

# Saint John the Baptist Catholic School

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## School Newsletter May 26, 2023

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

- May 29 - NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day
- May 31 - Last Day of School 3K, 8th grade
- May 31 - Kindergarten Graduation 8am Mass
- May 31 - 8th Grade Graduation 7pm Ceremony
- June 1 - Last Day of School 4K - 7th grade



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### School Picnic Raffle Winners

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|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1) Outdoor Fun                | Everly Lemmer     |
| 2) Campfire Fun               | Jacob Hafferman   |
| 3) Parents Beware             | Klayton Gajewski  |
| 4) Schwinn Copeland Bike      | Marshall Albrecht |
| 5) Gotrax Edge Hoverboard     | Parker Albrecht   |
| 6) Squishmallow               | Myles Vang        |
| 7) Crafty Crafters            | Isla Conway       |
| 8) Jump Around                | Ryan Ashbeck      |
| 9) Rainy Day Games            | Jenna Hafferman   |
| 10) Movie Basket              | Connor Halvorsen  |
| 11) Lego Speed Kits           | Jacob Hafferman   |
| 12) S'mores Basket            | Shawn Stencil     |
| 13) Family Game/Movie Night   | Cooper Kroening   |
| 14) Fun Outside               | Ruth Bruanel      |
| 15) Lego Friends              | Raelynn Doll      |
| 16) Outdoor Activities/Sports | Raelynn Doll      |
| 17) \$75 SCRIP Bundle #1      | AliMae Martin     |
| 18) \$75 SCRIP Bundle #2      | Elizabeth Bergs   |
| 19) Snuggle and Play          | Klayton Gajewski  |
| 20) Fun with Fozzie           | Connor Halvorsen  |
| 21) Rainy Day Kit             | Aubrey Pospyhalla |
| 22) Assorted Fun Things       | Jacob Hafferman   |

### 3K and 4K Donations

If you would like to donate items for the 3K and 4K classrooms, please contact Mrs. Jessica Halvorsen at [jhalvorsen@stjohnedgar.org](mailto:jhalvorsen@stjohnedgar.org). Our current and future St. John's Saints appreciate all donations!!



### 2023-2024 School Year Registration

Online registration is available. Paper copies are also available from the school office. You may email Juan Martinez for a digital copy at [secretary@stjohnedgar.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnedgar.org).



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Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe the end of the school year is upon us! I wanted to take a minute and personally thank you for choosing to send your child(ren) to St. John the Baptist in Edgar. As you will see in this newsletter, we may be a small school, but we offer a lot of classes and excursions. We are happy to announce that there are already thirteen 3K students and fourteen 4K students registered, with an entire summer for new children to enroll.

Next year we anticipate many changes. Mrs. Kris Riehle has accepted the 3K position so Jessica Halvorsen can move into the 4K position, as Jean Lemmer has moved up to teach 5K. As is the case with every school, we are searching for a couple of new staff members to fill the positions of cook and 3K assistant. That said, we are hopeful those will be filled soon.

Jeremiah 17:7

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose hope is the LORD."

Since we have larger classes in pre-K, we will move these students upstairs, where our larger rooms are located. We will have these students in close proximity with each other, but that means we will need a few more bathroom stalls. So we install a will few storage units and as usual, our maintenance man, Erich Kellner and Ms. Diane will get the school spruced up for the upcoming year. If anyone has some free time this summer, we will not turn away anyone who would like to volunteer with carrying teachers' supplies to the new rooms. That would be greatly appreciated.

John 14:16

"I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever;"

Although we look forward to seeing new faces next year, we are reminded that after many years of watching your children grow, we must let them go on to a new chapter in

their life. This year's graduation ceremony will take place Wednesday, May 31st at 7 p.m. in our church. When you see Eli Lepak, Jenna Hafferman and Norah Wozny, please feel free to congratulate them on their academic success and wish them well in high school.

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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Hello from 3K,

May has been a busy month! We are ending the year strong in 3K with many spring activities and lessons!

After our successful celebration of Grandparents Day, we dove into celebrating our MOMs with gifts for Mothers Day. The kids enjoyed seeing their hand prints shrink down into keychains with our shrinky dink project for their moms!

We have also been learning about Noah and the Ark! We spent a lot of time on the story of Noah and learned about God's promise of the Rainbow!

Next we dove right into learning about plants and what they need to grow. Mrs. Kris helped the students plant and sprout bean seeds in miniature window greenhouses! They sure are growing tall in just a week!

With the final days of school coming, we are celebrating! School picnic, children's raffle, ice cream from the Back Room and enjoying all of the successes we've made this year!

It's truly been a wonderful year in 3K!





Hello from the 4K classroom!! What an awesome year it has been! I feel so lucky to have gotten to teach the wonderful 4K students at St. John's!!

In Literacy, we ended the year practicing our beginning sounds. The students have gotten so good at figuring out what sound a word begins with. Throughout their school day, they will point out what sound or letter words begin with. Like if they are getting a drink of water they will say "Hey, Wa, Wa, Water! That's a W"

In math, the students have been playing games such as War, Uno, and The Number Game. Not only have they gotten better at these games, but they have also gotten better at recognizing numbers!

In Religion, the students finished their last catechesis class. They were very sad about this, as they really enjoyed going!

We look forward to next week, our last week of school! We will have fun celebrating bubble day and going on an end of the year scavenger hunt!

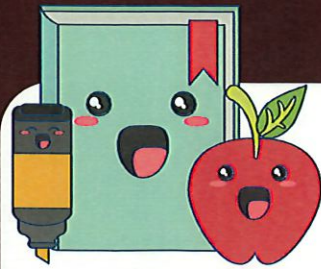
How fun it has been to see the students grow personally, academically, and socially-making friends and getting comfortable here at St. John's. They have learned so much and have been such a close group of friends. I can't wait to see them all as KINDERGARTENERS next year!!











# 5K

# Classroom News



## This Month in 5K

This week in 5K we are exploring new concepts in math and science. We are looking at subtraction and reviewing what we have learned throughout the entire year.

In science, we are exploring how the sun affects plants in different ways. Did you know that plants grow towards the sun during the day and away at night? Ask your child facts about plants! They love it!



## Events

Two middle schoolers visited our class to talk about their science projects.



## Reminders

Our graduation ceremony is at 8AM on May 31st starting with Mass then after Mass there will be refreshments in the church basement.



The end of the school year is almost here! June 1st



## Greetings from Grades One and Two-

It is hard to believe the school year is almost over. We sure have grown this year~in body and mind and holiness! The past few weeks have found us reading, writing, and doing lots of arithmetic to get ready for the next year. In Social Studies, we learned about some important inventors like Alexander Graham Bell, Benjamin Franklin, and the Wright Brothers.. In Science, we learned about how materials can change when we mix them together. Outside of regular schools stuff, we enjoyed a fieldtrip to Jojo's Jungle and Clay Corner. This week, we had our May Crowning with an Our Lady of Guadalupe presentation. Ruthie, Kash, and Sam wore their First Communion clothes(clothes is one of our spelling words this week!)!We want to thank our Eighth Graders, Norah, Jenna, and Eli, for being our narrator, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and Juan Diego for the presentation and wish them the best of luck in high school next year. We would also like to thank all of our family and friends who helped make this a SUPER school year and wish everyone a safe, happy, healthy, and holy summer! We will leave you with our favorite part of the 2022/2023 school year: Ruthie enjoyed the school picnic, Kash and Memphis liked our field trip to Clay Corners and JoJo's Jungle, Sam, Klay, and Max thought the fieldtrip to the Pumpkin Patch was fun, Cooper had a great time the first day of school, and Mrs. Werner was especially happy with our May Crowning and Our Lady of Guadalupe presentation!!

~Grades One and Two



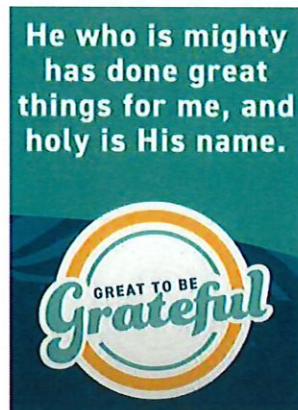
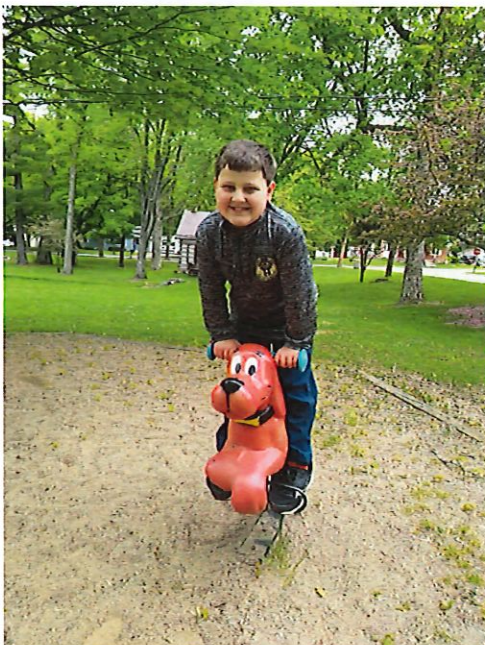
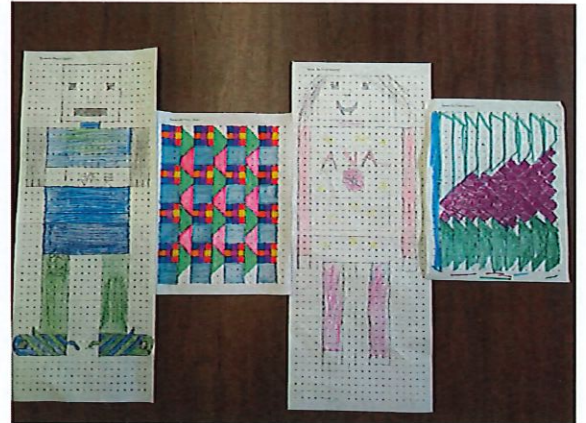


☀️ Greetings St. John Families! ☀️

Our “Be a Saint” featured Catholic Sprouts Saint for the month of May has been St. Damien of Molokai. The challenges for the month with St. Damien are: learn and pray the **Memorare**, plant a **Mary** garden, clean & organize your room, and hug someone every day. Those definitely are some wonderful challenges that would be perfect no matter what month it is! With the Theology of the Body material, we continued covering the topics of Original Unity, Christ Brings Us Into Communion, and Our Destiny—We Await Full Communion. At the start of the month, the Sisters reminded us that words recorded in Scripture by Mary are precious. In Luke 1:46-56 **Mary’s Song of Praise**, “Mary’s love pours forth in gratitude to God; Mary shows us how to live gratitude by reflecting on the good things God has done in our lives & letting these blessings spur us to praise Him.”

Math 3 finished up their unit on 2-dimensional shapes & perimeter with park, wax prints (patterns for textiles), and robot designing. ELA 3’s challenge was creating Realistic Fiction. There were a lot of giggles with Mad Libs last month. Turning our Realistic Fiction writings into Mad Libs would be an interesting option...we’ll have to give that a try! 😊

What a beautiful end to the school year we have been having! Thank you to everyone that makes the Food Court, picnic, raffle, ice cream and all the field trips possible! We appreciate all your love and support! May everyone have a very blessed and safe summer! 😊





From flower petals  
making wonderful  
confetti to Clay  
corner & Jo Jo's  
Jungle fun!  
Have a blessed  
summer everyone!





# Mr. Tony's

## Classroom News

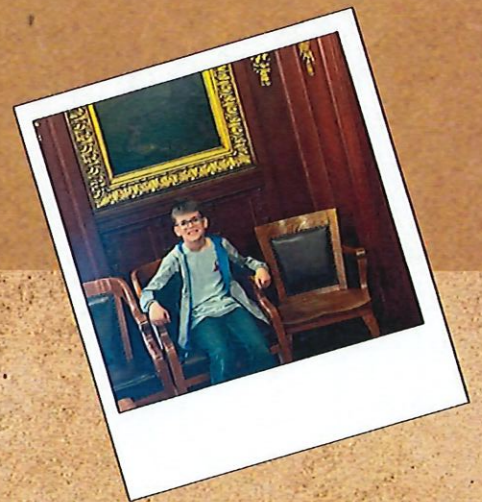
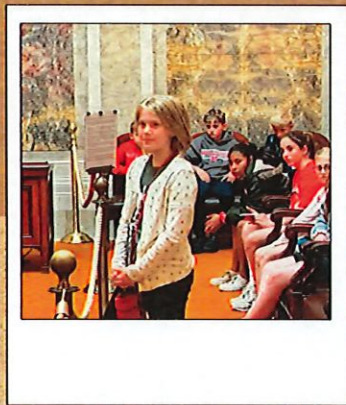
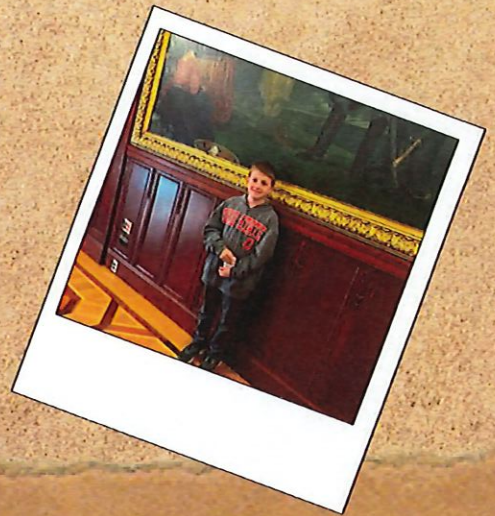
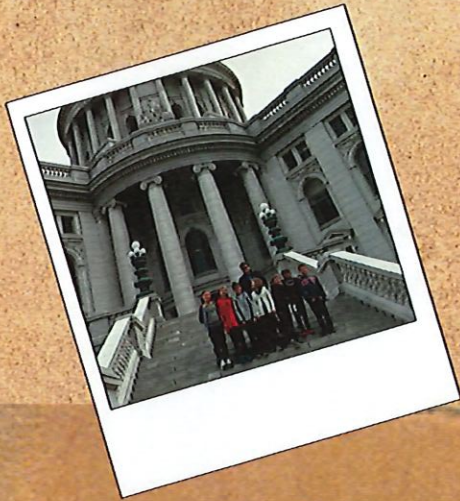
*Hi all! Can you believe that it is the end of the year already? I sure can't. This year has flown by, and it seems like just yesterday was the first day of school. We have had more ups than downs, and we have all learned so much during the past year. We are ending the school year on many good notes. We have had a trip to and a tour of the Capitol in Madison. We were even able to get our picture taken with a senator that works in the Capitol. But the best part of the trip was when we toured a part of the underground railroad at the Milton House in Milton, Wisconsin. We were able to see how people lived before all the conveniences of running water and a flushing toilet. We walked the same tunnel that many slaves that hid in the Milton House hid in to find freedom in Canada. We also had a great time at the end-of-the-year picnic. We ate some great food and had a great time playing on the playground. For the end-of-year field trip, the elementary students went to Clay Corners to paint flowerpots. In about a week, we will receive them back and be able to see how much they have changed from what we painted them. After departing the wonderful staff at Clay Corners, we spent the rest of the morning at JoJo's Jungle. Here we ran and played on the variety of playground equipment that was at the park. After eating our lunch, it was time to go back to school to finish our day.*

*The middle school students will be traveling to Duluth for their end of the year field trip and I hope they have as much fun as the elementary students had on theirs. I hope everyone has an exciting summer and I hope to see everyone throughout the summer.*





# Madison Field Trip





**THANK YOU FOR VISITING THE WISCONSIN STATE CAPITOL!**

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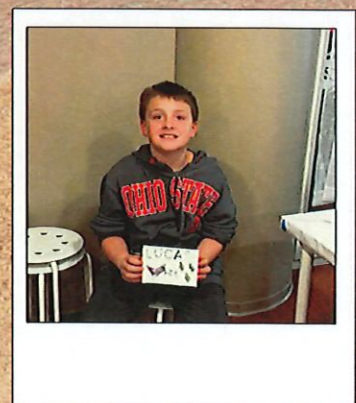
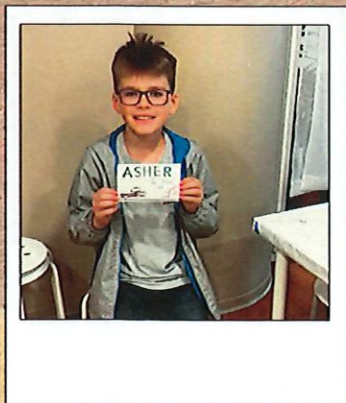
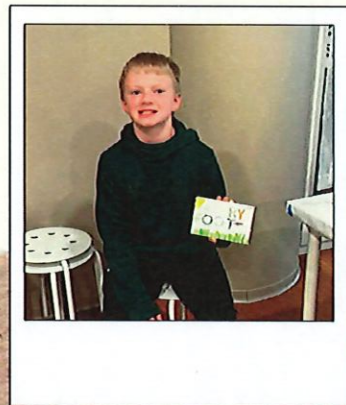
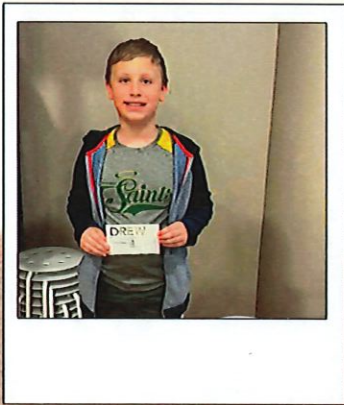
*Senator Cory Tomczyk & Representative John Spiros*







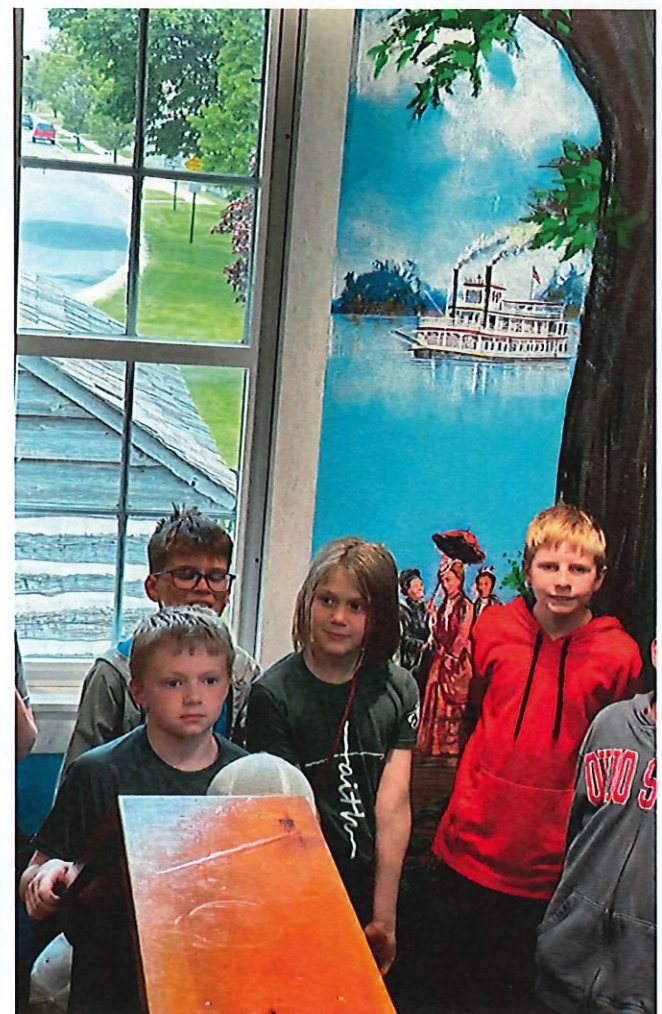
# Wisconsin Heritage Museum









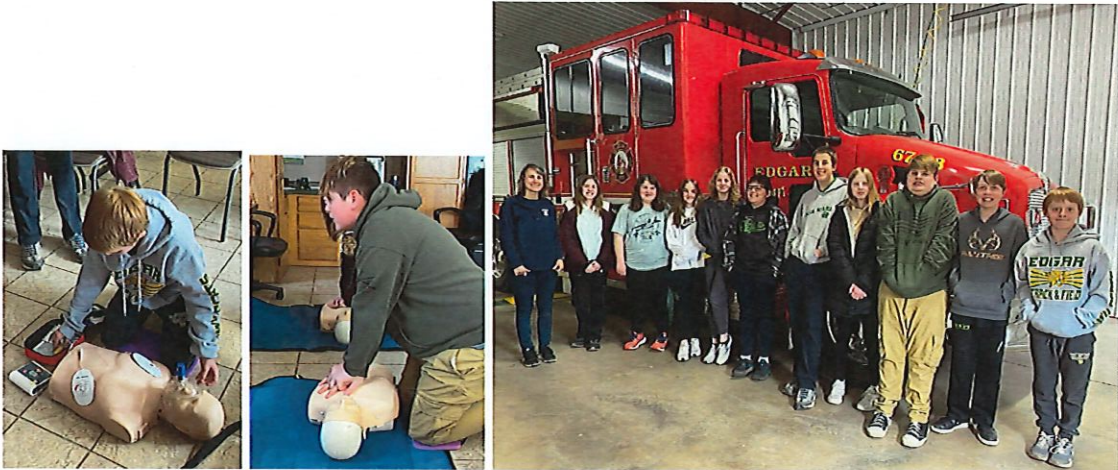








The last day is within sight! I think we are all looking forward to a change of pace, even though it was a good school year. The middle school students had many unique experiences, such as becoming CPR/AED certified. Mrs. Halverson spent a morning with the 7/8 graders to train them in basic CPR and the use of an AED. **Thank you, Mrs. Halverson, for your time!**



In the meantime, we have been learning about natural selection in 7/8 grade science and weather patterns in 5/6 science. The Science Fair took place on Friday, May 12. This year the Science Fair was optional, so **"Awesome job!!!!"** to Jenna Hafferman and Isla Conway for completing projects, boards, and presentations.





Here the 5/6 science class is demonstrating how hot air rises.



As the school year winds down, so do our lessons in the other subjects: religion 7/8 has been focusing on Pentecost in the liturgical year and also how we must follow God's law before human law.

In math, 8th grade was focusing on exponents and powers of 10, 7th grade has been learning about area and volume of 3-dimensional objects, and 6th grade has been learning about positive and negative numbers.

The end of the year projects are well underway: 2022-2023 Yearbook, Graduation essays, banner, slideshows, ice cream at the Back Room, End of the Year Picnic...It will be a great way to end the year!

Have a wonderful summer!  
Mrs. Wozny





# MRS. MICHLIG'S newsletter



## MAY NEWS

*Hello everyone! It's hard to believe this is the last newsletter of the 2022-2023 school year!*

In **7th and 8th grade social studies**, we finished up learning about ancient India and have moved on to learning about ancient Africa. For our chapter project on ancient India, students wrote mock post-cards discussing what ancient India was like to a person "back home" of their choosing. Our chapter project for ancient Africa was creating a travel brochure to advertise ancient wonders of Africa!

In **5th and 6th grade social studies**, we have finished chapters 14 and 15, discussing the Oregon Trail, the Mexican-American War, the California Gold Rush, and famous abolitionists. For their chapter project, students had the opportunity to research famous abolitionists and create a presentation on them. Students then presented their projects to the class and we had fun learning about different people from history!

In **5th grade English Language Arts**, we have finished our planetary research reports. The students really enjoyed researching planets and learning more about our solar system!

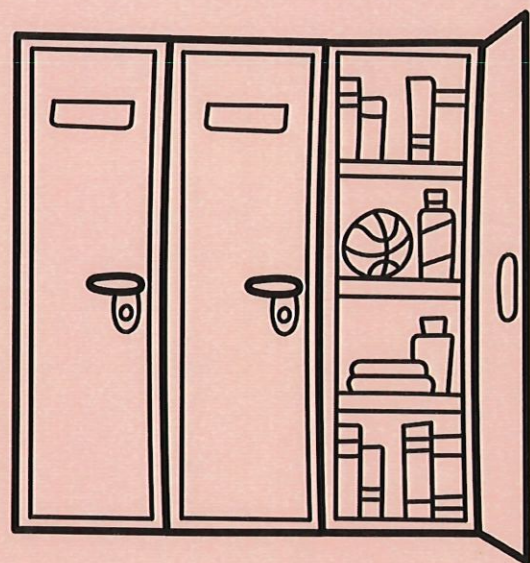
In our **5th and 6th grade religion class**, we have finished our Faith and Life curriculum, learning more about the Mass, the Eucharist, and Eucharistic Miracles from all over the globe.

Lastly, in **5th grade math**, students have finished the last unit of study, which is a review unit of all the new topics we have covered in our 5th grade math class this year! We began with multiplying and dividing numbers and moved to applying volume concepts, fraction and decimal operations, and had some fun mini lessons on creation and design! We made some amazing progress on our STAR reports and I am so proud of how much they have learned this year!!



It has been a wonderful school year filled with so much fun and learning! I am so proud of the progress the middle school students have made not only academically, but socially and emotionally as well. Some days it feels like a rollercoaster, but we wouldn't trade it for the world! A big thank you to all the students who worked so hard this year to accomplish their goals and a thank you to the parents as well, for putting in so much time and dedication to helping your child(ren) grow. I hope everyone has a safe and blessed summer and I look forward to new St. John's adventures next year!

*-Mrs. Michlig :)*





Another chapter has closed in the school year. While only being here for a few quarters, I have seen quite a growth in student abilities in their sport skills.

Our lower grades are learning about running a distance and using a stopwatch. Summer is on the way. We have started to try T-Ball, holding the bat, plastic, wooden and metal bats, different types of balls, hard vs. soft, large and small. We didn't have any gloves that fit the kids small hands, so we didn't practice fielding of the balls. I taught the kids how to swing on the playground swings using their legs to gain momentum. They are happy to be able to swing by themselves.



Our 4th and 5th grade track meet was a great learning experience for us. Our 5th graders are bummed because they won't be able to participate next year. We had many ribbon winners: Amelia walked away with three 1st place ribbons; Maria and Lily both threw over 70' in the softball throw. The boys did very well in their events. It was nice to see parents and grandparents supporting them. See you next spring. I am very proud of everyone.

6th thru 8th graders are very competitive, it's fun to watch them play any game of basketball, kickball, mat ball, and volleyball. Good luck to Norah, Eli and Jenna. Each one of you has a special ability: Norah keep skating, Eli keep guarding that ball and Jenna keep shooting for the stars.

I have monthly challenge sheets for June, July and August, if any one is interested in them. From Fit Kids, I have challenges in Plyometric, Conditioning, Around the House, Sports Skills, Balance, Muscular Endurance, Muscular Strength, Flexibility, Cardiovascular Endurance, Locomotor Movements and Throwing and Catching.

Thank you for a great year!

Have a wonderful summer and keep moving.



Hello from English language Arts 7/8:

Wow. We are finally across the “wilderness” and are glimpsing our first sight of the promised land of summer! We made it up through “verbals”, section 5 in the *Voyages 7* text, hopefully finished our expository writing or graduation reflections, turned in our now filled in Catholic Handwriting books, entered the Patriot’s Pen contest (CONGRATULATIONS JENNA for making it to the second round with first place!), competed at forensics, read and tested on two novels (*The Secret Garden* and *The Red Badge of Courage*), done all those extra assigned *Exercises in English* workbook pages and we feel ready for a well-deserved break. It was nice to celebrate with everyone at the picnic. Here are a few fun photos:



Hello from art:

The landscape has greened up outside and we now know just how to capture it using the rule of thirds, atmospheric perspective, and a cue for scale. For the most part, we could even add a building and draw all or parts of it using one- or two-point perspective. We will surely review that next year and build on those skills. Surveys show one of our most popular projects was the shape/form masking tape animals so that may be a repeat as well. We certainly had some awesome results there with having Maddie’s President Doggo and Spencer’s Walleye accepted for show at the 47th annual student Art exhibit at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum. Have a blessed holiday weekend (remembering those who sacrificed for us is important) and let’s all be safe and creative this summer!



Blessings, Mrs. Wierzba