

Our Lady Star of the Sea School

Student Council Newsletter

PRE-K

Pre-K has been hard at work learning how to interact with their friends in a kind way, how to be a helpful friend, and how to take turns and be patient. They are learning lots of new songs and nursery rhymes. They are working on name recognition, writing their names, letter and number identification, rhyming, and sounds, and talking about all the books they read. Their weeks are divided up by different themes (Family, Friends, Back to school, Pumpkins and Apples, Fall, Giving Thanks). They also have focused on their fine motor skills (how to hold a crayon, scissor work, and manipulating small objects). They have had a blast in P.E, Library, Music and Religion. - Nic O.

3rd GRADE

The Third grade class has been working hard this first quarter on their Math, Writing, and so much more. They have been learning how to use fractions in Math and the real world, as well as preparing to start division in this second quarter. They studied and wrote research papers on National Parks and are currently writing letters to park rangers. Third grade also did a sound study, using ukuleles to do so. This is just some of the things the Third grade has gone over this past quarter and the second quarter will be just as productive. - Haley H.

KINDERGARTEN

The Kindergarten class this first quarter has been working on many interesting things. They visited the pumpkin patch on October 12. In Religion, they've been learning about St. Francis of Assisi, St. Patrick, and St. John Bosco. They have also learned that we are all created in God's image and likeness as we're all unique and have different interests. They were also taught about the leaders of the church and their positions. In math, they were taught about graphs, (bar graphs) least, most, fewest, less, etc. They also learned AB patterns. In reading, they identified nouns in sentences, complete sentences, punctuation, and proper capitalization, sight words, and properly printing their letters and numbers. - McKenzie S.

4th GRADE

In the first quarter, the Fourth grade completed two labs. The first lab was a Carnation Lab in which they put dye in the water. When the carnation sucked up the water the carnation would turn the color of the dye. The second lab was a mold lab. The mold lab was an experiment about four breads. The four breads were light/dry, light/moist, dark/dry, and dark/moist. Dark/moist mold grew first. In Science, they made an edible plant cell. The edible plant cell was made of one cookie, one spoonful of frosting, and candy. They also had a Fall Festival on Halloween. That is what fourth grade did in the first quarter. - Monroe B.

1st GRADE

In First grade there are so many interesting things happening! The most interesting thing about First grade is they have two class pets who are rats. The students get to learn about rats often because of this. Another thing about First grade is they have a cube jar to promote positive choices and reward the whole class for them. On October 12, First grade, went on a field trip to the pumpkin patch and got to paint pumpkins and see animals. Reading and Spelling is very important in First grade so they practice often, learn sight words and have spelling tests. An assignment First grade had was to turn a pumpkin into a character and answer questions about the book. In Science the students learned about life cycles and problem solving and in Social Studies they're learning about laws and rules. For Religion, they just learned Circle of Grace, learning about their personal space and safe/unsafe situations. For Math, First grade is working on doubles for addition, so they get to sing a fun song. - Violet K.

5th GRADE

Fifth grade helped Second grade make their rosaries and after that Second grade gave them thank you cards. They made Halloween spiders out of tootsie pops, chenille stems, and googly eyes. In Reading they made bread to go with a story. For Grandparents Day they made elephant handprint cards. Fifth graders had a great 1st Quarter. - Tyler W.

2nd GRADE

Second Grade has been hard at work. In Language Arts they're reading the Boy Who Cried Wolf and the importance of always telling the truth. In Math, they're learning about line segments, fractions and counting dimes and pennies. In Science, they're learning about weather and the water cycle. In Social Studies, they're learning about family and different cultures. In Religion, they're learning about the Ten Commandments. The Second Grade went on a field trip to the pumpkin patch and learned about the life cycle of pumpkins. They also just had their Fall Party! - Alexis S.

6th GRADE

Sixth grade classes are great! In Science they are learning about the rock cycle. For ELA they're learning about interjections. In Course 2 Math they are learning mainly about comparing decimals. In Pre-Algebra they are learning about coordinates. In Literature they're reading Hatchet and answering questions about the chapters they read. For Social Studies they are learning about the history of ancient Egypt and Nubia. In Religion they're learning about what roles people play in families and over all great things. Sixth grade is great!, but they really miss Mrs. Frederick! - Lou H.

7th GRADE

Throughout this first quarter in Seventh grade Math they've been learning about order of operations, adding mixed numbers, variables and evaluation, multiplying unit multipliers, conversion of unit area, adding/ subtracting fractions with equal/unequal denominators, so basically a review from last year. In Literature they were working on a play but right now they're just going to a new lesson. In ELA they're learning how to use semicolons, colons, commas, question marks, and periods correctly. In Science they're learning about cells and life, microscopes (light, compound, electron microscopes), organisms. In Social Studies, they're learning about the Byzantines, Asia-China, world politics, and Muslim civilization. In Religion they're learning about the 10 Commandments, the Annunciation, Moses, the Incarnation, "The Good News", and saints. In Spanish, they're learning about vocabulary, time, reviewing things from last year, doing practices. So far Seventh grade has been fun. - Maddie M.

8th GRADE

The Eighth grade class has already participated in many activities. First their class was assigned buddies for the Kindergarten class. They sit with them at Mass, and have had an event to better know them. Next, classes have gone well. Students are completing homework and assignments. Along with classwork, they completed multiple labs and projects, which were fun to do. Overall this quarter has gone well, and they are looking forward to another good quarter. - Daniel D.

MISSIONS & CHARITIES

Missions and Charity has gone well this quarter. In August we had a Belize tag day. The money from that went to pay postage for school supplies we sent to Little Flower School. Donations to the Angel's Watch Women's Shelter were collected in September, we celebrated Grandparents Day and had our October Halloween tag day, with money going to the Women's Cancer Treatment Center Calvert Hospital. As we start the second quarter, there will be a Thanksgiving food drive. - Za'Hannah W.

SAFETY PATROL

Safety Patrol has been so successful this quarter. The staff on Safety Patrol has three main members and one substitute. The three main members are Karl G., Daniel D., and Kaleb W.. The substitute's name is Alexis and you will see her every once in a while if one of the main members are out. They ask that you only take down your family name paper (the yellow paper) if every kid is inside the car and if you need something, please tell them. They are the students walking up and down the cars and they are also wearing reflective vests. They really don't mind and they also ask that you put down your windows so that they can receive confirmation easier. The last thing that they ask for is that you tell your kids to double check their bags before leaving school. Sometimes they may forget a book or folder and they want to prevent it from slowing down the car line. - Karl G.

YEARBOOK & PHOTOGRAPHY

The goal of the yearbook committee is to take pictures for the school. Their goal is to help our main photographer, Mrs. Tamburi, with taking a few photos and deciding the best thing for the yearbook. This year, the school is using a new software to create the yearbook. They will work to pick out new and unique backgrounds for our 2024 yearbook. The yearbook committee will be sure to include many special memories from school events. -Camryn S.

STUDENT COUNCIL TREASURER REPORT

We have had a very good year so far concerning fund raising. On the Halloween Tag Day we made over \$219.00. For the Belize Tag Day we made \$195.00 and, for the Angel Watch Tag Day we made \$172.00. People have been donating \$5, \$10, and \$20 bills. We have been donating to many different charities like Little Flower in Belize. During Advent we will be raising money and buying gifts for the Advent Charities. - Isla I.

LUNCH COMMITTEE

The Hot Lunch committee's goal is to have good hot lunch. Hot lunch is available for anyone. Friends and family alike. They are going to visit each classroom and ask for hot lunch suggestions. - Aibhilin F.

SPIRIT COMMITTEE

Girls basketball this year is organized by the Girls Spirit committee. This year the committee will do their best to help make our schools basketball games more accessible for any students, and parents who would like to attend. Along with this, their main goal is to place a sign outside the main office containing dates, and times of all the games. As far as basketball season updates go, they will do their best to send out reminders about any fundraisers such as bake sales, or winter sales go. Basketball season officially began the week of October 17th, and a bake sale for basketball fundraising will be held on November 11th and 12th after masses. Make sure to stay updated on grades, good grades are a must to stay on the teams and show some spirit at our games! Go Seahawks! Delilah E.

Basketball began for the Varsity boys team in the first quarter. They have had two practices so far, which have gone well. And playing with efficiency, listening to the coaches and following their instructions. Based on what they have seen, the boys basketball teams as a whole, will do well this year. As the team has shown talent and teamwork, that they believe will be very useful when it comes time for our team's first game. - Daniel D.

MASS & ASSEMBLIES

This month training for Altar Servers had started. Austin, Stella, Hank, Isla, Pacey, Tyler, Kenny, and Max have all been trained for altar serving. Next month all new altar servers will be repeatedly taken for reinforcement of the information they learned. Kaleb, president of Student Council, is always looking for kids to learn how to serve at mass, to get closer to God. If your child is interested in altar serving, is in Fifth through Eighth grade, and is also Catholic, have them reach out to Kaleb so he can train them at a school mass. - Kaleb W.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

The Recycling Committee has many plans and ideas for recycling, such as making sure every classroom and teacher/staff room has a recycling bin/basket, or having the younger grades make posters, and put them up around the school. They'd also like to have the younger and older grades take part in making sure the classrooms are clean looking. They also have a mental chart on the days they collect the bins/baskets. Tuesday and Thursday would be the days where they come around picking up the bins and put the paper in the place it belongs. They even have an idea of when they'd get them, either when they get to school in the morning or before they go to aftercare/tutoring. - Brooklyn C.