

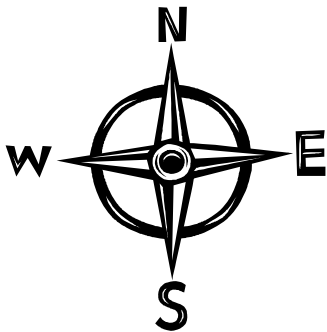


Gehlen Catholic School

FAITH, VALUES, SERVICE & ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

FEBRUARY 2010

Gehlen Catholic School strives to promote an openness to God, to provide a quality education and to instill Catholic values in a caring, challenging and prayerful environment.



**God
Is
Here**

God Is Here...Gospel Value 2009-2010

As we continue to focus this school year on each of the fruits of the Spirit, we keep in mind all the God-like qualities that make us look like Him: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. The fruits of the Spirit are His characteristics evidenced in our own personalities. As a Christian, we must continuously strive for each of these qualities to affirm that God is present, right here, right now, in you and me.

Just as God is good to give us what makes us happy, He is happy to give us what makes us good. His actions consistently push us to the point where we will eventually resemble Him. Sometimes that means withholding what we think we want in order to provide what He knows we need. He knows that we seem to grow more during the lean times than during the full times of life. God does not make bad things happen to us so that we will be more like Him, but He can and does use the hardest of times to help us grow to be like Him. He won't waste them. When times are tough, it can be hard to see His goodness. However, we

The Fruit of the Spirit is GOODNESS

are assured that He is as present in the unhappy, unfulfilled moments as He is in the happy times.

God is good in His being and in His actions, in who He is and in what He does. God cares about us being good the way He is good so He gives us opportunities for this fruit to grow. Goodness works from the inside out. It starts with who we are in our beings. We can't be good on the outside without God first making us good on the inside. He plants the seed of this fruit on our insides, in our beings – and grows it outward to our actions. Once this process begins, it grows goodness in us, from the inside out.

If goodness is becoming like God, inside and out, in our beings and in our actions, through good and bad times, may we acknowledge in thanksgiving when the growth is stemmed from joy and accept the challenge when it comes from the darkened days of our lives. The fruit of the Spirit is GOODNESS...may we trust God to allow us just the right growth, at just the right time, for just the right purpose.

Derived from Naked Fruits by Elisa Morgan

Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences

Fall conference attendance was outstanding! Parent interest throughout the year is an important part of student performance. Please use this opportunity to reaffirm, for your children, the educational efforts they put forth in the classroom. Midterm is Feb. 9.

- Conferences for K-6 will be scheduled based upon parent or teacher

Parent/Teacher Conferences

**Thursday,
February 18
4:00-6:00 p.m.**

requests. Please watch homework folders for request forms.

- Conferences for 7-12 will not be scheduled. Parents may visit with teachers at any time during the conference time in their respective classrooms. Parents are always welcome to set up a conference at any time during the school year as needed.

**Please
Join
Us...**

“Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.”

Ash Wednesday Liturgy
Wednesday, February 17, 2010 @ 8:40 a.m.
Gehlen Catholic Gymnasium

Bird Seed...from Mr.Alesch



Freshmen Orientation/Registration

Registration for high school classes for the 2010-2011 school year will start with a meeting for 8th grade students and parents on Tuesday, February 2 at 5:30 in the Kolker Library/ Media Center. This is a very important meeting that will give us an opportunity to explain Gehlen Catholic, and State graduation requirements. We will also preview Iowa Choices. [Iowa Choices](#) is the Career Information and Decision-making System that is approved by the State of Iowa. This tool is designed to equip teachers, administrators and counselors with the knowledge and skills needed to assist students and parents with career exploration and information, as well as to provide knowledge about educational opportunities and financing. The web portal to access Iowa Choices and create a portfolio is www.IHaveAPlanIowa.gov.

We will meet with the freshmen, sophomores, and juniors on Thursday, February 25 during the school day and hope to have everyone signed up for classes by the end of the week.

We hope to have a WIT representative at both meetings to discuss college credit opportunities for our students.

The registration process is very important in creating a master schedule and meeting our hiring needs for the upcoming year. Thank you in advance for your help. All students will need a parent signature before officially requesting courses for the 2010-2011 school year.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be Thursday, February 18 from 4:00 to 6:00. Teachers for grades 7-12 will host conferences in their classrooms. This will be an excellent time for parents to see our school, a great opportunity to get to meet our teachers, and a chance to discuss midterm grades (midterm for the third quarter is February 9). If you need directions, stop in the office, or follow the maps posted throughout the building.

GEHLEN CATHOLIC = FAITH, VALUES, SERVICE, ACADEMICS FOR EVERYONE

Jeff Alesch, 7-12 Principal

Sportsmanship

Hats off to those who have been great models of sportsmanship at school events! We need you and appreciate the example you set for our students and guests through your positive cheers, support of the athletes and acceptance or refer-

ees' hard work of running a game. Keep up the good work! We strive to earn the sportsmanship award each year and need the most positive role models we can find to set the standard. Thanks!

Scoop Up A Good Book at Annual Book Fair



You are invited to our Scholastic Book Fair, an exciting, fun-filled event for students and families, scheduled from February 25th to February 26th. Please stop by anytime between 8:00 and 4:00 to see what we've scooped up! Our Family night is on Thursday, February 25 until 8:00 p.m..

This year's theme is, Scoop Up A Good Book! The Book Fair offers exciting books, drawings for prizes, and great fun for everyone!

A Book Fair connects students with books at affordable prices and makes reading a positive experience. Children are more likely to read the books they personally get to choose. It's one of the best ways to get more kids reading, and kids reading more.

Please join us to make this Book Fair another great success. We look forward to seeing you!

Mrs. Pat Beitelspacher and Mrs. Jan Meis

Fall Calendar Raffle Winners

CONGRATULATIONS to the lucky winners of the Fall Calendar Raffle drawing for January! The lucky winners included:

New Year's Day	\$100	Luke Langel
January 1, 2010	\$50	Carol Dvorak
January 15, 2010	\$50	Tom/Esther Shrader

Gehlen Catholic Dance Team End of the Year Show and Elementary Dance Clinic

Sunday, February 21, 2010
Details to come!



From the Nest...Elementary Happenings



Catholic Schools Week will be upon us as you read these comments. I believe that God has truly blessed us and the Le Mars community with the gift of Catholic education!!!! Thank you parishes, benefactors, parents, faculty/staff, volunteers, friends and students! It is God's greatest gift to me to be able to live and work in the faith-filled loving community known as Gehlen Catholic. I take my life's work seriously and offer my gratitude for all who make it possible for this school to exist and make such positive impacts on all who pass through its doors!

I cherish each day and am amazed to be talking about third quarter mid-term which is Feb. 10. We invite and encourage parents to conference with teachers during the midterm period in regards their children's progress. With 13 weeks to follow, we can together continue to encourage the growth and development of our students. Spring parent/teacher conferences will be help on Thursday, Feb. 18 from 4-6:00. Parents and/or teachers of TK-6 students may request a conference. Hope to see you there!

With more than half of our school year behind us, administration and the school board turn our thoughts to planning for the

2010-2011 school year. The staff and I are excited about the upcoming fourth year of our transitional kindergarten (TK) program. As I observe the growth of these young Jays and continue to receive inquires about our program, I see the impact this is having in meeting the needs of many children and their families. Learn more about TK by reading the article enclosed. Thanks to teachers Mrs. Pam Jeneary and Mrs. Jodi Sitzmann, teacher associates Mrs. Betty Loutsch and Mrs. Callie Hodgson, and Foster Grandmas Margaret Norton and Grandma Polly Weiler for their hard work in making the program outstanding.

As we approach Lent, we will focus our thoughts on our faith experiences may we reflect on the fact that God is Here in Goodness, Faithfulness, and Gentleness!" as we journey together through Christ's suffering, death and resurrection.

Lorie A. Nussbaum, TK-6 Principal

Welcome Elementary Guidance Counselor

Gehlen Catholic welcomes **Ms. Lisa Sitzman** as our new elementary guidance counselor. Lisa will be teaching TK-6 classes in guidance, focusing on friendship, problem solving, social skills, and career investigations among other topics. She will also provide small group and individual guidance sessions as needed. Lisa is available at Gehlen Catholic, teaching on Tuesday afternoons and all day Thursdays, while maintaining office hours on Wednesdays. She is currently sharing office space with Mrs. Molly Gerriets. Feel free to contact Lisa at your convenience at 546-4181 or through email at l_sitzman@gehlencatholic.com (Note: Lisa has only one "n" at the end of her name—distinguishing her from Mrs. Lisa

Sitzmann, our Director of Campus Ministry.)

Lisa graduated from Bishop Heelan High School, earned her BA in Social Work from Briar Cliff University and worked for the Alzheimer's Association before earning her degree in School Counseling from the University of South Dakota.

Gehlen Catholic School policy provides that any student may have one individual counseling session with the guidance counselor without parental consent. If additional sessions are needed, parental permission will be required. Ms. Sitzman would contact the parent for such permission.

Guidance Notes

Greetings from the Elementary School Counselor's office! I have had the privilege of going into each of the classrooms here at Gehlen Catholic in the past few weeks. I had the opportunity to begin getting to know the students and for them to get to know me, as well as beginning our classroom guidance lessons. I will be having classroom guidance lessons every other week in each classroom. Please feel free to ask your children what we have been learning!

My hours here at Gehlen Catholic are Tuesdays and Wednes-

days from 10:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.. If you would like to speak with me, please feel free to give me a call or stop into the office. I am also available at different times if needed. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help you and your student(s) here at Gehlen Catholic. I look forward to a great 2nd semester and working more closely with the students and their families.

God bless,
Lisa Sitzman, Elementary School Counselor

**No School—February 15—President's Day
2 Hour Early Dismissal—February 24—Teacher In-Service**

December Band News



THANKS and CONGRATULATIONS!

THANK YOU to everyone (business, chaperones, families, school, & community) who helped the CMB trip to the Champs Sports Bowl a success! We could not have done this without YOUR support through work projects, donations, help, and morale support.

The CMB took top honors in the Field Show Contest winning 1st Place Class 1A and receiving all Caption Awards (Best Color Guard, Drum Major, Drum Line, General, Music & Marching), and for the first time breaking into the 80 point barrier, averaging just that - 80pts overall for the contest. Accomplishing this on a national level is a tremendous achievement for a band our size.

They also performed at half-time of the Champs Sports Bowl (with the largest crowd ever – totaling nearly 58,000) in the mass band with 600 other students from 10 different high schools from across the country. The CMB had a fantastic trip visiting venues such as the Kennedy Space Center, Cocoa Beach, Universal Studios and Downtown Disney. They were the BEST ambassadors for the school and community.

Whether it was at the contest & practices, hotel, game or venues, whomever the Gehlen students had contact with commented on their supportive / polite / courteous behavior. They have earned the acknowledgement and respect of Bowl Games of America with an open invitation to any bowl of our choice that BGA manages for our next trip. Congratulations CMB!!

Jazz One

Jazz One's festival season is in full "swing" having just com-

peted at the ILCC Jazz Fest. at Estherville. Their next contest is at the state jazz championships district qualifier – NWIBA Jazz Festival @ Sioux City Convention Center, Wednesday, February 3. Jazz One will also be competing at the Lewis & Clark Jazz Festival, Monday, February 22 at WIT. Everyone is welcome to come enjoy any of the festivals and cheer on Jazz One and listen to the other bands. Good Luck Jazz One!!

BVU Honor Band

Selected 7-12 band students will be attending the Buena Vista University Honor Band Festival, Saturday, February 27 at BVU. The concert will be held at 6:30 p.m. in Schaller Chapel. The concert is open to the public.

Pep Band

If you can play an instrument – Come Join the Fun and play with the pep band during home basketball games!! Pep band meets @ 6 p.m. and performs during Pregame / Half-time of game 1 and Pregame of game 2. We have 2 remaining games, February 2 and February 8.

Upcoming Band Events

- Feb. 2 Pep Band @ 6 p.m.
- Feb. 3 NWIBA Jazz Festival @ Sioux City Convention Center
- Feb. 8 Pep Band @ 6 p.m.
- Feb. 22 Lewis & Clark Jazz Festival @ WIT – Sioux City
- Feb. 27 BVU JH & HS Honor Band Festival @ BVU – Storm Lake, 6:30 p.m. concert in Schaller Chapel

4th, 5th and 6th Grade Select Choir Chosen

Congratulations to the 29 students who have been chosen to be members of the 4th, 5th and 6th Grade Select Choir. They are 6th graders Josie Galles, Sarah Henrich, Paige Deardorff, Megan McCarty, Megan Kellen, Jolee Linden, Carson Kneip, Jill Kessenich, Brayton Thoms-Wilson, Carly Bunkers, Sydney Peters and Colton Gerloff, 5th graders Cady McCallan, Stephanie Heuertz, Mitchell Trejo, Brenna Porterfield, Amanda Richardson, Breanna Richardson and Brooke Harpenau and 4th grad-

ers Alexa Scheitler, Jordan Larson, Ethan Nilles, Xavier Roberts, Izaac Herbst, Carter Sitzmann, Kaitlyn Norfolk, Cole Linden, Carly Bretey and Brooke Woerdehoff. The Select Choir will be performing at the Chamber Dinner held at the Convention Center in Le Mars on January 30th and also at the Elementary Spring Concert. Good luck to these talented musicians!!!

Elementary Music Class of the Month

Congratulations to Kellie Bollin's kindergarten class for being the Class Of The Month for November and congratulations to Becky Beitelspacher's 1st grade class for being the Class Of The Month for December in elemen-

tary music class. The class of the month enters and leaves the music room properly, follows classroom rules, respects others, uses good listening skills and always participates in class. Congratulations to these elementary classes for their great Gehlen manners!!



Scoop Up A Good Book at Gehlen's Annual Book Fair
 Family Night - February 25 8 a.m.—8 p.m. and
 February 26 8 a.m.—4 p.m.

Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten Round-Up Time

An informational transitional kindergarten/kindergarten parent meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 23 from 7-8 p.m. in the Gehlen Catholic School Library. All parents of eligible children are invited to attend. (See the Transitional Kindergarten: Year IV article for eligibility requirements.) Parents will learn about the educational opportunities offered at Gehlen, become familiar with the round-up process, have the opportunity to visit classrooms, meet the teachers and get a feel for Gehlen Catholic's programs.

Round-up will be held March 5. Two round-up sessions will be offered – one from 9-11 a.m. and the other 1-3 p.m.. Parents may drop off their children for the two hours and return at the end of the session to visit with teachers. Current Gehlen Catholic TK students do not need to attend round-up and there will be no school for current TK and K students on that day.

Please contact the school office with names of potential kindergartners or TK students. Call Lisa Engel at 546-4181.

Transitional Kindergarten: Year IV

With the fall, 2007 school year, Gehlen Catholic embarked on a new venture- transitional kindergarten (TK). During each of the first two years of this three year pilot program, sixteen students have been served to meet their needs in order to increase their success as they transition from preschool to full day kindergarten classroom. Due to the large need and requests from potential TK families, the 2009-2010 program was expanded to two sections, each serving 16 students. Gehlen has also had a waiting list beyond the filled section(s) all three years of the program.

The program has been made possible partially through grants from the Plymouth County Foundation and through tuition assistance from the Monsignor Lafferty Tuition Foundation and United Way. As we prepare for another successful year, here are a few details that may assist interested parents:

Gehlen Catholic's Transitional Kindergarten (TK) is a five-day a week full day program offered to five year old children (5 years old by September 15 of the year of enrollment) who are developmentally young and who need an additional year of growing so that they may be successful when entering a full-day kindergarten program. If openings are available, four year olds may be admitted (must be 5 by Dec. 31 of the year of enrollment). TK is a bridge between preschool and kindergarten for those students who, in essence, need time to absorb and express ideas, learn more about friendships, assert their independence, and examine the world around them.

What are the overall goals of TK?

The transitional kindergarten program offers a nurturing environment with meaningful, developmentally-appropriate, hands-on enrichment experiences for children to develop at their own pace in:

- * Social skills (cooperation, friendship, decision-making, self-confidence, listening skills, problem solving)
- * Emotional well-being (positive attitude, self-responsibility and self-help skills; respect for self and others;

- * Physical skills (fine and gross motor skills; confidence in physical capabilities, use all senses for total learning)
- * Intellectual skills (independent thinking, memory, problem-solving skills, language and literacy skills, understanding of the world)
- * Spirituality (experience wonder and awe in God's creation, develop a relationship with God, gratitude for God's many gift, prayer as communication with God, faith).

The TK program is a kindergarten-based curriculum taught at a slower pace, building the foundational knowledge and skills students need to meet the challenges of their educational years ahead.

Eligible students:

Children of all faiths who will be five years old by September 15 of the year in which they are enrolled in TK. Four year olds who will be 5 years old by December 31st of the enrollment year may be eligible if openings are available. Priority will be given to five-year olds. It is preferable that children have attended preschool prior to enrollment in TK.

Class limit:

- * 16 (number of sections dependent upon demand)
- * Students will attend all day (typical school hours of 8:30-3:20)
- * ½ day academic instructional program with licensed teacher
- * ½ day activities program with teacher associate with opportunities for physical education, music, library experiences

Program

- * Iowa Department of Education accredited
- * Calendar follows the Gehlen Catholic school calendar (5 days per week; all day)
- * Curriculum meets and exceeds state/diocesan standards
- * Nursing services available 8:30-3:30
- * Religion and prayer daily
- * Attend all-school masses as scheduled (second semester)
- * Public school busing available for students who will be 5 years old by Sept. 15 in the year for which they are enrolled

Tuition Assistance:

Tuition assistance available to qualifying families through the Monsignor Lafferty Tuition Foundation (A completed FAIR application required)

Free and reduced lunch available to qualifying families



Quilt Raffle

While many things have changed in the past six years, others have remained the same.

This is true for the 6th Annual Betty Sitzmann Raffle & Scholarship. In each of the past four years, people who have been inspired by the life and legacy of Betty Sitzmann have created a unique quilt. These generous people then donated the quilt, to be a raffled off in February or March. The raffle proceeds are awarded each year to assist a Gehlen Catholic family with their tuition.

This year's quilt comes from the designer of the very first quilt to be raffled – Betty's sister, Gail Schwarz, from Omaha. In keeping with Betty's love of the Ohio Star, this quilt consists of 42 multi-colored Ohio Stars. It is somewhat similar to, and yet very different from, the first quilt that she created in memory of her late sister. The quilt has been lovingly named – "The Gehlen Stars 6" – carrying on the tradition that was started with the first quilt.

The 2010 quilt features Gehlen gold Ohio Stars, on a creme

6th Annual Betty Sitzmann Raffle & Scholarship— Her Legacy Lives On

background. Small green and blue squares off-set the gold points, and create a brightly colored secondary pattern. Gail says, "Those who have seen it, say it is striking, especially the colors. I hope it strikes a chord with the public." Chances are just \$1 each. They are available at Gehlen Catholic & (?American Bank, where Betty worked.)

The proceeds of this year's Betty Sitzmann quilt will go to a deserving Gehlen Catholic family who exemplifies the life of the late Betty Sitzmann. Families need to write an

essay to the Schwarz family outlining their service to the school, church & community. Essays are due in the Development Office by February 21 so Betty's family can announce this year's winner on March 5, 2010.

The name of the winner of the quilt will be drawn March 5, too.

Development Director, Lisa Niebuhr, added, "We are very humbled by Betty's family and their ongoing generosity. Thanks to them, Betty's love & devotion to God and the school continues to fill our halls and hearts."

T.E.A.M. TACO NIGHT

Everyone is invited to attend the T.E.A.M. 's Fourth Annual Taco Night scheduled for **Friday, Feb. 21 preceding** the Dance Team Show. Serving will be from 4:30-6 in the school cafeteria. The menu will include soft or hard-shelled tacos or taco salads and ice cream. Proceeds to be used to purchase teacher-requested items



not currently covered by the budget.

Following the delicious food, please come to the gym where the Gehlen Dance Team will perform their annual dance show and younger students will demonstrate the dance routines from their camp experience.

Technology Corner

Ask your students if they have used the new equipment at school. Thanks to a grant from Wal-Mart, another grant from Premier Communications and money from an anonymous donor, we are starting to use some state-of-the-art technology. We have a laptop on wheels that utilizes "tablet" technology. This tablet works like an interactive whiteboard. We are hoping to expand this into more of the classrooms throughout Gehlen. Another new item is a document camera, which is a portable visual presenter that can enhance learning in the classroom.

Something new on our website (www.gehlencatholic.com) is a page for STUDENT HONORS. Check it out by looking under the ACTIVITIES link at the top of the page. If you have something to share, please let us know.

Don't forget about these sources for information on our website:

- CLUSTER NEWS: This is the weekly church bulletin
- ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWS: This is updated every Tuesday. If you have a child in TK – 6th grade...here is the most important news of the week.
- GEHLEN FAMILY NEWSLETTER: This is updated monthly.
- DAILY LIFE AT GEHLEN: This is under the WHO WE ARE link. This is a place where we post a variety of photos from the year.

Have you updated your computer system at home? We are still looking for 5 flat screen monitors to use in the Elementary Computer Lab. If you would like to donate your used flat screen, please bring it to school or contact Lori Schuch at 546-4181.

Have a great day!
Until next time...Lori Schuch, Technology Director

**Catholic Schools Week Student Appreciation Day—Friday, February 5
FREE Jean Day for all Students...Student Blessing 8:45 a.m...Fun Activities!**

Over \$202,000 Tuition Assistance Available for Your Family Thanks to Msgr. Lafferty Tuition Foundation!

How much is available? Although the Diocese has not finalized the numbers, Gehlen Catholic received more than **\$202,000 in tuition assistance donations.**

Who's eligible to apply: We are asking every family with students in grades **Transitional Kindergarten through 12** for the 2010-2011 school year to apply so these dollars stay at Gehlen Catholic.

When can we start applying: February 1st. English & Spanish applications are available.

How do we apply? You'll need to complete a brief application, similar to FAFSA (college financial aid program). Applications will be available at school and online.

What do I need to complete the application? A copy of your 2009 federal income tax return, including W-2s, 1099 forms, and/or all other applicable supporting documents.

How much does it cost? \$21.00. An "angel" will help those who cannot afford it.

Who reviews our application? FAIR, a third-party vendor confidentially reviews each application. FAIR ONLY notifies the school of each family's allocation from Msgr. Lafferty Tuition Foundation.

What if we don't apply? In order to receive **any** tuition assistance dollars, families must apply for the Msgr. Lafferty Tuition Foundation Grant! Otherwise, your family will be responsible for the ENTIRE amount of your child(ren)'s tuition.

What's the deadline? March 15, 2010.

What if we don't get our taxes done until April? All late & incomplete applications will be denied AGAIN this year, per the Diocese. Let your advisor know today!

Give me an example! A family of 6 whose annual income was at or below \$88,590 may receive 25-75% off of each child's tuition. This means, a one income wage earner for a family of six who earns less than \$42/hour or two income household, where both spouses work and who earn less than \$21/hour, may receive help.

Why should our family apply?

- Income is determined by looking at annual income and assets **less** debt and expenses.
- Special circumstances are considered by attaching a letter outlining your situation.
- Each year, a surprising number of families receive financial aid who believed they were not eligible.
- As the Governor & legislature look at potential cuts in the state budget, your application today will help in our advocacy efforts!
- Our staff & board do! So should you!


What happens if Gehlen families don't apply?

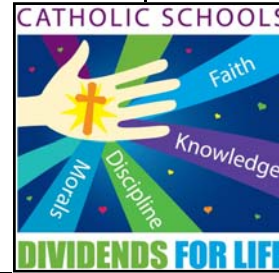
The funds will be allocated to another school in our diocese. Since the outpouring of support for Gehlen Catholic was so huge, it is essential that every family apply.

Questions? Call Mary K. or Lisa N. today!

2009 Income Levels	
Family Size	3x Poverty Level
2	\$32,490
3	\$43,710
4	\$66,150
5	\$77,370
6	\$88,590
7	\$99,810
8	\$111,030

February, 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>31 -GCAA Annual Spaghetti Supper</p> <p>Catholic Schools Week</p> <hr/> <p>Dividends For Life</p>	<p>1 -TK-12 Catholic Schools Week Lit. in Gym 8:45 a.m. -T.E.A.M. Mtg. 6:30 in LMC -BB FR/JV B vs SOS @ Home 6 p.m.</p>	<p>2 Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day -T.E.A.M. provides lunch for Fac/Staff and covers recess and lunchroom duties -Elem Fac. Mtg. 7:45 a.m. -HS Fac Mtg. 8 a.m. -Gr. 8 HS Registration 5:30 p.m. in LMC -Iowa Core Curr. Mtg. -BB JVG/VG/VB vs. Spalding Home 4:45 p.m. -Mission Honduras Tailgate 5:30 in Cafeteria</p>	<p>3 -JH Team Mtg. 8 a.m. -NWIBA Jazz Fest. @ SC Conv. Ctr -CSW Chamber Coffee 9:30 a.m. -CSW Peter Gehlen Society Luncheon Noon in LMC -Frosty Wednesday during 7-12 Lunch</p>	<p>4 -Student Council Mtg. 8:05 a.m. -CSW Family Picnic in Both Gyms Noon-12:45 p.m. -JH BB (G) @ West Sioux 4:15 p.m.</p>	<p>5 Student Appreciation Day -CSW FREE Jean Day for all grades -Student Blessing 8:45 a.m. in Gym -JH BB (G) @ Hinton 4 p.m. -BB @ MMC JVB/VG/VB 5 p.m.</p>	<p>6 -ACT Testing Date -GCAA Can Drive 8-10 a.m. in Elem Bldg. -State Lg Group Speech @ LCHS -Gr. 5/6 Fun Night</p>
<p>7 -Friends of Gehlen Ball Major Donors Drive -Friends of Gehlen Ball Chairs and Co-Chairs Mtg. in LMC 6:30-7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>8 -JH BB (G) vs MMC @ Cleghorn 4 p.m. -BB VG/VB vs Unity Home 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>9 -Midterm Qtr 3 grades due 8:30 a.m. -BB @ AW FRG/VG/VB 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p>10 -JH Team Mtg 8 a.m. -K-12 St. Scholastica Liturgy @ St. Joseph Church 8:40 a.m. -All State Lg Group Speech -J-Club Mtg. in LMC 7 p.m.</p>	<p>11 -Kids Against Hunger Collection in Front of LMC 7:30-8:20 a.m. -Frosty Thursday during 7-12 Lunch -School Board Mtg. 6 p.m.</p>	<p>12 -Kids Against Hunger Collection in Front of LMC 7:30-8:20 a.m. -Honduras Jean Day -BB @ South O'Brien FB/JVB/VB</p>	<p>13 -IHMSA State Piano Contest</p>
<p>14</p> 	<p>15 President's Day No School</p>	<p>16 Mardi Gras -NHS Mtg 12:33 p.m. in Rm 101</p>	<p>17 -JH Team Mtg. 8 a.m. -TK-12 Ash Wednesday Liturgy In Gym 8:40 a.m.</p>	<p>18 -Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>19 -JH BB (G) vs Spalding Catholic Home 4 p.m.</p>	<p>20 -All State Lg Group Speech @ ISU</p>
<p>21 -T.E.A.M. Taco Night 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria -Spring Dance Team Clinic and Show -SEARCH Training @ Gehlen in LMC</p>	<p>22 -HS Registration for grades 9-11 2:36 p.m. -Lewis and Clark Jazz Festival @ WIT -JH BB (G) vs AW Home 4:15 p.m.</p>	<p>23 -Book Fair Browsing in LMC -TK/Kindergarten Parents Round-Up Mtg. 7 p.m. in LMC</p>	<p>24 -JH Team Mtg. 8 a.m. -2 Hour Early Dismissal for Teacher In-Service; Busses will run -Policies & Procedures Mtg. 5:15 p.m.</p>	<p>25 -KAH Collection in Front of LMC 7:30-8:20 a.m. -Gr. 8 HS Registration forms due to the Main Office -Gr. 9-11 Final Registration 8:30 a.m.—Gr. 12 arrive to school @ 9:30 -Book Fair Open for Purchasing—Open House until 8 p.m. -JH BB (G) vs HMS Home 4:15 p.m.</p>	<p>26 -KAH Collection in Front of LMC 7:30-8:20 a.m. -Book Fair Open for Purchasing in LMC 8 a.m.—4 p.m. -Boys Jay Jam Gr. 5-6</p>	<p>27 -Boys Jay Jam Gr. 5-6 -BVU JH/HS Honor Bands at Storm Lake -District Ind. Speech Event at AW</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>1 -JH BB (G) vs MMC Home 4 p.m.</p>	<p>2 -Elem Fac. Mtg. 7:45 a.m. -7-12 Fac. Mtg. 8 a.m.</p>	<p>3 -JH Team Mtg. 8 a.m. -K-12 St. Katherine Drexel Liturgy @ St. Joe's 8:40 a.m.</p>	<p>4 -Student Council Mtg. 8:05 a.m.</p>	<p>5 -Fac/Staff Prayer in Chapel 8 a.m. -Sr Class Mtg. 8:05 a.m. -First Friday Adoration in Chapel 10 a.m.—3 p.m. -TK/Kindergarten Roundup -Boys Jay Jam Gr. 7-8 -SEARCH @ Spalding Catholic</p>	<p>6 -Boys Jay Jam Gr. 7-8 -SEARCH @ Spalding Catholic -GCAA Can Drive 8-10 a.m. in Elem Bldg.</p>



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Grilled Chicken Sandwich Broccoli Normandy Fruit Milk	2 Soft Shell Taco Lettuce Fruit Bread Milk	3 Popcorn Chicken Green Beans Fruit Milk	4 Catholic Schools Week Family Picnic No Ala Carte Breakfast & No Hot Lunch Served	5 Ham Sandwich Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Chips Chocolate Chip Cookie Milk
8 Sausage Pizza Corn Fruit Milk	9 Cheese Nachos (TK-4) Crispitos (5-12) Green Beans Fruit Bread Milk	10 BBQ Pork Sandwich Potato Wedges Fruit Charlie Brown Pie Milk	11 Goulash Peas/Carrots Fruit Bread Milk	12 Corn Dog Baked Beans Fruit Milk
15 President's Day No School	16 Cavatina Lettuce Fruit Milk	17 Macaroni and Cheese Peas/Carrots Fruit Bread Milk	18 Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Fruit Milk	19 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Fruit Milk
22 Pizza Dippers (TK-6) Pizzatas (7-12) Green Beans Fruit Bread Milk	23 Haystacks Lettuce Fruit Refried Beans (7-12) Bread Milk	24 Hot Dogs Baked Beans Fruit Birthday Cake Milk	25 French Toast Sausage Patty Orange Juice Fruit Milk	26 Fish Sandwich French Fries Fruit Apple Crisp Milk

Recycle and Help Your School!

Gehlen Catholic offers various opportunities for families to recycle and help the school at the same time. Check out these options and please participate:

- ❖ **GCAA Can Drive** – the first Saturday of each month at the elementary building. Bring beverage containers and help fund tuition scholarships for students attending Gehlen Catholic. This project has yielded nearly \$1000 per year for student scholarships to offset tuition costs..
- ❖ **Printer cartridges** – Send empty cartridges to the library/media center (from both business and personal use). The school receives cash for the technology needs through these donations.
- ❖ **Box tops for Education** – Collect the “Box Tops For Education” located on all General Mills, Betty Crocker and a variety of other products. Each is worth 10 cents toward the funding of the Accelerated Reader Program for K-12 students. Box tops may be deposited in containers at school (outside the main office and inside the elementary door) or at parish drop boxes. March 20 is the deadline for schools this year. Continue to save over the summer for next year’s collection.
- ❖ **Campbell’s Soup Labels** – Collect Campbell’s, Prego,

Vande Camps and Pepperidge Farm labels to provide playground items (balls, jump ropes, etc.). These may also be deposited in containers at school or at parish locations. **The requirements for this have changed: The UPC code is required rather than the front panel of the label. Check out products to locate these sections.**

- ❖ **Pizza Ranch Wheels** – Collect the wagon wheels from pizza boxes. Each is worth \$.50. Collection boxes are located throughout the school or may be dropped in the parish Box Tops collection boxes or in the main office.
- ❖ **Tyson A+ Project** - Each is worth 10-35 cents. These are located on Tyson products. Just clip and send to school or drop in parish drop boxes.
- ❖ **Nestlé’s Pure Life Water “Go Play” Labels**- found on Nestlé Pur Life Purified water or Pure Life Natural Fruit-Flavored Water Beverages or Pure Life Green Tea Refreshers. Points earned can be applied to cover transportation costs for health-related fieldtrips and/or sports equipment for students.
- ❖ **NEW: Land ‘O Lakes milk jug lids.** Lids must bear the Land ‘O Lakes label. Each lid is worth five cents.

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