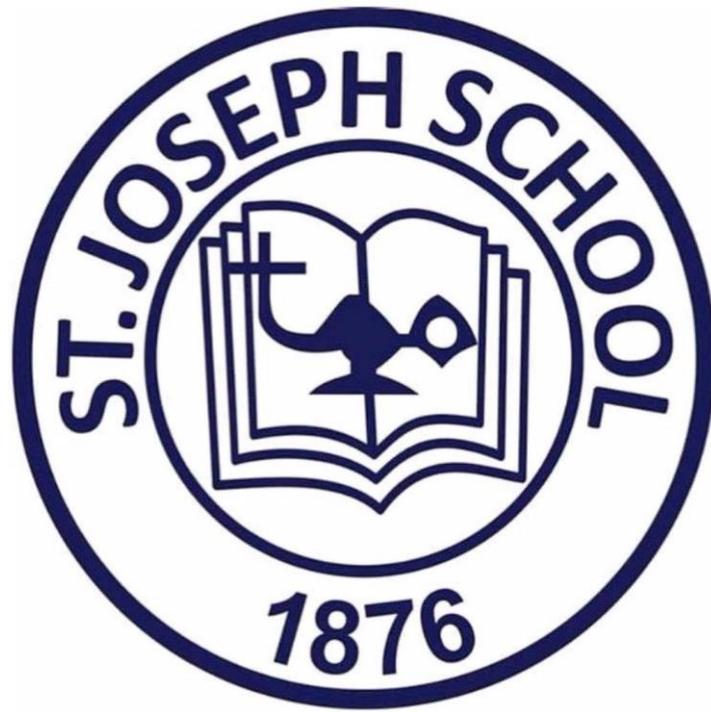




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The Main School Building continues to receive some much needed tender loving care with renovations beginning in the last two classroom spaces of the second floor! Over the past few days, old light fixtures, ceiling tiles and chalkboards were removed. Next steps will be similar to the other two recently renovated classrooms: new paint, ceiling tiles, light fixtures, flooring, installation of mini-split HVAC units, and installation of SMART boards. We will keep you posted with progress!



Interviews of the Week

Hands of Christ Interview

Q: What is the general idea of Hands of Christ?

A: We help other people, and we've cleaned the school, Fr. Brian's home, and many other facilities.

Q: Why is it called Hands of Christ?

A: It is called Hands of Christ because we spread love hope and peace in all that we do.

Q: What have you learned from this experience?

A: To always help out others, and to bring peace to the world.

Answers from Jesus Baron and Zaire Nicholas



3rd Grade Interview

Q: What is the favorite thing you have learned about this year?

A: Multiplication, Perimeter, and Area.

Q: What projects have you done this year?

A: So far this year we have done a space project and now we are going to right letters to people in California.

Q: What is your favorite thing about Ms. Dankoff?

A: She is really smart, she is really funny, and she is a Harry Potter Geek. She makes class fun and exciting.

Q: What are you learning about?

A: Black History Month, commas in a series, and area.

Q: Have you been on a field trip this year if you have was your favorite part?

A: We went to Maymont Park. Mariah's favorite part was the gift shop. Gabe and Logan both enjoyed the bears!

These interviews were done by Marlin Barrientos, Nic Criscuolo, Joslyn Sadosky, and Jose Zavala.





From the Desk of the Principal

Dear Families and Friends of Saint Joseph School,

We began our Lenten journey this past Wednesday, with Ash Wednesday. What a powerful way to begin Lent, a time of reflection, contrition, and love. During the time of Lent, we are all asked to give up something so that we are brought closer to Jesus. By receiving ashes, we are reminded of imperfections and are individually challenged to strengthen our relationship with Jesus. As you will see in another segment of the Sentinel, our teachers continue to provide a faith-first education. In the example below, the fourth grade discussed what actions they will take during Lent. How mature and responsible these responses are!

As I reflect on the students' activity, I am reminded not only to make sure that I, too, take time for this same type of reflection, but also to remember the power of what takes place here at Saint Joseph School. As a private, Catholic school, we are markedly different than other public schools. We have the ability to express our faith, freely and proudly. We teach our students what it means to live out the Gospel message. And, we encourage our students to look at life with the lens of their faith.

This is possible simply because of you, our parent and family community. Because of your choice, you have determined that faith comes first. You have made such a sacrifice in allowing your child(ren) to attend Saint Joseph School, and for that we are grateful. Furthermore, I want to share my sincere pride and gratitude to our families that honored the re-registration priority deadline. Over 50% of our families have re-registered for next year, with more packets coming in daily.

Additionally, a respectable amount of new student applications have arrived. When asked how the families heard about the school, it was through word of mouth. As we near our enrollment goal for each classroom, we continue to make progress as a school family.

So, thank you. Thank you for all that you do for our school not only through volunteering of time and energy, but also through staying loyal to the mission of Saint Joseph School.

May God continue to bless us all during this Lenten season.

Sincerely,

Joseph Whitmore

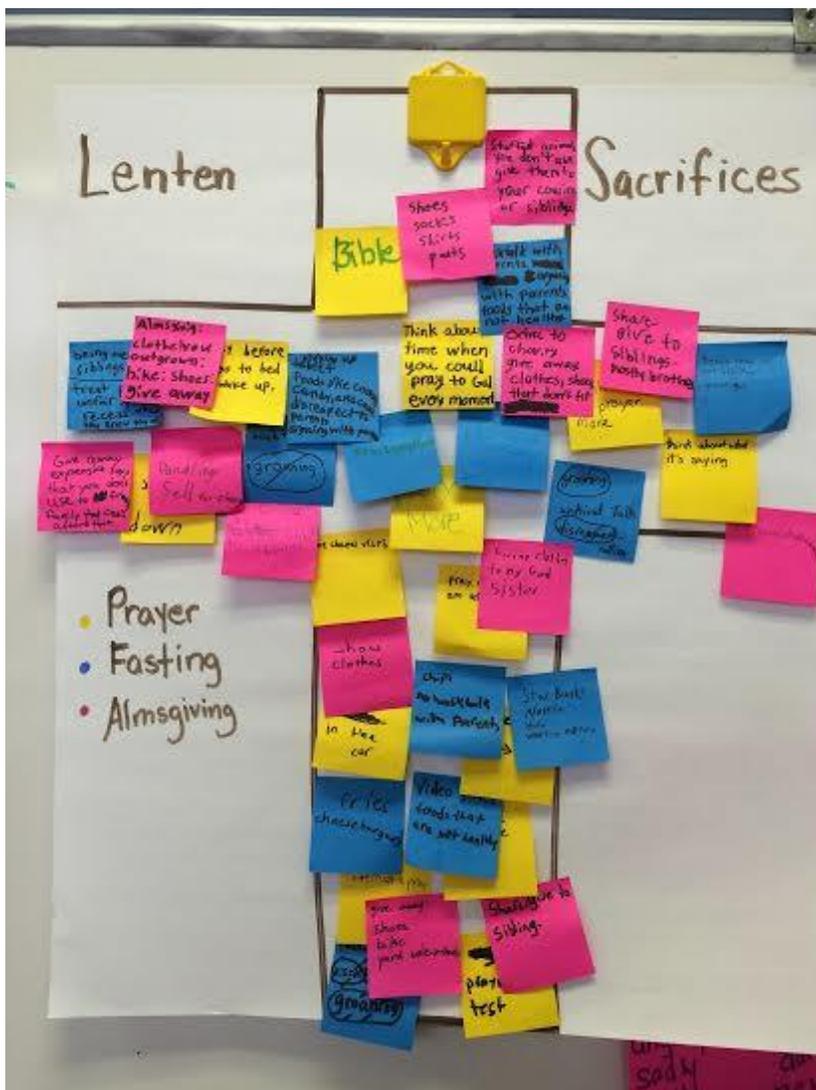
Upcoming Events

- March 7th is Class Picture Day
- March 10th is the Lenten Soup Supper
- March 12th is Daylight Savings Time
- March 16th lunch menus are due.
- March 17th is St. Patty's Day!

What's Happening in the Classroom?

Religion with Mrs. Picard

There are many ways that we prepare for Easter. As Catholics, it is meant as a time to deepen and strengthen our relationship with God. In order to do this, some people give up things, while others attempt to do more. Mrs. Picard had her religion students create a chart on the ways that they are trying to strengthen and improve their relationship with God. Happy Lent everyone!



Peacemaker

Kindergarten= Josie K.

1st grade= Quin K.

2nd grade= Sydney M.

3rd grade= Jesus B.

4th grade= Fofie P.

5th grade= Madeline R.

6th grade= Ryan M.

7th grade= Theresa B.

8th grade= Jye W.

This week's peacemaker

award was given to a

student who best

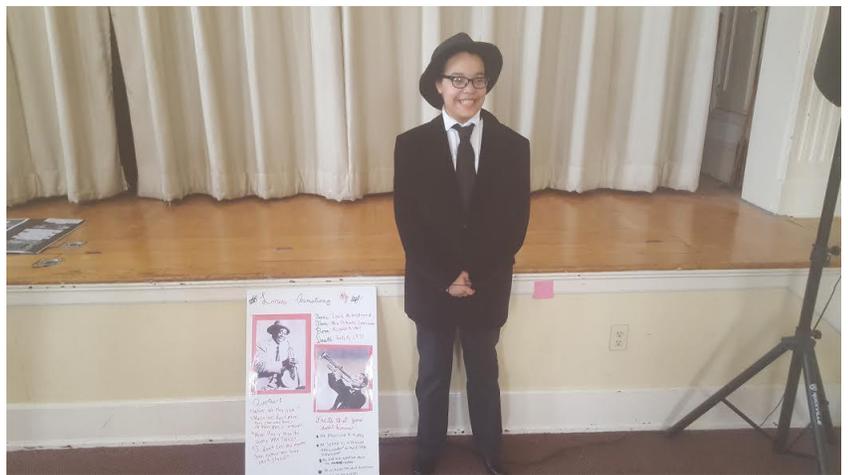
showcased the qualities of

honesty.

Black History Wax Museum



On Friday, February 24th, The SJS middle school presented a Black History Month wax museum. They had to make a poster about their activists, eventually having to present it to the elementary children. After lunch, most of 6-8th grade got all dressed up and fancy into something similar to their activists' outfit. Theresa Bennett, a fellow 7th grader, did her project on jazz musician, Louis Armstrong. She dressed up in a black tuxedo and a fedora, and even performed a song by Armstrong whenever someone would come look at her exhibit. Some other "wax figures" included Rosa Parks, James Baldwin, Angela Davis, Malcolm X, Harriet Tubman, and many more. The elementary kids walked through the gym and auditorium to view the exhibits, and took notes for their class. It is called a "Wax Museum" because the figures are supposed to stay still, like figures in an actual wax museum, and the community members came by and pushed a button, signaling for the figures to speak about their life and what accomplishments and changes they made. The SJS elementary students did a museum like this earlier in the year about Saints during Catholic Schools Week. In the end, this museum was very fun to present and view.



SCA Update

By Emma Olgers

The CRS Rice Bowl is the Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program for people in the U.S. to put their faith into action. Lent is a time where we aim to encounter Christ through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The CRS Rice Bowl uses money to help farmers improve their harvests, communities get clean water, small business, mother and child health and nutrition projects, and education projects that provide resources and training. During Lent this year the CRS Rice Bowls will put in each classroom for donations. You can help donate by bringing in a dollar or even a few coins each day.

