

## STUDENT COUNCIL 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER NEWSLETTER

### **PRE-K by MiKayla Cole**

OLSS's Pre-K helps prepare kids for the rest of their school career. The Pre-K has had a busy 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and have learned a lot. Right now they are learning about seasons and how animals hibernate in the winter.

### **KINDERGARTEN by Madison Cunningham**

Our Kindergarten class has done so much in this second quarter. A huge thing they focused on was collaborating with their 8<sup>th</sup> grade buddies. The buddies helped them at the Santa Shop and with their pictures with Santa. In Religion, they learned about the Advent wreath and true meaning of Christmas. In Social Studies and Science, they learned about what animals need to survive. In Math, they worked on counting by twos and tens. These are just some of the many things they learned during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter!

### **1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE by Alina Sweeney**

This quarter was very eventful for our 1<sup>st</sup> graders. In Math, they have started to add by 2 and for some, multiply by 2. In Social Studies, they are learning about laws and rules. The 1<sup>st</sup> graders are very proud to announce that they can read! They are currently learning and reading long vowel sounds, and three letter blends. In Religion, they have been studying the sacrament of Baptism, and brought in pictures from their own baptisms, which are hanging in the classroom. The 1<sup>st</sup> grade class also had Thanksgiving and Christmas parties in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, and made some crafts and did a writing project. All in all, the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter has been very eventful for our 1<sup>st</sup> graders!

### **2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE by Jacob Krause**

In Math, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade worked on fractions by making apple crisp. In Religion, they learned about Advent, and are currently working on Reconciliation as they prepare for their First Holy Communions in May. In Science, they have been excited about learning about animal habitats. In ELA, they are always working on learning new words. Recently they have been learning about words that sound the same but are spelled differently. For Christmas, they watched the Polar Express with the 1<sup>st</sup> grade after their party.

### **3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE by Mia Plakos**

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade has learned a lot this quarter. They have been learning about the water cycle and will be starting to study weather soon. In Math, they have been working on times tables, fractions, square roots, and division. They have been practicing cursive writing with Sister Ruth, and are entering a cursive handwriting contest. In Religion, they have learned about Abraham, the father of our faith. In December, they watched the movie Polar Express and compared it to the book. In Spanish, they are working on the names of foods. And last but not least, they made pet blankets for the Calvert Animal Welfare League pet shelter. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade has done a lot this quarter and I hope the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter is just as amazing for them!

### **4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE by Thomas Perrin**

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, we did a banana lab in Science. We studied a banana slice with yeast and without yeast for 10 days to see which one would decompose faster. In Social Studies, we learned about the French and Indian War, and the Revolutionary War and how America got its independence. We really enjoyed our field trip to Historic Saint Mary's City in November. We learned that the Native Americans used deer for food, clothing, and tools. For Advent, we donated to a charity called Birthright. Our goal was to fill two diaper bags with donations, and we exceeded our goal! The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter was great!

### **5<sup>th</sup> GRADE by Kaleb Smith**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter has been awesome for 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We worked on our class Science Fair project, and we also worked on a persuasive writing assignment. We did book reports and lots of fun stuff. Our prayers are with Mrs. Ratliff as she leaves OLSS, and we are excited to have Mrs. Oster as our new teacher.

### **6<sup>th</sup> GRADE by Ciaran Sweeney**

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade has had a packed second quarter. They have done labs in science, discovering genetics with a gummy bear sorting lab, and thinking about adaptations that would help animals survive natural disasters. We are reading *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan in Literature. We do daily problem sets in Math. In Social Studies, we are doing a project on the greatest minds in the Renaissance. We continue to do a spelling and a vocabulary pack every week. Middle school had a brunch to celebrate the Fruits of the Spirit and Christmas together. 6<sup>th</sup> grade is ready to finish the rest of the year strong.

### **7<sup>th</sup> GRADE by Joseph Annulis**

In Math, we have been learning about perfect squares of numbers. In Social Studies, we have been learning about West Africa. In Science, we have been learning about greenhouse gases and climates. In ELA we have been learning about writings in literature, and about fairy tales. In Spanish, we have been working on adjectives. In PE classes, we have been learning about the bones in the human body.

### **8<sup>th</sup> GRADE by Catherine Pensenstadler**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter for 8<sup>th</sup> grade was really cool! In Science, we learned about kinetic and potential energy, and about thermal energy, heat, and temperature. In ELA, we wrote a fairy tale for our Kindergarten buddies, and got to dive deeper into our English language, learning objectives and prepositions. In Social Studies, we memorized the preamble of the Constitution, and learned about the three branches of government. In Math, we learned A LOT! Substitution, linear equations, and much more! Mrs. Thompson, our principal, is also our Religion teacher. We learned about the four marks of the church, the Doctors and the Fathers of the Church, and so much more. Our last class of the day is Literature. We read some super cool Greek stories, and we even did a project where we got to paint scenes from the stories, which was really fun! The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter was really cool for our class, and we are anticipating learning a lot more in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

### **STUDENT COUNCIL TREASURER'S REPORT by Lawrence Annulis**

We had had many Tag Days this 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and are making at least \$100 every time. Tag Day donations go to a charity in our community. We are going to have Tag Days during Catholics Schools Week, for Valentine's Day in February, and for St. Patrick's Day in March.

### **MISSIONS & CHARITIES by MiKayla Cole**

At Our Lady, we take pride in our charity work. Every month we have Tag Days and choose a charity or organization that could use some help. Our school's mission is to have Jesus at the center of everything. In December, each class donated items to an Advent charity. During Catholic Schools Week, we have the Souper Bowl canned food drive and the donations go to the SMILE Food Pantry.

### **RECYCLING COMMITTEE by Jax Levija**

The Recycling Committee collects paper products around the school to recycle every Friday. I enjoy doing this job and being the head of this committee, especially because it helps our environment and is saving the earth. Make sure you recycle at home!

**MASS & ASSEMBLIES by Lawrence Annulis**

We have Mass every Wednesday at 8:15am. We are looking for more altar servers. If there are any aspiring altar servers, just tell your teacher, and Julian and I will train you. We need as many as we can get. Thank you! I am looking forward to the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester. God Bless!

**SPIRIT COMMITTEE by Jonathan Ehrmantraut**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter has been full of exciting games and activities for the Seahawks basketball teams. We started off the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter with the Pep Rally, which I'm sure excited the players for the season. During the quarter, the girls' team has won many of their games, and the boys are also playing with energy and enthusiasm. We've had a great start to the basketball season and players and coaches are all looking forward to future games. The Senior Game is Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. I invite everyone to come and cheer on our teams. I wish for a great rest of the season, filled with victories and faith!

**YEARBOOK & PHOTOGRAPHY by Jim Oster**

Last quarter, the yearbook committee helped take pictures at the Pep Rally, Thanksgiving Feast, and during class parties. We are always available for events so if teachers would like pictures taken, just let us know. We hope you have a good 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter!

**HOT LUNCH COMMITTEE by Megan Leidig**

If there is something you would like to add to the lunch menu, please come to me, and I will tell Mr. Klein. Or, you can talk directly to him. But please don't come up with preposterous items, like candy. The items need to be things that Mr. Klein is able to make in the kitchen. In February we will have a new item on the menu, homemade chicken pot pie!

**SAFETY PATROL by Jonathan Ehrmantraut**

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, Safety Patrol has added cones to block the back part of the parking lot to ensure that everyone is staying in the car line. We need everyone to stay in the car line, so that no one has to walk across the parking lot or wait for the end of the car line to leave. For everyone's safety, please do not move the cones. Parents, if you are waiting for your child in the afternoon car line and they aren't coming to your car, please alert one of the Safety Patrol members so that we can get your child for you. I pray that everyone stays safe inside and outside of school.

**LITERARY COMMITTEE by Catherine Pensenstadler**

The Literary Committee is a new committee in Student Council, introduced by our principal Mrs. Thompson. As chairperson of this committee, my job is to collect samples of our students' wonderful work, and create it into a really cool magazine. This quarter, I am going to collect works from Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and will be in touch with teachers soon.

**SCHOOL STORE by Noah Conover**

The School Store has been doing really well since it opened. We have made \$49.75 so far. We would like to thank everyone who has bought something from our store, as every purchase supports our school. I hope everyone has a great 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and keeps supporting our school!