

## Saint John the Baptist Catholic School

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**School Newsletter**  
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The mission of Saint John the Baptist Catholic School is to educate God's children and promote Catholic values through academic excellence and service to others.

### Upcoming School/Parish Events

- October 29** - Youth Group Leaf Raking  
- 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
- October 30** - Trunk or Treat - 2 pm - 3 pm
- November 2** - End of Quarter 1
- November 3** - Start of Quarter 2
- November 11** - Veterans Day Program at 9am
- November 14** - Home and School Meeting @  
- 6:00 pm in St. John's basement
- November 17** - Vision and Hearing Screening  
- 4K-3rd grade and 5th grade only
- November 21** - Remote Learning Day for  
- Grades 7 and 8
- November 21-22** - NO SCHOOL - Teacher  
- In-Service
- November 23-25** - NO SCHOOL -  
- Thanksgiving Break

### Wreath Sales

**WREATH SALES ARE DUE TODAY!** Please get any last minute wreath orders in today.

### Veteran's Day

St. John's will be having a Veteran's Day Program on November 11th at 9:00 AM.



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### St. John's Parish Office

The parish office will be closed on November 1st in observance of the Holy Day of Obligation: All Saints Day.

### Leaf Raking

If you would like to help The Archangel Youth Group in leaf raking please meet at 10 am Saturday morning. We will meet in St. John's parking lot. Lunch will be served at 12:15 pm.

### Trunk or Treat

The 2nd Trunk or Treat is almost here! Make sure to check out St. John's Annual Trunk or Treat this Sunday at 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm.

### All Saint Mass Times

October 31st at 7 pm at Holy Family Parish  
November 1st at 8 am and 7 pm at St. John Parish

## Home and School Association News

### Wreath Sales

Wreath orders are due today!

### Seroogy Sales

Keep Selling! Seroogy's are starting to sell out, check with the Parish office to get what you need to fill your customers' requests! Just a reminder, Home and School will be awarding the top seller a \$25 SCRIP coupon! The winner will be determined as of sales made by December 21, 2022.



### Trunk or Treat

Join us for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Trunk or Treat in the school/church parking lot on October 30<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3 p.m. Check out and vote for the best decorated trunk! It's a great way to get lots of candy in a safe location before venturing around Edgar for some more goodies. This year we will also have food and drinks available as well as a 50/50 raffle!

### Veteran's Day

Home and School will be providing a light breakfast for our Veterans before the Veteran's Day program on November 11. If you are able to help prepare for the breakfast, please contact Michelle Murkowski for more details.



### Upcoming Meeting

The second Home and School Association meeting of the year is almost here! Please mark your calendar to attend on **November 14!** The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in the Church basement at St. John's.



# The Archangels Youth Group

St Michael, St Gabriel and St Raphael are the Archangels named in the Bible. They praise and worship God before His throne and take special care of God's people.

We especially pray for their special protection of our children.

Our Youth Group's use their namesake and ask for their guidance and protection.

The Archangel Gabriel is God's messenger from heaven, and the name 'Gabriel' means "God is my strength". Gabriel appeared to Zechariah to announce the birth of John the Baptist. He also appeared to the Blessed Virgin Mary with the greeting "Hail, full of grace". He announced to Mary that she was to be the Mother of God.

\*We use his namesake for special protection of our youth in Grades K-4. We ask Gabriel to help us listen to God's word.



**St Gabriel, the Archangel**



**St Raphael, the Archangel**

The Archangel Raphael is God's healer (means "God has healed"). Raphael appeared to a young man named Tobias, led him to his future wife, and then ordered Tobias to catch a fish to make medicine from it. We ask Raphael for God's healing of our bodies and souls.

\*We use Raphael's namesake and ask special protection of our youth in Grades 5-8. We ask Raphael's special prayers for these youth before the throne of God.

The Archangel Michael is the prince of the angels. The name Michael means: "Who is like God?" (because no one is equal to God). Michael led the good angels in the great battle against the Devil and the fallen angels. Michael defeated the Devil and cast all the fallen angels out of heaven. He defends the Church against the Devil and all evil spirits.

\*We use Michael's namesake for our youth in Grades 9-12. We pray for Michael's guidance and protection for these youth as they grow to become faithful young adults who will follow our Lord.



**St Michael, the Archangel**



# Youth Group Events November



**1st Annual Turkey Bowl**  
At St Mary's School Field in Marathon  
St John's vs St Mary's

St Michael Archangel Group  
Youth in Grades 9-12 (Girls & Boys)

**Sunday, Nov 13th, at 12-2 pm**

Fun Fellowship Make new friends!  
Flag Football Food & Drink (provided)



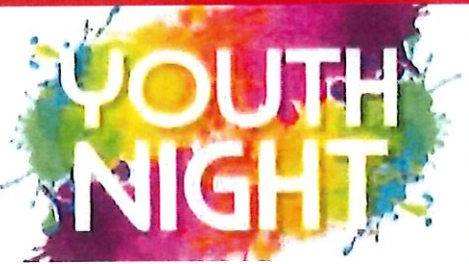
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We are  
Thankful for  
YOU!



**November 7th**  
**5:30 - 7:00 pm**

Join us in the  
Archangels Youth Room  
(Downstairs in Parish Office)



**All Youth in Grades 5+**

Contact Mr. Martinez for more info by email: [jmartinez@stjohnedgar.org](mailto:jmartinez@stjohnedgar.org)



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**Youth Group Family Event**

Monday, Nov 21st from 5:30 - 7:00 pm  
In our Church Dining Hall

*All Youth Groups and Families are Invited!*  
*Join us for Games, Crafts and prizes*  
*And Always--Fun, Pizza & Fellowship!*

family  
**FUN**  
night

Contact Nancy at Parish Office for  
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Need a boost in your family's prayer time?

Or you might like to start praying as a family but not sure how to start?

All families are invited to participate.  
Please see the bulletin for more details on this family enrichment opportunity.



**Devotion to St Joseph...**

*...is one of the choicest graces that God can give to a soul, for it is a testament to revealing the entire treasury of our Lord's graces. When God wishes to raise a soul to greater heights, He unites that soul to St Joseph by giving it a strong love for the good saint.*

*by St. Peter Julian Eymard*

Young  
Adult  
Discipleship

**DISCIPLESHIP**

What does Discipleship mean for our everyday lives?  
Many are called. Will YOU answer?  
More Information to come!

For more info, visit [www.stjohn-edgar.org](http://www.stjohn-edgar.org)

2022 PCCW/Christian Mothers

# Christmas Bazaar

Friday, November 18, 4:00p.m.-7:30p.m.  
Church Dining Hall

## Raffle

**Top prize: \$1,000!!**

**Addition cash prizes: \$500, \$300, \$200, \$100, \$50, \$50**

- Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each, or six for \$25.00.
- Only one name on each ticket
- Additional prizes will have a value of \$25 or more.
- If you would like to donate a prize, please contact Patty Myszka (715-897-8810) or Linda Mroczenski (715-370-2183) by Friday, November 11.
- Please return tickets by 7:00p.m. on Friday, November 18.

ALL raffle tickets (sold or unsold) must be returned in the addressed envelope you received tickets in, to the parish office or at weekend Masses in the Gathering Space.

## Fish and Shrimp Fry

- In addition to walk-in takeout orders, **we are offering dining-in this year!**
- **Phone orders:** Call starting at noon on Friday, November 18, (telephone: 715-352-3111 or 715-352-8105) Order pick-up inside the east glass church doors.
- **Online orders:** Please use our parish website: [www.stjohn-edgar.org](http://www.stjohn-edgar.org), orders can be placed November 14-18 (until noon on Friday). Order pick-up inside east glass church doors.

## Dessert and Bake Sale

Be sure to check out our bake sale and many delicious desserts in the church hall prior to picking up your on-line or phone order.

## **Want to Volunteer? Much help is needed and welcomed.**

- Sign-up to volunteer at the Fish/Shrimp Fry by writing your name on the large work poster in the church gathering space.
- Make a dessert. Sign up on the large work poster in the church gathering space.
  - Per Marathon County Health Department, we cannot serve refrigerated desserts, i.e., no lemon, pumpkin, cheesecakes, or desserts made with whipped topping.
- Donate homemade cookies, bars, candies, or bread for the bake sale. We encourage all baked good to be packaged and ready for sale.

**Thank you and hope to see you at the Christmas Bazaar!**

Hello from 3K,

October has flown by from fall leaves to our October theme of pumpkins and harvest! Which has been fun to explore!

This month we've added corn to our sensory table which is fun to pour into cups and dishes in the sensory table! It also gets all over the floor and the kids have been great helpers!

Speaking of helping, students in 3K are so helpful we've decided to give students weekly responsibilities with weekly jobs which range from line leader to caboose with sweeper, paper passer, supplies manager, electrician (lights on/off), circle time leader, door holder and more!

Students take pride in their job each week and remind their friends whose turn it is for each job!

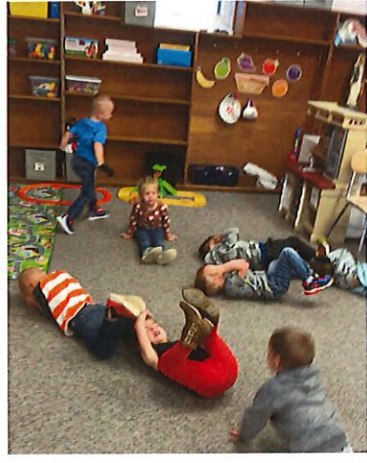
FIRE SAFETY WEEK was a blast learning all about what to do if there is an emergency! Students practiced stop, drop and roll. And learned hot and not. We even practiced a fire drill!

Academically, we've dove deep into learning our shapes, the first letter of our names and numbers 1-5 in literacy and math. Activities in class that help to reinforce these concepts through play include playdoh pumpkin and candy corn shapes, writing in paint, and counting the gumballs on our Circle Time Chart among other things.

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In addition, we welcome the 7th & 8th graders in as reading buddies on Fridays! And the students love having their BIG buddies come in to read to them :)

Finally, we are having a blast learning about all of God's creation! Including seeing uniqueness in everything in nature and ourselves



Hello from the 4K classroom!

We have been very busy learning and having fun this past month! The students have become great helpers and take pride in completing their weekly job!

In Religion, we just finished talking about Creation and how God made us all in his image. We are now talking about the Ten Commandments. We are trying to remember them through song and dance!

In our ABC bootcamp, we just finished the letter F. We will work on the letter G next week. The students have started bringing a show and tell item for each letter and have done an awesome job with their creativity in finding an item. We have also had lots of practice writing our names and working on letter recognition.

In math, we have been talking about shapes! The students have the shape song down. They also did an awesome job making their shape pizzas! We will be back to number recognition next month! Working on numbers 1-10.

We have focused on fall and pumpkins this past month. The students have made a few art projects with pumpkins and painted their own pumpkin! They all had such a fun time at Wilkes Pumpkin Patch as well!










# HELLO FROM THE KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM!!

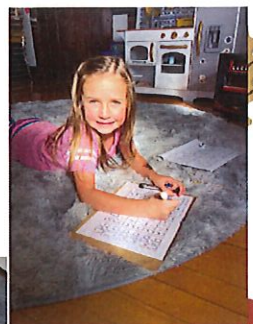
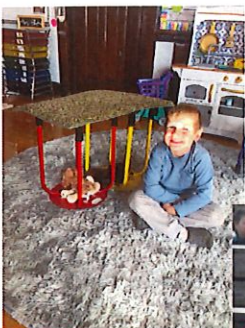
THIS PAST MONTH, THE KINDERGARTEN CLASS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE FIRE STATION AND GOT TO RIDE A FIRE TRUCK! ALONG WITH GETTING A RIDE, THE STUDENTS WERE ABLE TO SEE INSIDE OF AN AMBULANCE AND ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE EQUIPMENT THEY SAW IN ORDER TO HELP SOMEONE WHO IS INJURED, OR IN NEED OF HELP.

IN MATH CLASS, STUDENTS HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT MORE, FEWER, AND SAME. STUDENTS HAVE TO USE THEIR COUNTING SKILLS TO FIGURE OUT WHICH GROUP OF OBJECTS HAVE MORE, FEWER, OR THE SAME AMOUNT. STUDENTS ARE ALSO LEARNING THAT IN ORDER TO SOLVE PROBLEMS, THEY CAN'T ALWAYS TRY AND MEMORIZE/GUESS FACTS- THEY CAN USE WORDS OR PICTURES TO HELP!



IN READING, STUDENTS HAVE LEARNED THAT THE LETTER A CAN COME IN THE BEGINNING AND ALSO MIDDLE OF WORDS. THEY GOT TO MEET FOUR SUPERKID CHARACTERS: CASS, OSWALD, GOLLY, ALF AND SOON- DOC! STUDENTS ARE USING WHAT THEY LEARN ABOUT EACH CHARACTER TO HELP THEM IDENTIFYING AND PRODUCE DIFFERENT LETTER SOUNDS.

IN SCIENCE, STUDENTS ARE STILL USING THEIR ROLE OF WEATHER SCIENTISTS TO SOLVE A PLAYGROUND DILEMMA: WHY IS BLACK CONCRETE HOTTER THAN WHITE PAVEMENT? STUDENTS HAVE BEEN USING MODELS TO DETERMINE THAT WHEN A LAMP THAT IS ON, IT REPRESENTS THE SUN, AND IT IS HOT. STUDENTS WILL BE SOON TRAVELING OUTSIDE TO MAKE PREDICTIONS ON THE WEATHER AND DETERMINE WHAT THE TEMPERATURE IS.

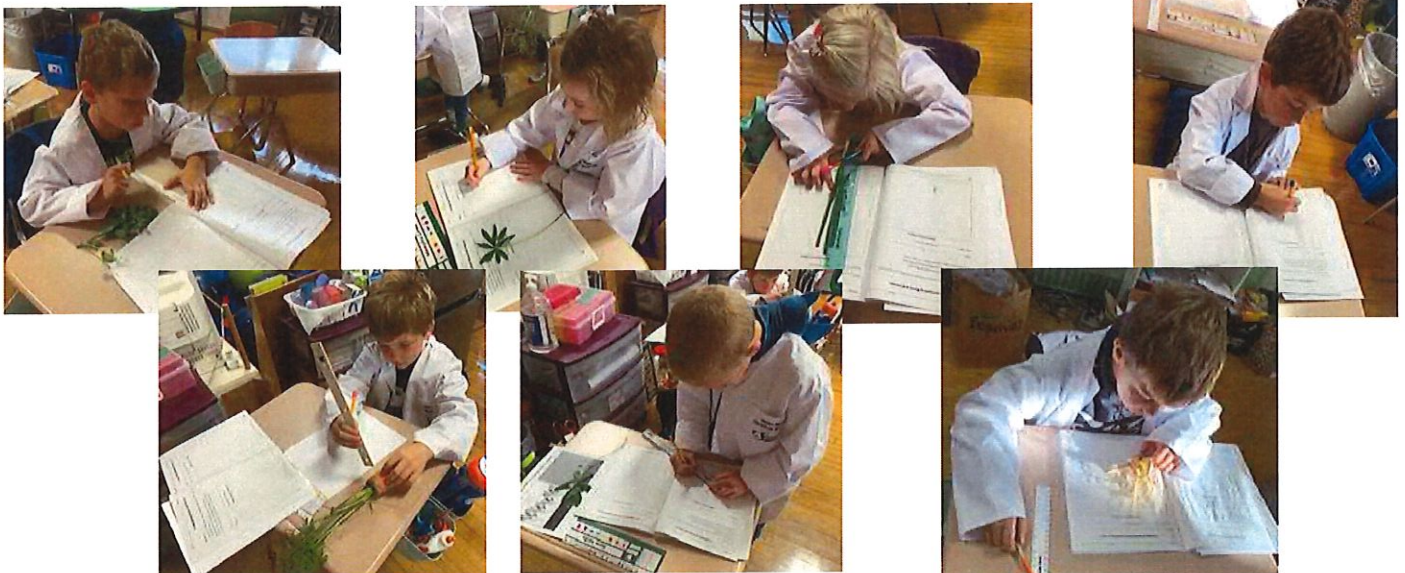


Greetings from Grades One and Two~

As the weather outside cooled down, the learning inside heated up!! Why? We started the month of October learning about Fire Safety. Along with reading books and watching Sparky the Firehouse Dog video clips, we had a visit from some volunteers from the Edgar Fire Department. They talked to us about what to do if we had a fire in our home and asked us to check our smoke detectors and CO detectors to be sure they are working properly. We want to encourage ALL of you to do the same! In Science, we are continuing to investigate plants to find out why there are no new chalta trees in the Bengal Tiger Reserve.



First we looked at seeds to see what they need to become full grown plants that produce more seeds. You guess it-they need enough sunlight and water. We are now looking at why the seeds might not be getting enough sunlight and water to grow. This week we started looking at the leaves and roots of local plants to find out their role in getting at the plant what it needs. Check out the pictures of us making scientific drawings of roots and leaves:



In Social Studies we are wrapping up our study of leaders. We learned about Abraham Lincoln and Amelia Earhart. One of the main lessons we learned is that real leaders are not always successful, but they keep trying their best! In Religion, we learned about the rosary and made watercolor decade rosaries. We are also learning about the "obedient love" of Noah, Abraham, and David as the Second Grade continues its journey to First Reconciliation on December 14th. Please pray for Ruthie, Kash, Memphis, and Sam as they get ready to receive the grace and forgiveness of the sacrament as well as Klay, Max, and Cooper who are anticipating their First Reconciliation next December! ~Grades One and Two





🍁🍁😊🍁🍁 Greetings St. John Families! October had a busy start! We celebrated our Saint of the Month, St. Francis, with the blessing of our pets. Thank you Father Alan for the blessing! We were thrilled to meet so many of our animal friends. Then just a couple days after, the Elementary students found plenty to keep them busy at Wilke's Farm. Meeting 2 dogs like Drew's at Wilke's Farm was an extra pleasant surprise! We are so grateful to everyone who makes our field trips possible!

Religion 3/4 finished up their second unit by creating colorful shirts that might remind us about Israel's beloved son, Joseph, and by taking time to view animated stories of Joseph and the Israelites. Coming up for November, St. Martin de Porres will be our "Be a Saint" featured saint. The challenges with Saint Martin will be: learn the "Prayer for the Dead," spend time with animals, serve the sick, and pray that all people are treated fairly with justice and respect.

Math 3 is investigating concepts of area measurement and how it relates to multiplication and addition. We progressed from tiles, to arrays, to grids, to more abstract representations of partially gridded rectangles and rectangles simply labeled with their side lengths. With ELA 3, Jacob can tell you all about nouns and explain the steps on how to play dodgeball.

🎵 St. John Saints have been practicing in preparation for Veterans Day. Lyrics had been sent with the students in September. We hope you have been getting a nice preview of the songs. The Veterans will be able to enjoy hearing them soon. Keep working on enunciating those lyrics clearly. Be on the look out for Christmas songs soon as well. Time goes so fast!

~Mrs. Bergs



Greetings from Mr. Tony's Classroom:

Can you believe it is already the end of the first quarter? I can't. It seems like we just started the school year. It was very nice meeting and seeing all my parents at parent-teacher conferences. All my classes have been working hard.

4th grade has finished unit one about sentences in grammar and started unit one in writing.

They will be working on writing a personal narrative. In reading class, they have just finished reading The Trumpet of the Swan. In science, they have been working on unit two in energy conversions. This is a new curriculum they really enjoy working on with hands-on experiments. Finally, in math, they started the unit on fractions.

They enjoy practicing what they learned during the lesson while playing the math game Prodigy. Prodigy allows me to put the objectives they learned in the lesson of the day in an assignment so they can practice math or English while having fun!

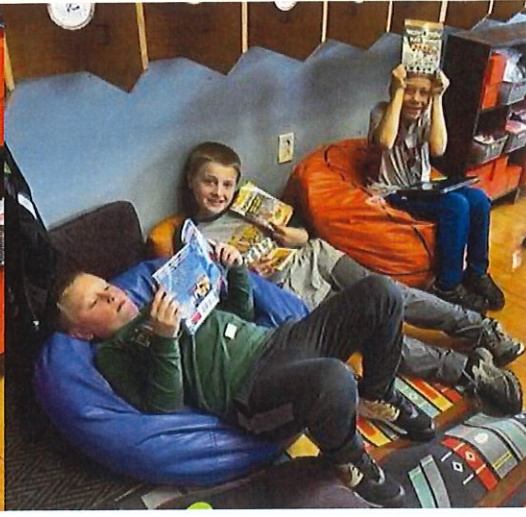
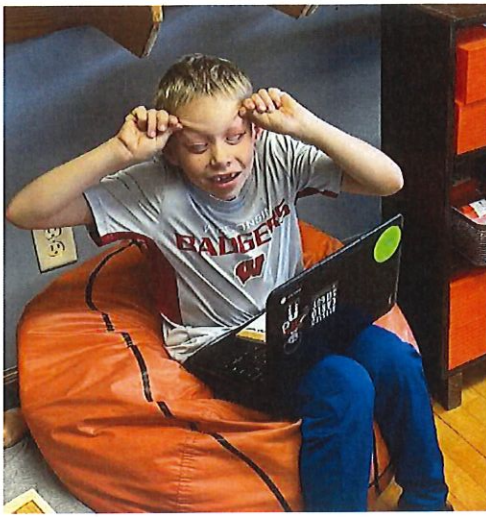
5th and 6th grade just finished the chapter on nouns for grammar. Both grades will be starting unit one in writing and will also be working towards writing a personal narrative. In reading, 5th grade is just finishing Old Yeller while 6th grade is wrapping up Where the Red Fern Grows.

6th grade had been working on a special project. They have written an essay for Veterans Day. The topic for the essay was "My Pledge to Our Veterans.-"

They will be submitting them to the VFW's Patriot Pen for the scholarship contest.

4th, 5th, and 6th will be watching movie versions of their books after we are finished with them. This will give them the opportunity to first read the book as the author intended it and compare how much is cut from a story when it is made into a movie. Each day we will compare and contrast the book version and the movie version. All the students have been increasing their comprehension and vocabulary by reading a story. After reading the story, the students take an AR comprehension and vocabulary tests on the books they have read. Here are some pictures of 4<sup>th</sup> grade During AR time.





October has been a busy month for the middle school students. In science, grades 5 and 6 have been learning about metabolism in the human body. They have used their knowledge to successfully diagnose a fictional patient that had specific symptoms related to metabolism. The 7th and 8th graders have been learning about forces, velocity, and motion. They have been investigating a failed space pod docking to learn more about those topics. Both classes have been using their knowledge to write scientific final reports.

The other October events are best explained with the pictures.



To celebrate the feast day of **St. Vincent de Paul**, students brought in gently used toys to donate.



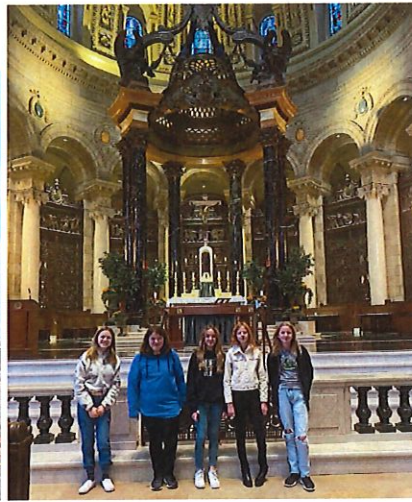
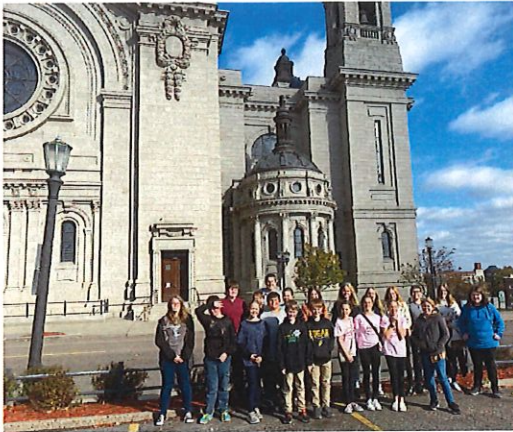
On Friday afternoons, the 7th and 8th graders read to their little **Book Buddies** for 15 minutes. All the students really enjoy this!



On Thursday, October 13, 2022, the students did a fantastic job participating in the **Living Rosary**. They spoke with reverence and prayerfully recited their parts.



The middle school students were proud to meet Jo Ann Boyce at an assembly hosted by Edgar Public School. Jo Ann is one of the surviving members of the '**Clinton 12**', the first group of African American students to desegregate public education in Clinton, TN, 1956. Her message of forgiveness and perseverance was inspiring to all.



Finally, on Wednesday, Oct. 26th, the middle schoolers journeyed to St. Paul, MN. Here you can see them at the **Cathedral of St. Paul**. The Cathedral is very awesome to see, inside and out. A couple fun facts: its capacity is 3000 and the height of the dome is taller than the Statue of Liberty! After eating lunch at the **Mall of America** food court, the final destination was **Snake Discovery** zoo and store. Here, students were given a tour of the reptiles and amphibians in the zoo. They could also pet some of the snakes, lizards, salamanders, and turtles!



So, October has been busy! What will November bring?!!!

Until then...

Mrs. Wozny

# MRS. MICHLIG'S

## newsletter



## WHAT WE'RE LEARNING

### 7/8 Social Studies:

In 7th and 8th grade, we have finished learning about Mesopotamia and Egypt and are currently learning about Ancient Greece. This includes Grecian geography, technology, and culture.

### 5/6 Social Studies:

With the 5th and 6th grade, we have been researching new world explorers and we'll soon be learning about the creation of America.

### 3/4 Social Studies:

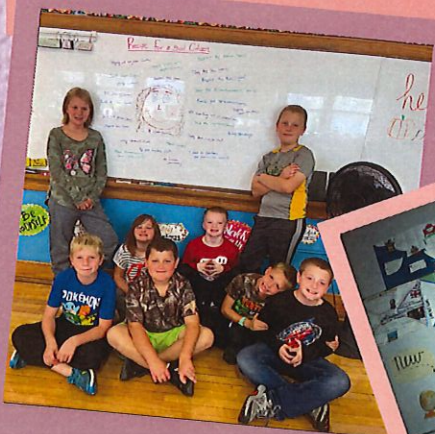
In 3rd and 4th grade social studies, we have been learning about early pioneers, citizenship, and the story of America's creation!

### 5/6 Religion:

In our religion class, we have been discussing an overview of the Ten Commandments and have just begun learning about the Second Commandment. We have also learned about vows, respect for Holy items, and the making of Saints.

### 5 Math:

In math class, students have been working on fractions as quotients and fraction multiplication (Unit 2). Our next unit will build on that topic and focus on multiplying and dividing fractions. Unit 3 will be a longer unit so continuing to practice multiplication and division facts as well as IXL skills shared on Google Classroom are great ways to keep up with our learning!



3/4 Social Studies



5/6 Social Studies  
Explorer Projects



5 Math



Art 1-8

We began our art classes this year, as always, by making a portfolio in which to store our two-dimensional work. On the side with our names, we drew inspiration from **illuminated manuscripts** to create an elaborate first letter and, in some cases, decorate around it using something that began with the same letter as a theme for the whole portfolio. Projects we will make to fill the portfolio start by centering around the **Elements of Design**. Later in the year we will continue with the **principles of composition**.

For the first project, we learned about the various types of **line** quality possible with graphite drawing pencils (B stands for the bolder, darker ones, H for the hard lighter ones) and shaded in a **value** scale next to the right number on the sheet matching the number on the pencil. Next, we formed an **outline** of a found object (a feather) and shaded it in trying to duplicate the **contour lines** by following the direction of the feather tines. After shading those greys and blacks, we added highlights with a white colored pencil which looked nice on the blue toned mid grey or yellow paper. Grades 1 and 2 were able to make a circle into a ball by adding stripes or other lines and adding a cast shadow.

Currently older grades (3-8) are learning that flat **shapes** like pieces of paper can be wadded up and **formed** into all sorts of three-dimensional animals by taping around the wadded pieces with masking tape, strengthening and joining in some cases with wire and maybe even adding appendages (arms and legs, fins, etc.) with empty paper towel and toilet paper rolls or other found objects. A final touch involves painting the surface. Mixing paint involves reviewing what we know about **color**. Grades 1 and 2 first learn about color by layering the three primary colors (red, yellow and blue) to make a color wheel. I am happy for parents being able to see our growing menagerie of animals and colorful wheels at parent teacher conferences!

