



Amazingly, we are nearing Thanksgiving which means preparations are underway for the biggest day of the year...Our Grandparent's Prayer Service! This month at our school is all about remembering those special people in our lives and giving thanks for all we have. It seems too often we forget to say thank you day to day to the people who make differences in our lives. Each November gives us the opportunity to recall how important being thankful is and we remember to let those people know how special they are to us. Our Grandparents and/or grandparent figures, will be specifically thanked at our annual Grandparent Prayer Service held on November 27th. It's a wonderful opportunity to let our grandparents experience what it's like to attend our school. We look forward to seeing their smiling faces and the faces of the parents who accompany them as well.

Parent-Teacher Conferences occurred at the beginning of November. As always, if you ever have a question or concern, just send a note, make a call or shoot an email and the teachers would be happy to help you.

Our PTO is currently running the Thanks-for-Giving Raffle. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the school year. We ask that every family do their best to sell the 10 tickets that were sent home. If each family sells just one pack of tickets, we will exceed our budget for this event. As with all PTO fundraisers at school, all proceeds go directly back into the school via programs, supplies, technology etc. for the students!


In the upcoming weeks, you'll start receiving notices regarding how we anticipate helping others at Christmas time. Each year, we collect toys for local families in need and will continue to do so. We realize that during the Christmas season, your family will be asked to make donations to numerous organizations. Please know your generosity will be greatly appreciated by the recipients.

As we approach this season of giving, please know we recognize that some of our own school families are struggling. We are here to help. If your family needs some help at Christmas, please let me know and I'll do my best to help in any way that I can. Times are tough for everyone but our school family always comes together in difficult times to help the ones we love. Please know that any help that is given is kept strictly confidential.

On behalf of the staff of the school, I wish you many blessings today and throughout the year!

Happy Thanksgiving,

Sue Gosselin



Give thanks in all
circumstances; for this
is God's will for you
in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Saint Michael School Mission Statement

Saint Michael School offers an exceptional Catholic education to our students, nurturing their desire to achieve academic excellence and encouraging spiritual, artistic, and athletic development in a caring, family environment. We motivate our students to become well-rounded, moral young men and women who are prepared to live a faithful life with intellectual rigor and spiritual awareness.



Important Dates and INFORMATION

- November 26- Banking Day
- November 27- Grandparent Prayer Service- 10:45am
- December 9- Mass 1:45pm
- December 10-12- PTO Shopping Days
- December 11- Nursery, Pre-K, Kindergarten Christmas Spectacular- 9:30am
- December 18- School Nativity- 1:45pm
- December 23-January 3- School Closed- Christmas Vacation

Notice

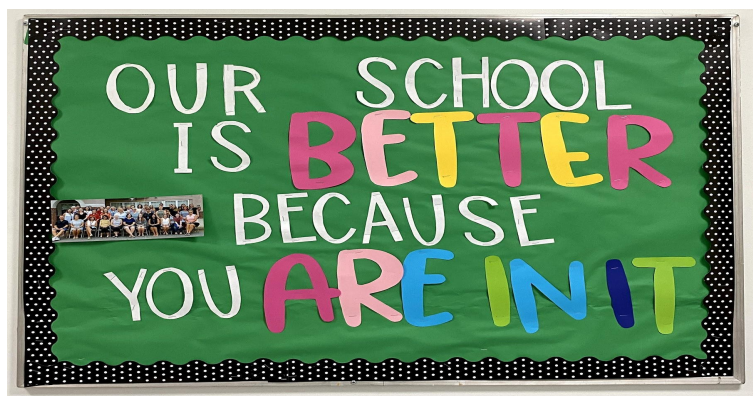
This notice is per the "Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act." An asbestos management plan has been developed for St. Michael's School which has asbestos containing material present. These plans are available and accessible to the public by contacting Nick Ippolito at 978-686-4050 at the Parish Offices as well as at the LEA administration office.

Do Not Send Cash or Checks Into School

When paying for field trips, art projects, club, etc. for your child, all payments must be made through our Student Information Service Program, RenWeb/FACTS.

Food Allergy Policy

Saint Michael School strives to be a nut free school. Please do not send in items that contain peanut butter or tree nuts. Please direct any questions to the Health Office. Thank you for your consideration.



Have An Idea or Suggestion?

We love to hear from you! If you would like to send us a comment or a suggestion, please email us at info@comcast.net.

Tuition Update

How Do Families Receive a Parishioner Tuition Rate?

As a reminder, to be considered an active parishioner (and receive a parishioner tuition rate for the 2025-2026 school year) families must make a minimum total offertory donation of **\$500** to our parish beginning **July 1, 2024 to April 1, 2025**. This can be done on a weekly basis when you attend Mass **BUT** it must be made in a trackable manner. You **NEED** to be a registered parishioner. If you wish to receive offertory envelopes from the parish, please email Dorothy_varga@saintmichael.com.

You may also make donations on the parish online giving website <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/298>. Donations made at Easter and Christmas are for the benefit of the Clergy Trust and therefore do **NOT** count toward the annual \$500 donation to St. Michael Parish.

Christmas Love!

Our hearts are full of love, joy and pride! Two of our alumni from the Class of 2008 have teamed up to make some Christmas magic.

In 2020, Bianca Barcelos and her father, Joey, had a dream to share one of their beautiful family stories that had been passed down by Bianca's Papa. Sadly, Joey passed away unexpectedly after Christmas 2021. Bianca, even with a hole in her heart, moved forward on the project, a special Christmas book.

She enlisted her friend from St. Mike's, Courtney Wilson, to share her artistic talent to make the pages of the book come alive! And now we can all share in the story of "Where Santa Gets His Haircut?"

In the true spirit of paying it forward, they will be coming to read their story to our Kindergarten classes on December 19th. Plus donating a book to each child in kindergarten! When asked why she wanted to read to our kiddos, she said I love St. Mike's and remember how I looked forward to story time in Kindergarten. But, really, spreading this special story is all my dad and I ever wanted.

A few books will be available at school on Thursday, December 19 for purchase.

Santa's Haircut

The True Tale

Have you ever wondered where
Santa gets his Haircut? *Find out here!*



2008 St. Michael School Graduates, author Bianca Barcelos, and illustrator, Courtney Wilson, would love to share this *true tale* with you and your family this Christmas Season.



St. Michel School
Special
\$10
(while supplies last)



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Merry Christmas & Thank You!



HOW WE USE YOUR DONATIONS



**STEM &
Technology**



**Building
Improvements**



**Financial Aid
&
Scholarships**



Dear Friends & Alumni of Saint Michael School,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 Saint Michael School Annual Fund. From your experience with St. Michael School and Parish, you know that Saint Michael School is a vibrant facility that is gifted with terrific students and an outstanding and dedicated faculty. These factors come together, along with a strong faith in Christ, to deliver a unique and powerful way for our children to learn.

I'm writing today to ask for your support with our Annual Fund. Over the past years, your prayers and gifts have played an important role in our school's success! We are very fortunate to have a robust student population, serving over five hundred twenty students this year! Our tuition rates remain competitive yet mostly affordable to our school families who come from over twenty different towns and cities in our area. Our Annual Fund this year will focus on three areas that the school has identified as our greatest needs: technology purchases, building upgrades and financial assistance.

We continue to provide a one-to-one experience to our students whether it be through Chromebooks or iPads. To continue purchasing hardware and software upgrades, we must be continuously funding our technology programs.

While not as glamorous as technology, the second need of our school is still very necessary. You may know that this past summer, we had a large building renovation, replacing the "old school" lavatories. This was a major need for our students and the end result was truly amazing! This summer, that same "old school" from the early 1950s needs a new roof! We will continue identifying projects to keep these upgrades moving along so that someday we will no longer refer to that building as "the old school."

Finally, our Annual Fund will help make St. Michael School more affordable for families who are struggling with the ever-increasing costs in today's society. Choosing a Catholic education is a very expensive gift that parents can give their children. Yet, affording the tuition can often be a hardship for many. Each year, we have almost one hundred families apply for financial aid via an online portal called FACTS. This online portal helps to identify those most in need. Unfortunately, we almost always fall short on matching the financial needs of our families.

Your donation, no matter the size, will have a tremendous impact on the students, staff, families, and programs at St. Michael School. Please consider donating to our Annual Fund as a means of showing your support for the outstanding Catholic education that St. Michael School provided to you when you attended, to your own children when they attended or to your grandchildren, who attend now. The combination of past families meeting present families to support the school can help to make St. Michael School academically and spiritually stronger than ever before.

Sincerely

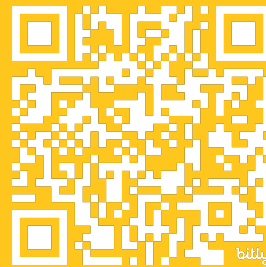
Susan Gosselin
Saint Michael School Principal



THE Annual Fund



DONATE ONLINE TODAY!



My roots run deep in this community which is why I consider “parish” and “family” to mean the same thing. Since 1957 there has been a member of my family enrolled at St. Michael School. Upon my graduation, that 67 year run will come to an end. I appreciate the gifts this school has given to me and my family, and my wish is to give back to the community that has given so much to us. This is an opportunity to honor my family, my parish community, and everyone who has come before me and inspired me.

-Kate (Class of 2024)

Your gift makes a difference!

How to Give

1. Scan the QR code or visit www.SaintMichael.com/AnnualFund
2. Complete the form below and return to Saint Michael School

Your support is truly valued and appreciated. Thank you for your generous donation! Your gift is 501(c)3 tax-deductible!



Please Select Your Tax Deductible Giving Club Level

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| <input type="checkbox"/> The Trinity Level: Over \$5,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> The Founders Level: \$101 - \$500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Archangel Level: \$1,000 - \$4,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> The Principal Level: \$21 - \$100 |
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My Relationship To Saint Michael School Is:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Grandparent | <input type="checkbox"/> Faculty / Staff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alumni | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

I have enclosed a gift made payable to “Saint Michael School” for the Annual Fund for \$ _____

☐ I wish my gift to remain anonymous

☐ Yes, my or my spouse's employer will match our gift! I will include and return the matching gift form with my donation. Questions? Please call Susan Rogge at 978-686-1862.

I would like my gift to be made ☐ in honor or ☐ in memory of: _____

Please designate my gift to:

☐ Wherever the need is greatest ☐ Books for the Classroom ☐ Teaching Support ☐ Capital Expenses ☐ Financial Aid ☐ Other: _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Suffix _____ Email _____ Phone _____

Spouse's Name _____ Last Name _____ Suffix _____ Email _____ Phone _____

Organization _____ Email _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

UMatter Program



Our UMatter pledge is recited each morning:

*I pledge on this morning, as I begin this school day, to be thoughtful and kind in all I do and I say.
To treat others with respect as I'd have them treat me. To be the kind person God wants me to be.
To do one good deed and to all be a friend and to tell someone they matter before the day ends!*

T.E.A.C.H.

in**T**egrity

g**E**nerosity

f**A**ith

Courage

t**H**ankfulness

These 5 character traits will be focused on during the 10 months of school (one for every 2 months). Each time we see a student exhibiting or exemplifying a trait, we add their name to the UMatter container. Each week the office staff will randomly pick students from the container and they'll select a prize from the UMatter prize box.

September & October--- Faith

November & December--- Thankfulness

January & February--- Generosity

March & April---Integrity

May & June--- Courage

UMatter



Sofia helped a younger student with his backpack when he was having a hard time.



Hayden helped troubleshoot a classmate's robot in STEM when it wasn't working.



On a no-uniform day Brayden removed his hat during morning prayer to show reverence without being asked.



Samantha opened the door for bus students.



William helped a classmate work out a tough math problem.



Anthony picked up the classroom and helped the teacher after his classmates all left.

U Matter



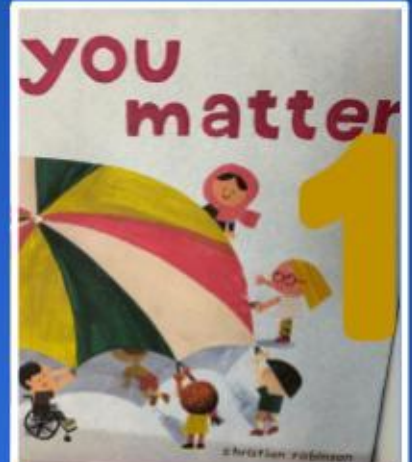
Congratulations to our following U Matter winners!



Kingsley asked a friend to come play with him when the friend felt he had no one to play with.



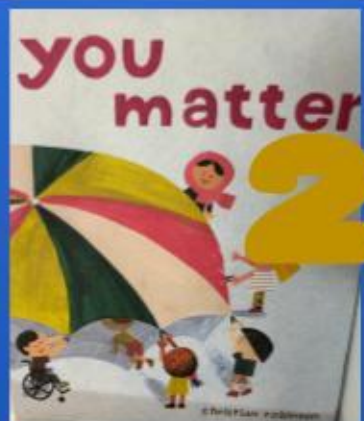
Lucas always tells the specialist to have a good when his class leaves the room.



Ashlyn saw a child fall and stopped to help him up.



Ainsley shared her packet so that a friend could study the poem.



Michael helped deliver cookies in extended care.



Wyatt found a student's art work in the school yard after school and brought it back to the school.

U Matter



Honorable Mention

Grade 2

Joseph -swept the classroom after snack

Danny-offered to give a classmate a \$1 for the bake sale

Bella-picked up a classmates toolbox when it fell on the floor

Grade 5

Evan-Held the door open for a teacher

Lily-helped a classmate that dropped her pencils in the hallway.

Emily S-helped a classmate who dropped all her books

Carmelo-cleaned up the Spanish room

U Matter



Congratulations to our following U Matter winners!



Bodey was generous with his school supplies with a classmate.



Valentina gave her pencil to a friend that did not have one.



Jake helped clean up in extended care.



Stella made a bracelet for a friend who was unable to finish making his.

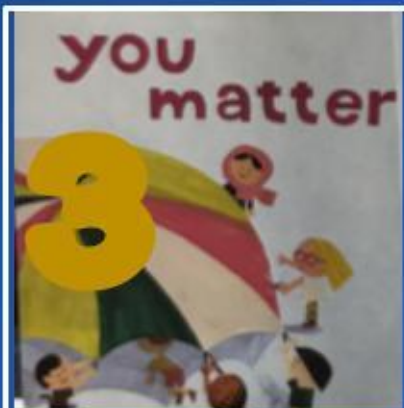


Grace gave up her spot on the rug so another child could sit with friends.



Julia helped her classmates with their chromebooks.

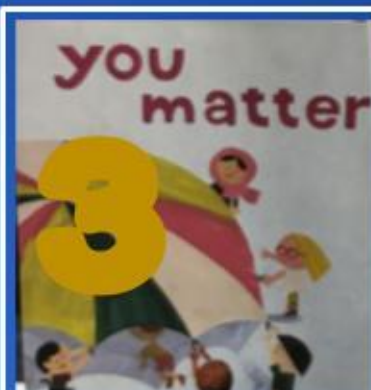
UMatter



Raleigh helped a Nursery friend put away his lunch box when he was struggling.



Kellan helped clean up the gym after a class activity.



Valentino held the door open for grades 3 & 4 to go to recess.



Gabby helped a classmate with directions that they missed while they were out of the room.



Will politely and maturely asked his class to line up in the hallway quietly.



Owen helped a classmate to the nurse and then offered to take his books back to homeroom.

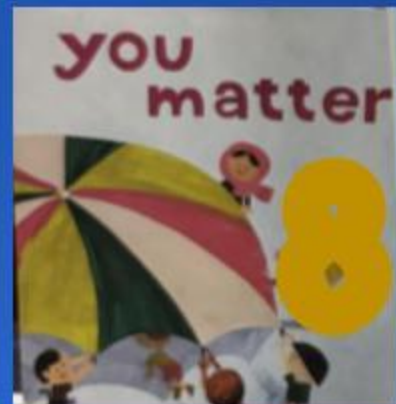
U Matter



Leo volunteered to switch groups when numbers were uneven. He gave up being with his friends.



Lily went to the cafeteria to get a nursery student a lunch when they did not have one.



Annabelle offered guidance to a younger friend during a difficult time.

Honorable Mention

Kindergarten

Kinley

Grade 1

Jackson

Ollie

Grade 3

Aria

Cal

Jax

Grade 4

Gabe N

Jack

Clelia

Grade 5

Carmelo

Grade 6

Kellan

Grade 7

George

Grade 8

Mia

Ryan F

Jack

Thomas

Dalia

Gia

U Matter



Congratulations to our following U Matter winners!



Lucy made room on the rug so a classmate could fit.



Juliana helped clean tables without asking



Ollie helped a friend find his water bottle.



Bella knew what to do during Mass

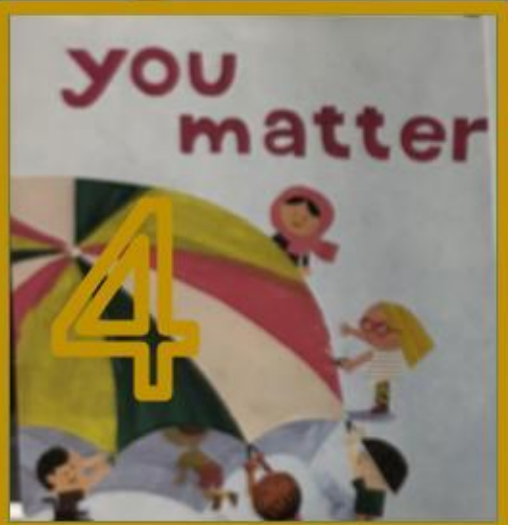


Ricky helped a friend tie his shoe



Christianna noticed a student was upset and told a teacher

U Matter



Clelia helped a younger student who got hurt at recess



Charlotte brought in a friend's water bottle from recess



Jackson did a great job helping with a shadow



Woody helped a classmate who got hurt at recess.

U Matter



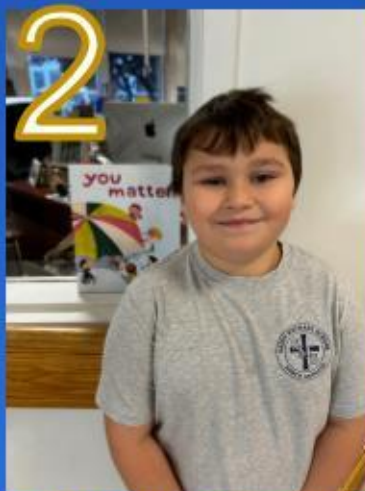
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Pre-K



Munroe was happy for a friend that got Art star of the week.

2



Jakobe was a great support with his class and chromebooks.

4



Joshua shared his supplies with a classmate.

4



Hailey helped a classmate clean up a water bottle spill without being asked.

4



Gael stood up for a classmate in gym.

U Matter



Roman helped a friend with a cast tie his shoes.



Everly helps many students in class.



Colton helps many students in class.



Lily helps many students in class.



NURSERY



PRE-K

Early Childhood

Nursery, Pre-K, & Kindergarten



KINDERGARTEN

Nursery

Mrs. Siddiqui



Nursery is thankful for each other, our school, and our health! Happy Thanksgiving!

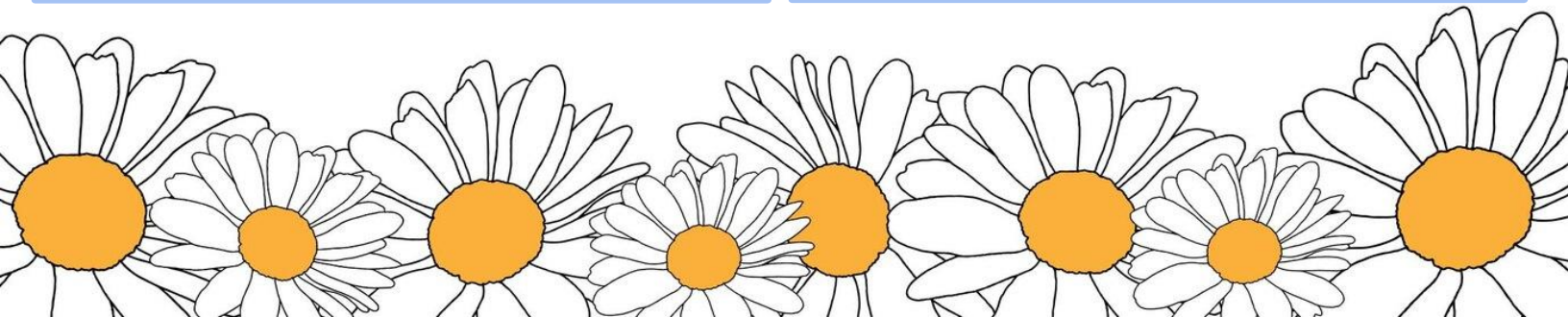


Nursery

Mrs. McGovern



Dear God,
In this season, and all year long, give to us the gift of a thankful heart,
so that we appreciate your blessings, and acknowledge you as the
giver of all that is good in our lives.
Amen.



PRE-K Mrs. Reinhard

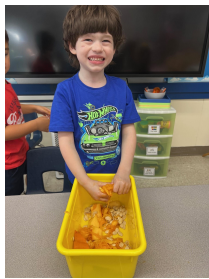
The month of November was full of fun centers focused on Farms, Farm animals and Thanksgiving. In December we will be focusing on Advent, the birth of Jesus and Christmas traditions.



PRE-K Ms. K



We've been busy learning about fire safety, pumpkins, nocturnal animals, and so much more this month!! We read with our Grade 6 buddies and enjoyed listening to a story from Miss Megan, too. We are looking forward to learning about the farm and healthy foods we harvest before preparing for Grandparent's Day and Thanksgiving!



PRE-K Mrs. Cali

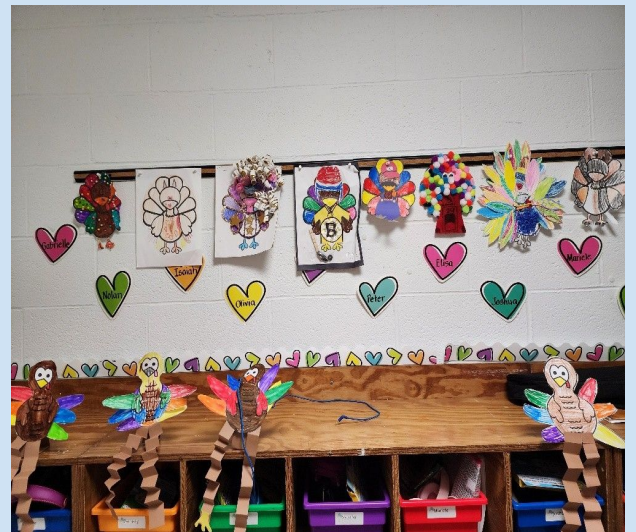


This month was full of learning! We enjoyed carving a pumpkin and a visit from the Fire Department! We also learned all about the farm and all the healthy food we can harvest from the farm for Thanksgiving! We are looking forward to Grandparents Day and more fall fun!



Kindergarten!

Mrs. Sleight



Our class has been busy making our turkeys in disguise and sitting turkeys to watch us! We have read stories and talked about what we are grateful for this season of Thanksgiving. Our grandparents, family and friends are important people in our lives.

Kindergarten!



Mrs. Polcari



Students were proud to vote for their favorite fruit in our mock election! As we get ready for Thanksgiving, we are also talking about the many things we are thankful for. Later this month, we will also celebrate our Grandparents at our Annual Grandparents Day Service!

Kindergarten!

Mrs. Kasberg



This month we have been busy discussing what we are thankful for! Some of our examples include; our school, our teacher, our families, our house, and God! We wish you all a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!





FIRST GRADE



SECOND GRADE

Elementary School

Grades 1-4



THIRD GRADE



FOURTH GRADE

First Grade

1A- Mrs. Robidoux



Happy
Thanksgiving

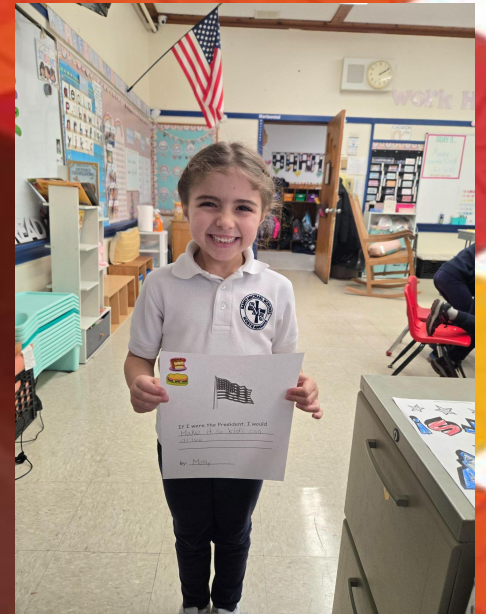
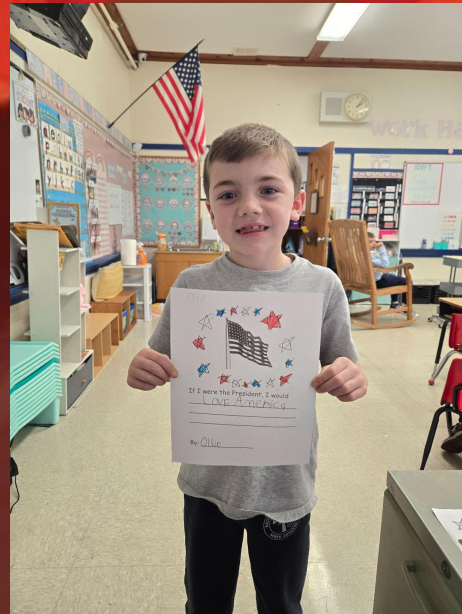
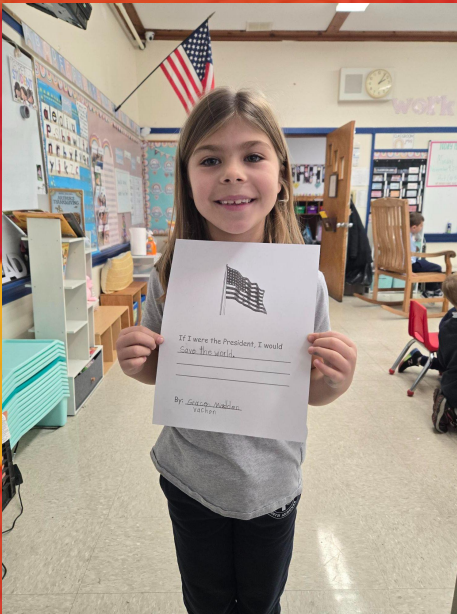
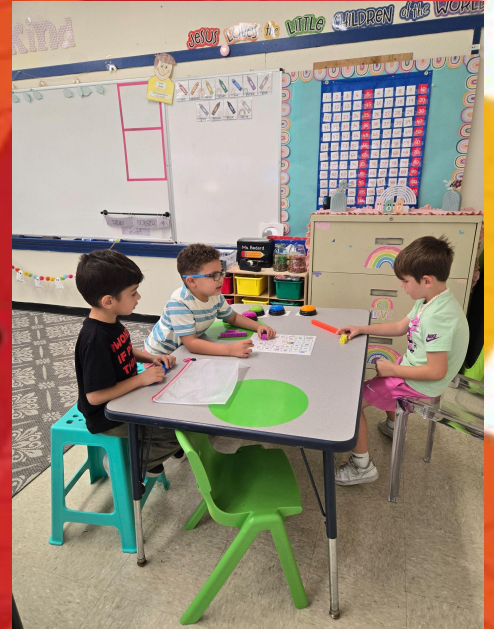


We celebrate the Saints this month. As we learn about the Saints, we continue to grow in faith and love. We share this love each day through prayers, respect and gratitude .

This month we remember a thankful heart is a happy heart.

First Grade

IB- MS. BEDARD



We have spent this month learning about the Saints. We also practiced acts of kindness! We have so much to be thankful for!



Mrs. Caffrey

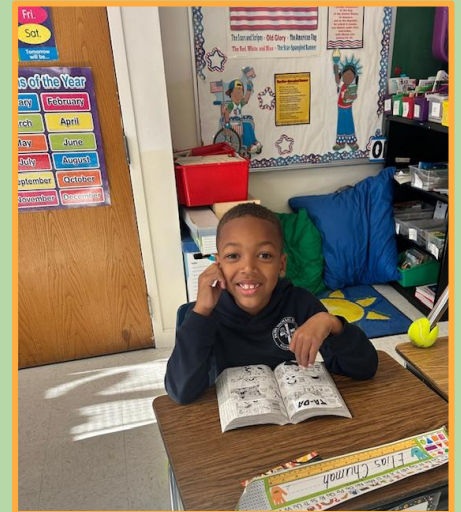
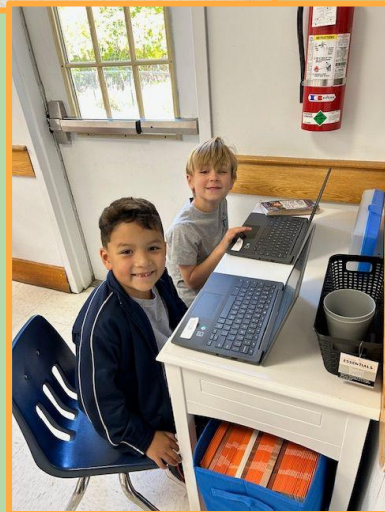
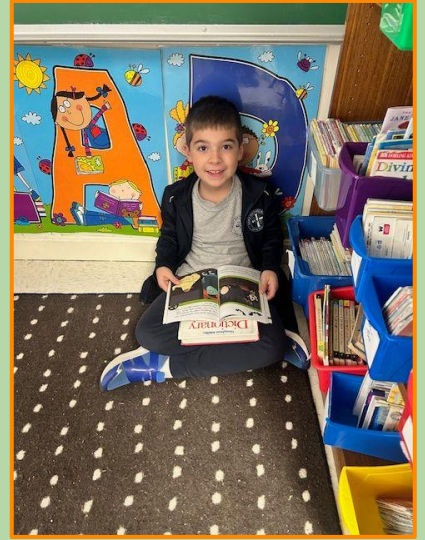
We have celebrated being thankful and extra kind this month. The children are learning so much and enjoying many activities. We are looking forward to celebrating our Grandparents at our Grandparent Celebration. Happy Thanksgiving to all!





Mrs. Grant

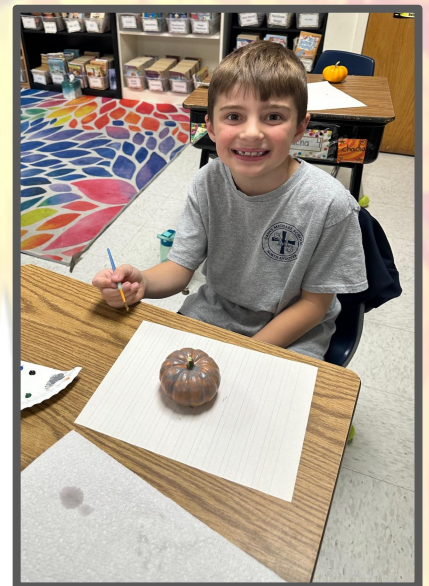
2B has had a great month. We talked about the voting process, we are having fun practicing our math facts on Reflex Math and we are taking the time to read.



3RD GRADE

Mrs. Torpey & Ms. Grava

Third grade had so much fun painting and decorating their own pumpkins to get in the fall spirit! The kids loved designing their pumpkins to look like their favorite things and characters. A huge thank you to Mann's Orchard for donating the pumpkins to grade 3!

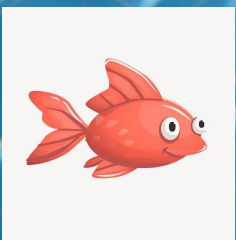
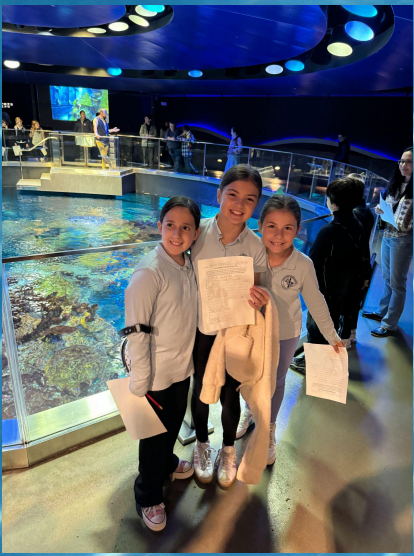


Grade 4 with Mrs. Andrewchuk & Mrs. Sweeney



Grade 4 went on a field trip to the New England Aquarium in Boston! They got to see all different types of sea life, which they have been learning about in science!







FIFTH GRADE



SIXTH GRADE

Upper School

Grades 5-8



SEVENTH GRADE



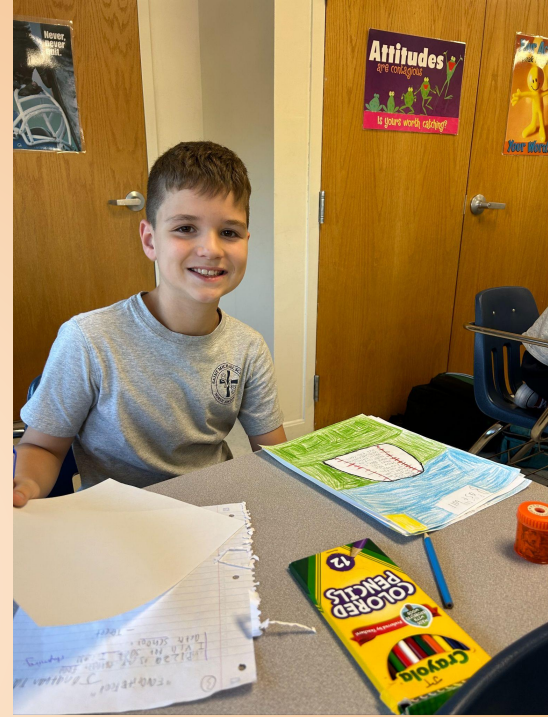
EIGHTH GRADE



Mrs. Adam ELA



5th Grade -
They all did a
fantastic job
on their poetry
books! I loved
reading their
tanka,
cinquains,
tercets, and so
much more.

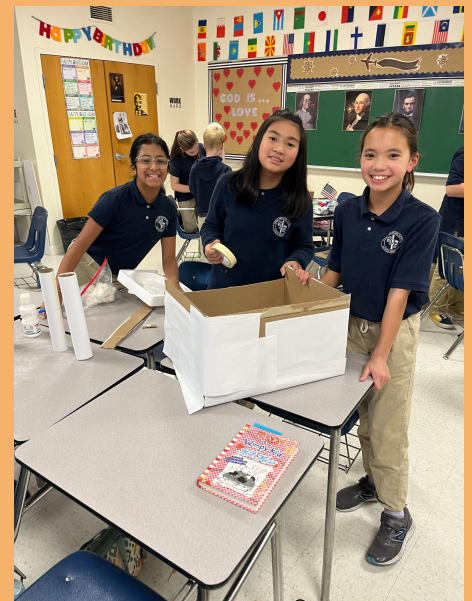
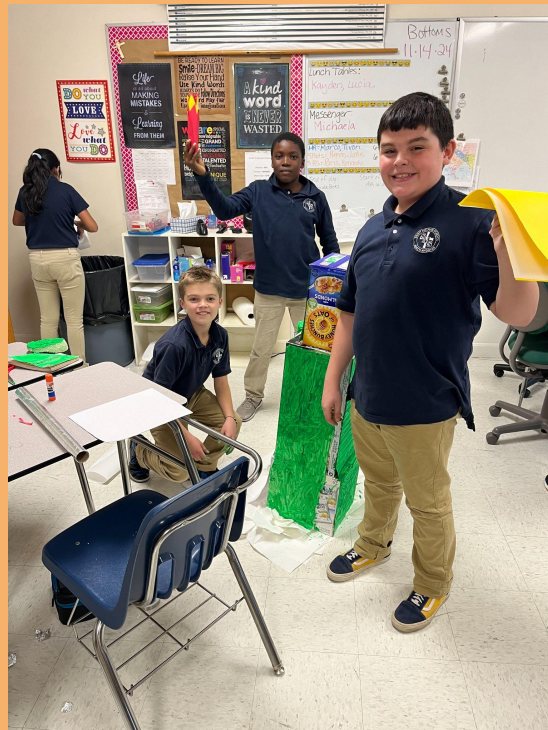
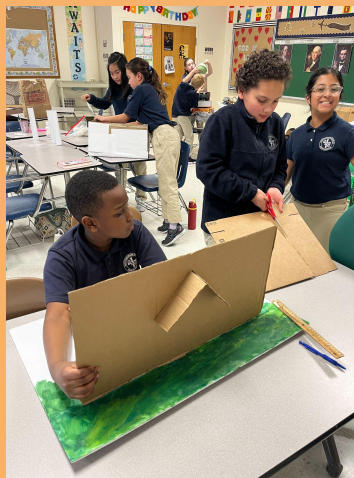


6th Grade -
The students
finished
reading *Fish in
a Tree* and are
now writing a
Character
Analysis Essay.
We're busy
group editing

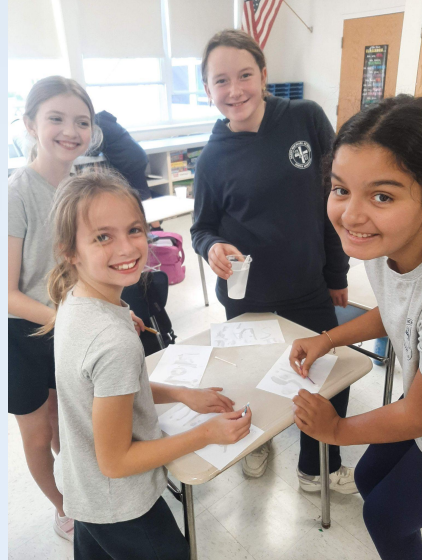


Mrs. Clifford - 5/6 Social Studies

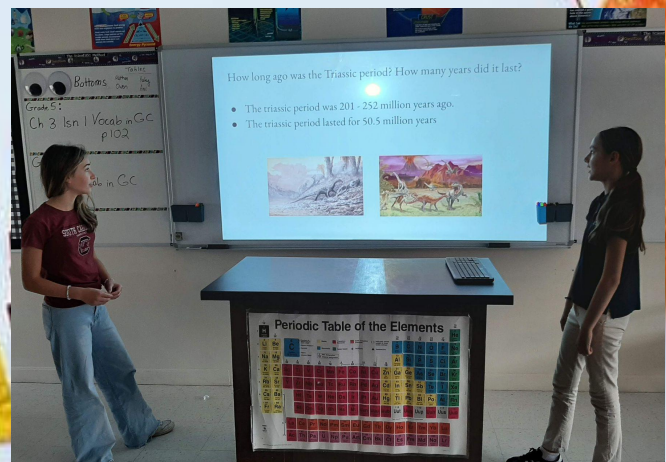
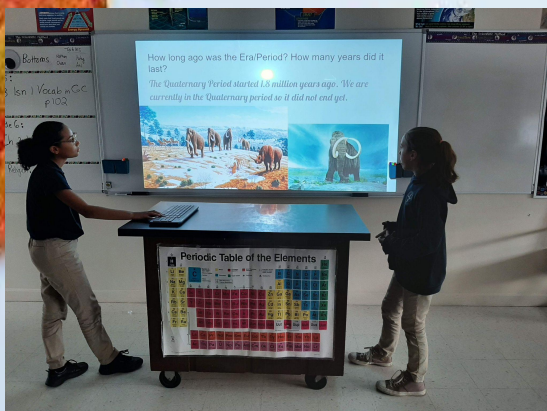
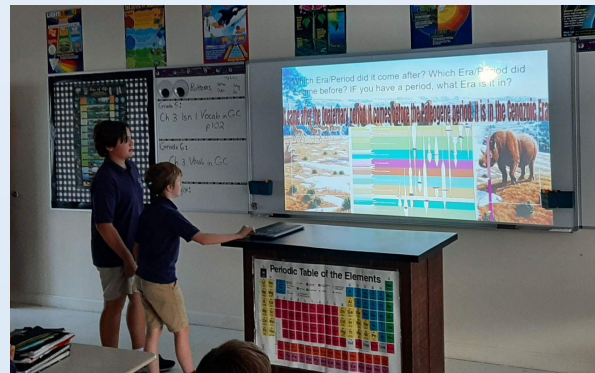
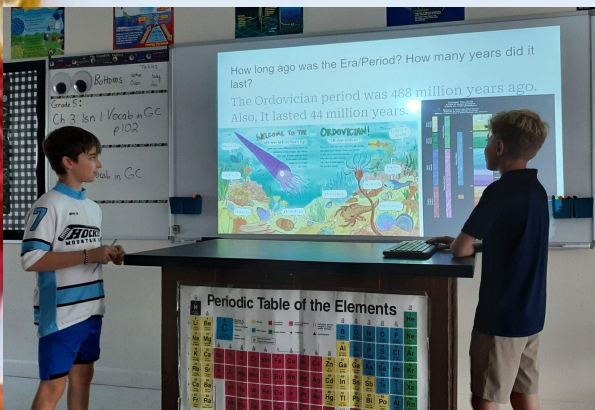
Grade 5 is creating their version of the Statue of Liberty and the White House in enrichment.



Mrs. Berard 5th/6th Grade Science



5th Grade had a fun “Potions” lab on physical and chemical reactions. It was smelly, messy and tons of fun! 6th Grade is studying the Geologic Time line and created awesome Google Slides presentations.



Grade 5/6 MATH

Ms Decoteau



Grade 6 has been very busy during the month of November. Students shared much knowledge about saints in class. We were able to watch the installation of Bishop Henning as the Archbishop of Boston. We made a poster about his installation and it hangs in the class. We also had some time last week to visit our Pre-K buddies for stories and Fall drawings.





Mrs. Nagle: 7/8 Social Studies



Highlighting term 1 enrichment for grade 8 Yellow

Learning the
basics of sewing
while creating an
original
ornament



Mrs. Ordway - Grade 7/8 - ELA

Grade 7 students enjoyed writing and sharing narrative stories in small groups.

What unique and creative authors!





Mr. A: Science 7/8

It is hard to believe that the holidays are right around the corner. It feels like the year just started and the weather is more like early September than early November.

The students in grades seven and eight continue to do their best in science. Their grades for the first term reflect their effort. As the year progresses there will be many activities, both educational and fun, for the students in both grades. Later on in the year they will be working on a science fair project. The science fair is a very popular event at school and will most likely be held in early April.

Science clubs will start in January separately for both classes. Grade seven will learn how to administer CPR and be able to identify the signs of a concussion. Grade eight will learn facts about food science and they will be able to sample their experiments.

The volleyball club will be on hold until January. Dodgeball will be the club for the month of December.

It was nice to have the chance to talk to you at conferences. May your families have a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving.



The Class of 2025 had a great time on their class retreat. The students participated in the Ice Bucket Challenge and raised money for hurricane relief.





Mrs. Parker: 7/8 Math

The students in grade 7 have started working with variables and how to add, subtract, distribute and factor with them. All of this work will help us when we start solving for variables in the next chapter.

The students in grade 8 have been working with linear equations. They can identify x- and y-intercepts, describe and calculate the slope of a line, and graph a linear equation using various methods. All of this work will help us when we start to solve systems of linear equations.

I hope everyone has a happy and healthy Thanksgiving!



The Class of 2025
enjoyed
volunteering at our
annual
Trick-or-Treat
night and also had a
great time at the
Halloween dance.





SCHOOL COUNSELOR



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School Counseling and Specials



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SPANISH

Saint Michael PE

Halloween has come and gone and the students at Saint Mike's had a blast playing spooky games and listening to Halloween music. We needed to get a lot of exercise in to offset all of the candy!!!!

This fall the weather has been amazing. Mrs. Gosselin even extended the shorts for an extra week! I think the colder weather is upon us now, so make sure to always bring layers for outdoor activities.

We are not gearing up for Thanksgiving, we have a lot to be thankful for!!!!



"Gratitude and attitude are not challenges; they are choices."

Robert Braathe

November Music

CONGRATULATIONS to our third and fourth grade students for an outstanding performance at our Saint Michael Annual Veteran's Day Tribute Program. Special thank you to our Veterans and their families. Special thank you to Ms. Bryant for the beautiful outdoor display of American flags.



- ★ Nursery/Pre-K4/Kindergarten students are excited! All three grades are preparing for their "Christmas Spectacular Show".
- ★ Grade2 Students prepare for their Christmas pageant.
- ★ Grade1-4 Students will also participate in the pageant.
- ★ Grade3&4 Students continue their study of the recorder.
- ★ Christmas concert choir meet Tuesday mornings for rehearsal.

"Excellent... As Usual!"
Musically yours, Ms. Lavallee





STEM

Pre-K & Worms

What better way to learn about farming than to hold worms right in your hands! Our littlest learners enjoyed becoming scientists and working with worms!







Kids' Futures Stem from STEM!



Technology

Grade 6 is working hard at improving their typing skills. They created "Spooky" stories and "All about my favorite things to do in Fall" stories.

Next, we will be creating presentations using Google Slides.

It has been a great beginning of Fall together!



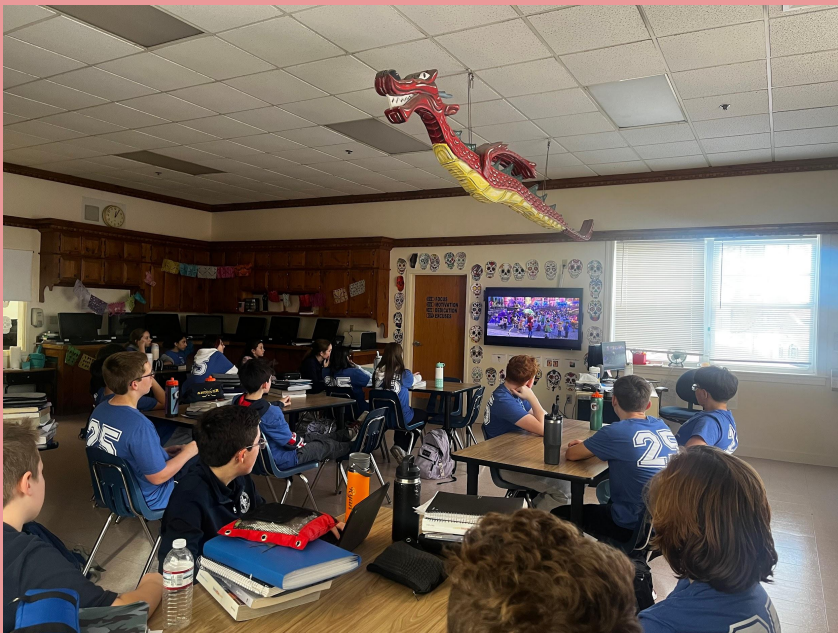


All grades have been learning about the holiday Dia de los Muertos along with the traditions and decorations of the holiday!

Students learned how to make and string together Papel Picado!



Spanish Grades 5-8



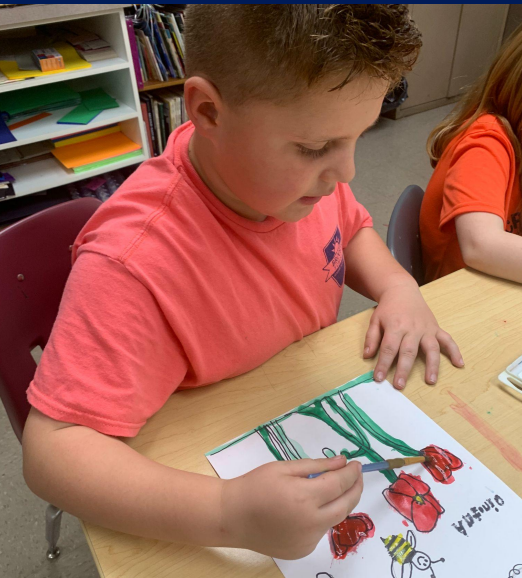
After students made decorations for the holiday they decorated the classroom themselves!

After all our decorating we watched the movie "Coco" to celebrate! The movie provided students with more context about the holiday!

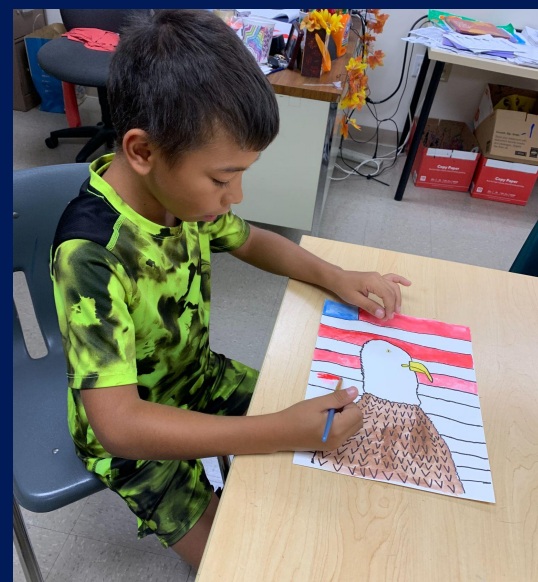
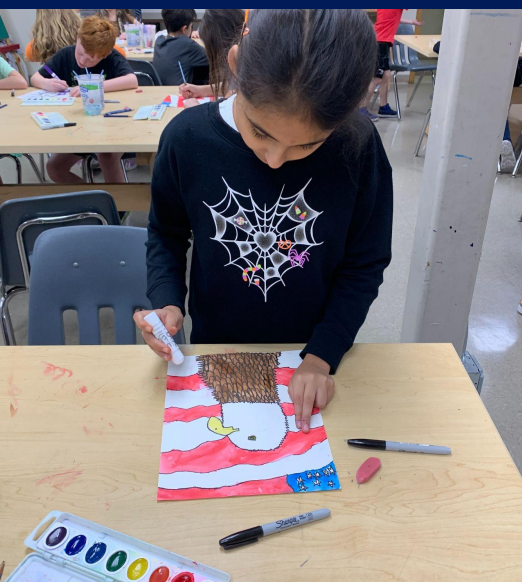


ART CLASS

With Mrs. Donegan



In November we honor all Veterans for Veterans Day. Kindergarten through fourth grade made decorations for the Veterans Day Program with Ms. Lavallee. Kindergarten made paper hearts then decorated with Kwik Stix. First and second graders made poppies. Third graders made Stars with metallic Sharpies. Fourth graders did eagle drawings with the American Flag as their background. Thank you to all that have served!



Veterans Day Artwork



Counselor's Corner With Mrs. Rowley

The beginning of the school year and the Fall have been a busy time at Saint Michael School and in the School Counseling office. Our Kindergarten students started small group work focusing on making new friendships and navigating their new school environment. Our Eighth graders attended their class retreat - Go Team Rowley! Our fourth graders participated in a bullying prevention lesson as October is Bullying Prevention Month. Our school welcomed Kati Preston, Holocaust survivor, to share her story of survival with our seventh and eighth graders. Additionally, Chess Club started! Checkmate!

