



Knights' Pride



Club Happenings

National Junior Honor Society: Members of NJHS are planning a Car Wash to help raise funds to buy paint to refresh the playground at the Elementary School. In April, they chose as a Community Service Project to paint Kindness Rocks. Members had a lot of fun painting and then distributing them throughout the community.

Student Council: Members of Student Council were happy to plan and conduct an Egg Hunt for both campuses after Easter. They are now preparing to run elections for next year's Student Council. Elections will take place at the end of May.

Jimmy Fund Club: Thank you to all the school families for helping All Saints Academy become the top fundraising school during the Rally for Cancer!! **We raised \$6,674.54!!** We beat our goal by \$2,000.00. This is amazing and illustrates the kind and generous community we are all a part of each day.

Classroom Happenings

Preschool News Flash: April was a very busy month for preschool! We started the month off by learning about the author, Eric Carle and reading many of his famous books. This was all to get us ready for our field study to the Hanover Theatre to see an Eric Carle play. We had so much fun seeing these stories come to life! Next, we discussed the meaning of Easter in an age appropriate way with the children. We hid resurrection eggs throughout the classroom and read the story that explained the importance of each symbol. When we returned from vacation we began noticing the changes taking place outside as winter was finally turning into Spring. We discussed how winter and spring are different and all the fun activities we could participate in now that the warmer weather was coming. The end of April also meant the end of the alphabet! They have done such a great job learning their letters and sounds and felt very accomplished to see we learned them all. We can't wait to help your child grow and learn over the next month!

Important Dates

- || **May 17 & 18** – Disney's Mulan Jr.
- || **May 22** – Field Trip for Kindergarten
- || **May 22** - Spring Concert – Grs. PK – 2
- || **May 24** – No School – Bishop's Day
- || **May 27** – No School – Memorial Day
- || **May 28** – Red Sox Day at Fenway Park
- || **May 30** – Mass – Feast of the Ascension
12:00 PM @ St. Louis Church
- || **May 31** – Mother & Son Event
- || **June 1** – 8th Grade Banquet 6:00 PM and
Farewell Dance 7:30 PM
- || **June 3** – Field Trip Grades 3 & 4
- || **June 4** – Grade 8 Field Study
- || **June 5** – Field Trip Grades 1 & 2
- || **June 6** – Move Up Day
- || **June 7** – Field Day/Last Day for 8th Grade
- || **June 9** – 8th Grade Graduation 3:00 PM
@St. Louis Church
- || **June 11** – Last Day celebration Preschool
- || **June 12** – Last Day Kindergarten
Graduation
- || **June 13** – Special Meal Day (Webster ½
day – no busses home)
- || **June 14** – Last Day of School Mass and
Scholarship Awards – early dismissal
- || **June 29** – ASA Golf Tournament

Kindergarten Escapades: The Kindergarten class began the month of April as entomologists. We were excited to share our knowledge of insects during Museum Night. We had an early visit from the Easter Bunny. He hid lots of eggs around the school yard. We had fun finding the eggs and enjoying the treats he left us. We took time to learn more about the events of Holy Week. We participated in several activities including pairing up with our Eighth Grade buddies to retell the story of Jesus' Resurrection using Resurrection eggs.

Grade 1 Happenings: The kids did a fabulous job reading the prayers and singing at Lenten Mass. They worked hard and should be very proud. We learned a lot about the meaning of Easter with our third grade buddies by completing a resurrection egg activity. We made an Easter quilt with the middle school kids and then attended the Living Stations of the Cross. I think the kids got a good understanding of Holy Week from the activities. We finished unit three in our reading series and began a more in depth look at place value. The kids are very excited about the arrival of the caterpillars earlier in the week. Over the next weeks we will observe them changing into butterflies.

Grade 2 Shenanigans: April went by so quickly but was packed with exciting activities. It began with Project Night. We showcased our Poetry Books at our Writer's Tea. We were all very proud of our work. We completed our geometry topic in math and finished our plant unit in science. Best of all, right before vacation, we had a Retreat Day in school. On that Friday morning, we joined with the fourth grade and watched a video about Holy Week. We then broke into small groups and took turns writing on a big chart paper. We wrote about what we had learned from the video (Write Around). We hung up our writing around the room then went to each group's chart papers and left comments on them (Gallery Walk). In the afternoon, the seventh grade came to our classroom to make resurrection wreaths with us. Lastly, we went to the church, and the eighth grade reenacted The Stations of the Cross. It was awesome! Stay tuned for more second grade shenanigans.

Grade 3 News: Students continued working on their Living Wax museum project. They wrote poems, created word clouds, drew unbelievable sketches with the help of Mrs. Crowley, and put together timelines. They used all their information and prepared speeches for museum night. Around the classroom you could hear, "Thanks Tesla", or "Good job Susan B. Anthony" as they really embraced their characters. The big night arrived and everyone was nervous, but they were able to relax and did an excellent job! Thank you to all our specials' teachers who helped along the way and thank you parents for your continued support. We observed Lent with sacrifices or extra kind deeds. On Friday April 12th we observed Retreat Day. We maintained a quiet respectful manner throughout the day as we did Resurrection eggs with our First Grade Religion buddies, classroom activities, and the Living Stations of the Cross. The stations were a powerful reminder of what Jesus did for us. We then enjoyed a well-deserved Spring break.

Grade 4 News: Fourth grade did a fabulous job presenting their projects at project night. Religious retreat day was enjoyed by all. We worked with grade 2 and grade 3 thinking about the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. As we return from vacation, we are ready for the last eight weeks of school. In math, we are busy learning to add and subtract fractions. In English, we are wrapping up the pronoun unit and heading into the wonderful world of adjectives. This week students have written limericks and shape poems. We are busy in Social Studies learning the states and their capitals of the Northeast Region. Matter, mass, density, and volume are new topics we are investigating in Science. Ask me why objects float, or why they sink.

Mrs. Berthiaume's Classroom: All Religion Classes focused on Jesus's Passion, Death, and Resurrection during the month of April. They continued to reflect on the Stations of the Cross. Daily, they had an Easter egg hunt to find a hidden "Resurrection Egg" in the classroom. Inside the eggs were symbols that represented the Easter Story. After reading a Bible passage associated with the symbol, they had to complete a chart that asked for the meaning of the symbol. During the Retreat Day, held on the Friday before vacation, the students visited the Emmaus Center's Chapel for a time of Adoration, they reenacted the Last Supper and some students chose to have their feet washed as the Apostles did, they reflected on a song and Bible passage about the Last Supper, and they watched a movie that showed Jesus's life on Earth. In the afternoon, the students went to the Elementary campus to work with the younger students. The day ended with the entire school watching the Eighth Grader's reenactment of the Stations of the Cross. It was truly a proud moment for this Religion teacher! **Fantastic job, Grade 8!** The PreAlgebra 7 students continued working on measuring the degrees of angles and classifying them. The Fifth Grade Reading Class focused on the story "A Summer's Trade". It was about the lives and culture of the Navajo Indians. This realistic fiction story made the students ponder the question: Why do people make sacrifices for others?

Mrs. Heflin's Classroom: Students in Grade 5 spent the month of April becoming proficient in long division. 6th grade students have been hard at work learning how to solve problems with ratios and rates. 7th graders worked hard at practicing solving equations and inequalities, and 8th graders mastered the skill of solving systems of equations and inequalities.

Ms. Galvinhill's Classroom: 5th Grade Science- Students learned about climate and how it is affected by latitude and elevation. They made thermometers out of plastic water bottles, straws and food coloring mixed with water. They then tested these thermometers by putting them in warm water and watching the colored water rise in the straw. They are now learning about erosion and deposition. 6th Grade Science- Students learned about the moon's phases and lunar and solar eclipses. They also learned about how tides are caused by the pull of the moon's and Earth's gravity. They are starting to learn about conditions on the moon including craters. They modeled the formation of craters by dropping three balls of different masses onto a pan of sand and measuring the diameter and depth of the 'craters' created. 7th Grade Science- Students learned about living things and the environment. They modeled different levels of organization from a single organism to a community of organisms. They also made a diorama depicting biotic and abiotic factors. They learned about how populations change in size and about factors that limit population size. 8th Grade Science- Students learned how forces are described and how to find the net force acting on an object. They also learned how forces affect motion. They learned about different types of friction and about the force of gravity. They are starting to learn about how to measure mass and weight.

Ms. Richard's Classroom: 5th Grade Social Studies- Students have been studying European colonization of the New World, starting with the Spanish and Hernando Cortez wanting to find the "Fountain of Youth". They also recently spent time learning about the Lost Colony of Roanoke. Students were fascinated to learn about the mysterious disappearance of the colonists who tried to colonize a settlement for Queen Elizabeth I. The 5th Grade even came up with different theories as to what they think happened to those colonists who arrived in 1585, off the shore of current day North Carolina. 6th Grade Reading- The month of April was Poetry Month and students have been studying and analyzing different types of poetry (narrative, lyrical, and free verse). Not only have students been studying the different types, but have

written poems in those styles. Many have enjoyed being able to write and express themselves in those literary styles of writing. 6th Grade Social Studies- Students spent time learning about the process of mummification in Ancient Egypt. The class spent time learning about who had the luxury of being buried in the pyramids and how they were constructed. The class studied the different types of gods the Ancient Egyptians believed in and the languages that current Egyptians read and write (Arabic). The 6th Grade was shown a copy of a bible written in Arabic and were able to see the differences of how people read and write English. 7th Grade Social Studies- The 7th Grade just finished their tour of Italy. Students were able to briefly study the Renaissance, taking a look at the artwork and contributions to architecture. Modern and traditional Italian cuisine was discussed and dishes of Italian foods were sampled. Time was also spent learning about Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, France and how the church was constructed with both Renaissance and Gothic architectural features. Students found it an important structure and discussed how the fire on April 15th caused the country and world to focus on the impressive building and on the Catholic faith. 8th Grade Social Studies- The 8th Grade recently spent time in the 1860's, learning about the Civil War and the many contributions Abraham Lincoln gave to this country. The 8th Grade also took part in an escape room where they had to find clues in order to find a Confederate spy. The techniques that the 8th Graders used involved decoding Morse code, using cyphers and applying their knowledge of many facts about the Civil War, in order to find the Union trader.

Mrs. Oakley's Classroom: The View from the Third Floor - is cheery with trees leafing out and amaryllises in bloom! (and a persistent poinsettia that won't give up Christmas just yet...) Mrs. Oakley's 6th, 7th, and 8th grade English classes have begun their Independent Study Writing Chapters. Each student is following a schedule of deadlines to complete his or her chosen chapter. Some are writing fiction, some persuasive essays, some how-to articles, etc. Grade 5 is continuing (present progressive) to learn (infinitive) about verbs and have studied (present perfect) several different tenses of verbs so far. Grade 7 Literature finished their study of basic Mythology and reviewed two sets of Literary terms, Genre and Language. They are beginning a unit on animal/human interactions by reading a story by James Herriot, "Alfred: the Sweet-Shop Cat." Spoiler alert - the cat is fine! Grade 7 is also independently working on their 4th quarter book reports, reading and quoting the words an author uses to appeal to all of our senses. Membean practice, tests, and Greek/Latin roots workbook pages will continue, as scheduled on Google Classroom and Calendar. Grade 8 Literature made it safely to Ithaca with Odysseus. Thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Tagg, they traveled (less hectically than Odysseus!) to Boston for a great day of history, food, and theater, seeing Blue Man Group from fabulous seats. The carousel was a sweet surprise! Now they are independently creating newspapers recording the events in Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*. Just an ordinary New England town with ordinary people...In class, Grade 8 studied background material before they began to read a 5-part dramatized version of *The Diary of Anne Frank*, which has been set as both a stage play and movie. A very serious subject indeed, but Anne's sense of wonder and humor continue to inspire us when times are tough. Membean tests and Greek and Latin roots workbooks will still be due - but not long now before Graduation!

Art Room & Markerspace Action: April in Makerspace was very busy at the middle school campus. The 5th and 6th graders have been creating castles with recycled materials. The 7th grade has been working on completing the remodel of the dollhouse while the 8th grade class completed the resurrection eggs that they shared with the kindergarten class on our retreat day before Easter. April showered our Art classes with flowers at the elementary campus. we planted seeds, painted flowers, and made a very special Mother's day surprise. The 4th grade had a fun STEAM week last week where we learned about Volcanoes and had one erupt in class. The middle school art classes have been all about the process of art this month, we learned optical illusions, shape, form and shadows, and how these enhance our art projects.

Mulan Jr.



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