



**November Student of the Month is Caleb Conniff**

Caleb Conniff, son of Mark and Shannon Conniff, is the 7<sup>th</sup> grade student of the month. Caleb has made great progress this year. He has demonstrated a noticeable effort to become more responsible for himself and make positive choices.

Caleb is a very capable young man who has a strong desire to do well. He is an involved learner who is attentive and actively participates in classroom discussions. A self-starter, Caleb takes initiative in solving problems and is motivated by challenging tasks.

**St. Mary's Christmas Concert** will be held on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Rehearsal will be Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. If you are unable to come that evening or know of someone who would like to come and listen, you/they are welcome to come and listen to the students practice.

**Concert Information for Parents:** This year's Christmas concert is "Country/Cowboy" themed. Students in **grades 2-8** are welcome to wear cowboy/cowgirl hats, boots, bandanas or farming related hats like John Deere/International Harvester etc. All of these things are **OPTIONAL**. I love to see students in nice, dressy clothing too!

We are looking for a few country decorations like Woody and Jessie from Toy Story, stuffed cows, horses, donkeys, sheep, and a dove for the song, "Friendly Beasts." The fifth grade is playing a "jug" band that needs a washboard. If you have one we can use, please drop it at the school office. Thank you.

**See you December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** Please email Mrs. Breon with questions. [mbreon@stmaryschoolcal.org](mailto:mbreon@stmaryschoolcal.org).

**December Menu**

- 1<sup>st</sup>** - Potato Bacon Soup, WG Peanut Butter Sandwich, Green Beans, Pineapple
- 4<sup>th</sup>** - Chicken Patty, WG Bun, Fries, Carrots, Pears
- 5<sup>th</sup>** - Turkey Walking Tacos, Fixings, Mexican Rice, Refried Beans, Peaches
- 6<sup>th</sup>** - Spaghetti Sauce, Cheese Stuffed Shells, Broccoli, Applesauce
- 7<sup>th</sup>** - WG French Toast Sticks, Sausage Links, 100% Orange Juice, Strawberries, Salad Bar
- 8<sup>th</sup>** - Baked Chicken Drumsticks, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Corn, WG Bun, Mandarin Oranges
- 11<sup>th</sup>** - Breaded Pork Burger, WG Bun, Potato Skins, Peaches
- 12<sup>th</sup>** - Beef Nachos, Guacamole, Mexican Rice, Black Beans, Mandarin Oranges
- 13<sup>th</sup>** - WG Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Corn, Pineapple
- 14<sup>th</sup>** - Beef Stroganoff, WG Noodles, WG Bun, Peas, Blue Berries
- 15<sup>th</sup>** - Grilled Chicken Strips, WG Tortilla, Bacon, Baked Chips, Baked Beans, Pears

**18<sup>th</sup>** – Turkey Bake, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, WG Bun, Corn, Apple Sauce

**19<sup>th</sup>** – Chicken Fajita, WG Tortilla, Fixings, Chicken Rice, Refried Beans, Mandarin Oranges

**20<sup>th</sup>** – Chili, WG Peanut Butter Sandwich, Pears, Green Beans

**21<sup>st</sup>** – Hot Dog/Chili Dog, WG Bun, Fries, Strawberries, Carrots

**22<sup>nd</sup>** – Shredded Pork, WG Bun, Scallop Potatoes, Baked Beans, Peaches

**25<sup>th</sup>** – **NO SCHOOL-MERRY CHRISTMAS!!**

**Milk Served Daily. Salad Bar and Fresh Fruit is served daily. Cottage cheese and/or yogurt served daily. Please remind your child/children to take their fruits & veggies!!! Menu is subject to change. Whole Grain (WG)**

### **Can Collection:**

St. Mary's School aluminum can drop-off sites are located at Dr. Schoeberl's parking lot (the old Kwik Trip), MADD Alley & behind St. Mary's School in the courtyard area. The parents of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are responsible for maintaining the sites. There is no lock to worry about. Please bring the check for the cans to the school or at the Parish Office.

The following are scheduled to pick up the cans for the 2017/2018 school year.

<b>December 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Tristan Meyer Family</b>
<b>January 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Libby Morey Family</b>
<b>February 1<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Leo Privet Family</b>
<b>March 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Claire Schmitz Family</b>
<b>April 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Eli Staggemeyer Family</b>
<b>May 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Owen Staggemeyer Family</b>
<b>June 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Benjamin Stemper Family</b>
<b>July 1<sup>st</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Eric Welscher Family</b>
<b>August 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Reid Klug Family</b>

### **Candy Bars:**

Just a reminder: There are boxes of candy bars in the school office to sell. Please sign one out to take to your place of work. Stop by the school office between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to pick one up. Candy bars are great stocking stuffers.

**Date Changes: The Parish Reconciliation Service will be Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> instead of Sun. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. And 1<sup>st</sup> Communion class has moved to Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> instead of December 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**The book fair** will be held at a later date. Possibly in March.

### **Lunch Helpers for December**

**November 30, December 1, 4, 5** – Crystal Ostern & James Welsch, Jake & Holly Weiser, Chris & Charity Zaiger, Adam & Arlene Augedahl

**December 6, 7, 8, 11** – Brent & Emily Augedahl, Mark & Cathy Buttell, Kurt & Sherree Cavanaugh, Steve & Teresa Colsch

**December 12, 13, 14, 15** – Jake Colsch, Mark & Shannon Conniff, Chris & Ann Dierson, Dean & Hope Flannery

**December 18, 19, 20, 21** – Lucas & Theresa Foellmi, Max & Rachel Foellmi, Chris & Sarah Fox, Paul & Tina Fruechte

Dear Parents and Friends,

I hope that all of you had a blessed and enjoyable Thanksgiving. In our busy world, it is important to reflect on the many blessings we have and the important part that God plays in all that we have. I took my 6<sup>th</sup> grade religion class through a little tour of the globe to impress on them how wonderful it is and how blessed we are to be a part of Caledonia, MN. We talked about teen enslavement, forced child labor, famine and starvation, and children being victims of war or being forced into serving in armies or other military factions. It did not take long for the kids to understand that this is where they want to be. Caledonia and St. Mary's has been a blessing for me, and I am very thankful.

We are now entering into a significant time of the year. This is the time of year when we look at the potential students for pre-school and kindergarten classes. Our future is intimately tied to the number of student we are able to attract to these two programs. Through research, we have found that parents of today have different priorities and concerns than parents of the recent past. They are not as concerned about religion, and they want to know that they are getting their money's worth with a St. Mary's education. Research also tells us that they will listen to peers more than they will listen

to the school personnel. They want to know that you, as parents, are pleased with St. Mary's, that your children are safe and cared for, and that they are receiving a good education. In the next few weeks, we will be researching the available children and then enlisting the help of our current families to help us in this crucial endeavor. Please let me know if you are willing to contact a potential family or if you are willing to host an informal coffee. A coffee is a social gathering in which someone from the school would make a presentation followed by sharing of current parents. This is a less formal gathering where parents can share their experiences, and potential families can ask their questions. Thank you, in advance, for your support and involvement in our recruitment process.

Blessings,

Br. Roger Betzold