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6th Grade Mission Trip

St. John's Academy 6th graders boarded a Farmers Union bus early on April 18 to head to Minneapolis on their mission trip. This was an amazing opportunity for the students to live out the love of God that they have been learning about in the classroom. The two days of the trip were jam packed! The students along with their teacher and 6 chaperones dropped off a bus load of donations at Mary's Sharing and Caring Hands. They were even able to meet the founder, Mary Jo Copeland, who told them, "Remember to keep a smile on your face and a prayer in your heart." They also helped pack food at Feed My Starving Children and prayed over the pallets of food boxes before they were sent out of the warehouse. The food packed during their session was enough to feed 104 children for a year! The group slept on the floor at St. Raphael's church and attended Mass with their Catholic school students in the morning. Aside from the wonderful mission aspect, the students were also able to learn a great deal at the Minneapolis Institute of Art, the

Science Museum, and see a production at the Children's Theater. They want to thank everyone that donated the items they delivered as well as the monetary donations they received.

REFLECTIONS FROM 6TH GRADERS:

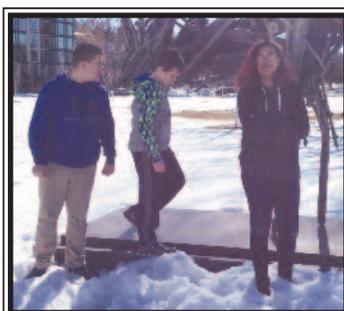
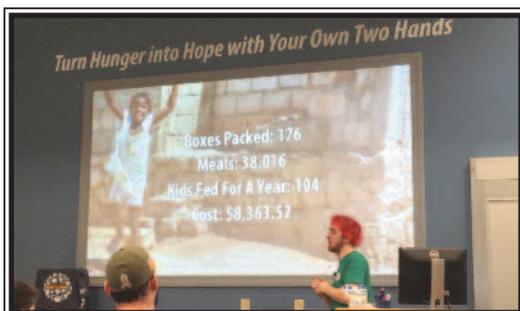
Kevine Senyoni - "I'll always remember Feed My Starving Children. There's something about working together to help others that makes you feel really at home."

When asked what experience from SJA had the most positive impact on them as a person, **Isabel LeFevre** said, "The Mission

Trip."

Asher Williams "the thing that had the biggest impact on him from the trip was "realizing how fortunate we are to have all that we have."

Jesse Sagaser said that Feed My Starving Children had the most impact on him "because it was fun and made me want to do more of it."



2017 HOPE Dinner and Auction

St. John's Academy Embracing Traditions and Visions



Each year we come together as a community of faith to support the mission of a Christian education here at St. John's Academy. Our 27th Annual HOPE Dinner and Auction was an enjoyable evening spent with many alumni, friends, family and community supporters. The HOPE committee as well as the students and staff of St. John's

Academy want to extend a heartfelt thank you and sincere appreciation for making this event another successful HOPE Dinner and Auction.

Over \$150,000 was raised for our students and staff at St. John's Academy.

Volunteers put in many hours in the months and weeks and days leading up to this great event. Giving of their time



and talent in such a generous way in support of our beloved St. John's Academy. Our 2nd graders sang their hearts



out. The meal was catered by our dedicated Knights of Columbus staff and served by our amazing parent volunteers as well as the University of Jamestown Men's Baseball Team. Following the dinner, our Master of Ceremonies,

John Yatskis got the crowd energized and the bidding began. For over 25 years, the dedicated Orr Auctioneers



Live auction item - Henry's sweet insight on his fire truck ride experience: "It was awesome when I got to go to school in a fire truck! I even sprayed my dad with the water from the hose. It was super fun and I loved it."



have donated their service to help us raise money in support of St. John's Academy. The Disney Raffle and our famous live auction items, like the ride to school in the Jamestown Fire Truck, Bishop Folda Dinner for 8, Men in Black Dinner, RedHawks Suite and many more fun getaways help bring in major dollars for St. John's Academy.

Again, a huge **THANK YOU** to all our sponsors, auction donors, ORR Auctioneers, Darron and Barb Orr and guests as well as the committee members and parent volunteers who gave of their time and talent to make this another successful dinner and auction. ***We are extremely grateful for the continued support of St. John's Academy.***

Mark your calendars for **October 13, 2018 for St. John's Academy 28th Annual HOPE Dinner and Auction.** If you have time to share of your talents or could help financially in any way, please call Peggy at 701-252-0119 or Stacy at SJA 701-252-3397.





Men in Black Dinner, Live Auction.

HOPE Dinner Sponsors 2017

St. John's Academy and the HOPE Dinner Committee sincerely thank all sponsors for their tremendous support. Their generosity helps over 240 young students at St. John's Academy.

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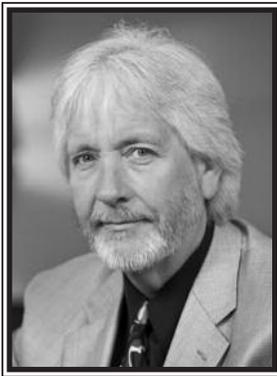
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Principal's Corner



Lawrie Paulson

Spring 2018

Spring has finally arrived, and along with the sunshine and warmer temperatures, the final month of the 2017-2018 school year is upon us, as well. As we continue with the current year's work and make preparations for the next, a quick peek back at the school year always brings me to the same place. Times change, education trends evolve, people

grow. And while we must grow with the times, the core mission of St. John's Academy remains constant. We are here to educate our children in the academic disciplines, help them grow, teach right from wrong, and do it through the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church.

Our mission is the guiding light that leads us through each school day. It is the commitment of all involved towards that mission that makes it all work. As I have stated countless times, I am amazed and humbled by the generosity, dedication, and love that so many have for our school. It is impossible to not be inspired by the interaction between teachers and students, and the growth that results from that interaction. It is immensely gratifying to be surrounded by so many good people who give of their time, talent, and treasure to ensure that this important work continues, today and into the future.

It is important to step back at times and see the bigger picture. Daily routine can sometimes lead to taking God's blessings for granted. The children and their families are blessings. The people who teach them and care for them are blessings. The countless people and groups who provide for them are blessings. This is a good time to give thanks for all the blessings that make us St. John's Academy.

In Christ,
Lawrie Paulson, Principal

Development Corner



Peggy Etzold
St. John's Academy/
St. James Basilica

The sacrifices our families, grandparents, alumni, parishioners and friends are making to help us continue our mission of Catholic education at St. John's Academy are truly the stewardship way. Stewardship is a spirituality and lifestyle of gratitude which recognizes that everything is a gift. In response to these gifts of time, talent, treasure, we cultivate them and share them with others. We have received 2 of life's greatest gifts in our life: our Christian Faith and Children. Neither of them are possessions, we don't own them. Instead

they are precious gifts God has entrusted to our care. So as we walk the journey together here on earth, we partner with you to make 3 sanctuaries – the home, the church and school...**one House of God.**

This past 2017-2018 school budget for St. John's Academy totaled \$1,189,040.00. Tuition and Fees make up 51% of this total, and 49% comes from your stewardship way of life. We fully rely on your gifts to our Annual Fund, HOPE Dinner and Auction, Giving Hearts Day and Church Offering to make up the difference. ***We thank YOU for being a steward in sharing your blessings with us at St. John's Academy.***

As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.
Joshua 24:15



Christmas Pageant led by music teacher Julie Sprague.

In Memoriam

St. John's Academy remembers our alumni, friends and family in loving prayer. We apologize for any omissions.

Robert Durand died July 18, 2016 - St. John's Academy Class of 1958

Frances (Steckler) Hennings died April 25, 2017 - St. John's Academy Class of 1953

Dominic Reinbold died July 21, 2017 - St. John's Academy Class of 1953

Linda (Johnson) Hansted died December 7, 2017 - St. John's Academy Class of 1961

Mark Wanzek died Jan. 21, 2018 - St. John's Academy Class of 1954

Joe Ebertz died Jan. 26, 2018 - St. John's Academy Class of 1941

Clifford Sagaser died April 7, 2018 - St. John's Academy Class of 1948

Sharon (Kropp) Dailey died May 1, 2018 - St. John's Academy Class of 1962

Charlie Kourajian died May 19, 2018 - great Jamestown community servant leader

Delores (Kupper) Wagner died May 19, 2018 - St. John's Academy Class of 1945



St. John's Academy May Crowning at St. James Basilica

The May Crowning is a ceremony to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary as the queen of heaven and earth through the veneration of her likeness, says Msgr. Wald, pastor of the Basilica. "It's a tradition that has gone on for many, many, years, Mgrs. Wald said. "May is always the month of Mary."

May is the anniversary month of the 1917 Marian apparition in Fatima, Portugal, he said. Mary is said to have appeared before three children on the 13th of each month from May until October, he said.

The Crowning is a way of imitating Christ, who was faithful to the Ten Commandments. The SJA students organized this special liturgy with one boy and one girl selected from each class to perform special roles. The children are

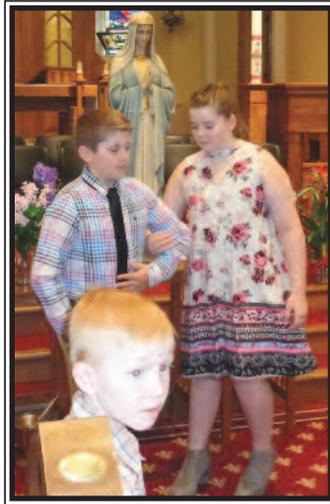
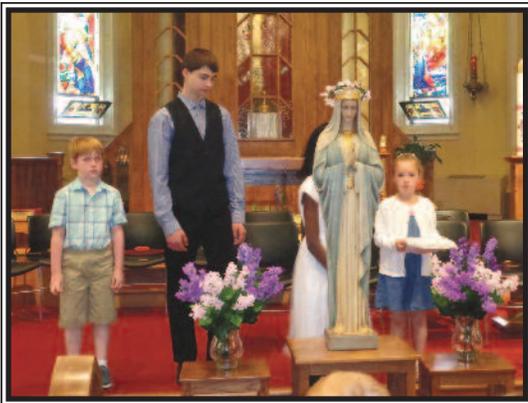
selected based on demonstrating the qualities of Mary and Joseph, said Karen Eckroth, 4th grade teacher.

A kindergarten girl carries the crown of flowers to the statue of Mary where a sixth-grader places it on Mary's head.

"The flowers are a symbols of Mary's inner beauty and joy, Mrs. Eckroth said. "The procession of students who make up an honor guard walk through the church and carry flowers in a kind of formal little ceremony."

Each class of SJA students in grades 1-6 will say the rosary aloud together. Mrs. Sprague leads the music and said the "Blessed Virgin Mary is a woman of grace and known for her peace and humility."

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STEAM is More Than Water Vapor

By Marlys Fix

“Our goal is to provide a strong, Christian education to all who enter here. We want to provide our students with the best Christ centered, educational experience possible. We strive to give our students the tools so that they can grow and become successful members of society.” These words are part of a conversation I had with a colleague years ago. I doubt I will ever forget this conversation. This message still rings true today however the society for which we are preparing our students has changed. Yes, we teach religion, and the 3 R’s. However now, we are preparing our students for futures in STEAM. (science, technology, engineering, art, and math)

April 11, 2018 is one example of this preparation. Our students were immersed in STEM activities throughout the day. The SJA gym was transformed from a place for physical education to a hands-on, student centered, STEM laboratory. The students at St. John’s Academy were given a wonderful day of work and fun, learning to code and experience the love of learning with “programmable toys”.

Students were exposed to Parrot mini-drones, Sphero SPRK’s and micro:bit in a coding environment during the morning. This environment provided for controlled chaos and learning in a fun and hands-on way. Children in grade 1-6 used block style coding – yes, you read correctly, students as young as 1st grade were coding! This day provided our students with challenges and success.

This opportunity was made possible thanks to the absolute best PTO ever, the support of Principal Paulson, the flexible and enthusiastic staff at SJA, and the expertise of the Edutech staff.

The day after our wonderfully exciting experience, I received an email from one of the presentors. He had this to say, “While Kelly, Steve and I were tired at the end of our day, we all commented on the great culture and community of SJA. We enjoyed the challenge and experience of working with your students. We were very impressed how your older students became competent “teachers” in the afternoon, helping younger students experience micro:bits, Ozobots and Google Expeditions during the afternoon.”

STEAM is More Than Water Vapor.



Library

By Mrs. Dammel

This school year has been a very busy one in the Library. Each year the students in all grades study library skills. Those skills included how a library is arranged, checking out materials, finding the materials, learning about the Dewey decimal system, and using study resources. The younger grades are introduced to these concepts in numerous ways. Some of the ways are studying the alphabet, because in the library the fiction books are organized by the author's last name. Another way is putting the alphabet in order. When they go to look for a book they understand the fiction library is from A to Z. The Dewey system is a bit trickier for the younger grades. They just begin to see the Dewey system is done with numbers, author's name and each set of numbers are in associated with a topic or topics. Besides learning those skills, the younger grades do different projects too. The Kindergarten work at learning their letters and sounds individually so at the end of the year they are given an alphabet book. The first graders projects are making book marks and shelf markers along with the library skills. In first grade reading they do a safari unit, during that time, in library, they make lion masks. Another unit in first grade is fairy tales. This year the first grade suggested some different fairy tales they would like on the library shelves. The second grade's project is studying the adaptation of the classic children's story the Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams in video form.

The older grades third through fifth learn all the skills mentioned above, in addition to citations and researching good websites and the North Dakota State Library databases. Their big project is putting all the skills together and

doing a PowerPoint. Each student is given the opportunity to study an animal of their choosing in a certain animal group. The third grade for instance, are studying all different dogs. The fourth grade studying different breeds of horses. The fifth are learning about cats. The PowerPoint gives the older students the freedom to express their individually and still impart the information they learned about their animal.

The sixth grade did a book project for their prayer partners using all their library skills. Each sixth grader researched an animal of their choosing and authored a book. Their pray partners were the preschoolers. The students had to write their book, so the preschoolers could understand about the animal. The books were read and then given to their prayer partners during the celebration of Catholic's Week.



6th Grade with their prayer partners.

Giving Hearts Day

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU from all of us at St. John's Academy in your support of our beloved school by giving generously to Giving Hearts Day and our Annual Fund. No gift is too small to make a difference in the lives of our students.

You can still make a gift to our annual fund for this fiscal year until the end of June. Your gift can be made through gifting out of your IRA, a check, or by credit card. Just click on the link below and type in comments St. John's Academy Annual Fund.

God Bless You for your generosity!



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Miss America 2018 Cara Mund Visits SJA



Photo by Matt Boyd Photography

Miss America 2018 Cara Mund visited St. John's Academy on Feb. 20th. She shared her inspiring message to our students about setting goals, working hard and preserving through challenges to accomplish your dreams.

Cara is 23 years old is from Bismarck, ND. At age 14, Cara founded North Dakota's Annual Make-A-Wish Fashion Show, after a friend of hers died from cancer. For 10 years, Cara has brightened 23 Wish Kids lives, became a "Certified Wish

Granter," and raised over \$78,500 for Make-A-Wish. In 2011, President Obama recognized Cara's charitable efforts. Cara is a national dance champion and trained four summers with the Radio City Rockette's. Cara's recent work as an intern for Senator Hoeven and her passion for helping others ignited her own wish – to become the first Miss America from North Dakota. She also would like to become the first elected female Governor to North Dakota.



Greetings from the SJA PTO!

Where do fundraising dollars go? Without fundraising, these things would not be possible, which is why fundraising is so important! Fundraising dollars go to: Teacher reimbursements (supplies teachers need for their classrooms), classroom equipment, playground equipment (PTO made a contribution to the new playground equipment last year), playground toys; such as balls, sidewalk chalk, and other misc. toys, teacher appreciation/staff gifts, movie parties, new carpet for classrooms, bussing for fieldtrips, and any other miscellaneous items that may be requested from the school. The STEM Day was also a part of some funding from PTO. The PTO appreciates your efforts in fundraising, without you, none of this would be possible. Thank you!



Catholic Schools Week – January 28-February 2, 2018



Sixth Graders Community Recognition



JHS Jazz Choir



Knights of Columbus Recognition



Bishop Folda visits our Classrooms



Prayer Partners



Minute to Win It



Minute to Win It (teachers & staff)



Tucker Allen's grandfather, Mr. Carpenter gave a coin to every student and staff at SJA in memory of his wife. His wife carried this coin in her pocket every day. The coin had a cross on one side and on the back of the coin reads: **Lord, help me remember that nothing is going to happen today, that You and I can't handle TOGETHER.** Bishop Folda blessed the coins.

Classroom Happenings



CHILDCARE NEWS Courtney Oliver, Director

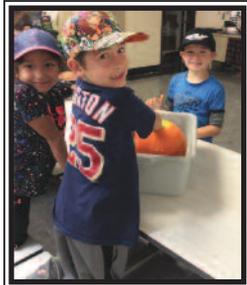
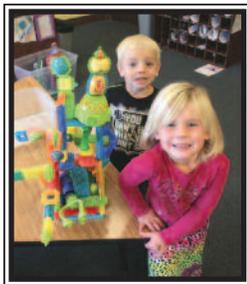
Childcare is busy from open to close with upwards of 70 kids in and out of our classroom daily! The day starts with school age and preschoolers alike building with Legos and stomping with dinosaurs.



Preschoolers spend the day in Childcare opposite their time in Kid's Kingdom or PreK. They are busy with dramatic play, coloring and painting, sorting and graphing, dancing to GoNoodle, reading books and doing puzzles.

This fall, the kids spent as much time outside soaking up the nice weather as they could! While they were in the classroom, they taste tested apples, painted leaves and carved and painted pumpkins. During the LONG winter months, they braved the cold temps to climb the snow hill and build snow forts. This spring, Childcare tasted green eggs on Dr. Seuss' birthday. The classroom was visited by a leprechaun on St. Patrick's Day! He left cookies and juice along with a BIG mess. At Easter, the preschoolers dyed eggs and had a jelly bean extravaganza. They've enjoyed Friendship Fridays exploring Pete the Cat, fairy tales, a trip to the beach and PLAY!

Once school lets out for the day, the preschoolers are joined with kindergarteners and school agers for snack, gym time and outside play. With the warmer weather, they've been able to enjoy more afternoons together playing MAGIC on the playground and soccer in the parking lot. Students from the University of Jamestown and Jamestown High School join in on the fun as caregivers in the afternoons. They add more excitement to color tag and ball tag, as well as, helping with homework, playing card games and reading stories.



MRS. NEVILLE'S PRE-KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Spring is always a busy time in pre-k! We are taking everything we have learned this year, and we are getting ourselves ready for kindergarten! However, we always make time for a little (or a lot) of fun! One of our highlights was Career Day. All the students dressed up



like the occupation we want to be when we grow up. In our classroom, we had everything from doctors to teachers, and cowgirls to construction workers. We

shared why we want to have that career and enjoyed each other's stories!

Our early childhood classes also participated in the Hop-A-Thon. It is a national fundraiser for children suffering from Leukemia. We all join in the gym and hop for 2 minutes to celebrate our able, healthy bodies.

Another highlight of our spring was our jelly-bean Easter activity. We sorted, counted, and graphed them.



However, if you ask the children, the best part was probably eating them!

It's hard to believe the year is almost over, but what a great year it's been! All the children have grown and changed so much, and they bring abundant joy to everyone around them; especially me!



MRS. LEFEVRE AND MISS DALE KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Wow, this year has flown by! It seems like just yesterday our kindergarteners were entering the classroom for the first time. It is amazing to see the growth amongst these young individuals. We went from learning our colors, shapes, numbers and letters to being able to read, write, add, and subtract. Can you believe it?! They are so smart. This year we started with a new religion curriculum titled *Allelu* which is the curriculum used throughout the Fargo Diocese. The kids enjoyed learning about God and singing songs about his love for them. There is nothing



sweeter than listening to a young child sing about God. This year our prayer partners were the third-

grade class. We had fun interacting with and praying for each other. We had many fun activities planned throughout the year. In the fall we put on a Halloween fingerplay program for parents and grandparents. During the Christmas season we learned about the wonderful birth of Jesus; both kindergarten classrooms got together for Christmas centers and games to celebrate. The entire school got to go to the movie theater for the movie Ferdinand. We recommend the movie if you haven't seen it! This spring the students dressed in green and were trying to catch a mischievous leprechaun lurking around the school. The students raised

money for the annual Hop-A-Thon, which supports children with leukemia and lymphoma. They looked adorable hopping around with their bunny ears on. We will close out the year with visits from the artist in residence, Moms' and Dads' Day, a fun Earth day project and field trips around the town. Our year is quickly coming to an end, but we have truly loved watching the students play, learn, and grow this year. God Bless!



MRS. SCHAFER'S FIRST GRADE NEWS

Spring has sprung and the first graders are reading like crazy! They are interested in all types of books: from fiction to non-fiction, chapter books to fairy tales, and all sorts of genres. We started the year learning about animals. We got to bring our pets for Pet Day and have Frog Races!! We were hopping with excitement! In December, we celebrated Christmas traditions around the world. We made Gingerbread houses and had parents come and help us decorate them. We were pretty creative! In January, the children practiced their summarization and retelling skills dressed as their favorite fairy tale character. They had a royal procession and celebrated with royal treats. In February and March, we went on a safari to Africa! We pretended we were on a reading safari and we read over 700 books in two weeks! The students learned many facts about Africa, dressed in beach-African attire, and danced to African music with their drums. They researched an African animal and gave a report to parents and family. We have been learning about Lent and Easter and are preparing a special trap to catch the elusive Easter Bunny. We are looking forward to spring and spring activities; including leading a school Mass for the first time!



Pets bring out the best expressions!



Fairy Tale Fun!



MRS. FOX'S FIRST GRADE NEWS

Frogs, Frogs, and more Frogs—the first grade room has been jumping with excitement! Racing Frogs, Pet Day, Fairy Tales, and Safari. Reading, Reading, Reading like crazy! We've traveled the world from the Gingerbread Houses of Germany, the Fairy Tales of many countries, to an African Safari. We've studied and created an under the sea world of animals and had an under the sea world party.



First graders have studied about God and had a special class Mass with all students participating. We have prayed and

worked hard to please Jesus. It's been a fun year filled with a lot of learning and excitement. Below are some of their favorites.



My favorite memory in first grade was Bear Day because I got to bring my bear. The next thing was the Halloween party because I got to dress up. The last thing I liked was the rabbit trap because we got treats. I love first grade so, so, so much!



Hadley Wanzek

My favorite memory in first grade was the pumpkin patch, because we got to decorate our pumpkins and because we got to go on the bus. Another memory in first grade was the African Safari

because I got to see mom. I got to eat food and I got to do a drum dance. My other favorite memory in first grade was the rabbit trap because we got to paint and we got candy. First grade is so, so, so, fun!

Deegan Fix

My favorite memory was pet day because I got to bring my pet Zoey and my other favorite was the pumpkin patch because I got to go pick my own pumpkin. Another favorite was the Halloween Party because I got to wear my costume and I was a policeman. I love first grade!



Brennan Barnick

My favorite memory in first grade was the fairy tales because I got to dress up and tell the story of Cinderella. It was great! My next favorite was the Halloween party. I liked it because I liked having fun. I dressed up as Frank.

Alex Drew

My favorite memory in first grade was decorating Gingerbread Houses because I got to be with my mom. My second favorite memory in first grade was the rabbit trap because I got candy. First grade was so, so, so, so, so, so, fun!



Brady Sorensen

My favorite memory in first grade was Bear Day because I brought my bear. I liked pet day because I brought a turtle and Halloween because I wore my Star Wars suit and it was hot inside. It was fun in first grade!

Bentlee Kleven

My favorite memory in first grade was pet day because I got to see my dog and the other pets. Another memory was the fairy tales, I was Peter Pan, and because I got to see my dad. And I also liked the under the sea world, I got to make a hammerhead shark. It was awesome!

Tristan Champagne

My favorite memory in first grade was pet day because I got to bring my cat Archie when he was an itty bitty baby. Another memory was the under the sea world party because we got to watch all of the animals hang from the ceiling. Another memory was the Halloween party because I got to dress up as a vampire and scare people because I had fake vampire fangs. I loved my memories!

Maeley Thornton

My favorite memory in first grade was Bear Day because I got to bring my bear. Another good memory was Pet Day because I got to see my pet in the middle of the school day. Another good memory was the rabbit trap because we got to make a trap. First grade is awesome!

Caine Landenberger

My favorite memory in first grade was pet day because I could bring my dog! It was so, so, so, so fun! My other favorite memory was Halloween because it's All Saints Hallows Eve. I love my teacher!

Deztyni Schieffer

My favorite memory in first grade was everything and why because it is so fun. It is so cool! I love it! But my favorite one was the fairy tales because I got to tell a story about Ariel. It was fun!

Jillian Wenner

My favorite memory in first grade was the African Safari because it was amazing! We got to see all of the pictures Mrs. Fox took when she was in Africa. And we got to eat food. My other favorite memory was the Easter Trap, it was amazing! We got to set up food and see how the trap worked.

Jett Seifert





MISS HOURNBuckle AND MR. HENDRICKSON'S SECOND GRADE NEWS

In honor of National Poetry month here is what's happening in 2nd Grade...

It's the most wonderful time of the year
The students want to cheer
We are learning about history
Our last book report was on a mystery.

We have spelling words like believe
Reconciliation have been the second Sacrament to receive
We enjoy learning on an app
We learned how to read a map

Multiplication has been fun
Many rewards have been won
Cursive has been a real treat
In P.E. we have worked to be a good athlete

Darn the school year is almost done
Many days to have in the sun
We will soon make a big field trip
Summer will be here in just a short zip

A fun school year 2nd grade has made
Next year will be in 3rd grade



UJ students came to do projects with us related to the 2018 Winter Olympics.



Playing fun math games on the iPads!



We are working hard writing poems!



Working with Osbots.



MRS. GAPINSKI AND MRS. HORNUNG'S THIRD GRADE NEWS

Third graders have constantly been working hard to be an example of Christ's Light in our world... Let their perspective inspire, renew, and help you lead by posi-

tive example as well.

What I will do to bring light into our world...

"I will be kind no matter if someone is mean or not because it is right!" ~ Maddie

"I will pick up the trash on playgrounds and stuff - so then animals don't eat it." ~ Braxton

"I will help others work on art because they learn more and can go do more things in the world with it!" ~ Ava

"I will make a lemonade stand in the summer and the money will go to charity because people who are homeless need supplies to live." ~ Jaelyn



"I would pick up garbage to make our world cleaner and better and clean the water so the fish don't die because then if our trees get dirty we wouldn't be able to breathe oxygen." ~ Aiden

"I will try to feed the hungry and help

the poor if I'm allowed too. I will try to get rid of all the bad things in our world - it's important because we don't want people to get in terrible big trouble and do bad things. My sister is kind of helping me out because she's helping little kids if they have problems at the Sanford Children's Hospital in Bismarck." ~ Tucker

"I will recycle things like boxes and paper... it will make it so that our world won't be polluted." ~ Luke

"I am nice to other people even if they are mean to me. I still try to be nice, even if it really frustrates me, so then they can learn that if somebody is mean to them they'll know how other people would feel when they were being mean to that person." ~ Owen

"I want to donate things to people who are opening a business, so they can make money because a lot of people





don't have money and sometimes they might get a job that makes them lose their car, home, everything mostly. Help people that don't have

the money they need, like homeless people." ~ Addison
 "I would like to feed the hungry and give the poor shelter and food and pray for all the ones in the hospital. I hope for everyone to be safe and no one to make fun of each other for how they look or sound. Everyone should be kind." ~ Audrey

"I will work harder because then they have a higher example." ~ Lily

"I will lead by example, quietly." ~ Hannah

"I will play with friends because they are sad we can play with them!" ~ Ryan

"I will shine light by holding doors for people." ~ Abby

"I will help other people at all times." ~ Jack

"I am going to help others including myself to not teach hate but to teach love. J" ~ Gabe

"I can bring light into the world by giving compliments." ~ Emelia

"I can bring light into the world by helping others and cleaning up garbage that's on the ground." ~ Evan

"I will pick up trash on the ground and recycle." ~ Briella

"Our class will help each other because if you lose trust in people they won't trust you." ~ Hoyt

"I will help people if they need to do their work if something gets erased if they're still writing." ~ Nick

"I will try and help somebody by holding the door open for someone, if somebody is having a rough day - try to help them." ~ Sage

"Spread love, not hate by picking up garbage, helping the poor, and praying for other people." ~ Adisyn

"I can show the light into the world by sharing with the poor!" ~ Larkin

"I like to pick up garbage, pray for others, be nice, and respect one another." ~ Cassidy



MRS. ECKROTH'S FOURTH GRADE NEWS

The fourth graders this year have been working hard and being wonderful followers of Christ. We began the year with our All Saints tradition. Each student chooses a saint to research. The family then creates a costume to represent that individual and using this to help us celebrate All Saints Day on November 1st. The students did a wonderful job and have been striving to live as saints throughout the year.



We have spent a lot of time enjoying books of many different genres



including: biography, historical fiction, fantasy, and nonfiction animal stories. We are ending the year by reading and researching a state. We have studied the United States and North Dakota this year so it is a nice way to combine all our social studies knowledge. To also celebrate our knowledge of North Dakota the fourth graders will enjoy a field trip to Bismarck in May. We will get to see some Mandan Earth lodges, the state Capitol, and the ND Heritage Center. They are really looking forward to it!



MRS. VANDAL & MR. GANGE'S FIFTH GRADE NEWS

It has been a busy year for the 5th graders. Our biggest event was the Living Museum project in which the students had to research a historical figure, write a report, dress as that person, make a backdrop, and present their information when guests walked through our Museum. The students did a terrific job throughout this project, and many people commented on the time and effort put in by each of the students.

Catholic School's Week is always an exciting time with many fun activities. This year for our service project, we made yarn hat ornaments which the students had fun assembling. Then one day during Lent, we delivered them to the



people who live at the Jameshouse. We sang a couple songs, spent time visiting, and enjoyed cookies that they provided. It was enjoyable for all involved, and the

students even mentioned going back sometime.

We have had the pleasure of having Mr. Aune, Mr. Bondley, and Miss Michalenko come to our classroom to

introduce us to the variety of instruments in band and orchestra. We have enjoyed concerts by the Middle School students in band and jazz band. This is encouraging our students to pursue their interest in their musical abilities.



We participated in the UJ Science Day where we went to many different stations in their Science Department. These stations included learning about animals such as the hissing cockroach, tarantula, scorpion, and a few turtles; experimenting with static electricity; using chemistry by burning different chemicals; making homemade lava lamps; and seeing how our brains make adaptations in certain situations. It was an afternoon of hands-on



activities to help us learn about these subjects.

We also enjoyed the STEM Day which the PTO helped to sponsor. The students were able to program movement of drones, spheros, and micro-bits during a morning session. Some students were even able to move the drone through a hula-hoop and perform various acrobatic stunts. We concluded this day by being able to work with and



teach the second graders some programming skills with oz-bots and the micro-bits. We also were able to take a virtual tour of the San Diego Zoo, the Grand Canyon, and Mt. Rushmore. It was very interesting, and we learned a lot.

It has been an exciting year with many different learning activ-

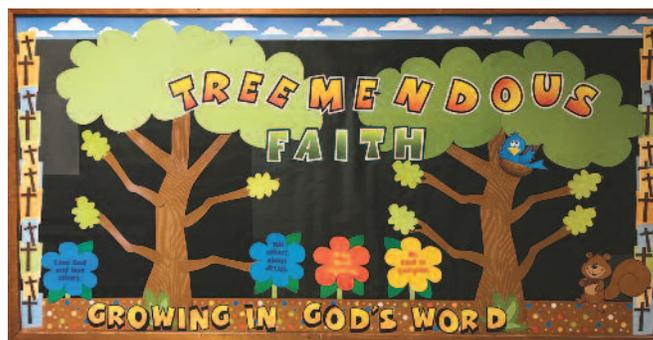
ities. We are looking forward to next year and all the wonderful opportunities here at SJA!



MRS. YATSKIS SIXTH GRADE NEWS



Another year has come and gone. Another class of graduates has completed their journey...but only the formal journey as a student within the physical walls of SJA. Their journey as a Child of God continues. They have learned what they needed to in many subjects to prepare them for middle school, but more importantly, they have learned about and started to build their relationship with God. This will take them out into the world as His disciples. No matter where life may take them, the foundation has been set; they have been blessed. The theme song in sixth grade is "Do Something" by Matthew West. We spent the year "doing". Please remember these students in your prayers, so they will never forget how they have been called to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world.





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