



Knights' Pride



*The Spirit of Christmas is Love.
 God loves us so much that He gave His Son to us.
 May the love of our Savior, Jesus Christ,
 surround you through the Christmas season
 and throughout the coming year.
 Merry Christmas!*

The Faculty and Staff of All Saints Academy

Drama Club – The ASA Drama Club has been working hard this fall on preparing for our production of “**Looking Glass Land**”. Students have been doing a wonderful job practicing for this year’s play production. It is scheduled for Thursday, December 14th at 6:30 pm, located at the Elementary School Campus gym/stage. We look forward to seeing you that evening, following Alice’s journey through Looking Glass Land.

Christmas Sing-Along – Please join us on Wednesday, December 20, at 12:30 PM at the elementary campus as the Christmas spirit comes alive with music and entertainment.

Catholic Schools Week – Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed: Plans are underway for an exciting week of celebrating Catholic education. To help you plan your schedule, we would like you to know that there will be a “Special Person’s Day” and “Open House” on Tuesday, January 30th. Details on the plans for the week will be distributed after the Christmas holiday.

Jimmy Fund Club Update - Thank You All Saints Academy for purchasing Thanksgiving Candy Grams! The school raised \$139.00! In addition to raising money for Dana Farber Cancer Institute, the club members created Christmas cards to send to patients. We are so proud of the members in the club for coming up with such a thoughtful idea!

Important Dates

December 14 – “Looking Glass Land” drama presentation at 6:30 PM at elementary campus

December 15 – Mass at 12:00 PM at St. Louis Church

December 18 – “Annie” auditions

December 18 – Reconciliation Grades 3-8 at Sacred Heart Church

December 20 – Christmas Sing-Along 12:30 PM at elementary campus

December 21 – Grinch Day at elementary campus

December 22 – Early Release 11:15 AM (Start of Christmas Vacation)

January 2 – Return to classes

January 5 – ASA vs. OLV 6:00 PM (home)

January 20 – ASA vs. Trinity 1:00 PM (home)

January 21 – ASA vs. St. Patrick 1:00 PM (home)

January 27 – ASA vs. St. James 6:00 PM (home)

January 28 to February 3 – Catholic Schools Week

January 30 – Special Person’s Day

February 3 – Worcester Railers Game

Classroom Happenings

Preschool Elementary School Campus Headlines: November started out on a bang with our Preschool class and Kindergarten having our very own tour of the School Street Firehouse by Chief Brian Hickey. We saw a lot of cool fire trucks, learned about firefighting equipment and met some really brave firefighters! As the month progressed we continued looking at the season and how it was changing. Our Science center continues to evolve daily along with the changing seasons. Our corn began to grow, we cut open our pumpkins and gourds and we did a compare and contrast. We ended the month talking about what we are thankful for and a wonderful and yummy Thanksgiving feast with our friends in Kindergarten and 1st Grade. It was a great month!



Preschool Middle School Campus News Flash: In November, we began the month learning Healthy Habits. We practiced good handwashing, and discussed a variety of ways to keep our bodies healthy. We experimented with Skittles and water and made our own unique rainbows. We made our own Scarecrows and learned a fun Scarecrow poem. We spent a lot of our time learning about Thanksgiving. We learned about The Pilgrims and the Mayflower, talked about what we are thankful for, and even had our own delicious feast in school.

Kindergarten Happenings: We continue to work hard learning new things every day. This past month, we had a tour of the fire station. We even got to go inside a fire truck. Kindergarten shared a traditional Thanksgiving meal with our friends in Preschool and First Grade. We sang songs, ate turkey, and had lots of fun.

Grade 3 News: Grade 3 has continued its exploration of multiplication and division. In reading students recently read "Penguin Chick" and continued exploring penguin life with a corresponding project. They learned about their habitats, life cycles, diet, and other interesting facts.

Grade 4 Press Release: Grade four has finished reading *The Wild Robot*. We read this as part of a Global Read Aloud. The class has been working in groups to plan how they will build their version of Roz the robot, the main character in the book. The children are collecting recyclable materials at home to build their robots. We will begin building Monday 12/11.

Mrs. Oakley's Classroom: Look what is happening in English: Grade 5 is coming to the end of the Section on Pronouns. Grade 6 is finishing up Verbs and soon will be studiously and bravely confronting Adverbs. Grade 7 is analyzing Verbs so that they can describe action and "being" more precisely. Grade 8 is halfway through Verbals, ready to tackle the world of infinitives. "To be, or not to be...." In Literature, Grade 7 focused on Poetry in November, encountering works by Joseph Bruchac, Walt Whitman, Lucille Clifton, Lewis Carroll, Edgar Allan Poe, Ogden Nash, Shakespeare, and Emily Dickinson. Both Grade 7 and 8 wrote poems about Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King for a contest sponsored by Worcester State University.

Merry Christmas!

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Mrs. Berthiaume's Classroom: November found the 7th Graders thankful for what they have. They decided to give back. They donated cans of soup and money to buy socks to go around the cans. During the school's Thanksgiving Mass, they brought forward their donations as part of the offertory. Following the Mass, they dropped off the donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at the Emmaus Center. November also found the 7th & 8th Graders giving their time to help the St. Vincent de Paul members prepare Thanksgiving dinner boxes for the needy. The 6th Graders learned about piety and prayer. They learned that Mary wrote a prayer, a canticle, entitled the "Magnificat". The 5th Graders found themselves on a tropical island as they read about Karana, a girl learning survival skills in the story *Island of the Blue Dolphins*.

Mrs. Heflin's Classroom: Students in 8th grade Math have been busy learning all about linear equations, graphing, and functions. 7th grade Math students are solving all sorts of problems involving rational numbers - adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing them! 6th graders are concentrating on understanding and applying multiplication of fractions, and 5th graders have been learning all about multiplying decimals.

NJHS completed their first service project last month; they painted games on the recess yard at the Elementary School Campus, and the teachers there tell us the younger students are enjoying them tremendously. They have another project planned for those students in December, but you'll have to wait until next month for news about that one, because it's a surprise!

Student Council members are planning a trip to the Nursing Home to sing Christmas Carols to the residents during the second week of December.

Twas the Month Before Christmas

Twas the month before Christmas
and all through the school,
the students were learning no one was a fool.
In Science class the students were tucked in their
seats
their books and papers in a stack so neat.
When what to their wondering ears they did
hear
but the life of a cell and the Earth is a sphere.
Now fifth grade, now sixth grade, on seven and
eight,
learning the states of matter, we do not hate.
As they walked through the halls they exclaim
with delight,
Science class is really out of sight!

Sr. Ellen's Classroom

The Great Turkey Race was enjoyed by students in Grades 4 through 8. In teams, the students participated in STEM challenges and ended with an obstacle course relay race wearing one of their STEM creations!

Congratulations to our kindergarten student, Finola Castiglione, on her performance in the Moscow Ballet performance of the Nutcracker.

FASA UPDATES

Comedy Night - February 10th

Enjoy a night out, dinner and lots of laughs!
Bring your friends, family and neighbors to a great event!

\$30 per person – includes dinner

18 year old or older event

Tickets may be purchased at: www.funny4funds.com/events/all-saints-academy/41

Christmas Bazaar Thank You

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Bazaar by stopping in, by volunteering their time and talent and by informing friends and family of the event. We are truly blessed and grateful to have such a committed ASA community!!!

May the peace and warmth of the Christmas season remain with your family on Christmas day and throughout the coming year. FASA wishes you a very Merry Christmas.

Save the Date: **June 23 – ASA Golf Tournament**

Advertise Your Business Here

If you run a business and would like to advertise in Knights' Pride, please send a business card size ad to school
Attn: Ellen Tagg. Ads will be in the newsletter when space allows. There is no cost for this advertising.

This is a nice way to promote your business within the All Saints Academy community.

If you have scraps of fleece or flannel material that you are looking to clear out of your home, the Art Department would love to take them off your hands. We are going to make fabric squares to donate to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at UMass Memorial. The blankets will be held by the parent and then placed with the baby to bring the scent of the parent to their child.

In the Community

Any Ideas? If you know of events for ASA to attend, please send the information to Ellen Tagg at etagg@allsaintswebster.org.

Merry Christmas!

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