

The Park

Our sermon jam was about the gospel again, and we did Come to the Table for worship

Luke had his English test and he scored 74%. For math we did division facts, and for history we learned about the Emancipation Proclamation and Christopher Columbus.

We played in the park, and then for physics learned about Hagrid's coaster.

Four Square

Our sermon jam was about the gospel today. We listened to Old Church Choir for worship

For math we did more exponents and some 7th grade math vocabulary, for history we finished up The Cold War and talked about it. During recess we played four square and baseball, and we finished up the steel vengeance video for physics as well as talked about it.

Steel Vengeance

Today's sermon jam was called Uncompromising Gospel and it was by Leonard Ravenhill. For worship we did Even So Come by Christ Tomlin, and my bible verse today was Proverbs 19:31

I read more of The Meg today, for math Luke and I were learning about exponents. for American history we learned about the cold war, then we went outside and played four square and baseball. For physics we watched more of the Steel Vengeance Video

Honest Abe 4 Prez

Morning Prep

Started at 9:35am, done at 9:50am

Heart Prep

Sermon Jam – 9:50am

Worship song – 9:55am

[Daily Bible verse](#); Rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given you the autumn rains in righteousness. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before. - Joel 2:23

Cleaning

Started at 10:05am

School

I read *The Glass Sentence* by S.E. Grove for 20 minutes

Math – 20 minutes; I ended at the time stamp 14:11

History – 30 minutes (Part 1/5)

History – 30 minutes (Part 2/5)

History – 30 minutes (Part 3/5)

History – 30 minutes (Part 4/5)

History – 30 minutes (Part 5/5)

Lunch starting at 11:50am

Outside recess – 45 minutes; We played baseball and four square

Spanish – 30 minutes of Duolingo

Home run

The sermon jam today was by Leonard Ravenhill, and it was about praying. My bible verse was Zephaniah 3:17. For worship we listened to Come to the Altar

The book I read for reading today was The Meg. I got to page 74 where it was just revealed that a character the protagonist didn't like was going to be working the same job.

For math Luke and I looked at math vocabulary, exponents, and pre-algebra. For American history we talked about World War 2. I had a Hot Pocket for lunch and we played baseball outside. Luke was having some temper problems and would throw the bat and rip up grass and plants when he got an out, but other than that he played well. For physics we watched part of a video on the Steel Vengeance roller coaster

My Daily Functions

Morning Prep was started at 9:35

Heart Prep

Sermon Jam – 10am

Bible verse from [Verse Of The Day](#): **Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. -Ephesians 4:29**

Worship song

Cleaning

Done together at 10:15am

School

Done on my own starting at 10:30

I read ***The Glass Sentence*** by **S.E. Grove** for 20 minutes

Math – 20 minutes; I only needed to watch half of the video.

Work done on dry erase board

History – 30 minutes (Part 1/6)

History – 30 minutes (Part 2/6)

History – 30 minutes (Part 3/6)

History – 30 minutes (Part 4/6)

History – 30 minutes (Part 5/6)

History – 30 minutes (Part 6/6)

Lunch started at 11:40am

Outside Recess lasted for 45 minutes. It started at 12:25pm.

We played baseball and makeshift volleyball

Spanish is 30 minutes of Duolingo. Started at 1:25pm, ended at 1:55pm

My School Day

Morning Prep

We prayed all together, then I ate breakfast at 9:40. We brushed our teeth then began school

Heart Prep

Done with my brothers at 10am

Sermon Jam

Worship Song

Daily Bible verse from [Verse Of The Day](#); **We know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. -1 John 4:16**

Cleaning

Done together and separate starting at 10:20am. I cleaned the kitchen, living room, and my room

School

Done on my own starting at 10:50am

I read *The Glass Sentence* by S.E. Grove for 20 minutes

Math – 20 minutes. Problems done on a dry erase board

American History (Part 1/3) – 30 minutes total

American History (Part 2/3) – 30 minutes total

American History (Part 3/3) – 30 minutes total

For outside recess, we went to the local thrift store – 1 hour

Lunch time – 1pm

Dishes – 1:45pm

School Day

We all prayed together then ate breakfast. After that we started heart prep. For worship we listened to Grace Got You. My Bible verse was Psalms 85:2. Our sermon jam was about indwelling sin

After cleaning I tested Luke in spelling, and he got 92%. Then for math we worked on pre-algebra. For American history we learned about World War 2

After American history we all went to the thrift store with mom. Once we were back we made lunch. Because of the thrift store, our time schedule resumed on dishes.

New Adventures

This week has started off with two new new opportunities. First, the casting results of the Village Players' production

of *The Sound of Music*. I will be playing the role of Franz, the butler. At first I was unsure of how I felt about that... Dejected, miscast? I told my voice coach that I was really unsure. Of course, this is knowing the film as well as I do.

It seemed that I would have very limited stage time. However this morning, I researched the stage role and learned that Franz is in significantly more of the original stage version. And I am determined to create yet another memorable role.

Although I have no idea of much of the cast I do know that Mare has been cast as the Mother Superior. Anyone who knows her and the role would think that they two were tailor-made.

A very formidable presence on-stage with a crazy powerful voice. I am also happy to welcome Jessica and her daughter, Melody to the group. Jessica played Gretl in high school and will be playing one of the nuns this time. Melody has been cast as Louisa. CONGRATS ladies!

This morning, I was asked to begin contributing to a new blog which my pal has initiated as part of the group he began over the past year. I will be providing my own personal views on the Catholic faith I was born into and have chosen to follow over my 39 years. While C is still diligently searching for a new congregation to lead, he has started [Disciple Day](#), a group initiated to help spread the good news. It began back in September with the inaugural Famine Games and moved onto the adventurous "Slip 'n' Slide into the New Year" and just finished a makeover night given by a group of wild and crazy cool young ladies.

All this, plus, I am plowing my way through the 1463 page complete and unabridged *Les Miserables*. I bought my copy back in the Spring of 1994 right before I went on tour with the BGSU Men's Chorus where I first saw the stage version on Broadway. Over that time, I have tried to make my way through it at least twice. I think this time, I have been pacing myself and for whatever reason I am enjoying it more (although some of the long passages exploring Paris... Napoleon, etc... at

the time can be a bit dry).

Check out the new site and come and check out *The Sound of Music* March 1-3! And SEE the best stage to screen musical adaptation ever!

How Do You Solve A Problem

Well.. another audition has come and gone. THIS time, I did say that I definitely was trying out for Captain Von Trapp. I had forgotten that Max does indeed sing in the stage version. However, since the general public is more familiar with the classic film version, most people may not know this. I feel that the time has come to stretch myself dramatically. I have portrayed the lead male in a play before (still my greatest on-stage challenge to date); yet. the dramatic lead of a HUGE musical is something I have never been presented with. I have always felt that while Uncle Max would be another fun scene-stealer but the Captain would definitely be more of a challenge as he is much more dynamic in that he starts out as a strict disciplinarian to his seven children but his heart begins to soften as Maria reintroduces music and fun into the household.

I felt that the audition went really well. There were a large number of children the first day (of two) try outs. Some of them were really quite impressive ranging in age from 5-13. They each sang a bit of "Do-Re-Mi," and "My Favorite Things." Each of them were also asked to yodel as the seven children need to during "The Lonely Goatherd" number (one of the many differences between stage and screen... there is no marionette show). After singing, the read a bit of the scene in which Maria is introduced to them.

Being the only adult male in attendance who wanted a singing role, it was difficult to judge the competition. I was asked to sing "Edelweiss." The version in the score is a little low for my taste but I thought I performed nicely. I also brought a selection of my own which must have impressed. One of my friends in the room even told me that she had never heard me sing before. WOW! I then read for the role of Captain Von Trapp in the scene in which he and Maria meet and he insists that the house is run with a discipline. Later, I did read for Max. Seriously, I know what kind of character Max is but I was asked to start over as I was "reading the part like you read the Captain."

There must have been more adults Sunday as there were a total of 65 auditioners. However, there is still a need for a Rolf the "seventeen going on eighteen" love interest of Liesl). The thing that I am apprehensive about is the limited amount of time we have to put this together. There are callbacks anticipated for this weekend and the first rehearsal is next Tuesday. The show opens on March 1st. However, I am sure that the cast and creative hands will pull together nicely.