



# Knights' Pride



## Classroom News

**National Junior Honor Society** – Students chose as their first service project volunteering to babysit the children of parents attending FASA meetings. They will be helping out at the Bread of Life Kitchen once a month and will be walking as a group in the Faith Walk for Hunger on October 14th.

**Student Council** - Student Council members have been busy planning the first Middle School Dance - "Welcome Back to School Dance" being held on October 4th!

**Middle School Drama Club** - The Drama Club has begun working on Stuart L. Sheeley's play, 'Goldilocks on Trial', slated to be performed in mid-December. Everyone knows the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears, but what happens after Goldilocks is caught and charged with breaking and entering? ASA Drama Club students have been working hard on helping to solve the case. Students have been memorizing their lines and developing their craft. Ms. Richards, director and advisor of the Drama Club, can't wait for everyone to see and watch each character come to life and be witness to the unscrupulous judge, Ms. Wendy Wiggins, preside over the case in the "King's Courtroom".

**Jimmy Fund Club** – First meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 from 2:30 – 3:30 for students in Grades 2 through 8 at the elementary campus.

**Sports** – The soccer season has had a rough start with all the rain. We look forward to the weather improving and getting on the field for the games! Basketball and Cheering signups start today and go through October 19, 2018. If your child/children are interested in participating, please have them see the administrative assistant at their respective campus to sign up. Once signups are complete, official documentation will be sent home to be completed and returned. If you have any questions, please contact our athletic director, Jeff Paulhus, at athleticdirector@allsaintswebster.org.

## Important Dates

- October 5** – No School – Professional Development Day
- October 8** – No School – Columbus Day
- October 9** – Soccer Game JV at 3:00 PM and Varsity at 4:00 – Berthold Field
- October 10** – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night 5:15 PM and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade High School Night 6:00 – 7:00 PM
- October 11** – Soccer Game V at 3:30 PM – Berthold Field
- October 16** – Soccer Game JV at 3:30 PM – St. Joe's (N. Grosvendordale)
- October 18** – Soccer Game JV at 3:00 PM and Varsity at 4:00 – Berthold Field
- October 19** – Soccer Game V at 3:30 PM – Berthold Field
- October 20** – FASA sponsored Halloween Party
- October 22** – Winter uniform begins
- October 26** – Picture Day
- October 29** – No School – Professional Development Day
- October 29** – Special Meal Day, Bake sale sponsored by Kindergarten and Grade 7, **No busses home available**
- November 1** – All Saints Day Mass – 9:00 AM at St. Louis Church
- November 3** – FASA sponsored Family Movie Night

## Classroom Happenings

**Preschool News Flash:** September brought many smiling faces into the Preschool classrooms. All students were welcomed with many fun activities as they learned the classroom routines. We began the month learning about Shapes and Colors. We even made our own new colors with our shaving cream blending bags. Next, we learned about each other's favorite things during All About Me week. We made self-portraits and measured how tall we were with string. During the last week of September, we began learning how to write the letter A. We learned how it sounded and many words that begin with A including Apples! We learned how apples grow, how they taste, and we even learned a fun apple poem. We have been working on our first DwP skill of Listening. We even received our own Leo the Listening Lizards from the Middle School Students. September has been so much fun, and we can't wait to see what next month brings!

**Kindergarten Escapades:** It has been a great start to Kindergarten! Everyone has settled in nicely and we are eager to learn. It has been a busy few weeks learning classroom routines and curriculum materials. We have also been busy building friendships with our classmates. We look forward to an exciting school year!

**Grade 1 Happenings:** We've been super busy getting to know each other during the month of September. We continue to learn the first grade routines. The kids are adjusting nicely. In math, we are beginning to add and subtract. Soon we will have weekly tests to learn addition facts. In reading/LA, we will finish Unit R next week. This is a review of Kindergarten skills mixed with introducing some new material. When we start Unit 1, we will begin weekly spelling tests. We ended September by celebrating Johnny Appleseed's Birthday. Thank you to all who sent in supplies or volunteered their time. I really appreciate it. It was a fun day.

**Grade 2 Shenanigans:** September has been a month packed with new beginnings. The boys, girls, and I welcomed two new students, Emma and Collin, to our class. We stocked our classroom with new crayons, pencils, and folders. We all buckled down to a new year of learning. Second grade began with an introduction to Discipline with Purpose, a program composed of fifteen self-discipline skills. We focused most of our attention on the first task of listening (Leo the Listening Lizard was a big hit). Asking questions will be the next skill spotlighted. We also began our first unit in reading, Exploring New Places. We explored urban, suburban, and rural communities. During religion, we learned the church is a community that welcomes all. In Science, we investigated the solar system. In Math, we examined new addition and subtraction strategies such as near doubles, make a ten, arrays, and bar diagrams. Phew, second grade just started, and we've already learned so much! Stay tuned for further shenanigans from second grade.

**Grade 3 News:** Third grade is off to a great start! We are learning to be responsible for ourselves and our actions. In Reading we are trying to answer the essential question "Which skills help us make our way in the world?". Mathematically speaking we are multiplying and will be visiting array city soon. Did you know that there are five oceans? Ask a third grader?

**Grade 4 Classroom:** In fourth grade, we have been settling into our routine and making some new friends. We have three new friends in our classroom!! In math, we have been reviewing adding and subtracting. We will be moving onto multiplication soon. Each morning we practice our math facts using Xtra math. During Science class, we are learning about the Scientific Method and what it means to be a scientist. In Social Studies, we are learning about the world...7 continents, 5 oceans, and latitude and longitude. This will lead us into learning about the five regions of the United States. In Religion, we have been studying about God's Creation and sharing stories of how we care for God's creation.

**Mrs. Berthiaume's Classroom:** Mrs. Berthiaume's Religion classes (Grades 5-8) have been working on a weekly theme each week. Each week's theme has a scripture passage that goes along with it, which the students read every day as part of their class prayer celebration. Each theme has a question they want the students to ponder. One such theme was "We Are Church". The scripture passage was *Matthew 7: 24-27* and the question was: "What does Jesus mean by "a faith built on sand"? ". Check out your child's notebook to see how he/she responded to this question. I received some great answers! Grade 5 is reading stories that get them thinking about the kinds of challenges that people face and how they meet them. The realistic fiction story "Red Kayak" got them thinking about what inspires people to act courageously. The tall tale "Thunder Rose" had the students wondering about the different ways that nature challenges us. Mrs. B wishes she could calm a thunderstorm by singing a lullaby just like Thunder Rose did! Last, but not least, is Mrs. Berthiaume's Grade 7 Standard PreAlgebra Class. They are learning to work with variables in open sentences and equations. Solving for the unknown is never easy!

**Mrs. Heflin's Classroom:** Eighth Grade Honors Algebra students began the year by reviewing the Properties and Order of Operations. Seventh Grade Honors Pre-Algebra students practiced working with variables and ordered pairs, while reviewing the use of the coordinate plane. Sixth graders, in the Honors Math Class, have been hard at work learning how to solve problems with fractions - especially multiplying and dividing them. Fifth graders have been learning all about place value, especially decimal places.

**Ms. Richards' Classroom:** 5th Grade Social Studies- Students have been spending time reviewing basic geography skills and have delved into learning about the differences between latitude and longitude. In doing so, students have gained a better understanding of the World and where places are located. They have also realized that the line 180 degrees from the Prime Meridian is called the International Date Line which is the starting place of each new day, allowing for each line of longitude to be a new time zone. 6th Grade Social Studies & Reading - In 6th Grade Social Studies, students have learned about the different types of maps and how they can be used. Students analyzed historical and route maps and have made connections between them and how we use maps in our daily lives today (GPS systems). The sixth grade class has also been discussing the various aspects that make up the plot to any story and applying them to their summer reading book, *Holes*, by Louis Sachar, to a plot diagram. By doing so, this has allowed them to see the various aspects to the story. 7th Grade Social Studies - Students have spent time analyzing the differences between Primary and Secondary sources and have distinguished the differences between Biographies and Autobiographies. Students were able to apply their knowledge of the two formats when asked to interview their fellow classmates. Students were required to interview one of their classmates and

were then asked to write a biography on that person. This assignment helped students not only by being able to apply their understanding in a new way, but were also able to find out more about themselves and others. 8th Grade Social Studies - The 8th Grade has been studying the various ideologies for regions and land Native Americans had before Europeans inhabited the New World. Students applied their knowledge into a STEM Project. They were required to create a two-foot 3D Teepee, like the ones Native Americans constructed and used in the Plains region of the U.S. Students were required to follow many guidelines, including that the Teepees needed to be made out of newspaper and tape. Once complete, students applied what they had learned and experimented with their Teepees. Students tested to see if each Teepee could withstand high winds out in the elements, based off their construction. Students seemed to enjoy the project and can't wait to paint and decorate them in the near future.

**Sr. Ellen's Classroom:** This year has started off without a hitch in Science. The fifth graders have been working since the first day of school on their flower growing experiment. Using the Scientific Method, the students have asked a question, made a hypothesis, and created an experiment to find different ways flowers can grow. The sixth grade is working their way through the topography of the Earth. One of their favorite assignments was creating different landforms with clay and play-doh. Our 7th graders are delving deep into the cell. They are learning about the organelles and what they do as well as the differences between plant and animal cells. They will soon be wandering around with their own cell creations. If you see them make sure you ask them about it. The 8th graders are learning all about matter. They have learned what it is, found out how to measure it, and what happens when it changes. Soon they will be doing an experiment to better understand the Law of Conservation of Matter. It looks like we have many budding Chemists in our midst!

**Mrs. Oakley's Classroom:** September News from "up on the Third Floor" - Mrs. Oakley's 5th Grade English class is studying Nouns, those numerous names of persons, places, and things. Grade 6 is reviewing Verbs; Grade 7 is looking at Adjectives, and Grade 8 is about to embark on the complex, confusing, yet somehow clarifying world of Verbals. Grades 7 and 8 are also preparing drafts of essays for the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., contest sponsored by Quinsigamond Community College. Grades 7 and 8 are beginning to practice Vocabulary on Membean, an online program. They will take their first online test on October 10, and the first Greek and Latin roots assignment is due on the 17th. Grade 7 Literature Class has finished two short stories and will read Folktales from China and England. Later they will read "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," right before Halloween, of course....They will discover how the author appeals to all of a reader's senses. Grade 8 Literature Class began the year with stories about Vietnam, World War II, and Eleanor Roosevelt. They will continue with American Folktales and read "Rip Van Winkle," identifying literary elements along the way. Independently, they are reading *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens, learning new/old vocabulary and keeping track of the plot and characters with focused questions and activities. Grade 8 will be responsible for helping set up, serve, and clean up at the Veterans Breakfast on November 9. Also, they have helped with lunch set-up and breakdown, setting a good example of service to our school community. Walls above the book bags and coats are dedicated to Peace and the Skills that we are learning and practicing this year. Occasionally, hedgehogs fly around the room ...and the doughnut fairy makes an appearance now and then...but it's all perfectly **NORMAL** up on the Third Floor.....

**Mrs. Crowley's Creative Corner:** September has been exciting in the Makerspace classes. We have been exploring fuel and rockets and even had our own rocket launch. In addition, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class has been busy creating an amazing experience for the Haunted Hallway!!! Art classes are in full swing at the Elementary Campus. We have been exploring the color wheel and have even started our Art show pieces. The Art show will be held on January 31, 2019 during Catholic Schools Week. The Middle School Campus students are all involved in drawing competitions. We have the Martin Luther King poster competition. The students need to visually answer a compelling question taken from one of Dr. Kings' speeches. There is the fire calendar competition for Grades 6 through 8 depicting a fire safety habit. Lastly, the Lions Peace Poster Contest is underway with the theme - Kindness Matters. I look forward to seeing some great results on these completions. All the students are working very hard.

## Discipline with a Purpose DWP

During the first month of school, All Saints Academy worked on the skill – **Listening**. The middle school students were introduced to the program during the first week of school. After Mass on September 6<sup>th</sup>, the elementary students were introduced to the new skill and the middle school students presented each student with Leo the Listening Lizard which were handmade by the students.

In the month of October, we will continue working on our listening skill and add the skill – **Following Directions**.

**HOW TO LISTEN**

1. **STOP** what you are doing or saying. 
2. **CLEAR AWAY** distractions. 
3. **LOOK AT OR TOWARD** the person speaking. 
4. **TELL** the person what you heard them say. 
5. **ASK QUESTIONS** about what you heard. 
6. **DO THE TASK** you hear a person ask you to do. 






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**December 1, 2018**



**Comedy Night**  
**February 9,**  
**2019**