



Knights' Pride



Club News

Middle School Drama Club - The ASA Middle School Drama Club would like to thank everyone who came out to watch *Goldilocks on Trial*, and see the crazy and zany shenanigans that occurred in the "courtroom" on December 14th and 15th. The actors and stage crew did a superb job and are excited to begin working on the Spring Musical *Mulan*. The Drama Club and Ms. Richards would like to thank those who helped out during the shows including Mrs. Matys, Ms. DiCola, Mrs. Oakley, and Mrs. Crowley.

National Junior Honor Society – NJHS members led a very successful Food Drive resulting in over 1500 items being donated to the St. Vincent DePaul Society. They also continue to volunteer their time helping out at the Bread of Life Kitchen once a month. They are looking forward to getting new members after the second quarter, when students academically eligible to join will be invited.

Student Council – Student Council invited members of National Junior Honor Society to join them for their Christmas Party in December, which included singing Christmas Carols at the Webster Manor Nursing Home, and then bowling and exchanging Secret Santa gifts afterwards. A good time was had by all!

Sports – Cheerleading and basketball teams have been working hard to improve their individual skills while learning how to work as a team. The teams participated in the St. James Tournament over Christmas break and have started back with the league schedule. Please be sure to use the coupon you received with your school Christmas card to come to a game at no charge!

Classroom Happenings

Preschool News Flash: We can't believe we are already welcoming the new year! Preschool was very busy in December! We started the month discussing Advent. Children learned that this meant getting our hearts and homes ready for Jesus' birthday. We made many decorations, created an advent countdown, and talked about the true meaning of Christmas. We also had a very fun week talking about gingerbread. We read and compared different gingerbread cookie stories, created our own

Important Dates

- January 14-18** – MAP Testing
- January 21** – No School – Martin Luther King Day
- January 22** – Special Meal Day
- January 26** – Catholic Schools Night at the Worcester Railers
- January 27 – February 2** – National Catholic Schools Week
- January 27** – Open House 1:30 – 3:30 PM
- January 31** – Open House 9:00 – 10:30 AM and 6:00 – 7:00 PM
- February 1** – Mass with Bishop McManus at 12:00 PM at St. Louis Church
- February 6 – No busses home** - Special Meal Day – Gr. 3 & 4 bake sale
- February 9** – FASA sponsored Comedy Night – 5:00 PM
- February 15** – Six Flags Read to Succeed Logs due
- February 18 – 22** – Winter Break
- February 25** – Cash Calendar returns due
- March 1** – Diocesan Grant & Aid applications must be completed and **verified**

gingerbread creations and used our sense of sight, smell, and taste to explore gingerbread cookies. We had so much fun participating in all the activities and games planned for Rudolph Day! Thank you to all the parents who brought in breakfast items to help us have a Holiday Breakfast. We were able to spend the last day of school before Christmas in our cozy pajamas enjoying yummy treats. We are excited to spend the next month helping your child learn and grow!

Kindergarten Escapades: During the month of December, we were busy preparing for Christmas. Each week we came together to participate in an Advent prayer service. Some of us were chosen to be candles for the Advent wreath. Our class visited the clients at Fallon Summit Eldercare. We sang Christmas songs, made crafts and visited with the elderly. We continued singing and were excited to be on stage at our Christmas concert. Then it was on to "reindeer games" where we had a fun day participating in many activities with our older buddies.

Grade 2 Shenanigans: The second graders had a fun filled December. We began subtracting two-digit numbers using regrouping. We read stories on working together and learned about plural nouns. Best of all, we celebrated Jesus's birthday with acts of kindness, sharing, and thankfulness. We performed at the Christmas Concert and enjoyed being up on stage. Rudolph Day was a great success with the whole school working together on projects, games, and sharing a pizza lunch. We also put on our second-grade play for the first graders and our families. The new year is sure to bring lots more exciting happenings in Second grade!

Grade 3 News: The month of December was full of activity for Grade 3. We began the month preparing for our Jesse Tree Mass. The Jesse tree shows Jesus' family tree through stories from the Old Testament. The students did an awesome job! We also participated in a Christmas card exchange with students throughout the U.S. I believe our favorite came from Hawaii. The class included Hawaiian words for us to learn. This came in very helpful for our performance in our Christmas show. Who knew what great hula dancers we had in grade three!

Grade 4 News: Happy New Year from Grade 4. We had a fun filled December with many activities leading up to Christmas, including reindeer games, participation in the Advent ceremony, the Christmas concert, and Christmas shopping at school for family and friends. We worked with Kindergarten on a DWP lesson. We played a Christmas version of Hedbanz, where the students had to ask questions, listen, and answer. We have just finished our unit on division in math, and will be moving onto fractions. In science, we have been learning about Earth and Space. We are continuing to learn about United States geography in Social Studies, including natural resources and which ones are renewable and nonrenewable. Grade four students completed a Saints project. Each student chose a saint, researched their saint, and used their technology skills to put their project together. Thank you Ms. DiCola for helping us with this project.

Mrs. Berthiaume's Classroom: December sure was a busy month for the students at the Middle School Campus. The Eighth Graders created Jesse Tree Ornaments to represent Jesus' ancestors. They, along with the Third Graders, decorated trees with their ornaments at the Jesse Tree Mass. The Seventh Graders made individual manger scenes to represent Jesus' Humble Beginnings. The Fifth and Sixth Graders recalled the story of Saint Nicholas and did a project that went along with his story. Every Monday when the students came in from lunch recess, they entered the library and a certain class would lead the school in an Advent Wreath lighting ceremony. Special thanks go out to Mrs. Crowley for creating the wreath for us and to Mrs. Christine Petkus for leading us in song! May good health and much happiness fill your lives in 2019!

Mrs. Heflin's Classroom: Students in Grade 5 Math have finished working with multi-digit multiplication, and are now moving on to multiplying decimals. Students in Grade 6 Honors Math are using lots of brain power to grasp basic algebraic concepts, including writing and evaluating algebraic expressions, as well as using Order of Operations. 7th Grade Honors Pre-Algebra students are working with adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing rational numbers, and 8th Grade Honors students are working on linear equations, including relations and functions, leading to graphing and solving more complex problems.

Ms. Richards' Classroom: 5th Grade Social Studies- 5th Graders are learning about Native American tribes that inhabited North America before Europeans arrived in the New World, including the Iroquois and Algonquin tribes. They have learned that the Iroquois tribe was made up of five mini tribes, including the Mohawk. The 5th Grade has learned about the Mohawk trail (located in northwest Massachusetts) and has spent time demonstrating how the Iroquois Grand Council came together to discuss peace among the five tribes. They have also learned how Native Americans planted crops, including the three sisters (corn, beans, squash) and how Long-houses (east coast Native American homes) were constructed. 6th Grade Social Studies- The 6th Grade class has traveled back in time to the first successful civilization in history, Mesopotamia. Students learned, discussed, and acted out how Mesopotamia divided up people within their society into a class system. The 6th Grade also has discussed the Tigris and Euphrates rivers and the development of irrigation and canal systems within society, which allowed people to develop a society based on agriculture instead of migrating for food. 7th Grade Social Studies- The 7th Grade spent time discussing former president George H.W. Bush, his legacy and impact on American government and society. Students researched the American Disabilities Act of 1990 and discussed how the law has changed the way people live in today's society i.e. handicap spaces in parking lots and handicap ramps on public buildings, to mention a few. Students have also "traveled" to Canada to discuss the country's history and topography. Students even analyzed the French and Indian War, and realize that the name of the war names the two groups that fought against the British over land in Canada and some land in the current U.S. 8th Grade Social Studies- The 8th Grade has been studying the administration of Thomas Jefferson and many events that took place during that time. Students analyzed the judicial case, Marbury v. Madison and how it became the "president" in regards to judicial power and the guideline for the system of checks and balances. Students went on the journey with Lewis and Clark and Sacagawea to explore the territory that the U.S. purchased in 1803 (Louisiana Purchase) and to find out what the land/territory looked like at that time. They also analyzed some of the items (journals, drawings, animal pelts, etc.) Lewis and Clark brought back with them to show Jefferson what they found during their travels. In addition to the Louisiana Territory, 8th Grade also studied the politics of the election of 1804 and the drama between Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr. Students discussed what a duel in 1800 looked like and studied the duel between Hamilton and Burr. The 8th Grade was excited to listen to the song, The World Was Wide Enough from the widely popular Broadway show 'Hamilton'. Students evaluated whether or not Aaron Burr was remorseful for killing Hamilton and discussed reasons why judges wouldn't prosecute people for dueling. The 8th Grade even analyzed how duels in the early 1800s connect to the duels cowboys would have in the "Wild West".

Mrs. Oakley's Classroom: News from the Third Floor! Mrs. Oakley's Grade 5 English class: THEY continue to learn and use pronouns and how to diagram THEM. Grade 6 English *finally* finished their study of Adverbs and is reviewing types of sentences and words the in sentence order a natural in (bonus points might be available...) Grade 7 concentrated on reading, listening to, and watching *A Christmas Carol* in preparation for creating a compare/contrast essay on the book and Muppet adaptation (as Mr. Oakley says, even the rats had great costumes!) Grade 8 focused on completing their *Great Expectations* project and watched the 1946, very atmospheric film of the novel. A Dickensian December for Grades 7 and 8! Grade 7 has also begun their foray into the future as they read *The Time*

Machine. Grade 8 is off on different journey into the past, reading *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*. Wishing everyone a very happy, healthy, and blessed 2019.

Mrs. Crowley's Creative Corner: We have a lot going on in Art this month – Our Art Show is January 31, 2019! Every student in the school will have a framed piece in the show! The frames are available for purchase or copies of your child's work can also be made if desired. A portion of the price goes back to All Saints Academy and will be used for more great art supplies; there will be more information going home on this.

I would like to congratulate our winners in the Martin Luther King Poster competition: Our entire 4th grade class collaborated on a poster and were awarded 1st place in 4th grade group category. Five students from our 6th grade also received awards. Briana Duffy was awarded 3rd place in the individual category and Lara Boulmetis, McKenzie Duffy, Lillian Maglich, and Logan Mueller received 1st place in the group category. These students will all be recognized Saturday, January 26, 2018 at the Worcester Historical Museum where their work is currently on display.

The preschool – 2nd grade students worked on a surprise project for their parents to create with at our Parents Mix and Mingle that was held on January 7. The rest of the month we explored winter art using a variety of medium. Third and fourth grade students will continue to explore shape and form as we learn about the strong shadows cast in the winter months and how to create them. At our middle school campus, the art show pieces should be complete and we are getting ready for Catholic Schools Week – I can't wait to show you what we have planned! I would like to thank and acknowledge our incredible middle school students for the amount of work they put into Rudolph Day to make it a total school event, from creating games and decorations, helping with set up and clean up to being our "Bigs" and traveling and working with our elementary school students!

FASA NEWS

COMEDY FUNDRAISER
Featuring New England's Best Comedians
to benefit
ALL SAINTS ACADEMY
Saturday, February 9, 2019
American Legion
9 Houghton St. | Webster, MA 01570
Doors open at 5pm | Food served at 6pm | Show at 7pm
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