

# DoveTales

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## March

**PTL- Drive Thru Fish Frys & Fingers every Friday in March!**

7-Easter Candy sale ends

15- Open House 6-7:30p

17- Camp Pioneer Payment Due - gr. 7&8

18- K-8 11:30a dismissal

23- Spring/ Grad. Pictures

29-30- NYS ELA Tests - gr. 3-8

Chapel this week- Wednesday afternoon

*Chapel will only be attended by students until further notice*

**Leader-** Pastor White - **Mission-** Support for Refugees

## Support for Refugees

We continue to pray for those displaced by conflict. Our school will be collecting Chapel giving and the following items to support the refugees from Ukraine, across seas, and Afghanistan that are placed locally here in Buffalo. The collection will be taken through the end of March. Collection bins will be placed in the front school hallway and the church narthex. Collecting for the **Ukraine**-first aid items, bandages, wound care, ibuprofen etc and personal hygiene items, tooth paste, tooth brushes, baby wipes, deodorant etc and for **Afghanistan** refugees: new childrens boots, new small backpacks(pre-K size) and childrens activity books, coloring etc, bubbles, drawing paper.

## Bison Fund Updates- Due today!!

New families can now apply for scholarships for the 2022-23 school year. To start the process, families can complete a pre-application form online at <http://bisonfund.com/our-scholarships>. The deadline has been extended until **Monday March 7, 2022**. Scholarships are awarded using a lottery system from all submitted pre-applications forms and all applicants will be notified of lottery results via email.

Current families you should have received an email from Bison in regards to enrollment for next year on February 22nd (yesterday). If you did not receive the email please email the Bison Fund.

## Parent Choice Mask Option- avoiding school absences

For those families choosing to have children attend school without wearing a mask, this past week has been a different experience and a welcome change. Students have celebrated seeing each other's faces and being able to complete learning tasks without a mask needing to be worn. Mr. Gundell has spoken to the NCDOH to verify quarantine and contact tracing practices, which did not change when the mask mandate did. As a result of this, please be advised:

If an exposure occurs in the school setting any unmasked student within a 6 foot radius would need to follow mask wearing (each day/ all day for 10 days after exposure) and testing protocols (test twice within the first five days of exposure) to avoid school absence. These protocols allow families an option for students to remain in school, participate in extracurricular activities and still ride the bus if protocols are followed as recommended.

## **Gr. 7 & 8 Trip to Camp Pioneer-** Outdoor Education

Dates of the trip are May 25-27. First payment of \$90 is due on Thursday, March 17th.

### **8:30a Car Drop Off-**

Please be reminded that students should be settled in their classroom ready to learn prior to our start time of 8:30a. Our teachers suggest arriving prior to 8:25a. Students that arrive after 8:30a are considered tardy and parents will need to escort their child to the door and complete a tardy slip as part of the drop-off process. Thank you.

### **3:00p Car Door-** courtesy to our neighbors on Washington & Rohr St.

HG families that pick up students by car at 3:00 - please be very careful to not park in front of our neighbors driveways (blocking them) or drive on their grass - please be considerate and help us to keep up good neighborly relations. Thank you.

### **Holy Ghost Health Policy Reminders-**

Remember to health screen your child at home prior to driving to school. If they have a fever or observable symptoms of illness, they will not be able to attend school. Covid-19 indicators of illness include: fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, fatigue, diarrhea, vomiting, runny nose, and body aches.

*per NYS Health Guidance - \*\*Please note that if your child has any of the above mentioned symptoms, they must be symptom free for 72 hours before returning to school. If your child is sent home from school a doctor's note will be needed before returning to school.*

Does your child have seasonal allergies? - coordinate with your child's health care professional to document these types of symptoms and share this with the school.

Covid testing - some students, once seen by their doctors, will be sent for a Covid-19 test. This is a protocol that the doctor office is following to help keep our schools safe. Expect a waiting period of 3-5 days for results. In the meantime, teachers will assist with home learning to make your child's return to the class setting as smooth as possible.

### **Always notify our school office if your child is not in attendance for a school day.**

**Student Illness** - For all purposes of reporting a student health situation, Mrs. Michele Male, Administrative Assistant, is the point of contact: 716-731-3030; or office@hgl.school. Please contact Mrs. Male if your child is not attending school or in the event that your child has a Covid-19 test administered. Our school has a responsibility to report health related information to the state.

**Right Now Media** - Christian streaming content library - a gift to HG families - use this great resource of Christian content for family spiritual development - see Mr. G for more information.

## **LUNCH MENU** *for the week*



### **Hot lunch menu -**

Due to Covid: No Hot Lunch program at this time.

PTL

### Coming Up:

**Fish Fry this Friday:** We had a very successful first week- we had 78 cars through our drive thru, and sold 164 fish dinners! This week we will be adding CHICKEN FINGERS to our menu- so stop by and grab dinner for the whole family! Thank you to the volunteers who helped us on Friday. We had a lot of fun and look forward to doing it again with our next great group of helpers!

If you're looking to support us by buying fish dinners: Drive-Thru will line up just like the school pickup line, and will be 4:30-6:30pm, or until we run out. Dinners are \$13 each. Chicken finger dinners including fries and blue cheese are \$10. Cash and credit accepted. Tell your friends and family too!

**Cake Auction 4/29:** We have chosen our family to donate half of the cake auction profits to: The Barauskas Family. Dad Jon, Mom Danielle, Michael in 4th grade, and Jack in 1st grade still have a great need, with Jon having severe health issues. They have graciously accepted our help.

The cake auction will be in-person at St. James! Doors open at 6:00, live auction begins at 7:00. Start getting those cake ideas ready! Remember: a creative donation of a gift card, toy, movie tickets, etc. to go along with your cake is always a great idea! Cakes go for higher bids, the cake auction is more profitable, and the Barauskas Family will receive more funds. Check out Pinterest for lots of good ideas!

Any PTL questions or concerns, please contact Katie Davis at 716-471-5019, or [Itsmekmj@gmail.com](mailto:Itsmekmj@gmail.com).

Preschool

**PreK 3-** Our letter work this week is "Tt" for Trees, Turtles, Transportation and Tigers. Our Bible lesson is about a wee little man, Zacchaeus. Did Jesus love him? We learn that Jesus shows love to all people, sinners included.

God's Blessings,  
Mrs. Coble

**PreK 4-** This week we celebrate, Read Across America! We love books and this week we will focus on Dr. Seuss books. Don't forget about our special dress up days all week!

We will also be learning about the letter "Ss" this week. Daily themes will include Snakes, Socks, Sunflowers/Seeds, Superheros, and Space. We will be focused on sensory experiences in science this week (sand, slime, soap, etc) Our Bible Story this week is the Good Samaritan.

Don't forget to keep sending the boots and other warm clothes that make it possible for us to play outside!

God's Blessings on your week,  
Miss Sallach

## Kindergarten

We had a lot of fun with books written by Dr. Seuss last week. This week we will read stories and learn all about the ocean (& other bodies of water). We will focus on the sound made by the letter r. We will work on verbs in the future tense.

This week's spelling words are: **up, us, bus, cut, but, nut** Test Friday 3/11.

This week's sight words are: **will, into, your, be, that & who** (expect 6 new words each week).

We will learn the Story of **Jesus Heals the Paralyzed Man**

Memory verse for 2/25: **Bless the Lord...who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases.** Psalm 103:2-3

In Math we are working on **Topic 10: Compose and Decompose Numbers 11-19**

Be sure to wear your boots and mittens so that we can enjoy time outside **but also wear or bring sneakers - there are times when we are able to run around inside.**

### Upcoming Dates:

3/17 - St Patrick's Day - Wear **GREEN**

3/18 - 11:30 Dismissal

3/23 - Spring/Graduation Pictures

**Be sure to fill in your LEGO Reading log every day that you are read to for 20 minutes or more to be eligible for FREE ice cream from Hoovers for our Book It Program.**

**\* March will be our last month for Book It!**

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me anytime at [lrohrling@hgl.school](mailto:lrohrling@hgl.school) or via Remind.

*God's Blessings,*

*Mrs. Rohrling*

## Grade 1

Hello 1st Grade! I hope you had a great weekend. Last week we had so much fun celebrating Dr. Seuss. We read a variety of books and did many activities. This week we will have a new story. Our story is "Little Rabbit's Tale". Our spelling words will focus on compound words.. In Phonics we will learn about compound words and short vowels In Grammar we will learn about Prepositions and Prepositional Phrases. In Math we are reviewing for our Topic 6 test. Please have your child practice XtraMath. This program is a wonderful way for your child to practice their addition and subtraction facts. If you have any questions about XtraMath, please feel free to contact me. During Jesus time we will hear the story of how Jesus Stills the Storm. In Social Studies we had our Chapter 2 test.. In Science this week we will continue our Turtle Unit. The Book It program continues! The children will need to read and do their writing response and record it on their Reading Log sheets. If they meet their goal, they will receive a certificate for a free small ice cream cone or cup from Hoover's. The Book It program runs October through March. Please encourage your child to meet this goal. Please read your Sock Monkey Sentinel for other important information. **During recess and gym we will be going outside when the weather permits. Please have your child bring in boots, a hat, and mittens. They can bring in snow pants if they want to.**

***Thank you so much for your support during Paisley's Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive. We beat our goal from last year with over 300 jars. Thank you again for your generosity. You helped feed many many people.***

### Important Dates

**7th - Easter Candy sale ends today**

**15th - Open House 6-7:30**

*If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me through Remind or email me at*

[belinda.stenzel@gmail.com](mailto:belinda.stenzel@gmail.com)

*Yours in Christ,  
Mrs. Stenzel*

Grade 2

The Iditarod Sled Dog Race has begun! I can't wait to start teaching the students about Alaska and this race! Check it out at [www.iditarod.com](http://www.iditarod.com). In **Religion**, we will learn about *the Widow's Mite and Prayer*. Memory verses will be recited on *Wednesday and Friday* this week. Our story this week is "*Dex The Heart of a Hero*," a story about an unlikely hero. Be sure that your child is reading **each night** for 15-20 minutes and then writing a minimum of 2 sentences about what they read. **Parents, please check your child's Reading Log that they have read and written at least 2 complete sentences Monday-Friday.** Keep up the good work, the Marble Jar is filling up! In **Spelling**, we are working with words that have the *Inflectional Endings* (-ed, -ing). Practice test on Wednesday, final test on Friday, with the homework packet due on Friday. In **Math**, we will continue to work with *Two-Step Problems and True Equations*. **Please be sure that your child is using [www.Xtramath.org](http://www.Xtramath.org) at least two session each day, to help them memorize their basic facts. Math will be easier if they have addition and subtraction memorized.** Our [www.ixl.com](http://www.ixl.com) skills for the week are **A.18 & A.19** to be completed by Sunday evening. In **Social**, we will learn about *what citizenship is and about the Iditarod Sled Dog Race*. In **Science**, we will learn *what is in the night sky and why the Moon seems to change*. In **Scholastic News**, we will learn about *Different types of Books*. Last week for Tasting Tuesday, we had *Apricots*. What will we have this week?

***Book It continues! The students will need to read and write a response Monday-Friday, each week for the month. If they meet this goal, they will receive a certificate for a free small ice cream cone or cup from Hoover's. The Book It program runs October through March. Please encourage your child to meet this goal.***

***Congratulations, Second Grade! All of the class earned a free ice cream to Hoover's for February! Keep up the Great Reading!***

*If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me through Remind or email me at [carriergail@gmail.com](mailto:carriergail@gmail.com).*

**Monday -**

**Tuesday -** Practice Spelling test; Gym

**Wednesday -** Chapel & Offering; Memory Verse

**Thursday -** Scholastic News due; Gym

**Friday -** Memory Verse recited; Final Spelling test & homework due

### **Important Dates**

**March 6-** Iditarod Starts!

March 7- Easter Candy orders due

**March 17-** St. Patrick's Day (Wear **GREEN**)

**March 18-** 11:30am Dismissal

**March 23-** Spring Pictures

*Yours in Christ,*

*Mrs. Carrier*

Grade 3

Hello third grade! I hope you had a great weekend!

This week we will be beginning a new story in Journeys, *The Extra-Good Sunday*. Our phonics lessons will focus on words with er, ir, ur and or and our grammar lessons will be about verb tenses. Students will have a reading comprehension story and questions, which are due on Friday. We will also be reviewing and practicing for the NYS ELA test in small groups. Our Spelling Unit this week focuses on words writers use. A Spelling Packet went home on Friday for homework this week. It is due this Friday. In Math, we will finish Topic 9 on fluently adding and subtracting within 1000. There will be a test on Topic 9 on Friday. In Social Studies we will continue with Chapter 4 on Government. In Science, we will continue studying types of energy, thermal, light and sound. In Religion we will learn about how God cares for the world and us. Our memory verse this week is the Ninth Commandment. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. Quiz will be on Friday.

**\*Math Club begins Wednesday, March 16, 2022. Please remember to turn in your permission slip by Friday, March 11, 2022. Thank you!**

**\*Third grade students have read 535 books so far this school year! Their goal is 680 books by the end of the school year. Please encourage your children to read. Reading helps to improve fluency and comprehension and increases vocabulary. Stay tuned for updates on their progress.**

**\*Reminder: Please have your child dress appropriately for the weather. Boots, hats, and mittens are needed when there is snow. We will be going outside whenever possible for recess and gym.**

**Schedule:**

**Monday:** Recess, Art

**Tuesday:** Gym

**Wednesday:** Recess; Chapel; Spelling Pre-test

**Thursday:** Gym;

**Friday:** Recess; Spelling Final Test; Math Topic 9 Test

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at school, via reminder or email me at [mgilgore@gmail.com](mailto:mgilgore@gmail.com).

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Stopka

Grade 4
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Another busy week!

**In Math-** the students are enjoying adding and subtracting fractions. We will add mixed numbers this week.

**In Science-** we will be preparing for a test on Chapter 6. Today we will review a sheet of important facts. Tuesday there will be a review game and Wednesday we will work together to review. There is a short test on Thursday.

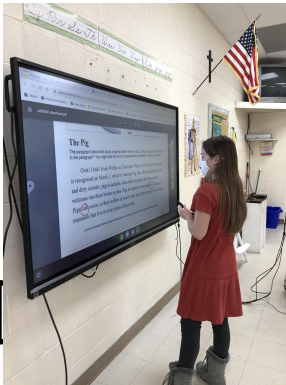
**In Social Studies-** we will begin a chapter dealing with the Civil War and social change. I am sure the students will find this very interesting!

**In Spelling-** we will be working on Unit 21. On Tuesday we will have a pre-test. Anyone who gets a 100% does not have to take the Friday spelling test. Spelling sentences are due on Wednesday.

**Journeys/Reading-** In our Journey's book we will be reading about ecology. Our novels continue to be intriguing and we continue to have thought provoking discussions after each chapter. We are having so much fun!!

Blessings,  
Kim Harrington

## Grade 5

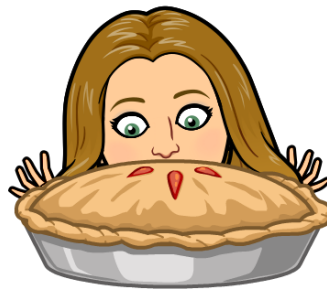


Holy Ghost School is the place for awesome technology! Viewboards, Smartboards, chromebooks, educational applications...the list goes on. One of the Fifth Graders favorite applications is an opportunity to edit documents on the Viewboard. Student engagement is evident with the excitement they share in participating in this exercise. Along with collaboration, tapping into various learning styles, preparing for the future, and fun with learning, the school's technology is just one of many ways God blesses us at Holy Ghost. Blessings, Mrs. Gildersleeve

## Middle School

**Middle School:** Hello, middle school families! I hope everyone had a great weekend! 5 week reports were sent home this past week! If you did not receive yours, please contact one of the middle school teachers. Thank you!

Next week Monday, March 14, is Pi Day! A letter will be going home later this week explaining the fun activities that we have planned! Next Thursday is ALREADY St. Patrick's Day. This year continues to fly by!



**Math 5:** We will finish our new chapter on dividing decimals this week! **The test will be on Friday, March 11.**

**NO STEM PROJECT THIS CHAPTER!** I am also starting a new goal for our 5th grade students! Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, we will have a multiplication quiz on specific multiplication facts. We will start at 1 and work our way up to 12! Here is the incentive, students MUST receive a 100 on the quiz in order to move on to the next multiplication fact. The last multiplication fact they master will be the amount of toppings they can get on an ice cream treat! For example, if I mastered my facts up to 9, then I will receive 9 toppings on my ice cream! This celebration will occur on Friday, March 25. Get studying! I added an additional resource to Google Classroom-a Bitmoji Classroom! Check it out! Please check out Google Classroom for additional resources!

**Math 6:** We will start our new chapter this week on percents! The next lesson we will learn is on percents. **There will be a quiz on this lesson on Wednesday, March 9.** The next lesson we will learn is on relating fractions, decimals, and percents. **There will be a quiz on this lesson on Friday, March 11.** I posted some math games on Google Classroom, so have students play them at home for extra help! Please log on to IXL for extra support! I added an additional resource to Google Classroom-a Bitmoji Classroom! Check it out!

**Math 7:** We will start our new chapter this week on population and samples! The next lesson we will learn is on population and samples. There will be a quiz on this lesson on Wednesday, March 9. The next lesson we will learn is on drawing inferences from data. There will be a quiz on this lesson on Friday, March 11. Please log on to IXL for extra support! I added an additional resource to Google Classroom-a Bitmoji Classroom! Check it out!

**Math 7 Advanced:** what chance will it rain? What are the odds that Josh Allen loses the coin toss in Kansas City? Students are studying probability this week!

**Math 8:** The next lesson we will learn is on similar figures. There will be a quiz on this lesson on Tuesday, March 8. The next lesson we will learn is on angles, lines, and transversals. There will be a quiz on this lesson on Wednesday, March 9. The next lesson we will learn is on interior and exterior angles of triangles. There will be a quiz on this lesson on Tuesday, March 15. I posted some math games on Google Classroom, so have students play them at home for extra help! I added an additional resource to Google Classroom-a Bitmoji Classroom! Check it out!

**Algebra Regents:** students have entered into a study of quadratic functions and their graphs - be sure calculators are fully charged!!

**Algebra Regents test-** scheduled for June 16 at 9:00a

Any questions for Mr. Gundell regarding Algebra CC Regents? Email - [principal@hgl.school](mailto:principal@hgl.school)

**Earth Science (6th Grade):** The students' recycling commercial project is due on Tuesday, March 8. We will start our new chapter this week!

**Physical Science (7th Grade):** We will continue our chapter on solutions! We will learn about digestion and pH this week!

**Living Environment Regents (8th Grade)-** Deoxyribonucleic Acid - says it all...

**Living Environment Regents Exam-** schedule for June 15 at 1:00p

Any questions for Miss Male regarding middle school math or science- Email - [smalehg@gmail.com](mailto:smalehg@gmail.com)

**Middle School ELA & SS:**

Vocab and Spelling assignments and tests this week. Spelling pretest on Wednesday. Vocab charts are due Thursday. Spelling and Vocab final quizzes on Friday.

**6ELA:** We will begin reading My Brother Sam is Dead. Students need to type responses for assigned readings. We are continuing to work on past NYS tests to prepare for the upcoming state test on March 29-30.

**7ELA:** We will begin reading 42, a book on the life of Jackie Robinson. Students need to type responses for assigned readings. We are continuing to work out of our Common Core workbooks to prepare for NYS tests in the spring. Look at shared Lesson Plans on Google Classroom to get specific assignments. New York State tests are March 29-30.

**8ELA:** We are reading To Kill a Mockingbird. Make sure to respond to assigned readings. We are continuing to work out of our Common Core workbooks to prepare for NYS tests in the spring. Look at shared Lesson



Plans on Google Classroom to get specific assignments. We are also taking practice tests for the NYS tests which will be on March 29-30.

**6SS:** Students will be studying ancient Greece in Topic 6. They are required to complete Lesson vocabularies and to take notes. Both of these will help them to prepare for a final test.

**7-8SS:** We are studying the events that lead up to the Civil War. Look at shared Lesson Plans on Google Classroom to get specific assignments.

Specific assignments and lesson plans have been shared with students via Google Classroom. If you ever have a question regarding an assignment or want an update as to how your child is doing. Don't hesitate to contact me at [mr.meiss@gmail.com](mailto:mr.meiss@gmail.com). or by cell: 478-2018

### **SPANISH 8**

This week we will finish our study of the verb gustar, as well as la comida. Our next test which will focus on the verb gustar is scheduled for tomorrow **Tuesday, March 8th**. Students have started to work with their partners on the menu projects. There are definitely some interesting restaurants in the works! On Thursday, we will begin Chapter 17 which topics include prepositions and common places found in a city. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at [wmmasch@gmail.com](mailto:wmmasch@gmail.com) or by cell 909-9195.

### **SPANISH 7**

We have finished our study of the verbs “Ser” and “Estar”. We have discussed how both Ser and Estar mean “to be” but are used in different situations. Our next test on Chapters 1-11 is scheduled for next **Tuesday, March 8th**. Tomorrow we will move on to study days and dates in Spanish. Lastly, I have handed out this quarter's extra credit assignment. Please see your child for an outline of the requirements. We will be sharing these projects with the younger grades at some point. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at [wmmasch@gmail.com](mailto:wmmasch@gmail.com) or by cell 909-9195.

### **Art**

This week **Kindergarten - Grade 2** will be working on “Dream-like” pictures for their lesson in Surrealism. **They were to bring in an object from home to draw. Grade 6** will continue creating their own Cartoon Character. Some may be able to start adding color with markers or colored pencils. Students should bring markers from home if possible. **Grade 7** will have an intro for Creating their own Cartoon Character. **Grade 8** is working on a Cubist pencil drawing of **an object, which they are asked to bring into school.** Students may bring their object home after class, but must bring it back to school each week until their drawing is finished. **Grades 3,4, and 5 will not have Art this week.** We will see if we can make up for this in the future with extra Art days.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at [beckyorlowski73@gmail.com](mailto:beckyorlowski73@gmail.com).

Also we are always in need of old newspapers or empty plastic frosting containers with lids. Please send them into your child's class if you have any. Thank you!!

### **Music**

**Instrumental Lessons, Piano Lessons, SKIP Choir, & Middle School Choir-** will be starting up this fall - watch for more information in DoveTales

## Sports

**In order to play any sport, your child must have a current sports physical, filled out medical form (purple), athletic code of conduct, and \$40 fee.**

### **Basketball and Cheer-**

#### **Basketball practices in February and March:**

**3/8 , 3/10, 3/15**

**3:00-4:30: Boys Varsity (Gr. 6-8) Coach Meissner**

**4:30-5:30: Boys JV (Gr. 4-6) Coach Adamson**

**5:30-6:30: Girls JV (Gr. 4-6) Coach D'Angelo**

**6:30-7:30: Girls Varsity (Gr. 6-8) Coach Specht**

#### **Cheer practices in February and March: 3-4:30pm**

#### **Basketball games in February and March:**

**3/11 BYE**

**3/17 and 3/18 PLAYOFFS**

**All Star Game the following week. Date to be determined.**

#### **Girls Cheer games in February and March:**

**All sports season schedules are posted online at: [www.holyghostlcms.org](http://www.holyghostlcms.org)**

**- enter the school site and find the Sports Calendar link**

**Sports Eligibility:** Any student wishing to participate must have a cumulative C average and no Fs. If this requirement is not met, the student will be suspended from play for a one week minimum, and lasting until the teacher(s) from the class(es) give their approval based on an improvement in their grade.

Please contact Mr. Meissner with any problems or concerns. [mrmeiss@gmail.com](mailto:mrmeiss@gmail.com) - 478-2018.

## HG Extras

### **Box Tops for Education:**

We are still collecting Box Tops. Please continue to send them in. You can also go online to [www.BoxTops4Education.com](http://www.BoxTops4Education.com) for additional bonus points for our school. Thanks for your support!

**Tops-** Sign up online and use your Bonus Card to earn money for our school.