



Knights' Pride



*May HE bless you with all the joy and happiness life has to offer...
Happy Easter!*

Special Thanks!

Thank you Sherry Campbell, Rachel Shelburne, and Melissa Laramie for preparing the playground for the Spring season!

Club Happenings

Theatre Corner: Rehearsals are well underway for our upcoming **Spring Musical - Disney's Mulan Jr!** Our performers are hard at work learning music, lines and choreography. Keep an eye out in the Weekly Virtual Envelope for opportunities to help out/ volunteer/ donate/ get involved! Mark your calendars - performances are Friday May 17th and Saturday May 18th. "This program is supported in part by a grant from the Webster Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency."



Important Dates

- || **April 8** – Dress in Red Sox Colors (see virtual envelope for more information)
- || **April 8** - Thinline Inventory Sale – elementary campus – 2:30 – 5:30 PM
- || **April 9** – Lenten Mass 9:00 AM at St. Louis Church
- || **April 12** – The Butterfly Ball
- || **April 12** – Yearbook orders due
- || **April 15-19** – Spring vacation
- || **April 22** – Warm weather uniform
- || **April 23** – Easter celebration Mass – 12:00 PM at St. Louis Church
- || **April 25** – Picture Day
- || **April 27** – FASA Yard Sale
- || **May 1** – Special Meal Day, no busses home
- || **May 17 & 18** – Disney's Mulan Jr.
- || **May 22** – Spring Concert – Grs. PK – 2
- || **May 24** – No School – Bishop's Day
- || **May 27** – No School – Memorial Day
- || **May 28** – Special Meal Day, no busses home
- || **May 30** – Mass – Feast of the Ascension 12:00 PM @ St. Louis Church

National Junior Honor Society: Members of NJHS spent an afternoon baking cookies to bring to the Webster Police Department as a thank you to our First Responders. They continue to volunteer at the Bread of Life Kitchen monthly. Their next project is to collect and paint rocks with inspiring words and then place them around town for people to find and hopefully feel cheered up when they do!

Student Council: Members of Student Council are busy planning a school-wide Easter Egg Hunt to be held the week right after Easter. This will allow all our students to maintain a solemn, prayerful Lent, and then add to the joy of the Easter Season with a fun activity!

Jimmy Fund Club: The club members are busy sorting and counting *LOTS* of pennies, dimes, nickels, quarters and bills! The club members are overwhelmed by the generous support of the students and their families. We will let you know the total once we have completed our counting. We are very optimistic that All Saints Academy will surpass our 2019 goal!!

Classroom Happenings

Preschool News Flash: Preschool began the Month of March talking about Lent. The children learned that Lent is a time for Forgiveness. Saying and accepting "I'm Sorry" is a wonderful tool for social and spiritual development. We explored the world of Dr. Seuss by reading many stories and making fun crafts. March is also Art Appreciation month in Preschool. Preschool children spent time in Mrs. J's and Mrs. Ellis's classrooms learning facts and history about several artists. We recreated our own art work after Picasso, Warhol, Chihuly, Pollock, Mondrian, Munch, and Matisse. We even began talking about Eric Carle and had Mrs. Crowley help us make our own Very Hungry Caterpillars. We hope you visited our showroom during Museum Night...we were excited to show you our hard work.

Kindergarten Escapades: Kindergarten began the month of March celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday. We read many of his books and participated in many artistic and STEM activities. For St. Patrick's Day, we put our heads together to try to create the perfect leprechaun trap. Although we had many unique and creative traps, we were unable to catch a leprechaun. For our efforts, he did leave us some gold under our rainbow. We have been very busy getting ready for Museum Night by putting the finishing touches on our projects. We hoped you enjoyed viewing our works of art!

Grade 1 Happenings: The first grade was really busy in March. We began the month by celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday, followed by celebrating St. Patrick's Day. We built traps to catch a leprechaun but the leprechaun got away. We ended the day by making leprechaun punch with Kindergarten. During the month we also learned about shapes in math. In reading, we began to learn about facts and opinions, and making comparisons. In social studies we studied American symbols.

Grade 2 Shenanigans: Phew, our projects are done! We created our own poetry book and the illustrations that go with it. We learned different forms of poetry and discovered that not all poetry rhymes. We will present our poems on Project Night with an Author's Tea. We began our new reading unit called "Our Changing World". We tackled multiple meaning words, adjectives, main idea, and supportive details. In math, the month of March was all about adding and subtracting measurements and graphing data using line plots, bar graphs, and picture graphs. Science was devoted to Earth Changes. We made earthquakes to illustrate fast changes and discussed slow changes such as erosion. We also learned about algorithms and how important they are when coding. We started a new unit on Plant Needs, Plant Parts, and The Plant Life Cycle. We began the Lenten season with Mass on Ash Wednesday. We focused on Jesus' life. We listened to His parables and learned about some of His miracles. We know that to follow Jesus, we need to be like Him: extra kind, extra helpful, extra giving, and very grateful.

Grade 3 News: March came in like a lion in third grade. We had our first snow day and our first blizzard bag. We also embraced the idea of snow by creating toilet paper snowmen. The third graders worked in groups to design freestanding snowmen using toilet paper, masking tape, and newspaper. They met this challenge with great enthusiasm and creativity. We began reading our biography books which will be used to create our characters for our living wax museum. In Math we began fractions and are doing great!

Grade 4 News: Fourth grade students have been busy researching their state over the last two months. They have spent time researching and writing essays. The last part of their project was to display important facts about their state on a trifold board to be presented at Museum Night. I have had a sneak peek at some of the boards students have put together, and they look fabulous. I look forward to seeing everyone's end product. The students will become the teacher and present their projects to their classmates with the end goal of teaching each other about their state. We are wrapping up our unit on the solar system in science. The students have worked hard learning about the moon, sun and planets in our solar system and how they all interact. We continue to work on the parts of speech in grammar. We have read many short stories including "Letters Home from Yosemite" which allowed us to also learn about a national park. The students love to read nonfiction news from Scholastic News each week. In Religion, we have worked on learning and understanding the Beatitudes. We continue to learn about the Ten Commandments and God's Kingdom.

Mrs. Berthiaume's Classroom: Since Ash Wednesday, the start of the Lenten season, students in Grades 5-8 have been reflecting on the Stations of the Cross in Religion class. Students take turns reading about the station and praying a reflection prayer that goes along with the station. Grade 8 has been walking over to St. Louis Church every Thursday after lunch to practice the Living Stations which they will present to the entire school on Friday, April 12th. To expand upon their study of the construction of early cathedrals, the Eighth Graders had to build their own version of a cathedral. They were able to see firsthand what the inside of a cathedral looks like as they traveled to Worcester on March 25th to attend the Mass for Life at St. Paul's Cathedral. Grade 7 Religion class focused on *The Lord's Prayer* and *The Beatitudes*, both given to us by Jesus to help us reach the Kingdom of God. They also learned that God gave St. Peter the "keys to the kingdom": the responsibility to lead the Church. Grade 6 Religion class learned why God gave Moses the Ten Commandments. They came to realize that the Ark of the Covenant was a special box that held the stone tablets of the Ten Commandments. Grade 5 Religion class learned that Jesus gave us the Sacrament of Baptism which frees us from sin and makes us children of God. They now know that Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River by his cousin, John the Baptist. The PreAlgebra 7 students have been working with formulas to determine a shape's perimeter and area and to calculate distance based on rate of speed and time. They have also started on measuring the degrees of angles and classifying them. In Reading class, Grade 5 read the Chinese folk tale "The Ch'i-lin Purse". The tale showed the students a touch of Chinese culture and customs. It made them ponder the question: What are the rewards in helping others?

Mrs. Heflin's Classroom: Fifth graders have been hard at work researching their famous artists for our upcoming Museum Night this month. They have also become proficient at calculating the volume of many different rectangular shapes. Sixth grade math students have been studying how to compute the area of parallelograms, triangles, rhombuses, trapezoids, and kites. Seventh grade math students have been spending time working with triangles, learning how to use protractors to measure their angles, and how the Pythagorean Theorem can help in finding an unknown side of a right triangle. Eighth grade math students have also been working with triangles, from finding unknown sides of similar triangles to using trigonometric ratios.

Ms. Galvinhill's Classroom: 5th Grade Science- Students learned about the atmosphere, lithosphere, hydrosphere, and biosphere and how these spheres of Earth interact to support life on Earth. Students also learned about different tools used to measure and predict weather. They learned about how temperature causes air to move. They are starting to learn about clouds and have set up a model to

observe the effects of cooling warm air and how this causes condensation. 6th Grade Science- Students learned about the Earth's movement in space. They learned about how Earth's tilted axis of rotation causes the seasons. They also learned about gravity and how gravity is a force that exists between any two objects. They learned about the relationship between gravity, mass, and distance. They modeled this relationship using magnets and paperclips, finding that the larger magnet attracted more paperclips than the smaller one and that the magnets picked up less paperclips when held at a greater distance. 7th Grade Science- Students learned about how different body systems work together to get oxygen and nutrients to their cells and to remove cell wastes. Students learned about how the nervous system and endocrine system send messages to other body systems to control body functions. They also learned about how all of the body systems work together to keep the body balanced and maintain homeostasis. 8th Grade Science- Students learned about the difference between speed and velocity and how to describe an object's speed and velocity. They learned how to read distance vs. time graphs to find the speed of an object. Students also learned about acceleration. They are starting to learn how to read and create distance vs. time graphs and speed vs. time graphs to analyze the motion of an accelerating object.

Mrs. Oakley's Classroom: News from the 3rd Floor: English classes: Grade 5 began (simple past) the Section on Verbs. Grade 6 finished Sentences and Punctuation!?!; and/or/not/yet Conjunctions. Grade 7 are winding up (present progressive phrasal verb) the Section on Verbs. Grade 8 completed the Sentences section and began Conjunctions (what's your function?). When the Grammar Sections are completed, each student will choose a Writing Unit for independent study. Grade 7 Literature - March is Mythology Month in Grade 7. We read and reviewed a series of Greek myths, many of which "explained" natural phenomena to the ancients and still have connections to the modern world and languages (If you are in a *panic* about *volcanoes* but the *chronicle* of the *Olympics* seems *hypnotic*, you are speaking in "Mythology"). Grade 8 Literature - Having completed our journey with Professeur Aronnax and Captain Nemo on the *Nautilus*, travelling 20,000 leagues under the sea, we are now travelling with Ulysses on his perilous odyssey to return home to Ithaca. Cyclopes and Sirens and Scylla - Oh my! *Wishing everyone blessed and peaceful Holy Week and Easter celebrations.*

Art Room Action: In Grades 1-4, we have been busy working on Museum Night projects along with the classroom teachers. We have learned about symmetry and portraiture, map making and flags, and book illustrations. The Preschool Classes created an awesome Hungry Hungry Caterpillar painting complete with all the food he chewed on based on the book by the Artist and Author, Eric Carl. This project helps prepare them for their exciting field trip to see the play! In Grade 5, we are working on optical illusions and exploring line as well as the Museum Night Famous Artist project. Grade 6 just finished an awesome canvas painting of a red cardinal on a snowy day. Grades 7 and 8 have been learning 2-point perspective and created a city block drawing.

Makers Space Cleverness: March has been buzzing with several projects. Fifth and sixth grade students are designing and building castles. They are learning how to be an effective group member by communicating ideas and listening to others' ideas, how to take an idea from paper to model, and how to use material in a different way than intended. Grade 7 and 8 have been very busy on the creation of the Resurrection eggs and they are so proud of their work. We are also working on a class gift; the students are renovating an awesome dollhouse and creating furniture with our 3D printers to be gifted to our ASA preschool.

Music Notes: On Saturday, March 30th, thirty-nine students stood on the ice of the DCU center and sang "God Bless America" before the start of the Worcester Railers' hockey game. Students, families and friends then enjoyed the hockey game (although not the outcome - it was a rough night for the Railers). The choir sang beautifully and were exceptional ambassadors for All Saints Academy - several representatives from both the Railers organization and the DCU Center commented on how well behaved our large group was. I am thrilled to say that we have been invited back for next season - I could not be more proud of the hard work and dedication that everyone put in!

Congratulations to all students on the wonderful projects you created for the All Saints Academy Museum Night!

Happy Easter!