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WEEKLY WATCH

Valor

Valor: strength of mind or spirit that enables a person to encounter danger with firmness; personal bravery.

--Merriam-Webster

Last Friday, Mr. Naumann was one of three Veterans who received a “Quilt of Valor” at the program put on by the Prime Timers for Veterans in our community. These home-made quilts are given to Veterans who have either served in active combat or have provided service to those in combat areas. As stated on their website, *Quilts of Valor Foundation*:



“this tradition began in 2003 with a dream, literally a dream. Founder Catherine Roberts’ son Nat was deployed in Iraq. According to Catherine: The dream was as vivid as real life. I saw a young man sitting on the side of his bed in the middle of the night, hunched over. The permeating feeling was one of utter despair. I could see his war demons clustered around, dragging him down into an emotional gutter. Then, as if viewing a movie, I saw him in the next scene wrapped in a quilt. His whole demeanor changed from one of despair to one of hope and well-being. The quilt had made this dramatic change. The message of my dream was: Quilts = Healing.” (<https://www.qovf.org/>)

In addition to awarding Quilts of Valor, students from various grades sang patriotic songs for the Veterans in attendance, and Sister Marie Jacqueline read excerpts about the exploits of the military on D-Day, during this year commemorating its 80th anniversary. It was a beautiful tribute to those who have generously served our country to preserve the freedom and blessings we enjoy.

As we approach the Solemnity of Christ the King at the end of this month, I can’t help but also reflect on the way in which all of us are called to be soldiers in the daily battle for the Kingdom of God. Those who pray and sacrifice for the pro-life cause, religious freedom, educational choice, etc., are also heroes in their own right. **That includes you!** We all have our part to play in choosing each day to help build a “civilization of love” as St. John Paul II called it. Under the standard of Christ the King, we recall Jesus’ words, “Whatever you did to the least of these, you did to Me.” May Jesus reign ever more fully in your hearts and homes until we are all united in the Heavenly Kingdom, where there will be no more battles, but only love, peace, and joy.

In the Heart of the King,

Sr. Mary Angela, C.K.



BIST Tip: Gateway Behavior #1

A gateway behavior “opens the gates” to negative thoughts, words, or actions. When a child rolls his eyes, turns her shoulder away when you are speaking, or sighs, this indicates a deeper attitude. Asking children about what constitutes these behaviors can be very revealing. Children identify them better than we can! Having an honest conversation about how these behaviors can lead to getting in trouble is the first step to making children aware of their impact. The next step will be noticing and taking action.

Volunteer Information

Lunch and Recess Volunteers

[Lunchroom](#) (all grades)

[Kinder, 1st, & 2nd Recess](#)

[3rd & 4th Recess](#)

[5th & 6th Recess](#)

[7th & 8th Recess](#)

Safe Environment Renewal Training

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ANNOUNCEMENT:
SAFE ENVIRONMENT RENEWAL TRAINING
The annual recertification process for safe environment compliance is changing in January of 2025
Beginning January 1, 2025, all clergy, religious, employees, and volunteers who work with minors will be required to renew their training during the month of January.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS TO CONTINUE PROTECTING ALL OF GOD'S PRECIOUS CHILDREN!

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Calendar Changes – Days Off School

Please note that we have two dates that have recently changed on the school calendar:

- **December 9** – **NO SCHOOL** Holy Day of Obligation (Diocesan change)
- **February 18** – **NO SCHOOL** (Date chosen by faculty for Bishop's Day Off) – granted as a gift from Walk for Christ.

Thank you for planning accordingly.

Service Hours

By way of reminder, for students who go above and beyond in-service hours, we have a monthly ceremony to present them with a certificate of recognition after Mass. **Thursday, November 21** will be our first ceremony this year. If your child is in grades 5-6 and has more than 30 hours, or in grades 7-8 and has more than 40 hours, **please have them turn in their service log to their teachers by Monday, November 18**. We are grateful for your support of our students growing in their service to God and neighbor.

Dennis Uniform Closed

You may have heard that Dennis Uniform has officially closed abruptly. We are aware of this issue and are working in conjunction with other Catholic schools in Lincoln to explore our future options for uniform supply. In the meantime, if you need uniform clothing, feel free to visit our used uniform supply on any school day. Also, if you have an outstanding order with Dennis, we recommend you call your bank or credit card company to ask for a refund. If you have input on preferred uniform providers, please email sr.mary-angela@cdolinc.net. Thank you!

Play Dates with School Pets!

Our school Guinea Pigs, Leroy (brown) and Jasper (black) love to be held! They are available to be taken home Friday after school and brought back Monday morning. If your child(ren) would like to adopt Leroy and Jasper (together) for a weekend send in a letter with your child, email the office staff, or give us a call at 402-489-0341 and we will put you on our list!



Scratch Paper

We need scratch paper! If you have any paper already printed on one side and looking to get rid of please send it our way! God bless you for your generosity!

Holiday Shopping Soon? Use SCRIP!

Parents! Watch your student's folders next week! SCRIP order forms are coming home. Be sure to look it over. Use SCRIP to help with all your holiday shopping needs! Use SCRIP to give back to your church and school! Send your order with your student in the morning and we will return it with them the same day! Text Kate with any questions: 402-314-1416. [DOWNLOAD THE ORDER FORM!](#)

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