

# Cathedral School Review

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## Small Things Done with Great Love

This week, we celebrated the Feast day of Blessed Brother Andre Bessette. He was born in Canada, a simple man who didn't stand out in any particular way. He joined the Congregation of the Holy Cross and they gave him the assignment of doorkeeper for one of their schools. When people came to visit the school, he would greet them at the door.

It was a simple job, but he performed it with a great love of Jesus in his heart. In addition, he also developed a strong devotion to St. Joseph, Jesus' earthly father. Besides greeting people with joy and a welcoming spirit, he offered to

pray for people who asked, especially those who were sick. He especially liked to ask St. Joseph to pray for people.

Soon, people began to take notice of the many miraculous healings that took place through Brother Andre's intercession. He was very humble, and never took notice of his own prayers and contributions. Rather, he attributed such miracles to the intercession of St. Joseph and especially to the extraordinary love of Jesus, overflowing with inexplicable mercy toward us.

After a while, the crowds of

people grew, to the point of being disruptive to the school. So, Brother Andre asked to build a small chapel on a hill near the school. There, he continued to joyfully greet people at the door and praying for them. On average, one miracle was attributed to his intercessory prayer every day for twenty-seven years.

When Brother Andre passed away after a long life, devoted to his many visitors, over a million people attended his wake and funeral. He was a simple man who carried out his simple duties with an deep love for Jesus. This love makes the simplest things extraordinary.

## In Other News...

### Mass Schedule

January 13—planned by 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

January 20—planned by 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

We would like to invite you to celebrate the Mass with your child and his or her class on Wednesdays at 8:45 a.m. Grandparents, other relatives, and friends are also welcome. Hope to see you there!

### Public Library Schedule

January 19—Grades 3 & 4

January 26—Grades 5 & 6

### Contact Information

We would like to provide you with contact information for Vickie Hughes, our new school secretary. Her phone number and extension will look familiar to you: 218-281-1835, ext. 204. Her email address is [vhughes.cathedral@midconetwork.com](mailto:vhughes.cathedral@midconetwork.com). She will be here every day, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. So, if you'd like to get a message to her, you can use that contact information. Have a great day, and be sure to say "hi" to Mrs. Hughes!

### Thank You!

During the Advent Season, we held a quarter drive for Toys for Tots. With your generous donations, we were able to collect a total of \$329.12 for underprivileged children to receive a gift this past Christmas. Thank you your wonderful support of this great cause!

### Box Top Contest

We would like to announce the start of our Box Top label contest! From now until January 22 each classroom

will be collecting Box Tops. The class that brings in the most Box Tops will win a free movie rental. We will announce the winner during Catholic Schools Week. Thank you for your support!

### PACE Meeting

The next PACE meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the library. The meeting is open to everyone, and the class with the most parents in attendance wins an extra 15 minutes of recess. We hope to see you there!

### Contest Winners

Earlier this past fall, the Crookston Public Library held a "Read Beyond Reality" Contest. The first and second place winners were both Cathedral School 6<sup>th</sup> Graders! Alex MacGregor won 1<sup>st</sup> Place and Marie Sandman won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place with their entries. Congratulations!

### Mardi Gras: Kids Edition

We are trying a new idea this year. On Sunday, January 31, after Mass and the Pancake Breakfast, PACE will be hosting a Kids Edition of Mardi Gras. This is a fun time filled with games for *any* children who happen to be around that morning.

We are excited about the idea and would like *your* help to plan it. Please join us tomorrow night (Friday) at 7:15 p.m. in the Dining Room. You can call Shea Proulx (281-5737) or Maggie Haskett (281-1304) if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

### Mardi Gras Tables

We only have one special edition table left for the Mardi Gras. If you are interested in purchasing this last table for your group to enjoy some extra benefits at the Mardi Gras Dinner and Auction, please contact the school office. Thank you!

### Library Open House

We will have an open house to celebrate our newly revitalized library. The open house will run on Wednesday, January 27, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. We will also have some special music at 5:00 p.m. Shortly afterwards, at 5:15 p.m., Bishop

Hoepfner will be stopping by to read a story. He will also bless the new library after the story. Come and join us and see how it has turned out!

### Free/Reduced Lunches

If you haven't applied for free and reduced lunches, or if you've applied before and haven't qualified, please consider applying again. You can change your status at any time during the school year. If you qualify, not only would you pay less for your child's lunches, but the school can also access more funds, since many grants are available to schools based on the number of people who qualify for free and reduced lunches. If you'd like an application, or if you had any questions about this confidential process, please give us a call!

### Items Available

There is one brown hoodie with the Cathedral School logo on it. If you are interested in getting it, please contact Jodi Boerger Wilder.

We have one lone rake left over from the Rake-a-thon. If you are missing a red plastic rake, please stop by the school office to pick it up. Thank you!

### God's Blessings on Your Birthday

Presley Chandler, Grade 4—January 10

Kimberly Guerrero, Grade 4—January 12

### Fundraising Opportunities

Each week, we will highlight a different on-going fundraiser. This week, we will take a closer look at Box Tops.

At the top of many boxed food products (and some non-food items, too), you can find a "Box Top" label. If you just cut out this small label and send it in to the school, we can earn a surprising amount of money! In addition to food products, Box Top labels appear on a wide variety of other products, too, such as: baby and child care, paper plates, dispos-

able tableware, storage bags, and many others!



In addition to these products, there are other ways to earn Box Top credit for Cathedral School. You can also shop online at a wide variety of stores, including JC Penney and Land's End.

The brands are too numerous to list here. But, you can get more information online at <http://www.boxtops4education.com>. Or, you can visit the school office.

Thank you for support, and God bless!

Here are some other fundraisers that help Cathedral School:

- Box Tops
- Our Family labels
- Campbell's Soup labels
- Ink Doctor
- Target Card
- Giving Tree
- Pop Tabs
- Tyson's Project A+
- SunnyD Book Spree



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### School Advisory Council Update

The next meeting of the School Advisory Council will be on Wednesday, January 20 at 6:00 p.m., in the Library. The members include: Co-chairs Paul Bissonette and Nate Lubarski, Secretary Mike Swenson, Bryan Boll, Brian Dingmann, Sis Eickhof, Kris MacGregor, Colleen MacRae, and Stephanie Olson. Everyone is welcome to attend!