



I'm sitting down to write my April Newsletter, and I've realized there are only forty-four days of school left. Wow! The year is really flying by! While it's hard to believe that $\frac{3}{4}$ of the year is over, it's true. The spring is a very busy time as the kids start softball, baseball, dance recitals and more. School is just as busy as we work to accomplish all of the curriculum planned, attend to First Communion, graduations, NJHS inductions, the school play and much, much more.

Everyone keeps asking when the official last day of school will be. I can announce that the last day of school for grades Nursery-7 will be a half day on June 13th. Grade 8 will graduate on June 5th. In planning for the beginning of the 2025-26 school year, we can announce that we will have half days August 27th and 28th for all grades. We will close for Labor Day weekend on Aug. 29-September 1 and return to full days on September 2.

We will have our end-of-year Cedarland trip for grades 1-4 on June 6th and grades 5-7 on June 9th. Our nursery, pre-k and kindergarten students will celebrate the end of the year with a backyard fun day that their teachers have planned. The PTO graciously pays for ALL of these events from their annual budget, so there is no expense to families.

So how does the PTO afford these events? Due to your involvement in all of our PTO events this year, we raised funds to meet a budget. The budget includes these events, teacher support, caps and gowns for 8th graders, unspecified upgrades to the school, and much more. When we run a fundraiser, like the Archangel Run coming in May, the funds collected go directly back into the school. If you have volunteered with the PTO this year, thank you! We are hoping to crush our fundraising goal for the May Archangel Run which will result in lots of amazing rewards including me getting Gatorade Dumped by the kids!!! Many thanks to our PTO Board and every family who assisted with all the events this year!

Coming up on May 21st, we have a Boston Children's Hospital Blood Drive planned in memory of Ava Diosa. We filled forty-four donation appointments in mere hours! On behalf of The Diosa Family & Boston Children's Hospital, thank you for your support. We are sure to help many children in need. If you were unable to schedule an appointment, feel free to visit this site to schedule an appointment at a different location in memory of Ava: <https://www.childrenshospital.org/ways-help/donate-blood>

I wish everyone a very happy April vacation. Hopefully we'll get some nice weather and the kids can go outside to play in the backyard. It's the perfect time of year for riding bikes, blowing bubbles, and simply taking in all of God's wonders!

Sincerely,

Sue Gosselin

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

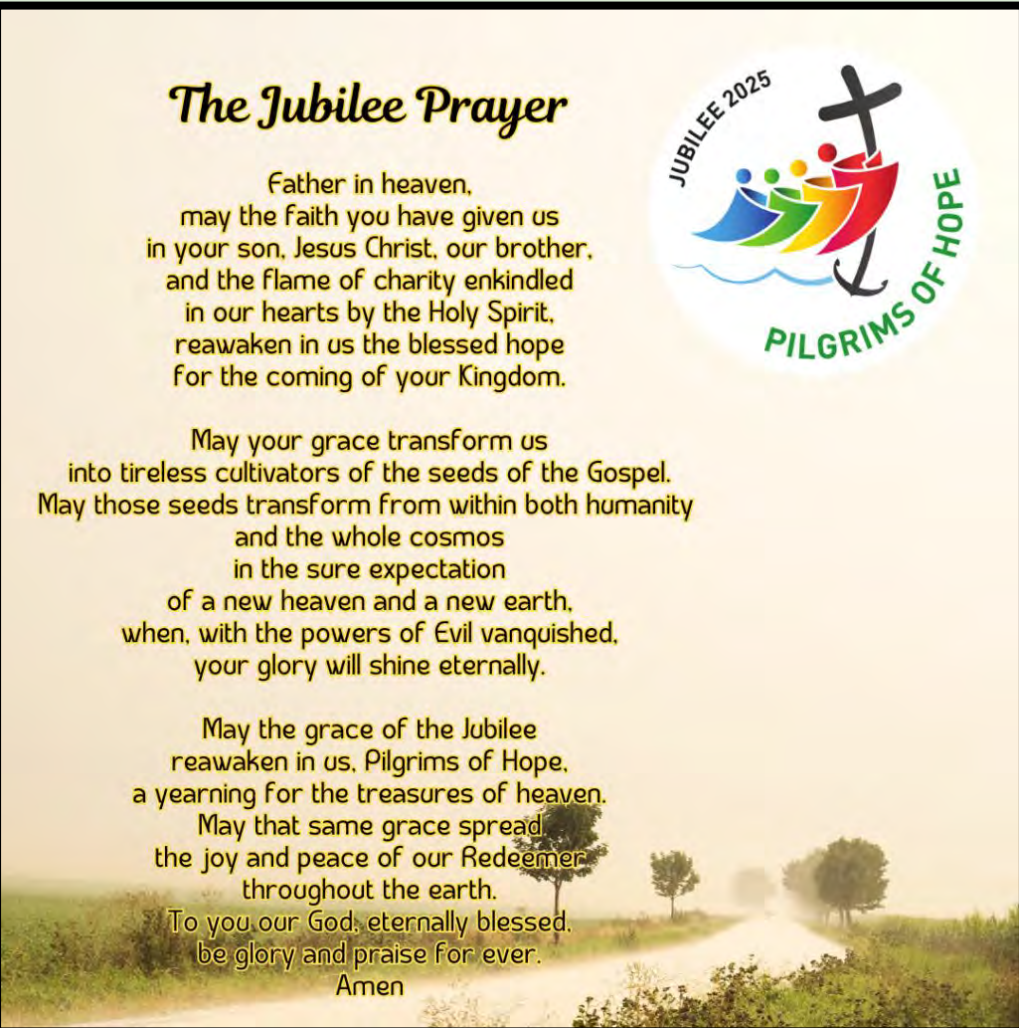
May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you, our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen



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.



Peter Pan, Jr.

Join Peter Pan on a magical journey to
Neverland.

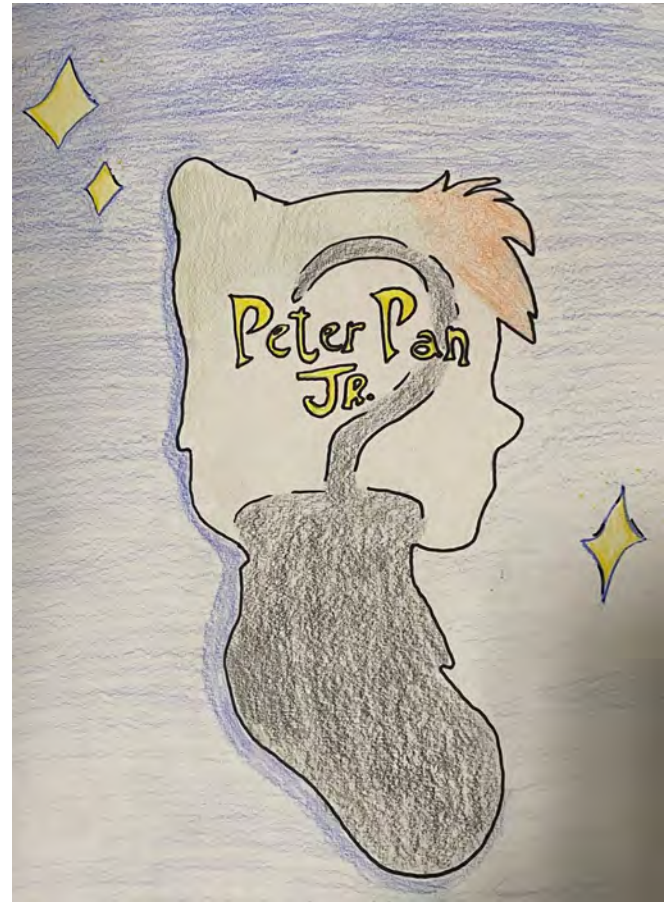
Get your tickets to our Upper School
Performance of Peter Pan, Jr.

We have two performances Friday, May 2 or
Saturday, May 3 both at 6pm.

Tickets on sale now for \$7 per person,
general admission.

Feel free to email us your ticket order or use
the form below. Tinkerbell (aka Mrs. Donahue)
will do the rest!

We can accept cash, check or bill your
FACTS account. Let Mrs. Donahue know your
payment method in your email to her at
donna_donahue@saintmichael.com



Performance	Number of Tickets
Friday, May 2 at 6pm	
Saturday, May 3 at 6pm	
Total number of tickets	
	X \$7 per ticket
Total amount due	

How should we get the tickets to you?

_____ I will pick up at the front desk

_____ Send home with my child. Please include name and grade below

_____ Student's name Student's Grade _____

Name _____ Email _____

Payment Method _____ Cash _____ Check _____ Bill Renweb

Make check payable to Saint Michael School

Important Dates and INFORMATION

- April 18-27 April Vacation
- April 28-May 23- MAP testing K-8
- April 29- Banking Day
- May 1- Kindergarten Field Trip
- May 2 & 3- School Play (Peter Pan)
- May 5-9- Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 6- Archangel Run
- May 8- Grade 5 Field Trip
- May 9- Grade 6 Field Trip
- May 10- First Communion
- May 13- Banking Day
- May 14- Grade 1 Field Trip
- May 15- NJHS Inductions
- May 16- May Procession, Gr. 5-8 Dance

Notice

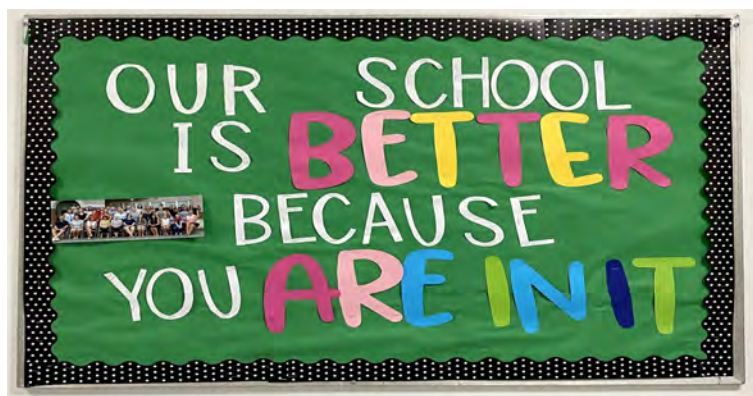
This notice is per the "Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act." An asbestos management plan has been developed for St. Michael's School which has asbestos containing material present. These plans are available and accessible to the public by contacting Nick Ippolito at 978-686-4050 at the Parish Offices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

SMS SUMMER FUN



Under the Sea!

June 23-27



Celebrate our Nation!

June 30-July 3



LET'S GO CAMPING!

JULY 7-11



SUPERHEROS

JULY 14-18



Ahoy Matey!

July 21-25



SPORTSTASTIC!

JULY 28-AUGUST 1



Students Entering Kindergarten - 7th Grade
Join Mrs. Polcari, other SMS staff and alumni for a summer of fun!

For more details and to sign up go to Renweb!!

First Come - First Served - Don't Miss Out

No refunds unless the program is cancelled

½ day- \$225/week

Full day- \$375/week

U Matter



Congratulations to our U Matter winners!

Pre-K



Hollis included a friend in a game.

Pre-K



Myela helped a friend without being asked.

Pre-K



Anna always shares her supplies with her classmates.



Evelyn is a great friend to everyone.



Joshua picked up books and put them back in the bins without being asked.



Kyra shares kindness with others.



Ellis helped a friend with a project.

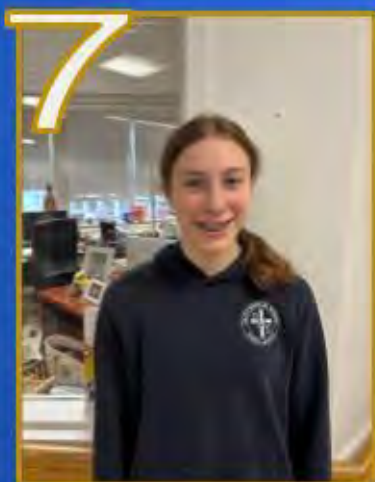
UMatter



Marbella took care of a friend's belongings when she had to leave school early.



Luca waited at the front door to hold it for a teacher.



Sophie helped a peer by giving her extra materials for class.



Destiny helped a teacher clean up a spill in the hallway.

Honorable Mention



Pre-K

Zachary

Alela

Rowan

Grade 4

Gabriel C

Charlotte

Grade 5

Stella M

Grade 7

Nick

Hayden

U Matter



Congratulations to our U Matter winners!

Pre-K



Audrey was a friend to a classmate that was alone.

Pre-K



Malia pushed in everyone's chair who forgot when the class was lining up.

2



Xander cleaned up spilled water.

2



Ara helped his classmates with their chromebooks.

2



Danny helped clean up spilled water.

2



Sofia helped clean up spilled water.

6



Shannon helped a classmate in technology sacrificing her own time on her project.

Honorable Mention



Grade 2

Olivia S

Stella

Bella

Grade 3

Christanna

Valentino

Grade 4

William

Gabe N

Grade 8

Matthew



U Matter



Congratulations to our U Matter winners!

Nursery



Fiona helped a friend that got hurt.

Pre-K



Natalie picks up the classroom toys and puts them away correctly.

Pre-K



Aaron helped clean up a wet spot.

Pre-K



Lino shared a toy with a friend who was sad.

K



Lia was very respectful during a lesson.

1



Dominic helped a Kindergartener clean up in the hallway.

U Matter



Congratulations to our U Matter winners!



Nirvana organized the classroom library.



Maya helped a Nursery student.



Shiv cleaned up after a lab and helped set up new lab.



Adrian helped classmates with a geography trick for the Adriatic Sea.



Corey held the door for all the 7th and 8th graders without being asked.



Lilly offered to bring up musical recorders to the second floor.

Honorable Mention



Pre-K
Gio
Kindergarten
Ryan
Joren
Grade 1
Jackson
Grade 3
Jake
Grade 6
Nathan D
Grade 7
Nick
Callie

U Matter



Congratulations to our U Matter winners!



Maeve was kind and helping a friend.



Jon was writing words not just drawing pictures without being asked.



Ryan held the door for another class at dismissal



Angela helped a friend and always follows the rules.



Ella helped clean up the classroom after snack.



Ethan invited a friend that was sitting alone to join him at his table.

U Matter



Congratulations to our U Matter winners!



Jenny welcomed
and helped a
shadow student.



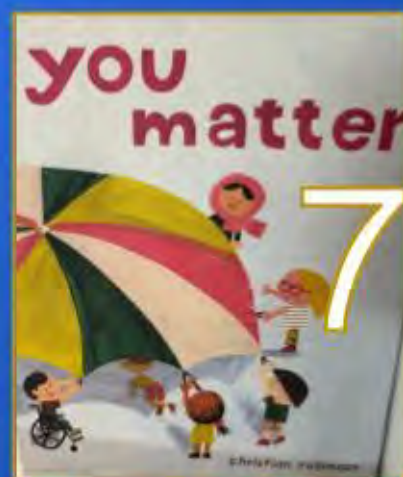
Ava helped with
band.



Luke helped
straighten desks
without being
asked.



Kellan went to
extra Mass
during Lent.



Antonio helped
put up chairs.

Honorable Mention

Pre-K

Dylan-Is a great listener in class.

Rowan-Always does his best

Rudy-Helped a friend build with Legos

Kindergarten

Joshua-Picked up a box of books that someone else knocked over.

Grade 1

Jackson- Earned a 110% on his spelling test.

Grade 2

Antonio-Made sure everyone in his science group had a turn.

Grade 4

Anthony-Picked up someone's lunch off the floor.

Grade 5

Noah-Straightened out the desks after class.

Grade 6

Adrian-Helped clean desks without being asked.

Grade 7

Braylon-Helped put up chairs.

Hayden-Held the door for a class at dismissal.



NURSERY



PRE-K

Early Childhood

Nursery, Pre-K, & Kindergarten



KINDERGARTEN

Nursery

Mrs. Siddiqui

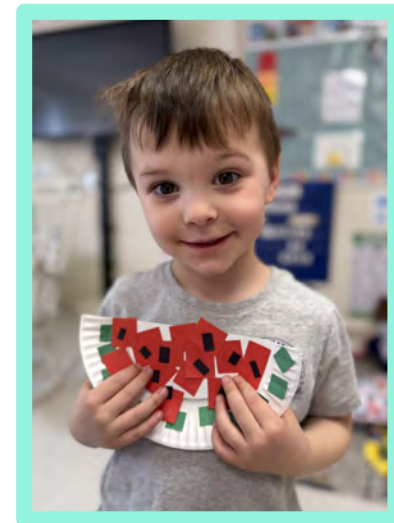


We are so excited that spring is here! Each day we grow closer to being ready for PreK!



Nursery

Mrs. McGovern



Spring is in full bloom in Nursery with colorful crafts and meaningful moments as we learn all about Easter!



PRE-K Mrs. Reinhard

In April we welcomed Spring and learned all about planting and growing.
We also focused on Easter and the celebration of new life.



PRE-K Ms. K



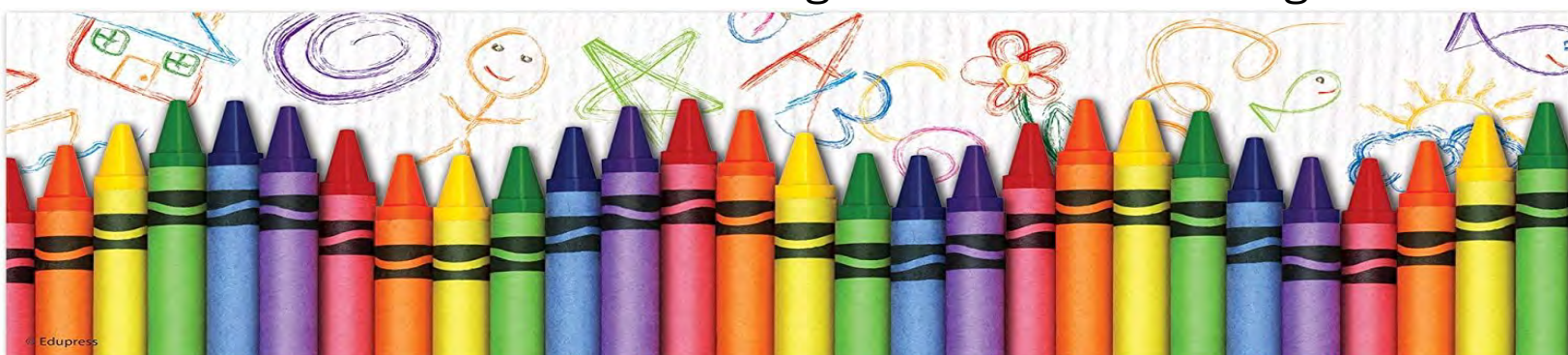
We've welcomed the new season learning all about plants, insects, and pond life.
We are excited to learn about Easter and celebrate together as a class!



PRE-K Mrs. Cali



April has been a blast learning all about signs of spring, bugs and flowers! We have also loved learning about and celebrating Easter!



Kindergarten!

Mrs. Sleight



Easter is upon us. We celebrate good friends we have here in kindergarten and wish everyone a blessed and safe Easter!

Kindergarten!

Mrs. Polcari

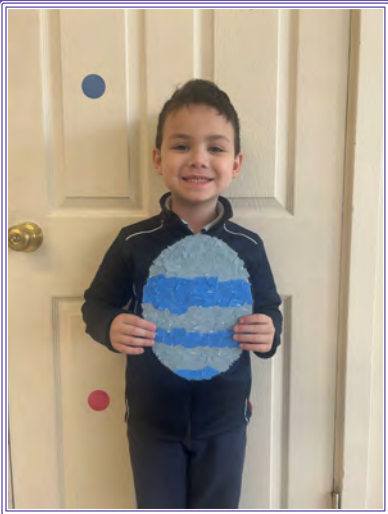
Dear God,
Help us to share the joy of Easter with our family and
friends. May we be kind and loving, just like Jesus.
Amen



Happy Easter! 

Kindergarten!

Mrs. Kasberg



We are excited to be learning about and celebrating Easter!
Wishing you all a Blessed Easter!





FIRST GRADE



SECOND GRADE

Elementary School

Grades 1-4



THIRD GRADE



FOURTH GRADE

First Grade

1A- Mrs. Robidoux



Hip Hip Hooray for Easter Day!
Our little bunnies are hopping into spring with happy hearts. Each day we grow in faith, hope and love.





First Grade

IB- MS. BEDARD

He Is Risen



Spring is in the air! I am so amazed at how far they have come. We learned all about the Stations of the Cross. We have become excellent readers! We are learning to tell time and measure. We are working so hard!



Mrs. Caffrey



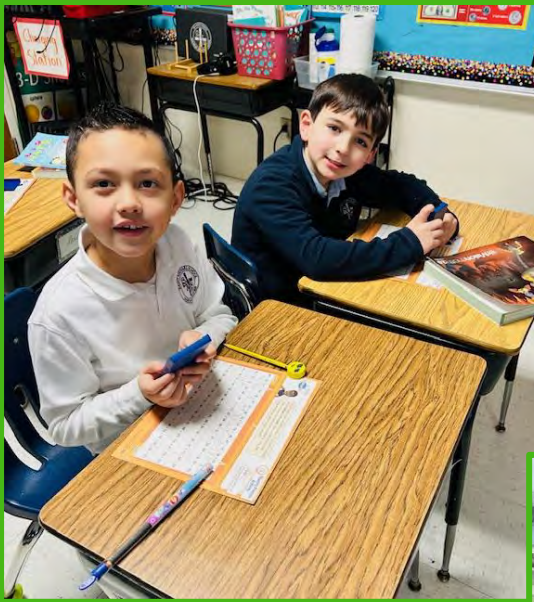
April showers bring May flowers! The children began their unit about plants. We have done some fun experiments with seeds. The children also had the chance to share their fairy tales with their Grade 5B reading buddies.





Mrs. Grant

Grade 2 has been working hard in school, but we will always find time for friends and fun!





3rd Grade

Mrs. Torpey and Ms. Grava

In science, the students have been learning about the 5 main climate regions of the world.

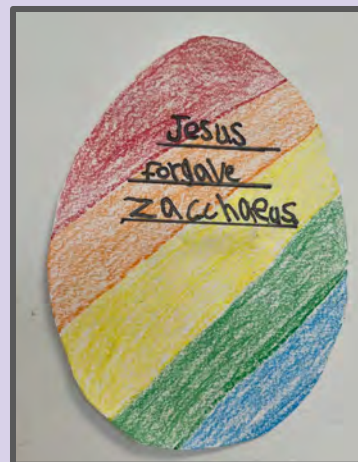
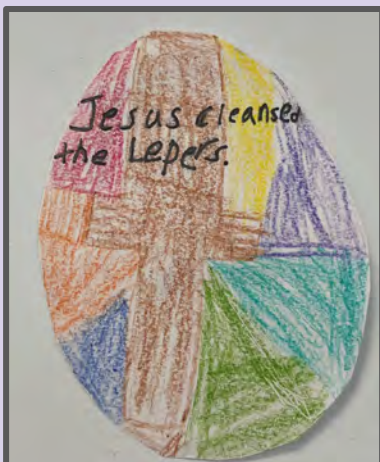




3rd Grade

Mrs. Torpey and Ms. Grava

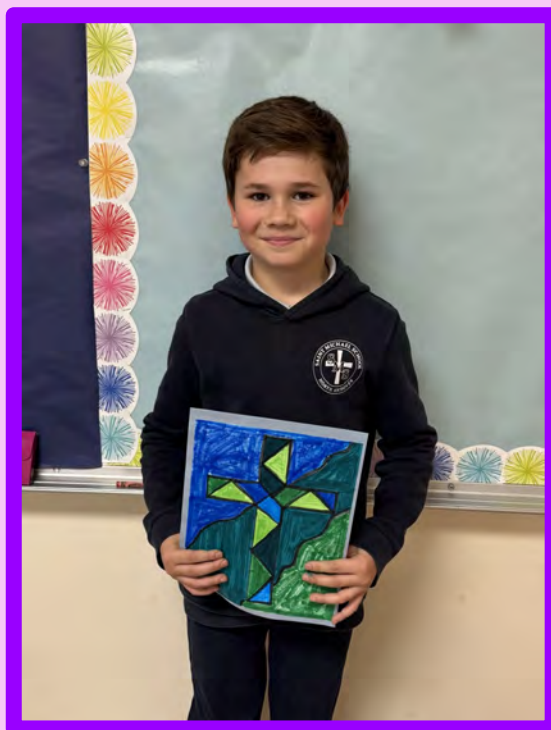
Students have been preparing for Easter. To celebrate Jesus' Resurrection, the students decorated their own Easter egg and shared a message with their "Peeps" highlighting one of Jesus' good deeds!



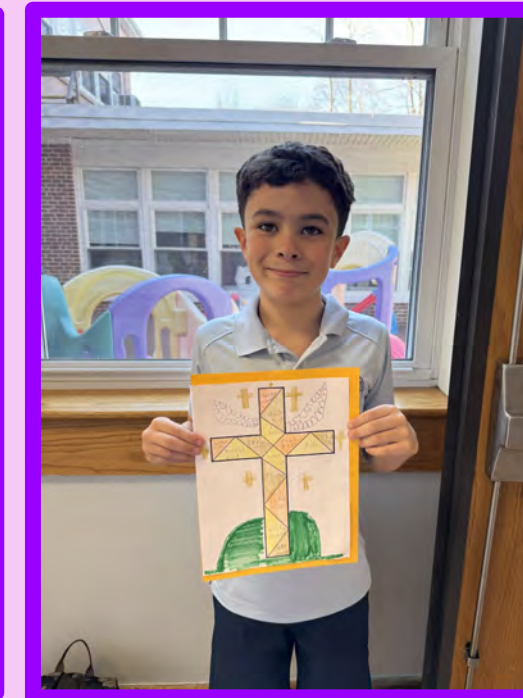
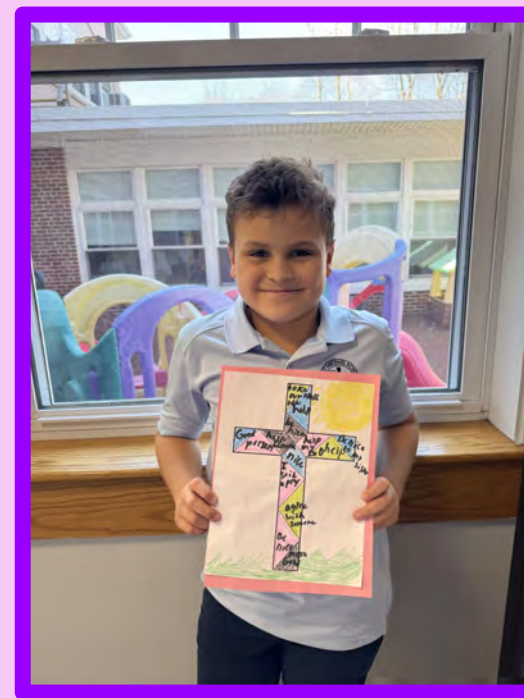
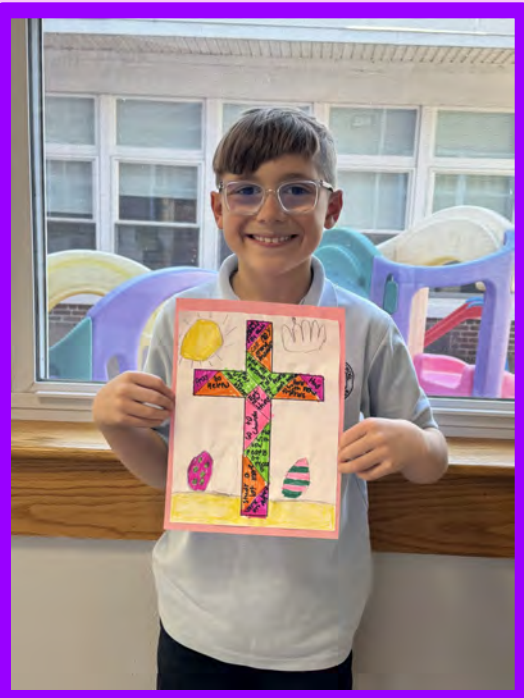
Grade 4 with Mrs. Andrewchuk & Mrs. Sweeney



Students made Lenten crosses and decorated them as stained glass. Inside the pieces of stained glass, they wrote reflections of all of the nice acts that they completed over the Lenten season!



Grade 4 with Mrs. Andrewchuk & Mrs. Sweeney





FIFTH GRADE



SIXTH GRADE

Upper School

Grades 5-8



SEVENTH GRADE



EIGHTH GRADE



Mrs. Adam ELA



5th Grade -

Ms. Megan came into our class to play a trivia game with us.

Thank you Ms. Megan!



5th Grade - Our new reading unit is about people starting over in a new country. Many students can identify with the characters feelings and emotions.



5th
Grade
Happy
Easter!



6th Grade - We just started reading *The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora* by Pablo Cartaya. So far, they're enjoying the story while identifying many literary elements.

Mrs. Clifford- 5&6 Social Studies



5B is celebrating Holy Week.
Happy Easter!



Miss Megan did trivia with 5B!



Grade 6 is learning about Africa and its geography. What caused the West Africans in Ghana to become so wealthy? GOLD!

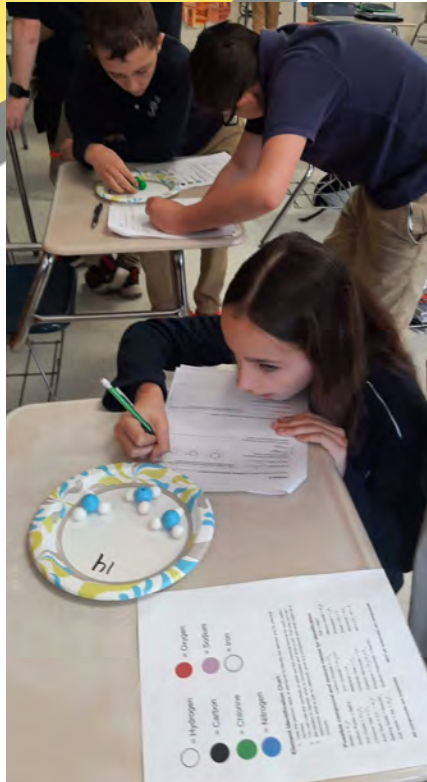
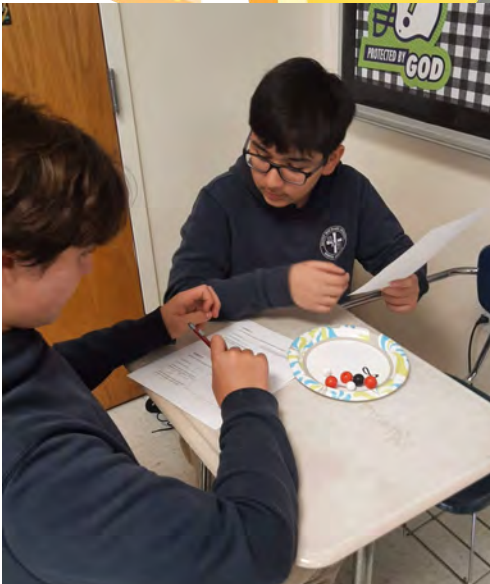


Grade 5 is learning about the United States Constitution. We are learning about the Bill of Rights and what it means to be a citizen of the United States of America.

Mrs. Berard 5th/6th Grade Science

5th grade Used what they learned about patterns in space to complete a lab on day/night and seasons.

6th grade Completed the chapter on matter with an element model lab. They used their knowledge of the periodic table to figure out the elements, compounds and mixtures.



Grade 6 - Chrism Mass

Grade 6 attended the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, in Boston. We were able to experience the wonder of the beautiful sights and sounds at Mass. The holy oils for every parish were blessed, hundreds of priests renewed their promise to serve God's people, and Bishop Henning joined us for a group photo.



Grade 5 & 6 MATH



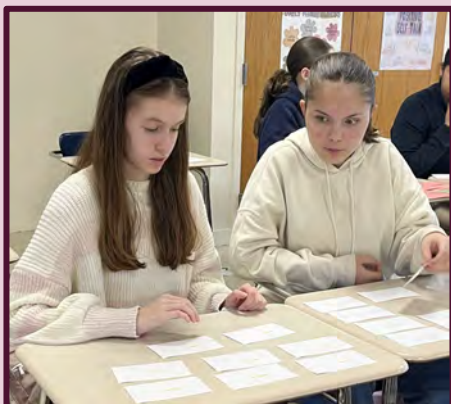
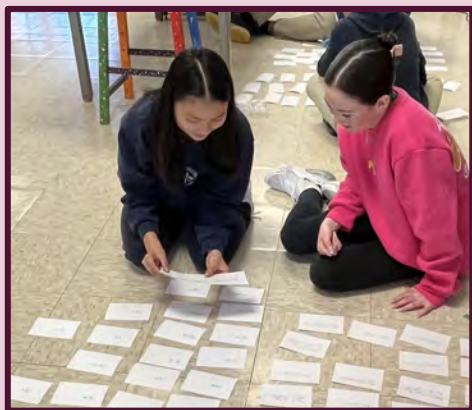
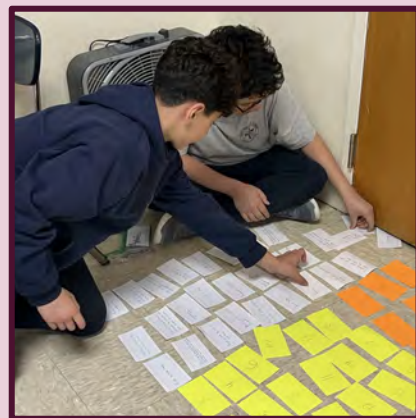
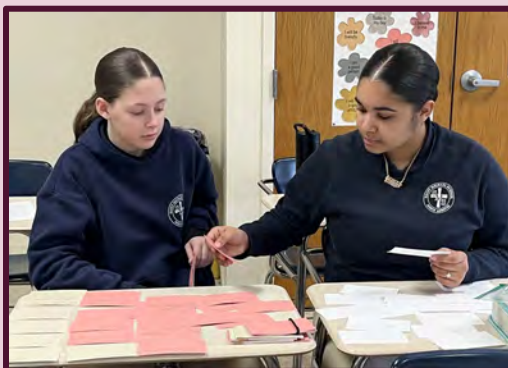
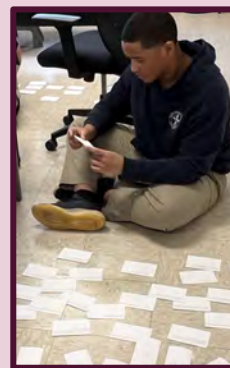
Grade 5 and 6 wrapped up the week by reviewing some skills. They raced to complete 12 problems hidden inside Easter Eggs. Some students found 'Golden' tickets (free space) while others found 'rotten eggs' (lose a turn)



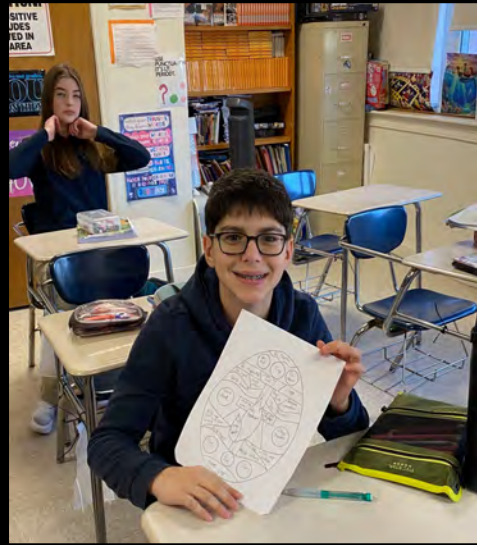


Mrs. Nagle: 7/8 Social Studies

Students in grade 7 are using the game of memory to learn about the Preamble, Articles, and Amendments to the United States Constitution.



Mrs. Ordway - Religion - 7B
**During the Lenten Season, Grade 7 reflects and
strengthens their faith through good thoughts and
deeds.**

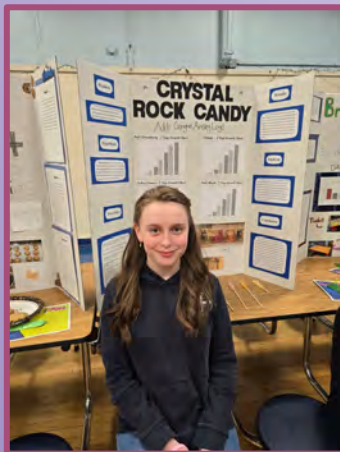




Mr. A: Science 7/8

This year is going by way too fast. April vacation is upon us, and it will be May before we know it. The students in grades seven and eight did a tremendous job on their science fair projects. All of the students presented in front of their classmates and were very knowledgeable about their topics. The students proudly presented their projects for all to see on April 3rd in the gym. Many people attended and the students appreciated it, as did I. Congratulations to the winners in each grade.

Have a great spring!



I am so proud of all of the 7th and 8th grade students and their efforts for the annual Science Fair!



Mrs. Parker: 7/8 Math

The students in grade 7 have been working on probability and statistics. We will be moving on to a geometry unit where they will further explore different shapes and angles and all of their properties.

The students in grade 8 have been focusing on the characteristics of quadratic functions. They will soon start to solve quadratics using different methods. I encourage all students to continue practicing their basic skills which will help with all areas of math.



The Class of 2025 looked great for their graduation pictures.



SCHOOL COUNSELOR



MUSIC



GYM

School Counseling and Specials



TECHNOLOGY



ART



STEM



SPANISH

Saint Michael PE

Springtime has arrived, and we are so happy to get outside and enjoy the weather. April has been filled with lacrosse practice and some games for all grades. Needless to say Mr. Barry and Mr. A have been helping out by getting all the balls off the roof (we are getting better!!!).

There are lots of laughs and smiles at recess!!!

For all our Soccer Fans make sure you get ready to celebrate LIVERPOOL winning the English Premier League!!!!



"You can't transfer the heart and soul of Liverpool Football Club."

-Jürgen Klopp



APRIL MUSIC



CONGRATULATIONS to Grade 3 & Grade 4 for an Excellent Recorder Recital!

- ★ Nursery & PreK students are enjoying seasonal fun songs. This month we've focused on recognizing different sounds of songbirds.
- ★ Kindergarten students are developing listening skills and musical concepts. Students prepare songs and poems for kindergarten graduation celebration.
- ★ Grade 1 students are preparing for their Memorial Day Program, which consists of poems and American patriotic songs.
- ★ Grade 2 students dive into more melodies and rhythms. We continue keeping up with music notation and learning to compose music on the white board.
- ★ Grade 3&4 students continue their recorder journey... & they're focused! Fantastic!

Excellent... as usual!!

*Musically yours,
Ms. Lavallee*



STEM

Pre-K & 7

Mini Golf



Each team in grade 7 designed and built a mini golf hole around a chosen theme. Then our Pre-K students came to STEM and played mini golf.

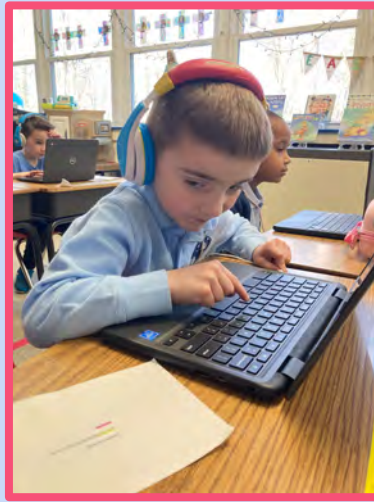








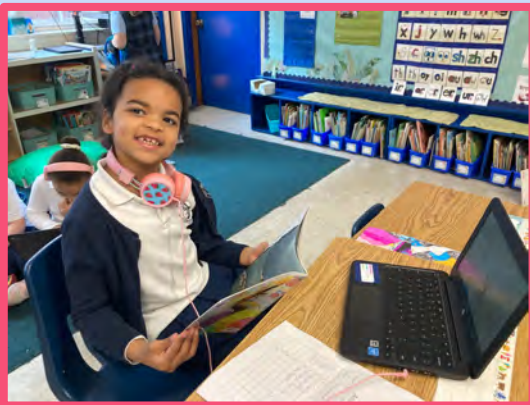
Technology



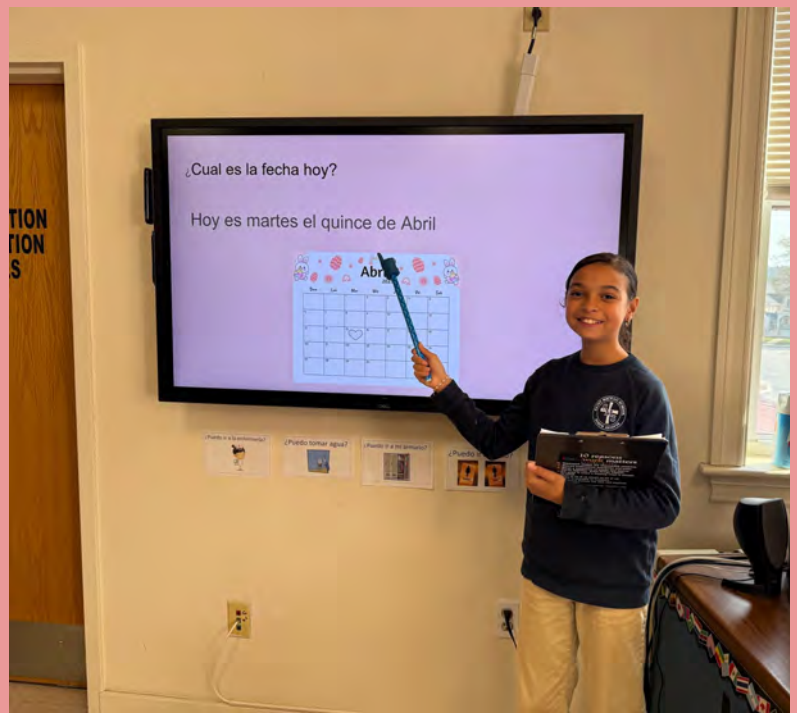
Kindergarten is getting ready for Grade 1 as they work very hard practicing their own username and password to log into their Chromebook.



Grade 1 is having fun focusing on AR during technology time. Students read books at various reading levels and enjoy using their Chromebooks to be assessed on their reading comprehension.



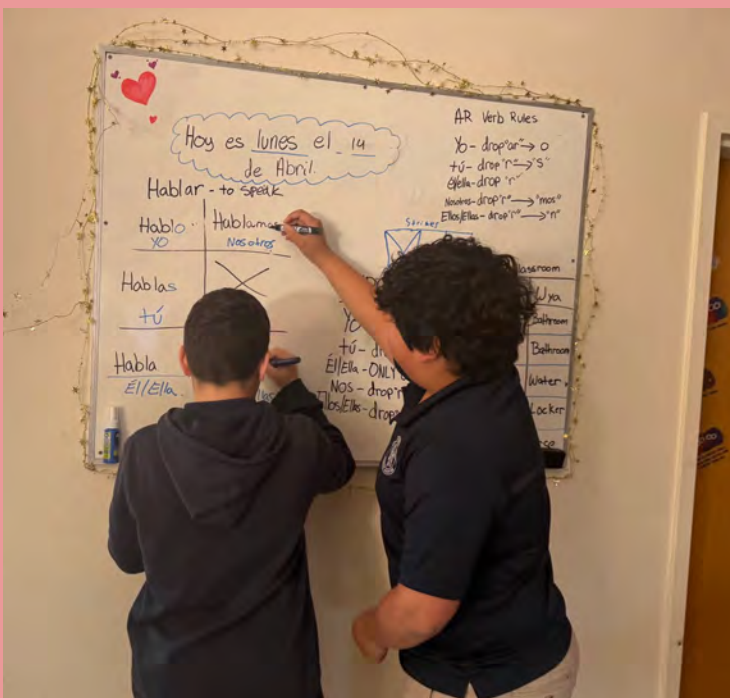
Grade 5 has been starting class by acting as “Maestro del dia” or “teacher of the day”. They have had a lot of fun while practicing classroom vocabulary!



Spanish

Grades 5-8

Students in grades 6 and 7 have been learning how to conjugate all verbs ending in “ar” which is helping them structure more sentences!



Grade 8 learned past tense conjugation for verbs ending in “er”! Preparing for High school level Spanish!

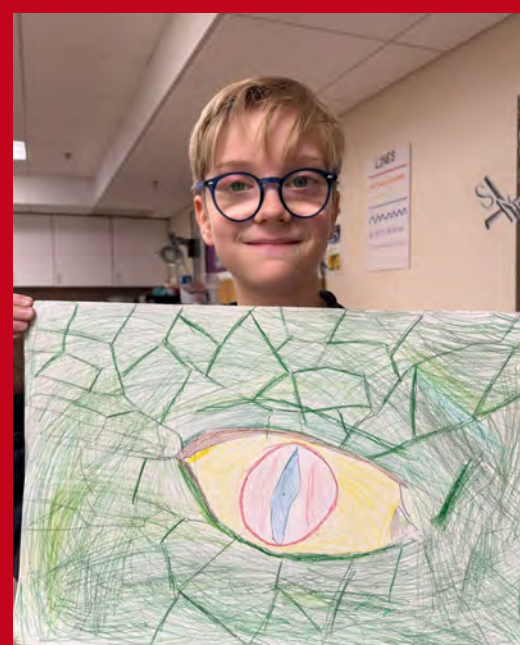
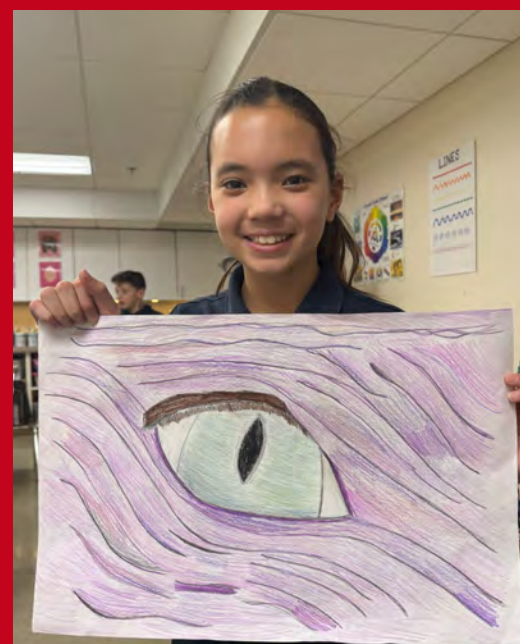
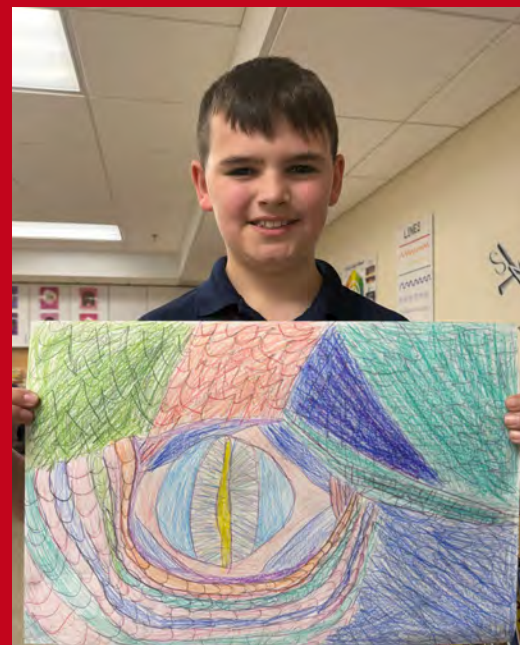
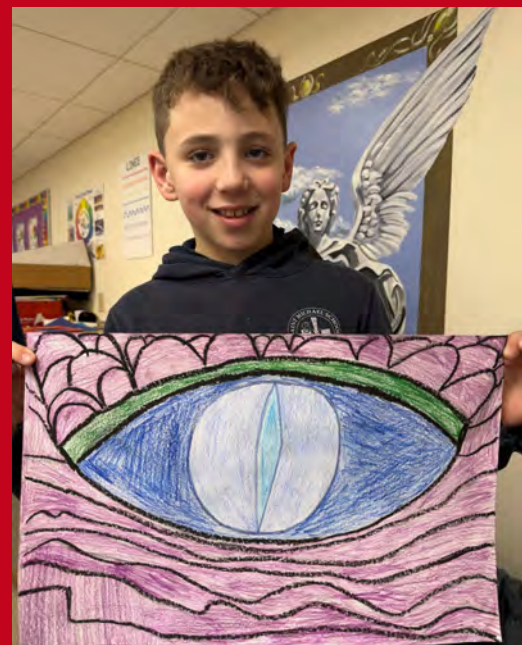
ART CLASS

With Mrs. Donegan



Fourth grade students worked on creating plants in decorative pots and then painted them with tempera paint and watercolor. Fifth grade students worked extremely hard on creating dragon eyes. They included the pupil and iris and whatever other details they wanted. All students should be proud of their work!





Counselor's Corner With Mrs. Rowley



During this rainy month of April, the fourth grade girls finished a four week lunch group focusing on different topics, such as: friendship, empathy, and self-esteem.

