



Saint Athanasius

- **Service Hour Opportunity (grades 5 - 8)** - The Knights of Columbus will be cleaning ditches beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 20th. Anyone wanting to help should meet in front of school around 8:45 tomorrow morning. Keith Curry will sign service hour slips.
- There is an **Out-of-Uniform Day** on Tuesday, October 23rd. The money will go to Catholic Charities for disaster relief. Reminder that the donation for out-of-uniform was collected at registration.
- All are invited to join us for **Mass** on Thursday, October 25th at 8:30 a.m. It is being planned by the 1st grade.
- On Friday, October 26th students in grades 5, 6, 7, & 8 will go geocaching at Fontana. They will leave school at 8:30 and return by 12:00.
- Friday, October 26th marks the end of the first quarter of the school year.
- **Don Bosco Archery Team (grades 4 - 8)** - There will be a parent/informational meeting in the St. Mary Center commons on Tuesday, October 23rd at 6:00 p.m.
- **Middle School Boys' Basketball Open Gym** - For any boys at IC or St. A's, grades 6 - 8, that are interested in playing basketball this season. They will be held at St. Mary Center Gym from 3:00 - 4:30 on the following dates: 10/24, 10/29, 10/31, 11/5, and 11/7. If you have any questions, please ask Coach Kellogg at nkellogg@boscocatholic.org.

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Dear St. Athanasius School Families,

First, I would like to thank you for the outstanding response we received when we asked for volunteers to help serve spaghetti last Saturday evening. It is extremely comforting to know that we have people willing to give of their time.

Second, I would like to review our major fundraisers that take place at St. A's every year. The school as a whole does a few small fundraisers throughout the year but I would like to focus on our four volunteer-intensive fundraisers.

The PTO holds two fish fries during lent. The PTO uses the funds to purchase supplies for classrooms, teacher appreciation week gifts, meals for teachers during conferences, equipment for the playground, technology for student use, and to help offset costs of field trips.

Out of Hibernation is our largest fundraiser of the year, raising over \$20,000 annually. OOH funds are used to provide benefits for all staff members of St. Athanasius parish. OOH provides a monthly stipend to offset health insurance, an annual retirement fund contribution, continuing education stipend, and free lunch for staff. Due to a new ruling by the State of Iowa, **we will not be allowed to have students work at Out of Hibernation.** It is an adults only event.

Our final large fundraiser is the Farmer's Day food booth run by the school board. This a multiple day endeavor and requires many volunteers. The Farmer's Day proceeds are placed in the school's general fund.

Because of the large demands for volunteers, St. Athanasius School is asking for each school family to provide 2 workers. Each worker will provide 4 hours of service at our fundraisers. The families that worked at the spaghetti dinner will be given credit for those hours. At the beginning of February a sign up sheet will be sent to each family. Remember "many hands make light work." Our fundraisers play a critical role at St. Athanasius School and will need all families to assist.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Sornson