

Back to School Night

September 2, 2026

3rd Grade – Ms. Naranjo & Ms. Guilmette

WELCOME!

EMAIL

- Main communication – check regularly
 - Homework
 - Announcements
 - School Calendar
 - Celtic Central (emailed every Sunday)
 - Schedule: Specials, class times, etc.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

- Rewards
 - Classroom money (Individual incentive)
 - Marbles Jar (Whole Class incentive)
- SHS Lower School Consequence System
 - If a student is not following classroom expectations, they may be given up to 2 yield signs to redirect their behavior. If expectations are continuing to not be met, students may receive a Stop Sign.
 - 2 Yield Signs = visual warning
 - 1 Stop Sign = reflection sheet during recess, email parent.
 - Yield and stop signs will result in a loss of points on the responsibility record for the week.
- Bathroom Passes
 - Students need to use the bathroom during recess and lunch
 - Each trimester, students will be given a set number of bathroom passes. Passes may be used for bathroom and/or water breaks during class time.
 - Unused passes can be turned in at the end of the trimester for class money.

HOMEWORK

- Approximately 30 minutes every night.
- HW will be sent to your email every Monday in the weekly newsletter.
- ELA & Math Homework will be assigned routinely.
- Anticipate future social studies/science projects
- Chromebooks should be fully charged before coming to school
- Students can access IXL and Xtra Math for additional practice.

REMINDERS:

Check Celtic Central regularly for schoolwide announcements.

FRIDAYS: Are academic days! We actually only have 1 special this day so a lot of instructional time takes place on Fridays.

Dismissal

Email me or call the office to communicate changes to pick up no later than noon.

Email

I try to check throughout school day, but I am also teaching. Please anticipate a 24-hour response to all emails.

Absences

Notify teacher via email *and* healthroom@stthedwigk8.org

Early Leave

Please notify me via email on the morning of an early leave from school *and* send your child with a hard copy note to school for the office.

Mass days

Arrive at school at regular time. Please make sure your child is in their Dress uniform.

Birthdays

All birthdays from the month will be celebrated a specific day that is scheduled on the School Calendar with a class-wide mini “birthday party” celebration filled with treats, birthday card signing, and more. Please connect with our amazing Room Parents to sign up for your child’s birthday month.

FOLDERS

1. Orange Homework Folder: Goes home Mon-Friday and returns very next day.
 - Homework will be located in the Return to School side.
 - REMOVE all other papers DAILY.
2. Blue Wednesday Folder: Goes home Wednesdays and returns very next day, signed.
 - **Contains previous week's assessments & work for parent review.** This is one way that we communicate your child's progress in third grade.
 - Please remove contents and sign right away to be returned to school very next day, signed.
 - Students charged classroom money for missing folder/signature or papers left inside Wednesday Folder.

CLASS INSTAGRAM

- Updated version of traditional classroom "newsletter" – science/social studies projects, math centers, writers/readers workshop, field trips, anchor charts reinforcement of school learning, and more.
- Private account (Only members, parents, can view.)
- Great way to communicate what we are doing at school.

Curriculum

- Generally, *all* curriculum is differentiated to individual student need. We are constantly striving to meet the needs of all our students at St. Hedwig Catholic School. The third grade team works with students one-on-one and in small group learning throughout the school day to accomplish this goal.
1. Faith Formation (Religion)
 - Curriculum: *Blest Are We*
 2. Writers' Workshop
 - *Writers Workshop Units by Jaime Sears* - Not So Wimpy Teacher Writing Curriculum
 - Focused on building skills that can be applied again and again to *all* writing
 - Student- driven, not teacher-driven
 3. Readers' Workshop
 - *Wonders by McGraw Hill*
 - Comprehensive literacy curriculum that builds on phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.

4. Easy Grammar & Daily Grams:
 - o *Easy Grammar Systems* by Wanda C. Phillips, Ed.D
 - o capitalization, punctuation, and parts of speech are presented in units
 - o Developmentally appropriate study of words to enhance and support the work we do in Reading and Writing Workshops.
5. Math: IXL
 - In Third Grade, IXL Math focuses on building fluency in multiplication & division, mastering multi-digit operations, and understanding fractions:
6. Science & Social Studies
 - Each subject will be taught one at a time, typically taking 4-6 weeks to complete
 - Science Units: TCI - Students will learn about life, Earth, and physical science through fun, hands-on activities, experiments, and investigations.
 - Social Studies Units: Studies Weekly – very engaging, newspaper -style learning program that helps 3rd graders explore social studies and topics through fun weekly reading activities.

Contact Information:

The best way to contact me is through email. In general, please allow a 24-hour response. Please email me for any face-to-face meeting requests.

I'm looking forward to working with all of your children. We are off to a great start, and I can already tell we are going to have an awesome year!

Sincerely,
Ms. Naranjo & Ms. Guilmette

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