17. Students will have the Burger King lunch on "Fat Tuesday."

Thank you very much for your continued prayers and support for our school.

We are still awaiting Bishop D'Arcy's final decision. We should hear something within the next couple weeks and I still feel very hopeful.

Christ's Love,
Ms. Layton

