

School News

From Ms. Tracy: Pre-K B

In January we continued to learn letters, sounds, and numbers. The Bears have been working on name writing, address, phone number, and birthday as well. We have also been observing a bald eagle's nest that's in California. The next now have 2 eggs, and we are anxiously awaiting the eggs to hatch.

From Mrs. Magee: Kindergarten

Kindergarten has been busy preparing for our 100th day of school celebration! We have been practicing counting by 10s since the beginning of the school year in anticipation and celebrated with lots of fun activities this week. We counted to 100 licks of a tootsie pop, brought in snacks of 100 things, and made 100th day t-shirts. Each student's shirt was unique, and it was so much fun seeing the creativity shine through!

From Miss Woods: English (4 & 5) Religion (4 & 7) Social Studies (4)

We are working hard in 4th grade! We are continuing to work our way through the Ten Commandments, currently working on ways to honor our mothers and fathers. In English we continue working on verbs. In Social Studies we are learning more about the Dred Scott Freedom Trials held here in Saint Louis in the Old Court House.

In 5th grade English the class just completed its test on verbs and will begin a writing activity.

In 7th grade Religion we have begun our work in preparation for Confirmation. Please pray for these 12 students who are taking this step in their Catholic formation.

From Mrs. Holbrook: Religion (5), Math (4-6), Literature/Vocabulary/Spelling (4-5)

Fifth Grade: During Religion the students will study the sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. They did a great job learning the parts of the Mass, and even used their final project to teach their 1st Grade buddies about it! They continue to learn about fractions in Math class. The focus during Literature has been about non-fiction stories, which will continue through much of the month.

Fourth Grade: Dividing larger numbers will be what the students will learn this month in Math class. The students have been doing a great job on their

book reports each month for Literature class, and they are also reading realistic fiction stories.

Sixth Grade Standard Math: The students continue to work hard in class, and they did well on adding and subtracting fractions. They are working on multiplying and dividing fractions during February.

From Mrs. Roslawski: Literature & English (6-7-8)

The students finished their informative pieces and peer-edited them. The 7th and 8th grade students wrote argumentative pieces as well. They are now working on beginning poems for the anthology that is a collaborative effort between the Gateway Writing Project and Artists First. Last year, some of SRA's students were featured in the poetry collection--both as writers and as artists. Lydia Eddingfield's photo was one of the inspirational pieces of art. This collection is composed of ekphrastic poems--poetry inspired by paintings/drawings/pieces of sculpture. Needless to say, being published when you're in 6th-8th grade is pretty exciting.

The 8th graders just finished the book *Just Mercy*, a wonderful memoir about social justice. The 7th graders just finished *Chains*, a historical fiction novel about the Revolutionary War. And the 6th graders? The 6th graders are almost finished with the dystopian novel, *The Giver*, which often ends up being the favorite book they read all year.

Most of the 8th graders went to a Generation Life event at the Chaifetz Arena, and their behavior was phenomenal. They were respectful audience members and participants, they handled loose parameters with maturity, and they made Father John, Mrs. Hayes, and Mrs. R extremely proud. Without exception, they displayed exemplary behavior.

SRA is hosting a Bellarmine Speech meet on Saturday, February 4. We have many students from our school who will compete. Good luck!

FR. JOHN'S DIGITAL QUILL FOR SPIRITUAL MUSINGS AND PARISH NEWS

Open House Update

Thank you for your efforts in promoting our Open House last Sunday. More than 20 families toured our school. This is a really good number of families for an SRA Open House.

School registration for next year is open! Please be sure to get your registration forms submitted by Friday to be eligible for some special drawings at the auction Saturday evening!

Families who are interested in our school but were not able to attend the Open House on Sunday are encouraged to contact the school for a private tour at 314.352.9474.

E-Mail and Texting Scams

Over the last week, I have received many notes from individuals concerning messages supposedly from me. Thankfully, to the best of my knowledge, people have not responded to these messages.

Please know that, if you receive a message from me or any member of our staff asking you to purchase gift cards, it is a scam. Simply delete the messages and stop communicating with those claiming to be me or another member of the staff.

Also, all communications via e-mail should come through Flocknote or have @straphael archangel.org as an address. This week, the scammers used an iCloud account, but sometimes they will use gmail as well. If you do not see the @straphael archangel.org as the address, delete the message.

All Are Welcome to Attend!

Prayer Groups-Next Meetings

Sunday, February 12, at 6:00 with Deacon Bob
 Monday, February 13, at 2:00 with Fr. John
 Tuesday, February 14, at 9:30 with Pam Hager

"Bother Father"

"Bother Father" for February will be on Friday, February 17, from 9:00-11:00am and on Tuesday,

February 21, from 3:00-5:00pm. A Signup Genius was sent out on Wednesday with the midweek update, or you can contact the parish office for a time to meet with me.

Parish Rosary Program

Last week, we received additional intention cards. There are now 20 people offering 58 Rosaries and 91 Decades each week for the intention listed in the bulletin.

This week, our prayer intention will be for peace in our world, especially for an end to the war in Ukraine.

Would you like to pray with us and see that number of Rosaries increase? If so, please fill out this intention card and return it in the Offertory.

St. Vincent de Paul Update

Recently, our local St. Vincent de Paul Society held an election for new officers.

Congratulations to Patti Webers who will serve as President and to Tim Webers who will serve as Vice-President. We want to thank Gina Horas and Mary Faith Green for their service as officers in the Society. Also, thank you to Mary Reck and Jean Regan who will continue to serve as officers.

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society does great work in serving the needy in our community each day. The volunteers do so quietly and humbly, and our entire community is grateful to all of our Vincen-tians for all they do!

I will see you online or in church! - Fr. John
 #SRAstrong

P.S. Blessing of Throats for the Feast of St. Blase will take place after all weekend Masses this weekend!
 P.P.S. I will be away from the parish from Sunday through Friday this week on a pre-Lent trip. I will be available all week via phone and e-mail and will check both regularly. Thank you for your understanding, and I look forward to seeing everyone at the auction!

I commit to participating in the parish Rosary program	I will pray...	Every:
(Name Optional)	_____ Decade(s)	_____ Day
_____	_____ Rosary(ies)	_____ Week