

**Saint John the Baptist  
Catholic School**

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Home of the Saints since 2018



**School Newsletter  
January 27, 2023**

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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**

- January 28** - Kick off to CSW, sledding after 4:00pm Mass
- January 29-February 4** - Catholic Schools Week
- February 5** - Catholic School Week Wrap-Up Breakfast after 9:00 am Mass
- February 7** - Regional Spelling Bee @ Athens
- February 18** - Father/Daughter Dance 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM @ Rib River
- February 22** - Ash Wednesday
- February 23** - Parent/Teacher Conferences 4 PM - 7 PM
- February 24** - NO SCHOOL, Teacher In-Service

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**Quarter Two AR Point Clubs**

**25 Point Club**

Ruthie Braunel  
Kash Gajewski  
Memphis Laven  
Sam Mills

**150 Point Club**

Logan Jacobs  
Joey Martin  
Maria Mills

**200 Point Club**

Lucas Schreier

**50 Point Club**

Gabe Voigt

**700 Point Club**

Eli Lepak

**300 Point Club**

Isla Conway

**900 Point Club**

Jenna Hafferman

**800 Point Club**

Claire Braunel  
Norah Wozny

**AR Quarter Two Point Club Winner**  
**SAM MILLS**

**Cold Weather Gear**

We would like to remind all to make sure to send along snow boots, snow pants, hats, gloves and any thing else to keep the students warm and dry. The students love playing in the snow but can not play in the snow if they do not have their gear.

**Spelling Bee**

Congratulations to **Amelia Kaiser, Gabe Voigt, Elizabeth Bergs, Abby Halama, and Eli Lepak.** They all represented St. John's at the Regional Spelling Bee at St. Mary's School in Marathon.

A special congratulations to Elizabeth Bergs and Eli Lepak who will represent St. John's at the St. Anthony's Spelling Bee in Athens on February 7th. At the St. Mary's Spelling Bee, **Elizabeth** took **3rd place** over all and **Eli** brought home the title of **Spelling Bee Champion!**



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Dear Parents,

**Wisconsin Parental Choice Program Open Enrollment is February 1 - April 23, 2023!**

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has posted a number of resources for Choice schools and parents for the upcoming 2023-24 student application process. We encourage everyone that falls within the eligibility range to apply; do not hesitate because we are actually reimbursed more from the choice program than the amount we charge for tuition, which non-Choice families pay. So that is the benefit for the school; another benefit to you, as a Choice family, is that you are not expected to pay out of pocket for sports or field trips.

**Note:** Only families who have children in 4K, 5K, 1st grade can apply if they are already at the school.

**Resources For Parents:** <https://dpi.wi.gov/choice>  
or <https://dpi.wi.gov/parental-education-options/choice-programs/student-applications>.

- **Link to Online Parent Application**
- **Application Process Presentation**
- **Overview of Private School Choice Programs in Wisconsin Handout (available in English and Spanish)**
- **Application Guidelines for Parents Handout (available in English and Spanish)**
- **Frequently Asked Questions for Parents (available in English and Spanish)**
- **Online Parent Application Print Screens**
- **School Lists and Contact Information (will be posted by January 31)**
- **Allowed Residency Documents**
- **Alternative Residency Documentation Form**
- **2023-24 Income Limits**
  
- **Parents must electronically submit the Online Parent Application at <https://dpi.wi.gov/choice>, and all applicants, regardless of their Choice status in the prior school year, must apply for the program every year.**
- **Parents must provide the school(s) to which they apply proof of student eligibility including residency documentation and income documentation (if applicable). This documentation must be received by the school prior to the close of the application period in which the application is submitted via the Online Parent Application.**

- Our school may assist parents during the application process, but the school may not submit applications on behalf of parents in the Online Parent Application. Our school may answer questions and have computers available for parents to use.
- Many parents complete the Online Parent Application in early February. As a result, the Online Parent Application and the Online Application System (OAS) may be slower in the beginning of February.
  - **Reminder parents:** (1) Choice applications received in the same open application period are NOT accepted on a first come, first serve basis and (2) applying in the Online Parent Application may be faster/easier if you apply after early February.
  - Our school will offer an open lab for parents to complete the Choice application, in school **during parent/teacher conferences**, which is **February 23rd from 4-7 p.m.**

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

The following site will be helpful to parents

[Final PSCP FAQ for Parents - 2023-24.pdf \(wi.gov\)](#)

Please see a summary in the [Wisconsin Parental Choice Program handout](#) and the [Open Enrollment handout](#).

We hope to see all of our current students next year and a lot of new faces too!  
Enjoy the warmer weather and bundle up next week.

In the peace of Christ,

Renee Fait, principal

St. John the Baptist Catholic School, Edgar, Wisconsin

Ephesians 1:11 says, "because we are united with Christ we have received an inheritance from God, For He chose us in advance and He makes everything work out according to His plan".

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# Open Enrollment

Starts February 1

You have a choice in your child's schooling.

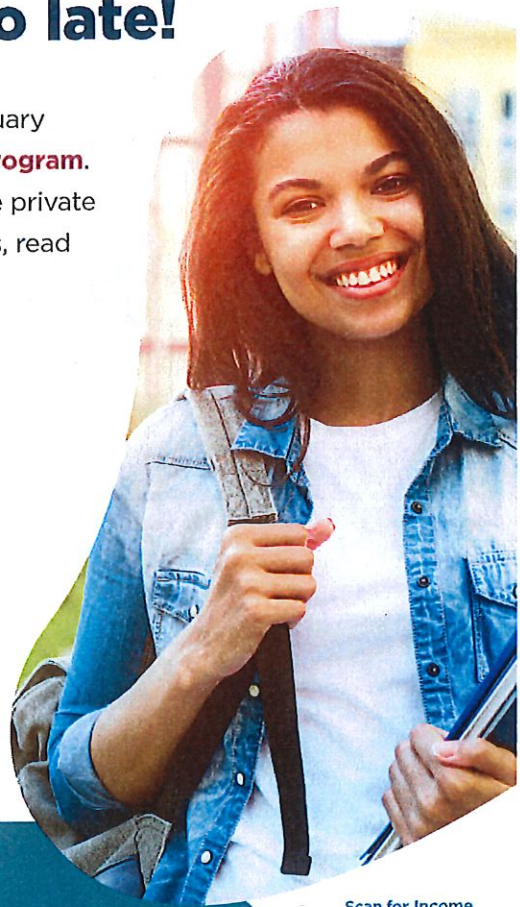
Sign up for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program and you may be able to send your child to the participating private or religious school of your choice tuition free.

## Don't wait until it's too late!

Open Enrollment for the 2023-24 school year is February 1-April 20, 2023 for the **Wisconsin Parental Choice Program**. Visit [schoolchoicewi.org](https://schoolchoicewi.org) to learn about this statewide private school voucher program and to see if you qualify. Plus, read FAQs and find step-by-step instructions to help you:

- Find a School
- Submit an Application
- Enroll in the Program

Hurry! Open Enrollment ends April 20, 2023



Learn more at [schoolchoicewi.org](https://schoolchoicewi.org)  
(414) 319-9160 | También en español (414) 255-2834

Scan for Income Eligibility Charts





## Home and School Association

### **Catholic Schools Week**



Mark your calendar for Catholic School Week, which will take place January 29-February 4. This year there will be a "kick-off" Mass at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 28! Father Alan will be recognizing our St. John's students, so please plan to attend Mass! After Mass, Home and School will be hosting a sledding get together. Meet in the dining hall after Mass for sledding behind church, hot chocolate and snacks to follow, please bring your own sled.

On Sunday, February 4, we will then have a "closing" Mass to end Catholic Schools Week. Father Alan will again be recognizing our St. John's students, this time at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. St. John's students and staff will be serving breakfast after Mass, ALL are welcome!

In order to make both Masses a success and to truly "show off" our St. John's students, please plan to attend both Masses and consider helping serve during Mass.

If you would like to donate or help with sledding or breakfast, please add your name/item to the [donation form](#).



### **Home and School Meeting**

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Home and School meeting on Monday, lots of items were discussed, please look over the [minutes](#).

### **Coffee Fundraiser**

The Redwood Roaster Coffee Fundraiser will kick off February 3 and run to February 15. Order forms will sent home with students.





# Youth Group Family Event



## Family Fun Night

All Families are Welcome!

Date: Monday, February 6th

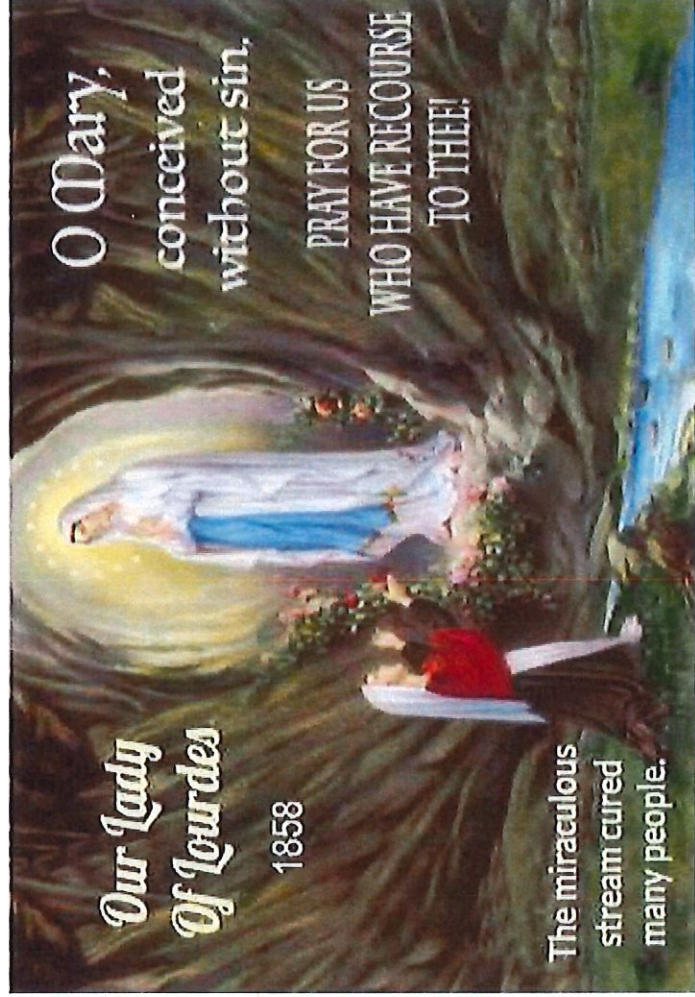
When: 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Where: Church Dining Hall

Join us for food, fun, fellowship and spiritual learning for one and all!



Our Lady Invited the Child to pray the Rosary with her.



Our Lady Of Lourdes

1858

O Mary, conceived without sin,

PRAY FOR US WHO HAVE RECOURSE TO THEE!

The miraculous stream cured many people.





# FATHER Daughter DANCE



**Saturday  
February 18th  
5:30 - 7:30 pm**



*All Ages  
Welcome*

Location:

**Rib River by Accentu (Marathon)**

Who's Invited?

**All Fathers & Daughters**

**from the Marathon & Edgar Communities**

*The first 100 daughters to arrive will receive a complimentary wrist corsage*



**Refreshments & Snacks provided**  
*(Free will donations accepted)*



**Preregistration is encouraged by Feb 10th if planning to attend**

Email: [officeassistant@stjohnedgar.org](mailto:officeassistant@stjohnedgar.org) (Father & Daughter names attending & ph#)

or register online: <https://volunteersignup.org/PRTMR>

Or scan QR code:



Professional Photographer on hand offering  
photographs of Father Daughter couples or groups  
\$25 = two 5x7 photographs \*Please pay at this event\*



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# Hit the Hill for Catholic Schools Week!



Join us Saturday, January 28th after 4:00 Mass  
for sledding, hot chocolate, and fellowship  
to kick off our 2023 Catholic Schools Week!

Bundle up and meet on the sledding hill behind church after mass.  
Hot chocolate and snacks in the church basement to follow.  
Please bring sleds if you are able. We hope to see everyone there!

*Sponsored by St. John's Home & School*



**The Archangel Youth Group**

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# **Steubenville Youth Conference St. Paul, MN**

Registration is \$250 before May 10th (\$85 is non-refundable) and \$260 after May 10th (\$90 is non-refundable). For more information about registration visit the parish website or contact Juan M @ [jmartinez@stjohnedgar.org](mailto:jmartinez@stjohnedgar.org) or Nancy H @ [nhackel@stjohnedgar.org](mailto:nhackel@stjohnedgar.org) or at the parish office @ 715-352-3011.

## **Theme**

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**Refuge - Matthew 11:28**

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July 28th - July 30th at  
University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN



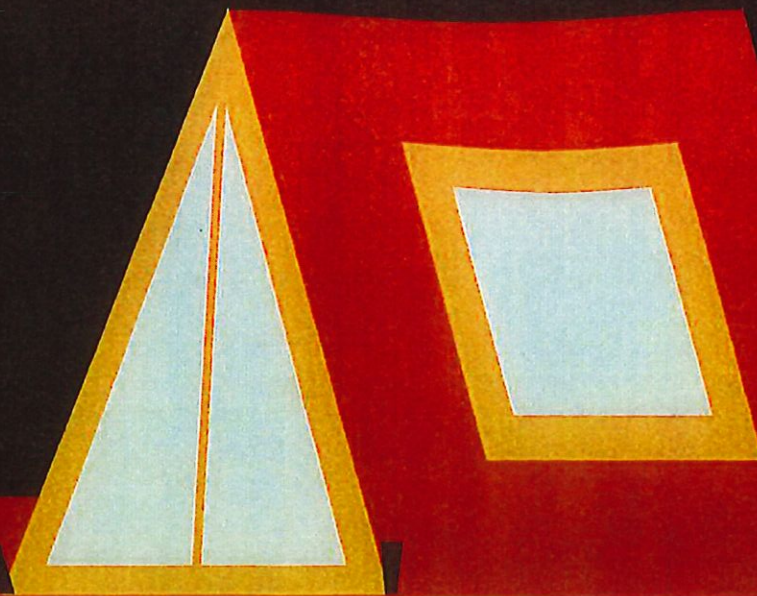
THE ARCHANGEL YOUTH GROUP

# *Adventure Camp 2023*

This high adventure week offers rock climbing, rappelling, canoeing, mountain bike riding, low ropes and high ropes, adventure trails, hiking, time for prayer, the sacraments and reflection on God's marvelous creation.

**JUNE 25 TO JUNE 30, 2023  
CROSSWOODS CAMP, MASON WI**

Registration is \$200 before June 1st (\$55 is non-refundable) and \$220 after June 1st (\$60 is non-refundable). For more information about registration reach out to the parish office @ 715-352-3011.







*Starting on Sunday, Feb 5th @ 10 am*

Consoling  
the Heart  
of Jesus

**GROUP RETREAT**

*10 weekly sessions following the Sunday Masses*

*Trust God*



**This retreat is an opportunity to learn about God's infinite mercy.**  
 And we'll discover how suffering can actually HELP US to grow spiritually closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

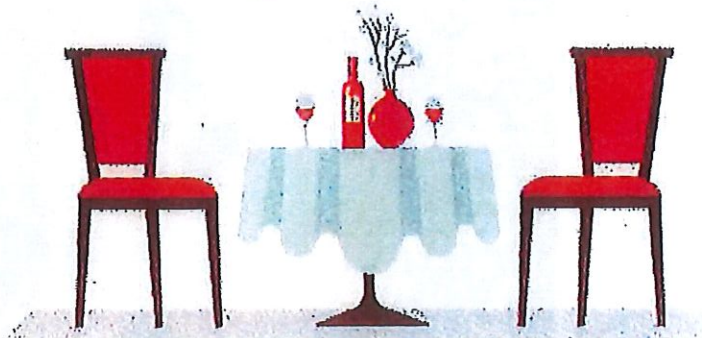
This group retreat begins on Sunday, Feb 5th, and continues for 9 more Sundays  
 (1 1/2 hr sessions following our 9 am Sunday Mass)

To sign up, please contact Nancy at the Parish Office  
 Call 715-352-3011  
 or email: [evangelize@stjohnedgar.org](mailto:evangelize@stjohnedgar.org)



*Holy Family and St. John's Parish  
Welcomes all Couples to a*

*Valentine's*  
DAY



**DINNER**

*Tuesday, February 14th  
@ Holy Family Dining Hall  
5:00 pm Social ♥ 5:30 pm Meal*

*RSVP to St. John's or Holy Parish  
office by 2-12-23*

*Day Care Provided!*

**Love Is A Work Of Heart**





**Raffle Time**



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**SPRING  
RAFFLE**  
FUNDRAISER



Annual Spring Raffle tickets (seller's packet) will be available for pick up after Ash Wednesday Mass  
*(packet includes tickets and a listing of those who bought from you)*

You may also pick up your seller's packet at the parish office.

Tickets will be available for sale after weekend Masses and at the Parish Office

Call Nancy in the Parish Office with any questions.  
715-352-3011



**BE SURE TO GET YOURS!**  
\*Final drawing is Palm Sunday\*





Hello from 3K,

In December/January we've been diving into the Christmas Season and Winter activities!

December was truly filled with spirit! Students learned all about the Holy Family and got really good at retelling the Nativity Story. We also worked hard in music on our songs for the Christmas Concert, which was a blast! The kids were so proud of what they practiced and to share it with their parents and grandparents!

January has been filled with snow! And showing up in all different forms... students are loving sledding down the hill behind school in the snow during recess, they are learning how to spell their names with snowmen building, they are playing in the sensory area with shaving cream snow and reading all about the Sneezy Snowman!

It's been "snow" much fun :)

We have also continued to work on our shapes, colors, numbers, letters and name recognition! The students continue to improve their skills each and every day! They are making connections between numbers and one to one correspondence when they are counting. They are also learning that letter sounds go with letters!

Students continue to build community in our classroom through our social, emotional and religion lessons. The last two months we've been focused on sharing, taking turns, problem solving and making good choices! The students are spilling over their learning into other areas of their day as well, especially in Mass where they are eager to answer Father Alan's questions during the homily!

Students are still learning about helping themselves to dress and undress their winter gear for recess. Students continue to get better at learning how to independently get their snow pants, boots, jacket, hat and mittens on. Some have even started zipping their coats!

So many things for us to learn about so many ways to get better every day!





## Hello from the 4K classroom!!

As Catholic Schools Week is next week we have been talking about how special it is that we get to learn about Jesus in school! We have learned how we can show our love for Jesus- by being kind to others, helping others, and also by listening and staying quiet while at Mass.

In Math, we have been working on our number recognition focusing on 1-20. We have practiced this through a couple different games. One being Go Fish!

In Literacy, we have learned so many letters! We are more than half way through the alphabet. We have been forming letters, in the sand, and with playdough! In January, we learned about letters M,N,O, and P. When singing the alphabet, the students have found that we really have to sing slowly to hear these letters as we sometimes sing that part of the song very quickly!

In Science, we are talking about the seasons and the different weather that comes with each season. The students have been working on their seasons book where they are drawing the weather or items (swimsuit, boots, etc.) they could expect to see in each season!

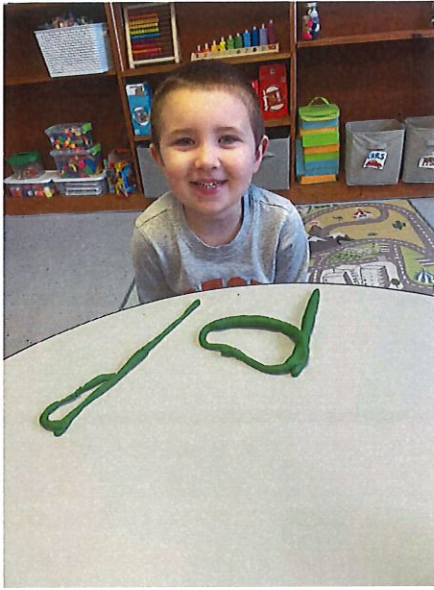
Lastly, we have been really enjoying winter! During recess the students have been sledding and playing in the snow!













# Hello From Kindergarten, 2023!

These past couple weeks in kindergarten, students have been making progress in their letters, letter sounds, and sounding out CVC words. We have now met all of the SuperKids so we are able to easily identify the sounds and letters due to their names. We have also been learning a lot of sight words and have started bringing them home so we can practice even more! We are on our way to becoming great readers!

In math class we have started using ten frames to help us add and subtract numbers within 10. We are also learning that we can solve addition and subtraction problems within word problems but we must use our very best listening ears to comprehend the problem!

In science, we have solved our first playground problem! One playground gets hotter than the other because the surface is black, which attracts the sun more. We are now learning about a new playground problem- why does one playground flood, while the other one does not?

Lastly, in religion students have been learning what it means to be made in God's image. Father Alan came in and had the students look at their reflection in a mirror. He then explained that they could clearly see themselves. Then he had students spray the mirror with water and asked what happened to their image. The students both realized that their image was a lot harder to see and very blurry- therefore we are not acting in the image of God! We also discussed the difference between making wrong choices and mistakes, and that no matter what- Jesus will always forgive you!



-Mrs. Blume :)

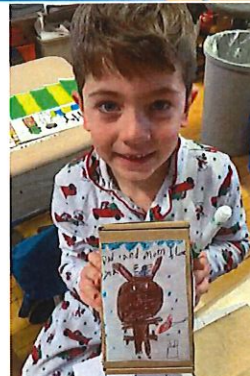
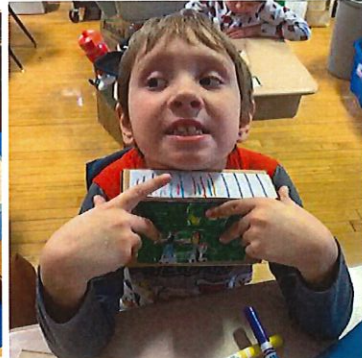




## Greetings from Grades One and Two~

It has been a long time since we checked in and we have been busy! In our last letter, we mentioned that Globe Trot Scott was bringing us packages to help us learn about holidays around the world. Scott sent packages including a fact sheet as well as a snack and/or activity for each country he visited. On the fact sheet, we drew the flag of the country and wrote down some of the interesting things we learned. Snacks/activities included *Buche de Noel*, a yummy log-shaped chocolate cake, for *Joyeux Noel* in France, Italian pastries and a napkin with a note to hide for *Buon Natale* in Italy, a piñata we got to make and fill with candy for *Feliz Navidad* in Mexico, a dreidel and gelt for *Chanukah Sameach* in Israel, a pretzel-shaped sweet treat called *jalebi* for *Diwali Mubarak* in India, and finally a gingerbread person to decorate for *Froehliche Weihnachten* in Germany. After we received our last package from Scott, we began to learn about life long ago. So far we compared schools, homes, and communication long ago to now. We decided life is much easier for us now, but we have a lot more to learn about! In Science, we are continuing our quest as plant scientists to find out why new chalta trees are not appearing in the Bengal Tiger Reserve. Our most recent investigations have centered around seed dispersal. We did some fun simulations involving fictitious flitterbirds and strongbills eating and dispersing (through their droppings) sweetpink and yummyberry seeds to see how the seeds get to places they are likely to grow into an adult plant. We also learned that dispersal through animal droppings is just one way seeds are dispersed. In Religion, the biggest thing is that after being cancelled by the weather in December, Ruthie, Kash, and Sam finally received their First Reconciliation! Please continue to pray for them as they take the next step in sacramental prep and get ready for First Holy Communion in May. We also had fun designing and making jigsaw puzzles for our families for Christmas. Finally, we are looking forward to Catholic Schools Week. We hope many of you can join us for Mass on Saturday, January 28th, to kick off the week with a sledding social sponsored by our Home and School and Sunday, February 5th to wrap up the week with a breakfast sponsored by our St. John School staff and middle school students.

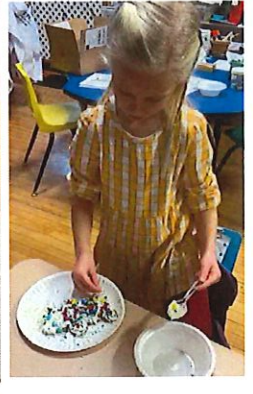
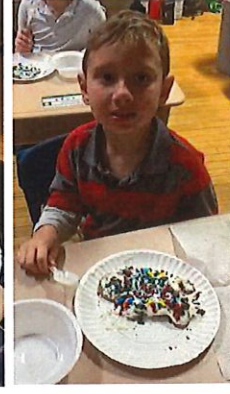
~Grades One and Two



Making  
Puzzles!



# Piñatas and Gingerbread People!



Plant Scientists investigating seed dispersal.





❁ Greetings St. John Families! ❁

We have been reviewing God's 10 Commandments in our recent Religion 3/4 chapters. What must we do to love God and love others? The class enjoyed SPEAK LIFE by Toby Mac, [TobyMac - Speak Life \(Lyrics\)](#), as a reminder that we should "choose words that inspire." For January, we have St. André Bessette for our "Be a Saint" featured Catholic Sprouts Saint. The challenges for the month with Saint André are: memorize Deuteronomy 6:4-9, serve those in need, get to know St. Joseph, and to pray each day for a specific miracle.

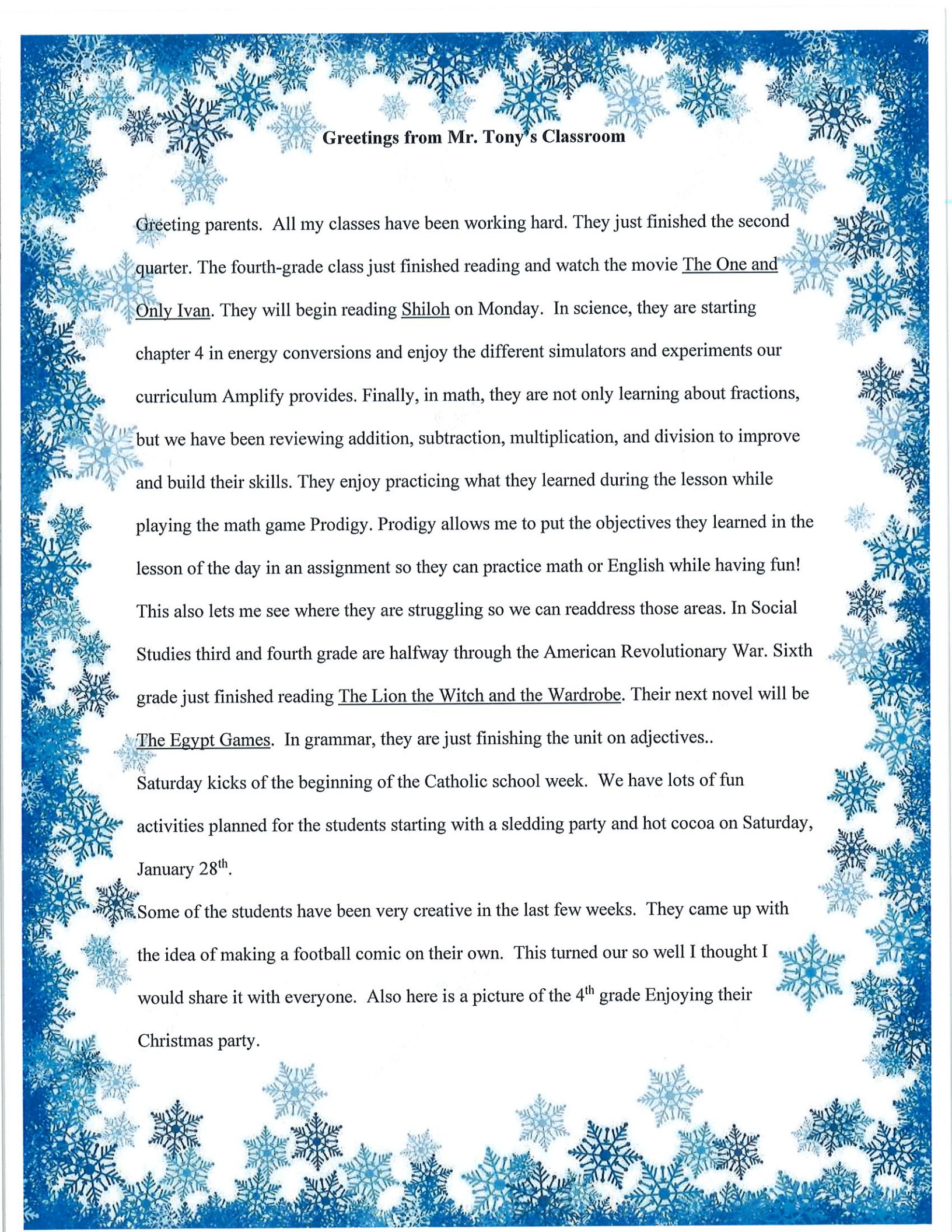
Math 3 has been relating multiplication to division, and it's about time we play multiplication Football Bingo as we recognize fact family members. In ELA 3, we studied verbs with all their tenses and personal letters were sent off to our dear grandparents.

🎵 This is the first classroom update newsletter since our Christmas Program, so congratulation needs to be given yet on the fantastic effort from all the students and an acknowledgement of the support from everyone! It all is much appreciated! Here are a few fun facts yet about the history of the program. It originally had been done in 2011 with Mrs. Blume as Mary and Ellie as Baby Jesus. In Art classes, our Music K8 Cover entries were designed. Thank you Mrs. Wierzba and Ms. Bergs! Before sending off our creations, we placed our votes for one favorite per class. Here are our favorites from each class: Adie Kunze~Kindergarten, Max Kaiser~Gr 1, Kash Gajewski~Gr 2, Jacob Hafferman~Gr 3, Lucas Schreier~Gr 4, Lily Wozny~Gr 5, Elizabeth Bergs~Gr 6, Spencer Wendtland~Gr 7, and Jenna Hafferman~Gr 8. Wonderful work everyone! ~Mrs. Bergs



Congratulations to our St. John Music K8 cover winners-One selected from each grade, from Kindergarten thru Grade 8!



A decorative border of blue snowflakes of various sizes and patterns surrounds the text on a white background.

## Greetings from Mr. Tony's Classroom

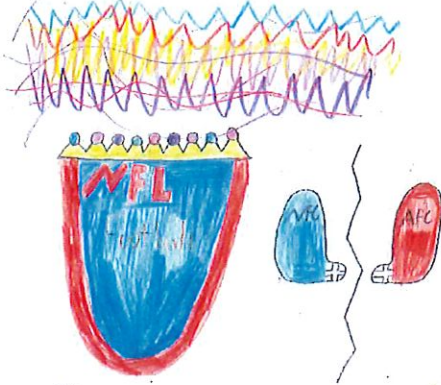
Greeting parents. All my classes have been working hard. They just finished the second quarter. The fourth-grade class just finished reading and watch the movie The One and Only Ivan. They will begin reading Shiloh on Monday. In science, they are starting chapter 4 in energy conversions and enjoy the different simulators and experiments our curriculum Amplify provides. Finally, in math, they are not only learning about fractions, but we have been reviewing addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division to improve and build their skills. 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! This also lets me see where they are struggling so we can readdress those areas. In Social Studies third and fourth grade are halfway through the American Revolutionary War. Sixth grade just finished reading The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe. Their next novel will be The Egypt Games. In grammar, they are just finishing the unit on adjectives..

Saturday kicks of the beginning of the Catholic school week. We have lots of fun activities planned for the students starting with a sledding party and hot cocoa on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>.

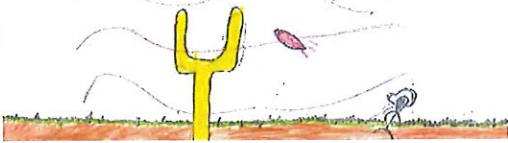
Some of the students have been very creative in the last few weeks. They came up with the idea of making a football comic on their own. This turned our so well I thought I would share it with everyone. Also here is a picture of the 4<sup>th</sup> grade Enjoying their Christmas party.



Cast: Jay, Drew, Thom, Lucas, Jacob, Visual Effects: Asher



Experience 5 stories in 1 amazing  
homemade NFL Comic Book!!

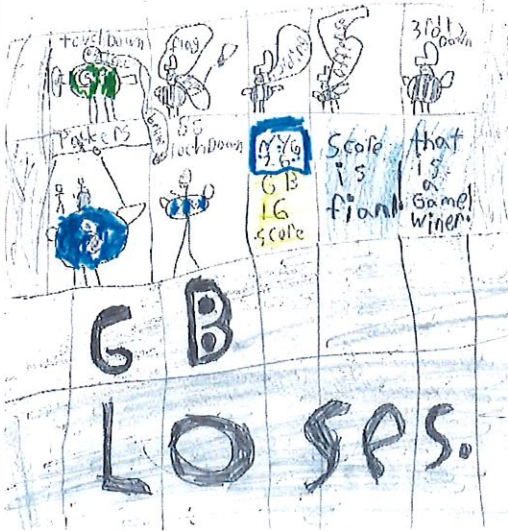


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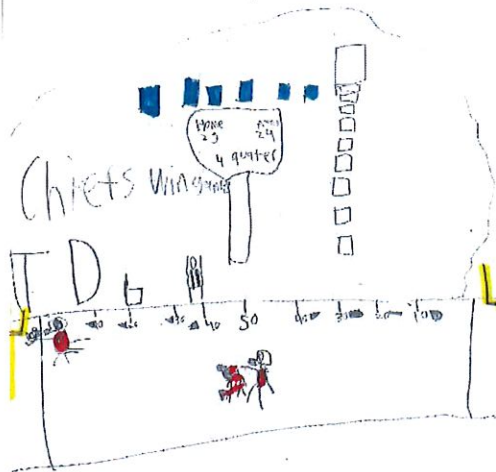


TOUCH DOWN  
Jacksonville

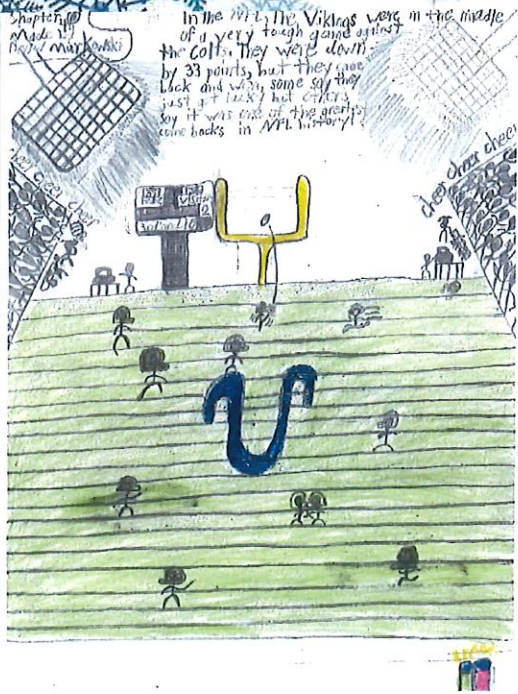
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4th qtr game  
7/16 min 2nd  
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Chapter 3 comeback  
Chiefs vs texans  
0 - 24







Chapter 6: Chiefs vs Raiders  
 Kansas City

Chiefs! 60/60/60

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Raiders

Final

Sat. Jan



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Las Vegas  
 Raiders!

This comic inspires young readers to create their own books.  
 Congratulations on being the lucky reader!

New comics coming soon!











### **Happy New Year from 5/6 Homeroom!**

So far, winter has been...cold and kind of cloudy outside. But, inside has been a different story! After weeks of persistent practice, **St. John's Quiz Bowl team** took **2nd place** at the competition held on January 11th! The competition was a nail-biter, as Mrs. Michlig and I were on the edge of our seats concentrating on the questions and tallying points. Congratulations to Captain Eli Lepak, and team: *Jenna Hafferman, Maddie Jacobs, Abby Halama, Aiden Berens, Spencer Wendtland, Siara Schroeder, CeCe Mills, Elizabeth Bergs, and Ellie Wendtland!* **I'm so proud of all of you!**

In the classroom, the 5/6 science class has been learning about **thermal energy**. This is a good time of the year to learn about it! The 7/8 science class has been learning about **light waves** and light energy. Again, another good topic as each day gains a little more sunlight.

Throughout the month of January, the 7/8 religion class have been focusing on **Theology of the Body** taught by Mr. and Mrs. Hackel. This class is designed to teach students to respect each other and themselves. Hopefully, the students will continue to practice this virtue as they get older. Thank you to **Mr. and Mrs. Hackel** for the thoughtful and reflective lessons they have planned.



Even with cold weather, we look forward to future activities. **Catholic Schools Week** and a trip to **Camp Forest Springs** are right around the corner!

More to come...

Mrs. Wozny :)

P.S. Here are a few photos from St. Lucia's Day, the all-school movie before Christmas break, and the Christmas Program.







# MRS. MICHLIG'S newsletter



## JANUARY NEWS

*Hello families! So far we have had a great start to our new year! We are busy learning lots of new things and having SNOW much fun!*

In **7th and 8th grade social studies**, we have finished learning about the history of the Christian Church, the Byzantine Empire, and have begun learning about the Renaissance and Reformation. Students completed a Christian Church research project and have created a project detailing the fall of the Byzantine Empire.

In **5th and 6th grade social studies**, we finished our chapter 7 project, which was recreating the Boston Tea Party on a small scale. Students worked in groups to make crates that would make a tea bag float and keep it dry when put into a basin full of water. We had a lot of fun creating and experimenting! We are now learning about the Revolutionary War and the key historical figures that fought for our freedom as a young nation.

In **5th grade English Language Arts**, we finished our formal business letters and sent them out to the businesses students wrote to. We are now working on learning about verbs and descriptive writing. We have been reading a lot of examples of descriptive writing and are excited to start our own!

In our **5th and 6th grade religion class**, we have been learning about the Theology of the Body. 5th grade has been learning about Greek Mythology and the beginning of Man: original sin, original nakedness, and where we are now. 6th grade will be learning about the Resurrection, focusing on how each student (and all of creation) is a gift of and from God.

Lastly, in **5th grade math**, students have been working hard and have finished their unit 4, which details multiplication and division of multi-digit numbers. We have learned various different algorithms to solve our problems and have moved on to our unit 5, where we learn about place value patterns and decimal operations. Units 5 and 6 are longer and are super important to the rest of our learning in higher math, so we will be spending a lot of time on these two units.



# Boston Tea Party Activity





Let's send a final big congratulations to our middle school quiz bowl team for taking 2nd place and to our middle schoolers for their participation in the spelling bee!



Quiz Bowl Members  
Eli Lepak, Aiden Berens,  
Jenna Hafferman,  
Elizabeth Bergs, Ellie  
Wendtland, Spencer  
Wendtland, Siara  
Schroeder, Abby Halama,  
Maddie Jacobs, CeCe  
Mills



Spelling Bee  
1st place: Eli Lepak  
2nd place: Abby Halama  
3rd place: Elizabeth Bergs  
4th place: Gabe Voigt  
5th place: Amelia Kaiser



Hello from English Language Arts and the Art classes!

English language classes are beginning a second novel *The Red Badge of Courage* but this time the questions and vocabulary lists are generated by the students. We will be learning more about literary analysis and proper documentation of sources also.

In the spirit of being doers of the word and not merely hearers, (James 1:22) Our current grammar focus is on verbs. Ask your student to give you a sample of transitive and intransitive verbs and how to tell the difference. Identifying and understanding troublesome verbs and linking verbs, as well as writing with an “active” rather than a “passive” voice should all help improve our skills while writing.



After working on the well-known Music K-8 cover contest, Art students celebrated the season of epiphany by learning two new techniques for making stars. For the first technique, students spatter watery paint for stars and print a moon with a bottle cover. In the second technique, student sprinkle salt on wet watercolor (which conveniently also looks like snowy sky for those who want to depict winter scenes). Come check these out in the hallways at school. Here is a sample:



Moving towards Valentine’s Day, last year’s most beloved project, bag sculptures are back. Students get a bag of items (each bag has the same items) which they must make into a sculpture. But, new this year, is the limiting criteria of a theme: “I love...”. I look forward to reading the artist statements students share about how these sculptures depict something they love, became a gift for a loved one, or show a way to share God’s love with others. Speaking of ways to show love, students have agreed to help make Valentine’s Day decorations for the Valentine’s Day dinner at Holy Family parish. Thanks for serving the needs of your parish!

In March (Youth Art Month), I will be submitting four student works (wish it could be more but that is the most I can submit and only for grades 5-8 so probably one work per grade level) to the 46<sup>th</sup> annual Student Art Exhibit at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum. What a hard choice it will be to pick only four student works! At least I can display all student works in a mini galley in the church basement during catholic schools week. Maybe I will get some feedback on what to pick once I see all the work displayed together. ❤️ Mrs. Wierzba