



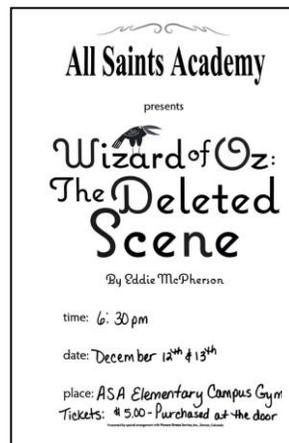
Knights' Pride



Club Happenings

Drama Club

The Drama Club has been working hard on the play, *Wizard of Oz: The Deleted Scene* by Eddie McPherson. The play is about Dorothy being offered an alternate route to the Emerald City, instead of following the Yellow Brick Road. It is scheduled for next Thursday and Friday, December 12th and 13th at 6:30 p.m. It will be performed at the Elementary Campus Gym and tickets cost \$5.00. This is a performance you don't want to miss!!



Student Council - Students in Student Council planned and helped run a fun Thanksgiving Flapjacks/Activity Event in conjunction with the 1st Grade teachers, which was held on Tuesday, November 19th in the St. Louis Church Hall. The first graders had a great time, and SC members are looking forward to doing it all again next year!

National Junior Honor Society – NJHS members continue to serve at two Soup Kitchens in town; once a month at the United Church of Christ and/or at the Greek Orthodox Church. Students are currently running a Food Drive with the theme of a Reverse Advent Calendar. They hope to collect **at least** 500 items to donate to the St. Vincent dePaul Society, and Mrs. Matys has agreed to give everyone in the school a dress-down day in January if we do! Please check out the Virtual Envelope for specific items to bring.

Important Dates

December 12 & 13 – Wizard of Oz: The Deleted Scene – 6:30 PM @ASA Elementary Campus

December 16 – All students dropped off at elementary campus – end of day pickup is at their respective campus

December 17 – Pretties and Ugliest Sweater Contest – Preschool through Grade 8

December 18 – Christmas Concert – 12:00 PM @ASA Elementary Campus – All students dismissed from the elementary campus

December 19 – Christmas Around the World – All students dropped off and picked up at the elementary campus

December 20 – Early dismissal at 11:30 AM. **NO ASP available.**

December 21 through January 1 – Christmas Break

January 2 – Classes resume

January 6 – Feast of the Epiphany Mass – 12:00 PM @ St. Louis Church

January 6 – FASA Meeting – 6:00 PM @Middle School Campus hall

January 13 – 24 – MAP testing

January 20 – No School – MLK Jr. Day

January 21 – Special Meal Day – **NO BUSES TO OR FROM SCHOOL (Webster Public has no school)**

January 26 – February 1 – National Catholic Schools Week

NJHS will be sponsoring a *Prettiest and Ugliest Sweater Contest* on Tuesday, December 17. Students are to wear their sweater over their school uniform. Entry into the contest is \$1.00. There will be a winner in each category at both the elementary and middle school campus. Please see the notice in today's virtual envelope.

Classroom Happenings

Preschool News Flash: In November, preschool began the month learning about Healthy Habits. We learned many ways to help our bodies grow, and how to keep them healthy. We practiced washing our hands and covering our coughs. We also learned about Scarecrows. You can see our very own scarecrows hanging in the windows of our classroom. We also learned a fun scarecrow poem. The last two weeks we spent talking about Thanksgiving and what we are thankful for. We talked about the Pilgrims, the Mayflower and made many turkeys, including ones with our own hands. We hope you all had a great Thanksgiving. We are looking forward to exploring the season of Advent in December!!

Kindergarten Escapades: November found the Kindergarten class continuing to develop their reading and writing skills. We are still excited to be learning so many new things. We have just begun addition in math. We spent some time this month learning about our veterans and the First Thanksgiving.

Grade 1 Happenings – Mrs. Fay and Ms. Dodd: November started off strong with the students learning about the importance of Veteran's Day and how we honor our Vets. The students read and wrote about this day in addition to making cards for our Vets. Later in the month the students enjoyed the Scholastic Book Fair and spent time with their special person playing games and reading in the classroom. The month ended as the first graders were immersed in literacy and math activities learning about the Native Americans and Thanksgiving. The culminating event was when the two first grade classes came together with the assistance of the student council to provide an educational experience using STEM activities. Students hid a turkey, built the Mayflower, and experimented with how many pennies it would hold and still float, and many other activities. The morning ended with a delicious flapjack lunch. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped with this event.

Grade 2 Shenanigans: November was a time to learn about holiday traditions. In second grade we focused on Thanksgiving. We learned about how and why we Americans celebrate this special day. We remembered the Pilgrims and the Native Americans and discovered that Abraham Lincoln was the first president to declare Thanksgiving a holiday. Our Religion studies followed this theme. We gave thanks and praise to God for all our gifts and blessings. In math we used our strategies to subtract two-digit numbers. We subtracted using regrouping, compensation, or break apart. We were also introduced to geometry and learned about the attributes of 2-plane figures. Reading and language arts centered on our Working Together Unit. We used main idea, details, and author's purpose to dig deep into our stories. We discussed realistic fiction vs. nonfiction genres. We learned about contractions and the controlled-r vowels ir, er, ur. We talked about common nouns and proper nouns. We stressed the importance of capital letters when using proper nouns. November

was a busy but short month and now it's on to December. Stay tuned for more Second Grade Shenanigans!

Grade 3 News: We continued to focus on multiplication and division fact families and their properties. Students were also working hard on problem-solving with these operations. In reading, we focused on a different type of problem-solving and how working together is often the best solution. We learned all about Emperor Penguins in the story Penguin Chick. We also did research on other types of penguins. We were surprised by how many different species there are in the world. In Science, our focus has been plant and animal life cycles. We have been learning about the Wampanoag group in our study of Massachusetts. We constructed wetus out of paper bags and pipe cleaners. We found out that this was not an easy task and patience was required. Third Grade is looking forward to the busy month of December.

Grade 4 News: In fourth grade, we have concluded our unit on multiplying multi-digit numbers. We are starting Geometry in December focusing on lines and angles. In Reading we have been drawing conclusions and making inferences using non-fiction text features and building vocabulary. In Science we are researching information for an animal project to understand the structures animals need to grow and survive. In Social Studies, we are learning about landforms of the United States and where they are located in the different regions of the country. In Religion, we have been connecting the Ten Commandments and The Lord's Prayer.

Mrs. Berthiaume's Classroom: November found the Religion classes learning about the holy men and women who have gone before us to the heavenly Kingdom. Students in grades 6, 7, & 8, together with a partner, gave an oral report on one of the saints found in their textbooks. The saints came alive in Grade 5 as the students dressed as a saint they did research on and presented their facts to the school and parish communities at the All Saints Mass on November 1st. The 6th Graders found themselves enjoying giving their time to help the St. Vincent de Paul members unload a food truck of turkeys and vegetables and helping to prepare Thanksgiving dinner boxes for the needy. It was a busy month for them as they were also the class responsible for the Thanksgiving Mass held on Monday, November 25th. The 5th Graders found themselves thinking of baseball once again as they read the biography: *Satchel Paige*. As they read about the personal challenges that Satchel faced, they had to ponder the question: "How do we face personal challenges?"

Ms. Richard's Classroom: 6th Grade ELA - Students have been working on pronouns including personal, reflexive and intensive and subject and object pronouns. They have also spent time learning about antecedents and continuing to use direct and indirect objects. In addition, the 6th Grade has spent time learning about the various parts that go into a research paper and how to narrow down a topic and form a thesis statement. 6th Grade Reading- Students began reading the play *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl, based off the book by the same name. Students have enjoyed being given a role in the play in which they have been able to make their own and act out. Students have also spent time learning various vocabulary words and their usage in everyday life and literature including homophones, homographs, ellipses, and dialogue. 6th Grade Social Studies- The 6th Grade has begun their journey back in time to the Stone Age, learning about the importance of cave paintings, the development of humans and Stone Age tools, and the purpose for domesticating plants and animals. Students realized that without people becoming farmers and agriculturalists, humanity would have developed vastly different, leading to a different world in which we live in. 7th/8th Grade (Jr. High) Social Studies- The class has just finished the

Revolutionary War and the various hardships the British government enacted on the colonists at that time. Students found it interesting how Patriots fought for their beliefs for a government and country with equal representation and the protection of rights. Students were fascinated to learn that the first major battle of the war took place in Massachusetts and that the New England Patriots are named after the brave men and women who fought for our nation's independence. The class finished the unit off by having a "Colonial Tea Party" where they celebrated with food and signed a class copy of the Declaration of Independence.

Mrs. Heflin's Classroom: Middle School Math -Students in Grades 5, 6, 7, & 8 are all currently learning about various aspects of Geometry. 5th Graders are focusing on the volume of various prisms, while students in 6th grade are learning about area and surface areas of triangles, trapezoids, and kites, and the volume of prisms and pyramids. 7th Graders are working on problems involving scale drawings, angle relationships, circumference and area of circles, surface area, and volume, and Grade 8 students are delving more deeply into problems involving surface area and volume of cylinders, cones, and spheres. 5th Grade Social Studies - 5th graders recently finished a Unit on the first colonies in the Americas, and we are now focusing on the original thirteen colonies, by region. We began with the New England colonies, and will continue with the Middle Colonies and finally the Southern Colonies to complete the Unit.

Mrs. Oakley's Classroom: Grade 5 Science finished a lesson on Math skills used in Science - and got in some lab practice measuring and finding mean, medium, mode, and range. Grade 6 Science is discovering why Earth is not calm and stable by piecing together its plates and determining how they move. Junior High Science has entered the tiny but volatile world of the atom. Would you like NaCl with those fries? Grade 8 English finished work on Verbals and will begin carefully and painstakingly to uncover the types and uses of Adverbs. Junior High Literature continues to read "Flowers for Algernon" and to finish their work on *The Prince and the Pauper*.

Art Room & Makerspace: Students have been working on their Art Show pieces over the last month and they look beautiful! Their artwork will get shipped out soon to be framed and ready for display on January 31 at the Art Show – be sure to SAVE the DATE! Along with the Art Show pieces, students have been creating artwork that reflects the changing seasons and holidays such as turkeys and pumpkins using our warm color pallet of fall and advent wreaths getting ready for the Christmas season. After listening to a sermon by Dr. King, the 4th and 5th grade classes have each created a group poster for the Dr. Martin Luther King Competition. They answered a question how do you serve others?

In Makerspace the students have been working in groups creating marble mazes and will be ready to be play this Tuesday! The group that has the most difficult (longest time to get through the maze) will be the winners. Let the games begin!