



It's hard to believe that the school year is winding down. May brings about the warm temperatures, pollen and the excitement of recitals, sporting events and more! School is super busy this month so we encourage you to always look for the Trumpet News on Monday mornings to ensure you know what is happening at school each week.

Earlier this month, we celebrated the school play, the May Procession and First Communion. The school play, "Peter Pan Jr.", was a huge success! Everyone who attended the show said they loved it! Thank you to everyone who made this drama production a huge success! Our second grade students made their Holy First Communion earlier this month. They looked handsome and beautiful and represented their family and school in a very special way. We also held the annual May Procession! This annual event to honor Mother Mary was very well attended and our 8th graders did a beautiful job honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This year's Archangel Run was a HUGE success! Thank you to all your help in raising over \$70,000 for our school! Many thanks to the PTO for running the program and to all the friends and family members for supporting it! We will celebrate with a week of no homework and no uniform May 19-23. The Kona Ice Truck will come May 15th and the Ice Cream Truck will come on June 2nd! The PTO is also sponsoring and paying for all of our End of Year activities! Students in grades 1-7 will attend trips to Cedarland while Nursery, Pre-K and Kindergarten have a Field Day and visit from Curious Creatures.

Later this month, we will host our Annual Spring Band Concert. With over 100 students in the band, Mrs. Smith has devised an evening of music with different concert times. Please look for an email from her with lots of information about the night. We also have NJHS Inductions and a Memorial Day Show later this month so we are busy, busy, busy with events!

Our 8th grade students will be graduating on June 5th. They are off to many different high schools including Central Catholic, North Andover High School, Philips Academy, Governor's Academy and many, many more high schools. We wish them all much happiness and success!

We invite all families to our final mass of the year on June 12th at 1:45p.m. This mass will be hosted by our first grade students. The last day for students in Nursery- grade 7 will be Friday, June 13th. This is a half day of school with final dismissal at 12:05 (N-PK-K), 12:10 (grades 1-4) and 12:15 (grades 5-7). There is bus home.

In planning for next year, we anticipate starting (tentative) school on August 27th for grades all grades. Check out the Summer Newsletter in early August for details! God Bless our First Communicants, our graduates and ALL of our students!

Sue Gosselin

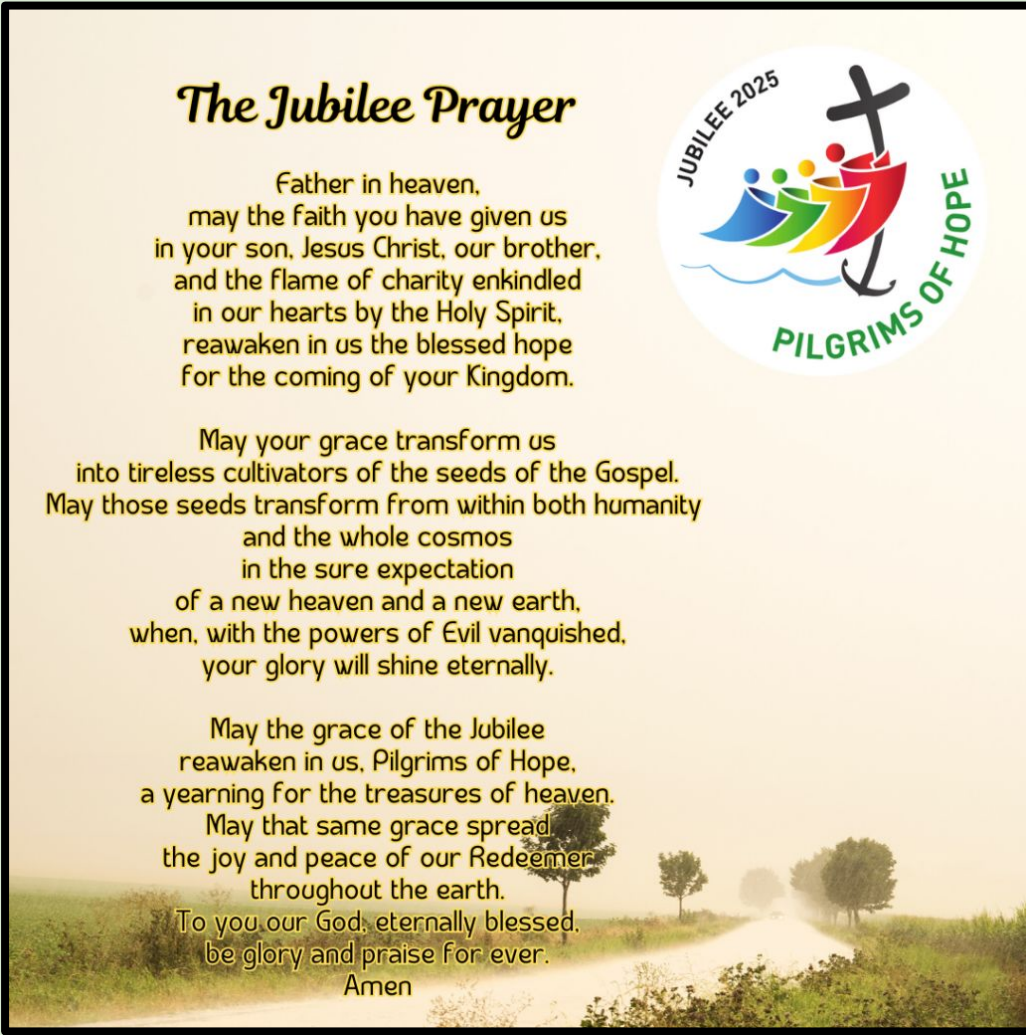
The Jubilee Prayer

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.



Important Dates and INFORMATION

- May 21- BCH Blood Drive
- May 21- PTO meeting
- May 22-Band Concert
- May 23- Memorial Day Show, Half Day
12:15 Dismissal
- May 26- No School
- June 5- 8th Grade Graduation 7pm
- June 11- Kindergarten Graduation 6pm
- June 12- Last Mass 1:45pm
- June 13- Last Day of School Half Day 12:15
Dismissal

Do Not Send Cash or Checks Into School

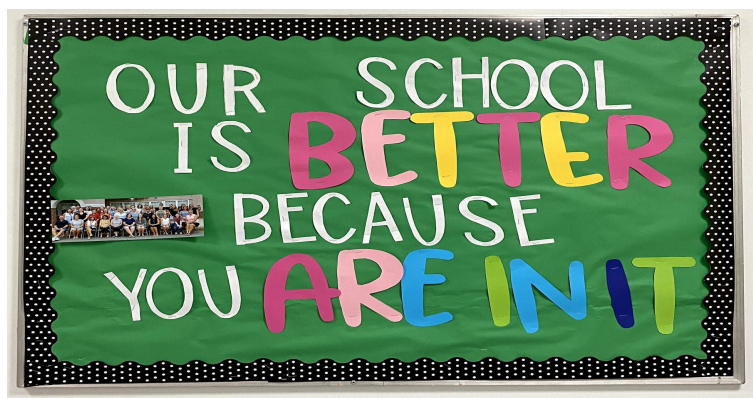
When paying for field trips, art projects, club, etc. for your child, all payments must be made through our Student Information Service Program, RenWeb/FACTS.

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.

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.



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

"Habemus Papam" We have a Pope God Bless Pope Leo XIV

The First Pope from the United States of America!

So much anticipation! We had a "chimney" in the lobby to show when the white smoke was released! Cheers were heard throughout the school when the announcement was made!



A Prayer for Our New Holy Father

Loving God, Thank You for giving us Pope Leo XIV to lead Your Church. Bless him with strength, wisdom, and a loving heart, so he can guide us closer to Jesus. Come, Holy Spirit, fill his heart with Your light and truth. Help him to be brave in teaching the Gospel, kind in serving others, and joyful in bringing hope to the world. Blessed Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, pray for our Holy Father. Keep him safe under your care, and help him to trust in God's plan, just as you did with your "yes." All the saints in heaven, our brothers and sisters in the communion of saints, pray for him and help him. May he follow your holy example and lead the Church with love, faith, and peace. We pray this in the name of Jesus, our Lord.
Amen.

2025-2026 Tentative Calendar

August

- 19 Playground Day for Nursery, Pre-K and K
- 25 Teachers Return to School
- 26 Meet & Greet Teacher Day 10-11a.m.
- 27 First Day of School N-8, 12:15 dismissal, No AM/PM Bus
- 28 Half day N-8, 12:15 dismissal, No AM/PM Bus
- 29 No School- Labor Day Weekend

September

- 1 No School- Labor Day
- 2 Full Days begin
- 8 Open House Nursery-Gr. 4 6:30p.m., Mass 1:45p.m.
- 9 Open House Gr. 5-8 6:30p.m., Grade 8 parents 6p.m.
- 24 Half Day-12:15 dismissal, Bus available

October

- 6 Mass 1:45p.m.
- 13 No School- Holiday
- 16-17 Grade 8 Retreat
- 22 Half Day- 12:15 dismissal, Bus available
- 23 Trick or Treat Night Gr. N-4
- 24 Halloween Dance for Gr. 5-8
- 27 Living Rosary 1:45p.m.

November

- 2-5 NEASC Accreditation Visitors on Campus
- 3 Mass 1:45p.m.
- 4 SMS is Open, North Andover public closed (no bus)
- 7 End of Term I
- 10 No School- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11 Veterans Day- No school
- 14 Report Cards for Gr. 1-8
- 26 Half day, Grandparent Prayer Service 10:45a.m., 12:15 dismissal
- 27-30 Thanksgiving Break (No School)
- 30 Advent Begins

December

- 8 Immaculate Conception Mass 1:45p.m.
- 17 Nativity Program 1:45p.m.
- 23 Half Day, 12:15 dismissal

****School closed Dec. 24-Jan. 4****

January

- 5 School re-opens
- 12 Mass 1:45p.m.
- 16 No School-Professional Development Day
- 19 No School- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 26-30 Catholic Schools Week
- 30 End of Term II

February

- 6 Report Cards for N-8
- 9 Mass 1:45p.m.
- 16-20 Vacation

March

- 9 Mass 1:45p.m.
- 25 Half Day, 12:15 dismissal, Bus available

April

- 2 End of Term III
- 3 School Closed-Good Friday
- 5 Easter
- 10 Report Cards Gr. 1-8
- 13 Mass 1:45p.m.
- 20-24 Vacation

May

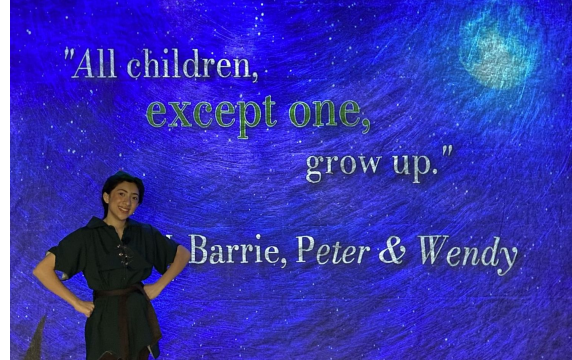
- 13 Half Day, 12:15 dismissal, Bus available
- 14 Ascension Thursday Mass 1:45p.m.
- 15 May Procession 1:45p.m.
- 22 Half Day dismissal 12:15p.m., Bus Available
- 25 Memorial Day (No School)

June

- 2 Grade 8 Grad. Dinner (tentative)
- 4 Grade 8 Graduation (tentative)
- 12 Last Day of School (tentative, with no snow days)

*Additional days may be added if snow days are utilized





Peter Pan, Jr. was a huge success.
We had to add extra seats to our performances!





Thank you so much to everyone who has supported Ryan's Eagle Scout project. We're really grateful for the generosity we witnessed from the **Saint Michael School** community, family, and friends.

Ryan wanted to express his gratitude to those who donated, encouraged him, or helped spread the word. Special thanks to **Mark Brady** of **Damark Woodcraft Inc** who has been helping Ryan with the woodworking part of the project. Mark donated not only all of the materials, but also his time and expertise multiple times to work with Ryan after school.

Thanks to the amazing turnout for Dress Down Day, which raised over \$800, and the generosity of families across the SMS community, Ryan raised nearly \$6,000 for the STEM program and felt truly encouraged and inspired.

He put together a video to say thank you, to share just how much your support has meant to him, and to update you on the progress of his project. Check it out at

<https://sites.google.com/view/stemformsthankyou/home>



U Matter



Congratulations to our U Matter winners!

Nursery



Emma is always a great friend.

Pre-K



Abby chose to make a good choice even though her friend told her to make the wrong choice.

Pre-K



Rowen helped bring in a few backpacks for friends without being asked.

K

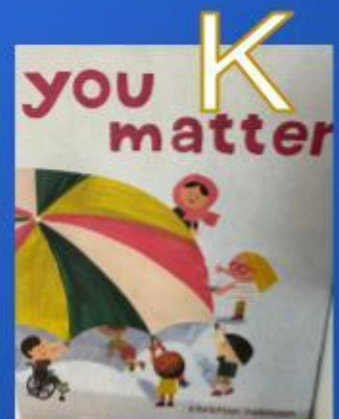


Lena listens to directions and is always respectful to her teacher.

K



Jack shared his supplies



Fiona helped a classmate clean up.

U Matter



Congratulations to our U Matter winners!



Nolan stopped the Kindergarten so Ms. Lavallee could pass by.



Jo helped a friend and always looks out for others.



Dayzel always helps care for the classroom and all who enter it.



Bakhita volunteered to help others with their math assignment.



Aria included others in an activity.



Kristian answered a question correctly at the Chrism Mass.



Claire sets up and breaks down the chairs in the Spanish room.



Callie sets up and breaks down chairs in the Spanish room.

Honorable Mention

Kindergarten

James- works hard in class and is always willing to help his classmates

Grade 4

Caroline L-organized the book library without being asked.

Haven-organized the book library without being asked.

Grade 6

Cam-gave up his seat on the bus.

Owen-collected a sick student's belongings for him.

Grade 7

George-carried the backpack for an injured friend

Grade 8

Thomas- cleaned up trash from the hallway and bathroom.

Davin-cleaned up trash from the hallway and bathroom.

U Matter



Congratulations to our U Matter winners!

Nursery



Logan is caring about others' feelings.



Bridget cleaned the room and shows pride in our school



Matteo helped organize the room and took care of recycling.



Elias picked up trash without being asked.



Alexandra helped clean up a spill for a friend



Kehlani cleaned up the classroom after a project was completed without being asked.

U Matter



Congratulations to our U Matter winners!



Irmin was willing to give \$1 to friend who forgot his money for a dress down day.



Abby does the right thing even when it is difficult.



Emily helped the teacher cut out supplies for a class project.



Amayah helped the teacher cut out supplies for a class project.



Emmett made the classroom sparkle for guests.



Dominic gave a presentation on icons in Religion class.

Honorable Mention

Grade 1

Harper- found a bracelet in the bathroom and returned it to its owner.

Grade 3

Valentino helped at the bus line.

Grade 4

Colten does the right thing even when it's difficult.

Avery- helped a younger student outside during free time.

Valentina- helped a younger student outside during free time.

Kevin-found a no uniform pass and returned it to its owner.

Grade 5

Stella M cleaned lunch tables without being asked.

Joseph-stopped the line so that a staff member could go by.

Everly- cleaned the lunch tables without being asked.

Grade 6

Jacob tutored a classmate in math.

Grade 7

Ally helped the younger students with ipads.

Grade 8

Ryan F- found and returned money to the rightful owner.

John-found and returned money to the rightful owner.

U Matter



Congratulations to our U Matter winners!



Max helped a friend during sight word Bingo.



Isla cleaned up after a class project.



Olivia helped a classmate complete a project.



Jack cleaned tables without being asked.



Anthony offered to bring in the trash after outdoor snack time.



Hillary worked on a class poster before school.



Michelle worked on a classposter before school.



NURSERY



PRE-K

Early Childhood

Nursery, Pre-K, & Kindergarten



KINDERGARTEN

Nursery

Mrs. Siddiqui



We had so much fun at the Archangel Run!
Thank you to all who donated!



Nursery

Mrs. McGovern

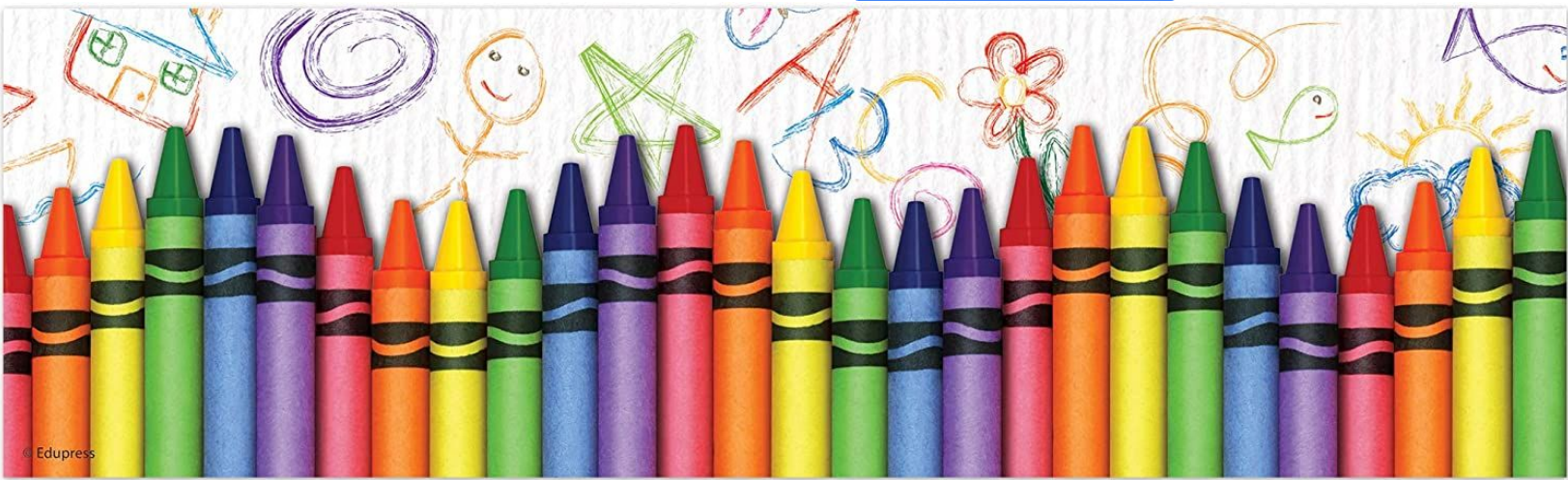


Happy May! We wrapped up our final mindfulness meeting of the year with a moment to slow down and reflect, then switched gears for a fun and spirited Archangel Run!



PRE-K Mrs. Reinhard

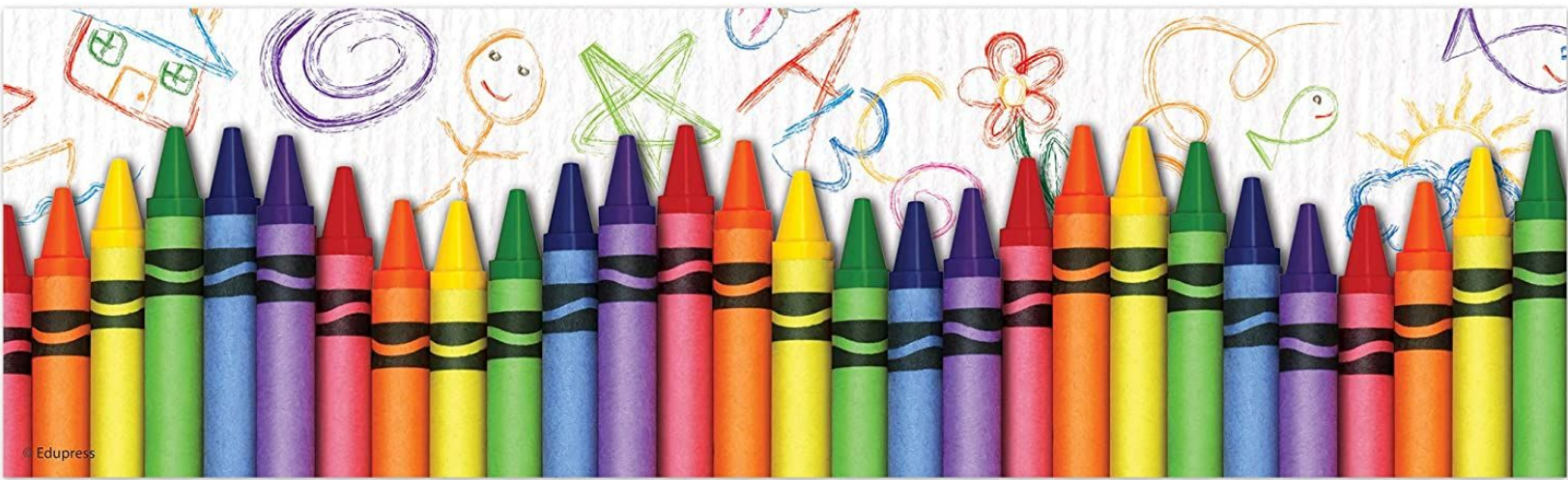
During the month of May, we did an author study on Eric Carle and read many of his books. We learned about the life cycle of a butterfly.



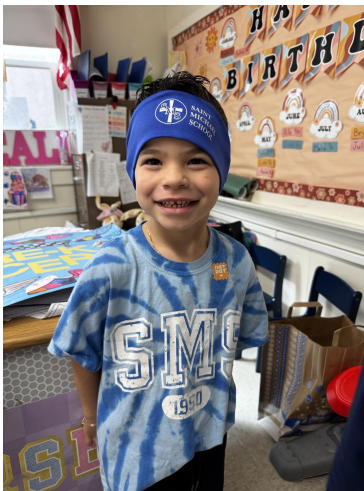
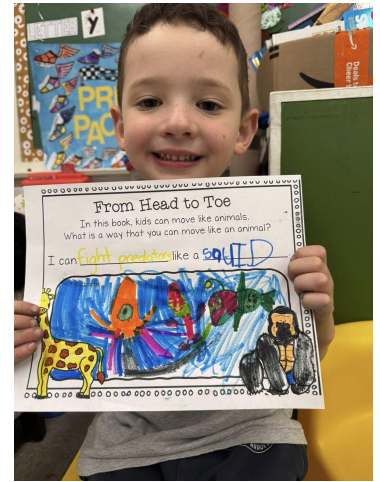
PRE-K Ms. K



We had a great time at the Fun Run, had special readers visit our room, and learned about transportation this month! We will be busy with our community helpers unit next!



PRE-K Mrs. Cali



We had so much fun preparing for and running in the Archangel Run! We have also loved learning all about Spring and enjoying the weather outside!



Kindergarten!

Mrs. Sleight



Kindergarten enjoyed a really fun day at the Stone Zoo! A perfect day to see the animals and eat outdoors!

Kindergarten!

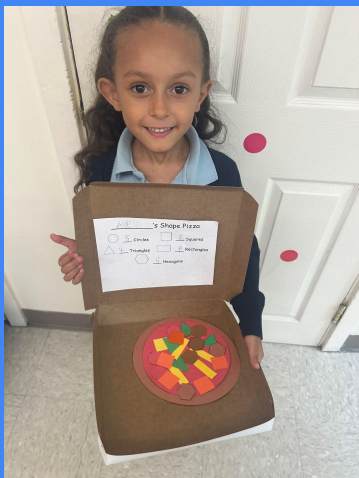
Mrs. Polcari

Kindergarten started the month of May by going on a Field Trip to the Stone Zoo! They also raised money for our school, participated in the Archangel Fun Run, and attended the school's production of Peter Pan! We celebrated Mother Mary and our own moms during the month of May!

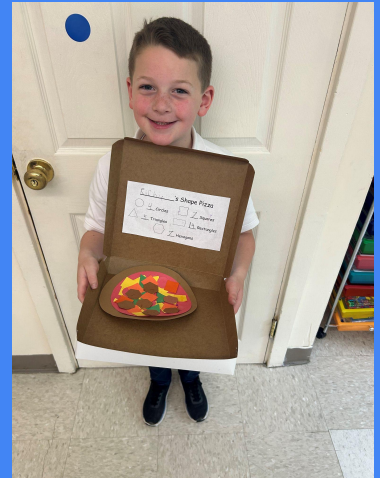


Kindergarten!

Mrs. Kasberg



May was a busy month! We went on a field trip to the Stone Zoo, participated in the Archangel Run, created a shape pizza, and most importantly learned about Mother Mary!





FIRST GRADE



SECOND GRADE

Elementary School

Grades 1-4



THIRD GRADE



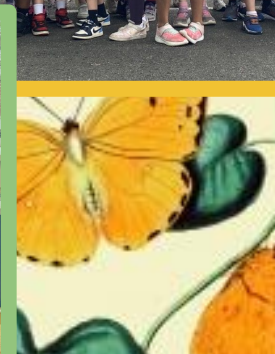
FOURTH GRADE



First Grade

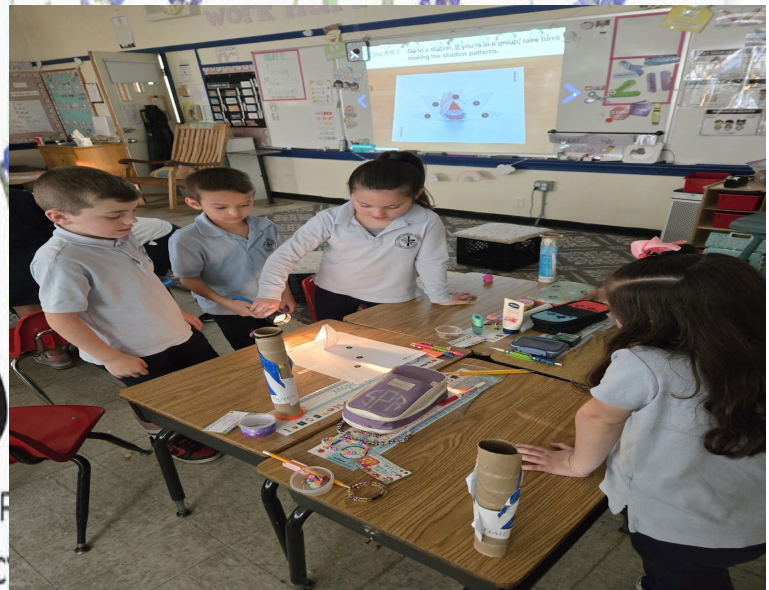
1A- Mrs. Robidoux

May is the month we celebrate Mary, Our Blessed Mother, and all mothers. Each day we crowned Mary and honored her as Our Holy Mother. We learned about 2D and 3D shapes. We read about plants and gardens. Our Little Angels raced to support the school we love!



First Grade

1B- MS. BEDARD



In May we celebrate Mary. We are learning all about the parts of the Mass. We had our trip to Smolak Farm and have so many other fun activities planned!



Mrs. Caffrey

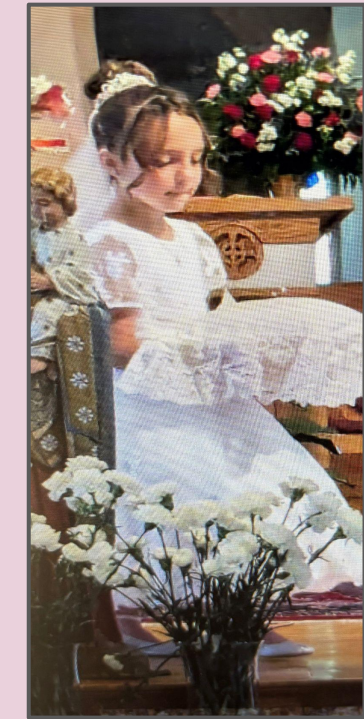
May has been marvelous. The children participated in the Archangel fun run.

Each of the students presented their diorama on an Eric Carle book.

On May 10th the children made their First Communion.

Avery Gibbs was the crown bearer at the Parish May Procession.

God Bless to all the children in Grade 2.





Mrs. Grant

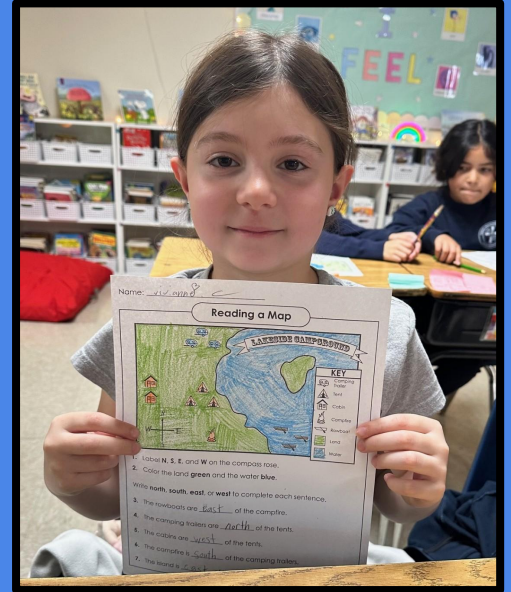
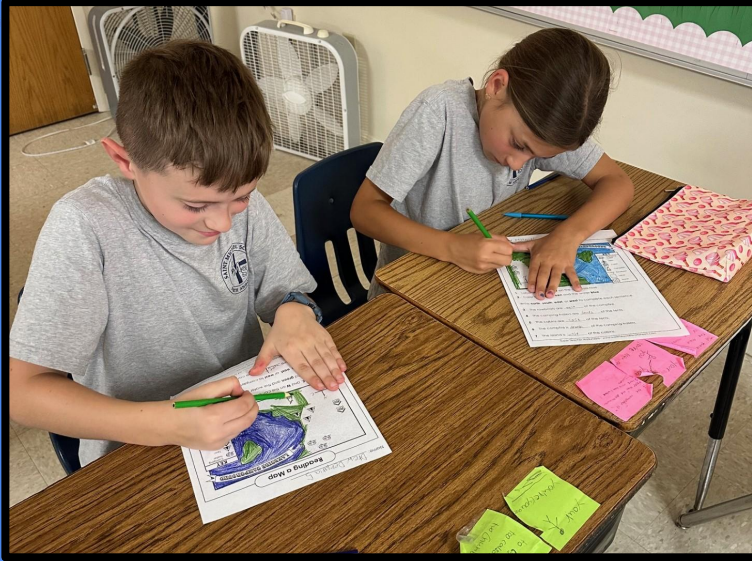
Grade 2 received many blessings on their First Communion Day. They are enjoying fun filled days with friends.



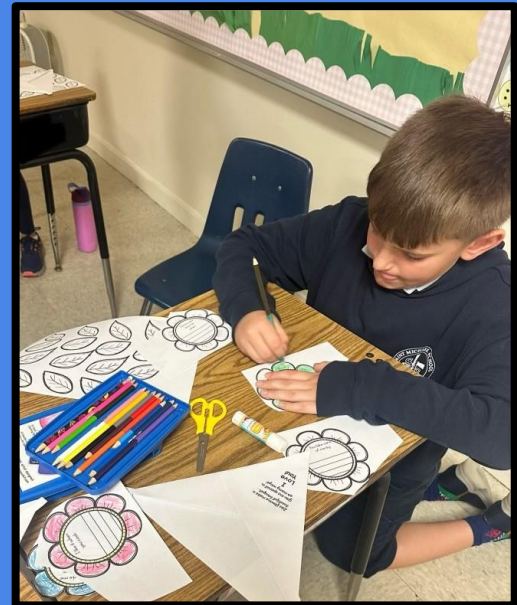
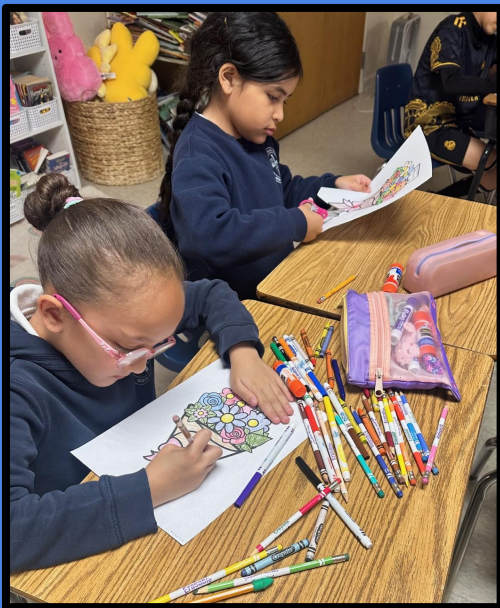


3rd Grade

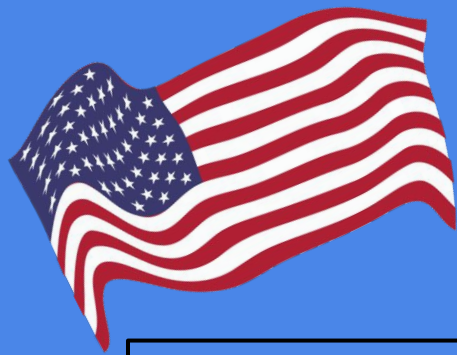
Mrs. Torpey and Ms. Grava



In social studies, students are learning all about map skills! They have been practicing how to read a map and use cardinal directions.



We also made some fun Mother's Day crafts to celebrate all the amazing moms in our lives!



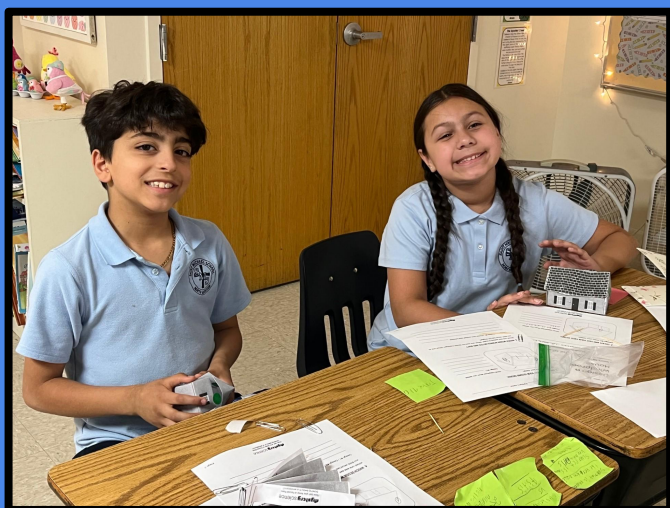
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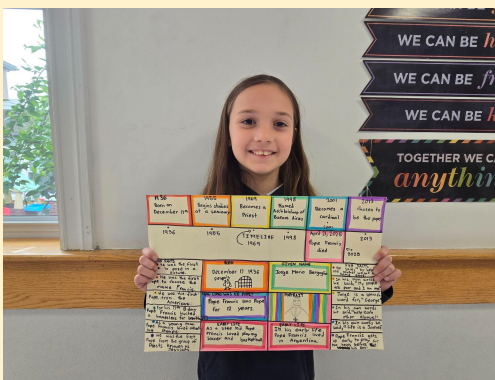
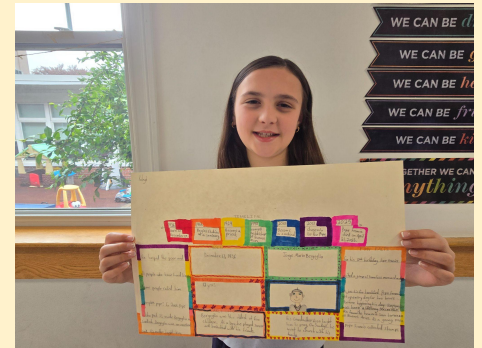
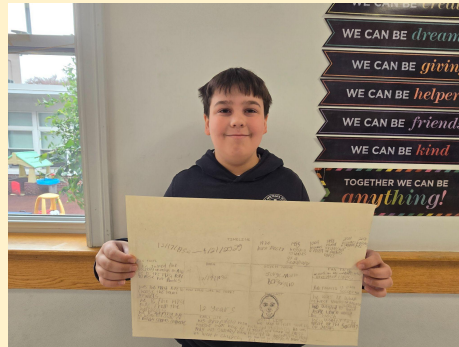
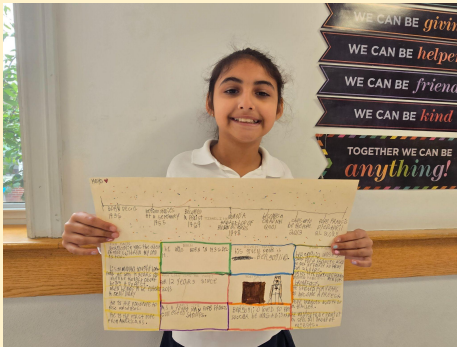
Grade 3 had a blast participating in the Archangel Run! Our team name was Running Raptors!



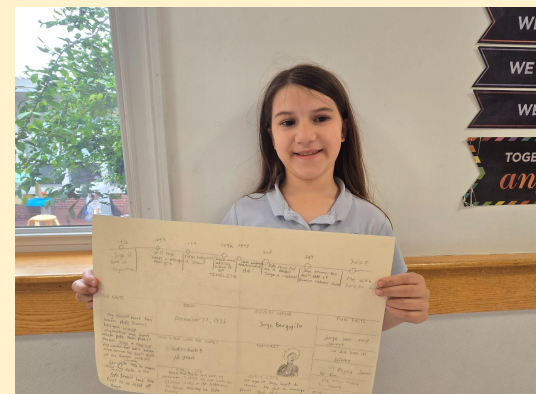
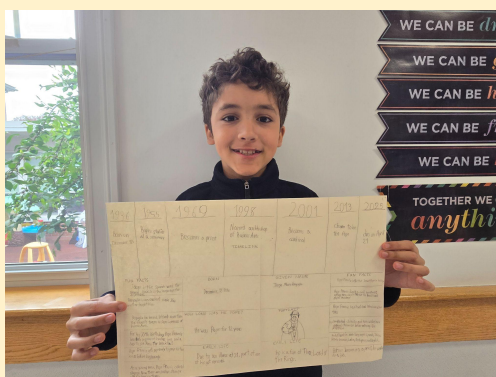
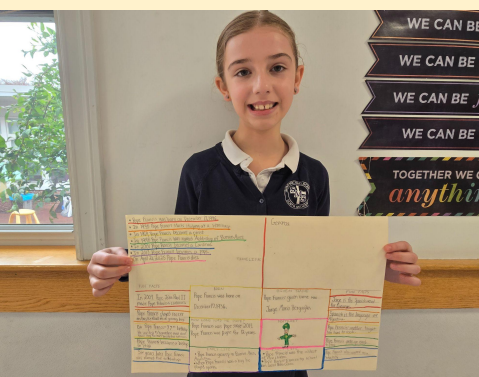
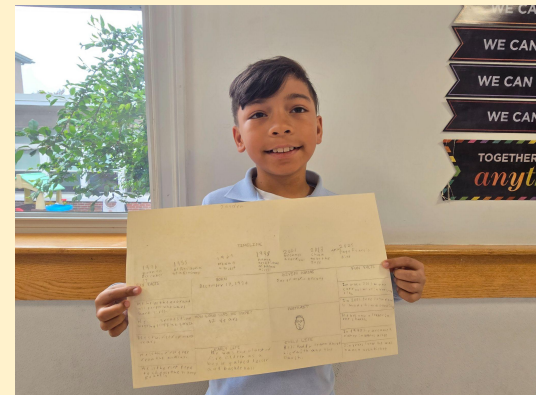
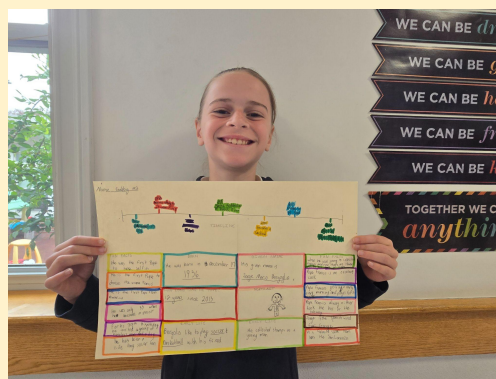
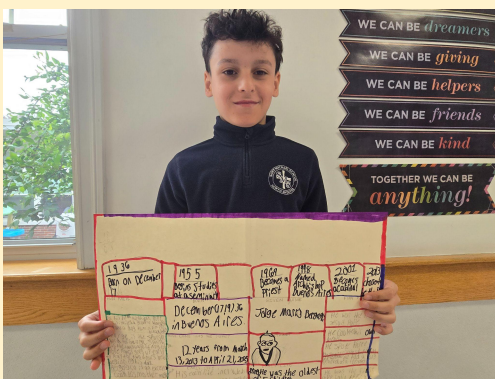
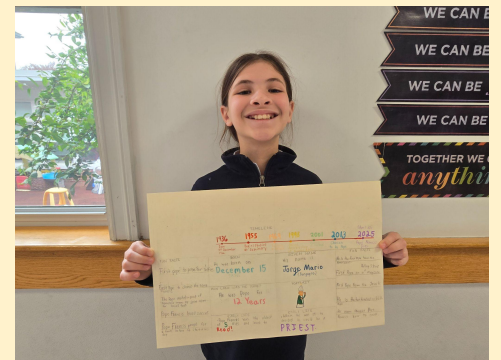
In science, the students built their own home out of paper and needed to design and test out a plan to keep their house from blowing away in a windstorm.



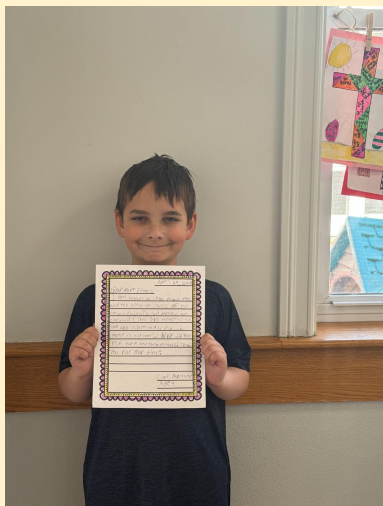
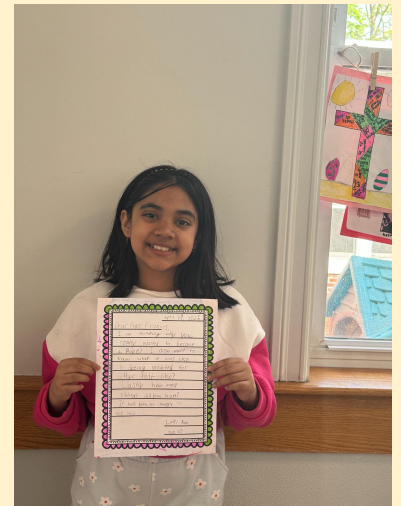
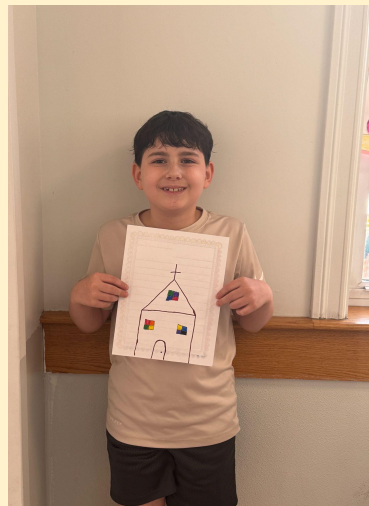
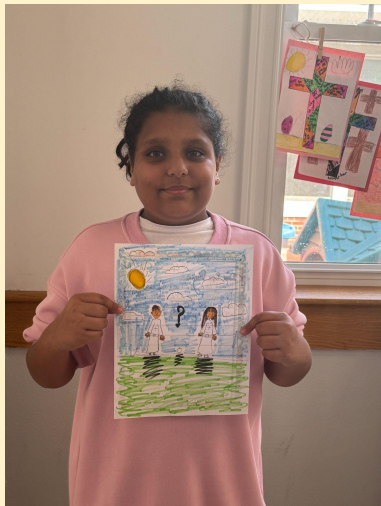
Grade 4 with Mrs. Andrewchuk & Mrs. Sweeney



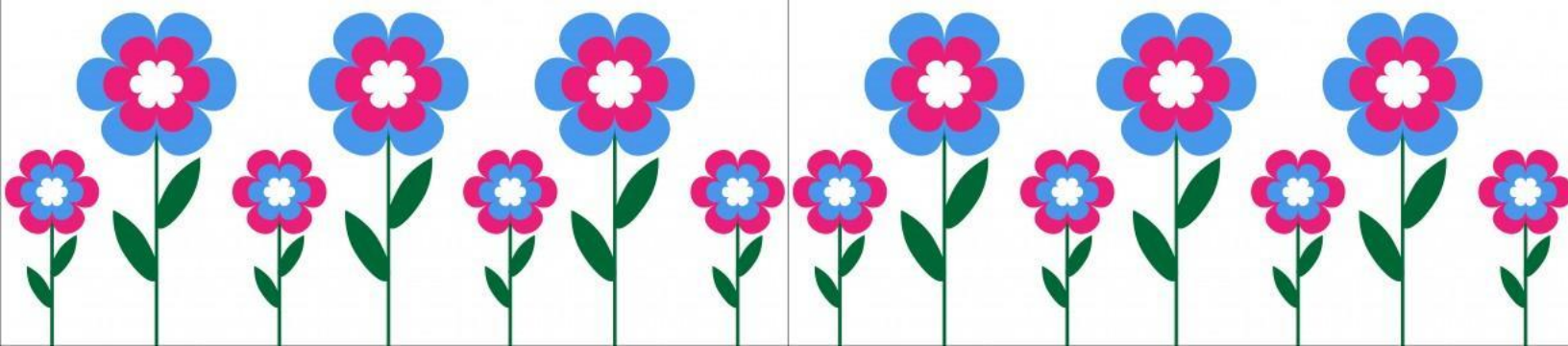
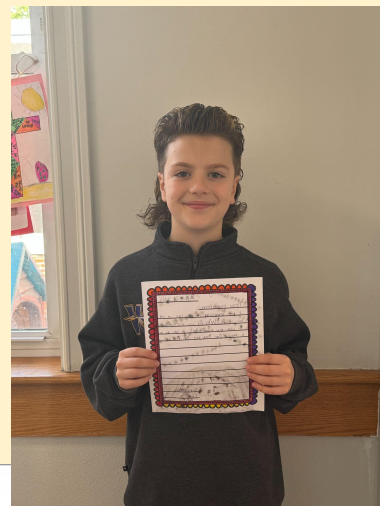
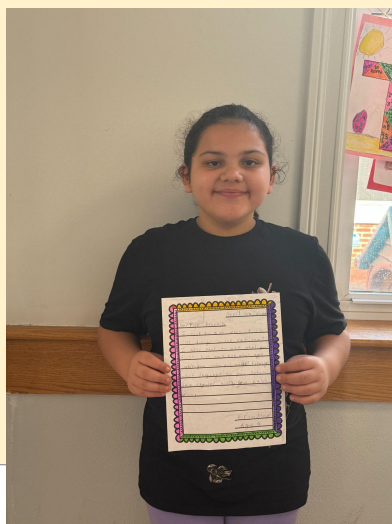
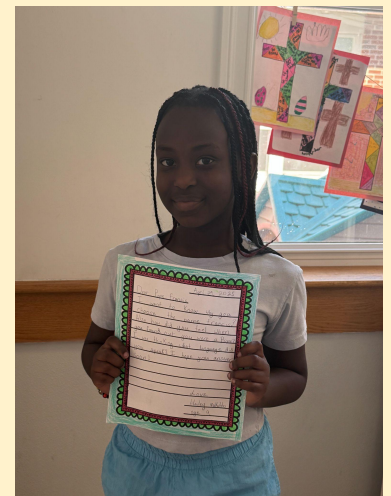
Students made
biography posters to
pay tribute to the late
Pope Francis!
They learned so
many amazing facts
about His Holiness!



Grade 4 with Mrs. Andrewchuk & Mrs. Sweeney



Students read the book
Dear Pope Francis,
which is a collection of
letters to the Pope from
children all around the
world. Then, the
students wrote their
very own letters to him!





FIFTH GRADE



SIXTH GRADE

Upper School

Grades 5-8



SEVENTH GRADE



EIGHTH GRADE



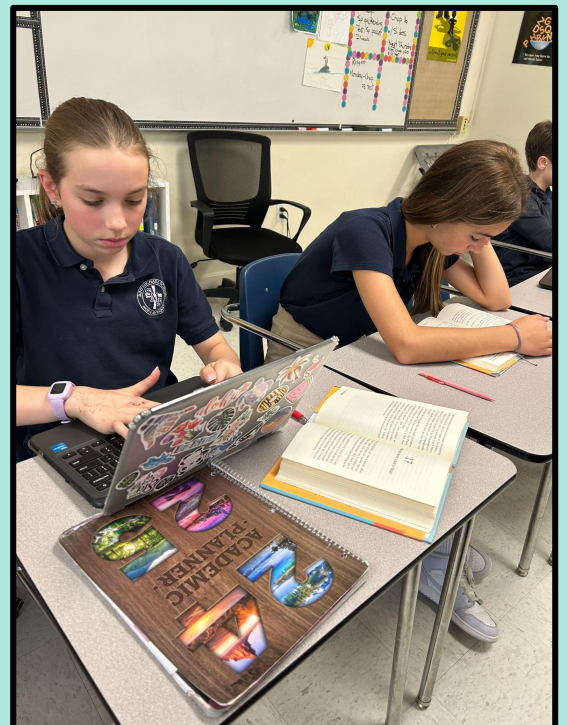
Mrs. Adam ELA



5th Grade - The Essential Question for this module is, "How do people adapt to new experiences and make a new place home?"



6th Grade - We just learned about love, faith, family, and community while reading *The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora*.





Mrs. Adam and Mrs. Clifford



We had a wonderful field trip
to the U.S.S. Constitution!



Thank you P. T.O.
for putting
together the Fun
Run! We had so
much fun!



Mrs. Berard

5th/6th Grade Science

6 Degrees of Chaos! Had an amazing time at the Saint Michael school Fun Run.

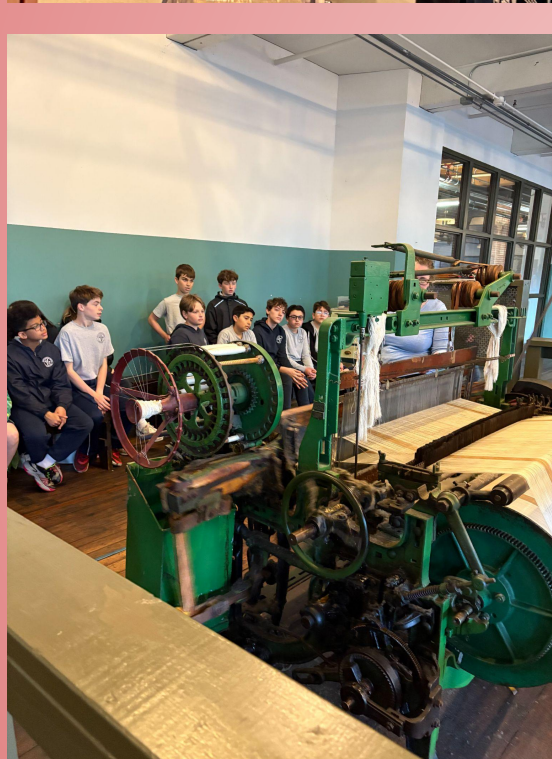
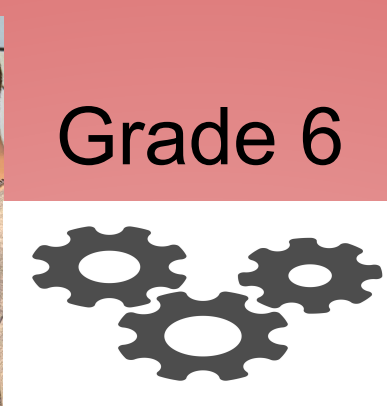


Grade 5/6 MATH

FUN RUN FESTIVITIES

6 DEGREES of CHAOS





Both grade 6 classes visited the Tsongas Science Center in Lowell to learn about the use of water power during the Industrial Revolution. They also applied the science of water power to propel turbines. Ask them which turbines worked best.

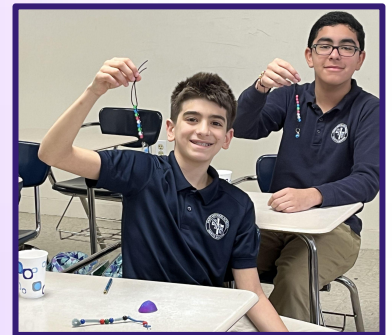




Mrs. Nagle: 7/8 Social Studies

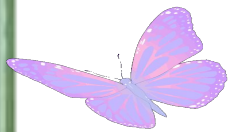
7A Enrichment

Students had a great time
creating their own
personalized fidgets.



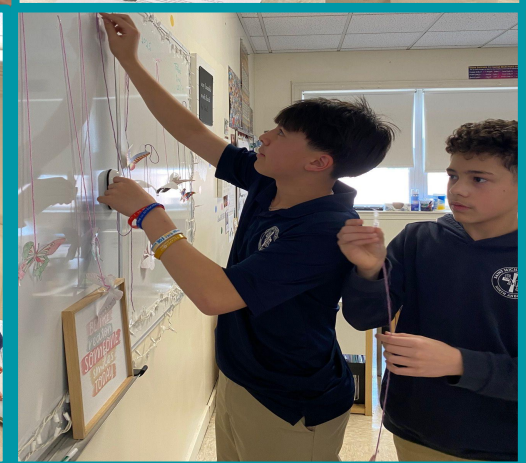
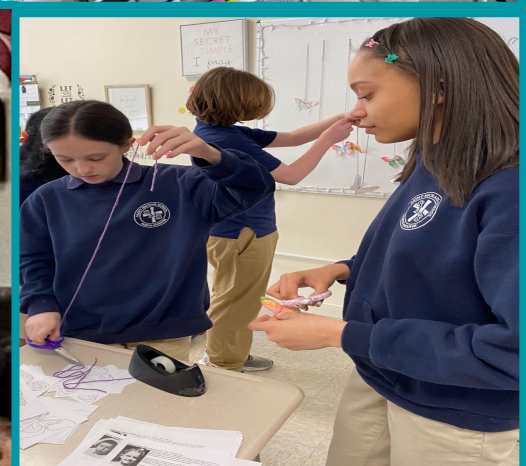
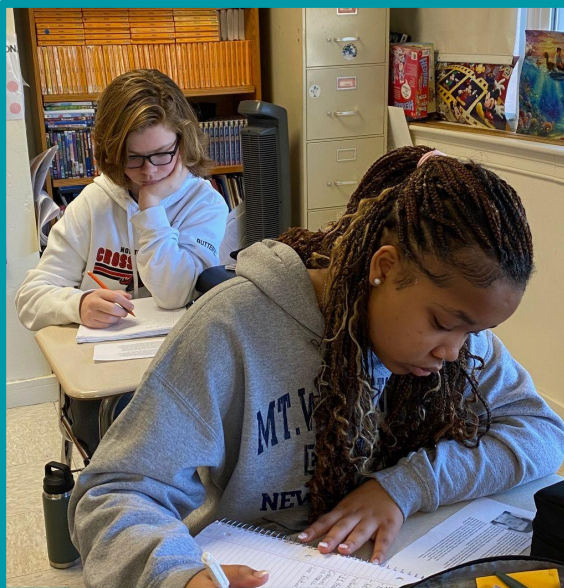
Grade 8 students had a blast learning the
↓ dances of the 1950's and 1960's. ↓





Mrs. Ordway - ELA Gr. 8

After reading the graphic novel, *Hidden*, the class took on the identity of a person living during WWII. They then designed butterflies representing their person and shared their life stories.





Mr. A: Science 7/8

The time has gone by quickly. It seems like yesterday I was meeting the middle school science students for the first day of school. There are only a few weeks remaining in the school year. Grade eight will end the year by studying the different types of forces and friction. Grade seven will be learning about electricity.

The eighth grade has many activities planned for the end of the year. I hope that they enjoy their last weeks as students of St. Michael School and create lasting memories for themselves.



Grade 8



Grade 7

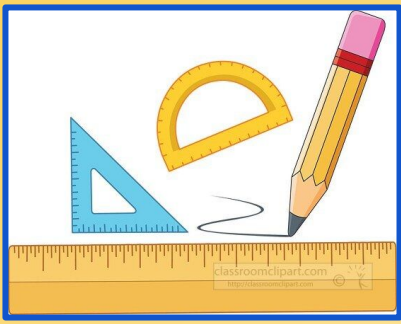


Grade 6



Full NJHS

Congratulations to our newest NJHS inductees. Thank you to the graduating members of the class of 2025!



Mrs. Parker: 7/8 Math

We have been very busy upstairs this month. The 7th grade students have been working on a geometry unit and the 8th graders are finishing up their work with quadratics. It's been a great year and I am looking forward to all of the upcoming events. I know we will finish this year strong!



Thank you to the class of 2025 for all their hard work at this year's Clean Up Day!





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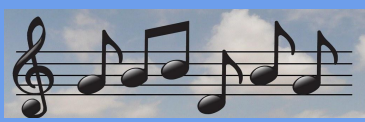
April vacation has come and gone, and we are into the home stretch at school! May started off with some crazy weather which forced us to stay indoors, but we made the best of it. We practiced our throwing and catching skills! Playing team handball is always a crowd favorite.

It was great to be part of the PTO "Fun Run" event. Celebrating the students' efforts and raising money for our school was awesome.

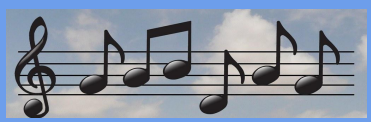


"Wherever you go, no matter the weather, always bring your own sunshine."

-ANTHONY J. D'ANGELO

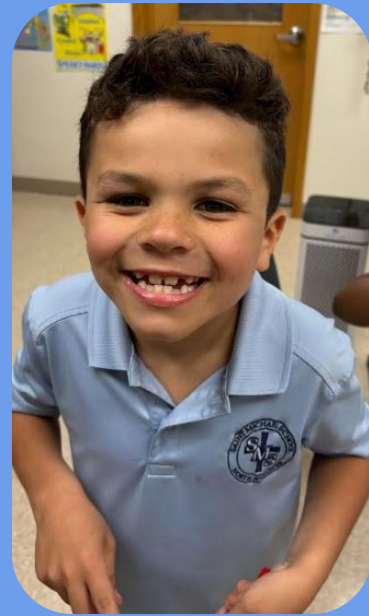
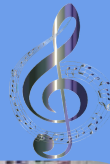
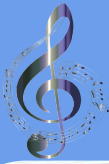


Musical May



- ★ **Nursery Students** are playing triangles and tambourines, while saying “fingerplays”. This is an engaging fun and rhythmic musical activity, that combines movement, sound and speech.
- ★ **Pre-K Students** are singing songs about the ocean and sea animals. They are learning how sound travels faster in water than in the air. They’ve been listening to whales that sing and echo songs... like the Beluga Whale.
- ★ **Kindergarten Students** prepare for their graduation ceremony. They are very EXCITED!
- ★ **Grade 1 Students** prepare for their Memorial Day program, practicing songs and poems. Eighth Grade students ensemble will narrate the program and 4th Grade recorder ensemble will play a few recorder selections.
- ★ **Grade 2 Students** are having fun with rhythmic partner activities and loving it!
- ★ **Grade 3 & 4 Students** continue their recorder practice. They are working hard to earn more belts as they progress through different levels of their musical journey.

Excellent... as usual!!
Musically yours,
Ms. Lavallee

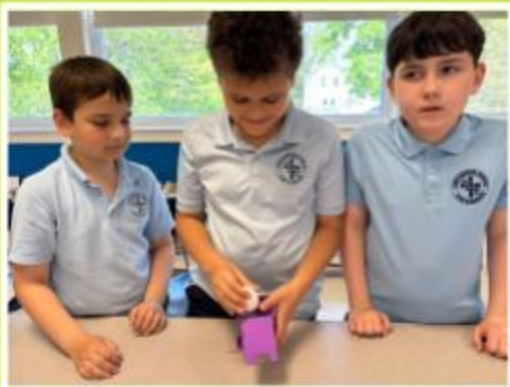


STEM EGG DROP



How does a helmet protect your head when it is hit? That's what our grade 4 students were trying to see when they built helmets for an egg. Then, our local fire department came with the ladder truck and dropped them from about 20 feet high!





We couldn't have done this activity without the help of our North Andover firefighters! THANK YOU!!



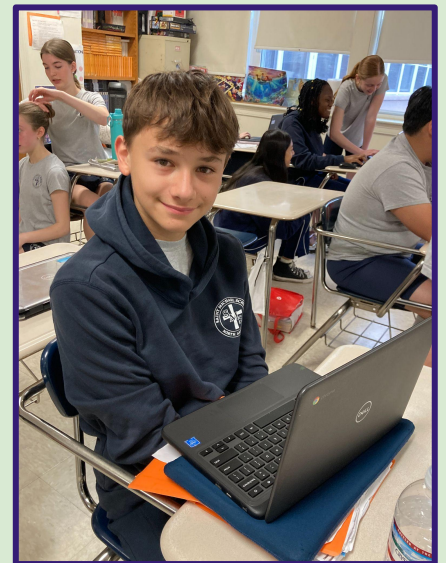
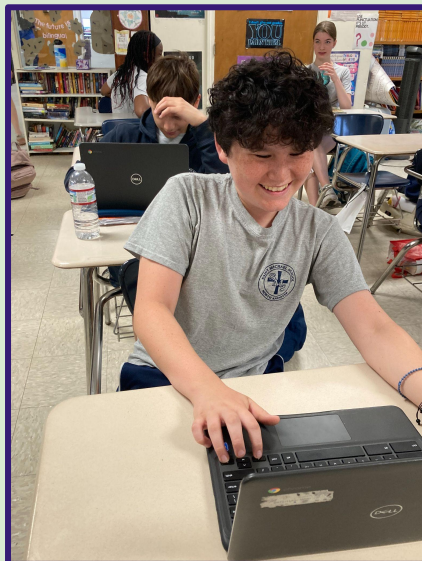
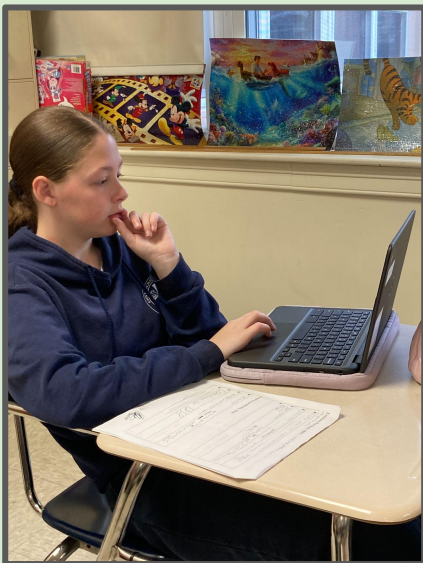
Sadly, there were NO surviving eggs!



Technology



Upper School has been working on a new slideshow presentation this month. We are digging deeper into questions such as how lifestyle habits influence one's health, and how certain people become leaders.

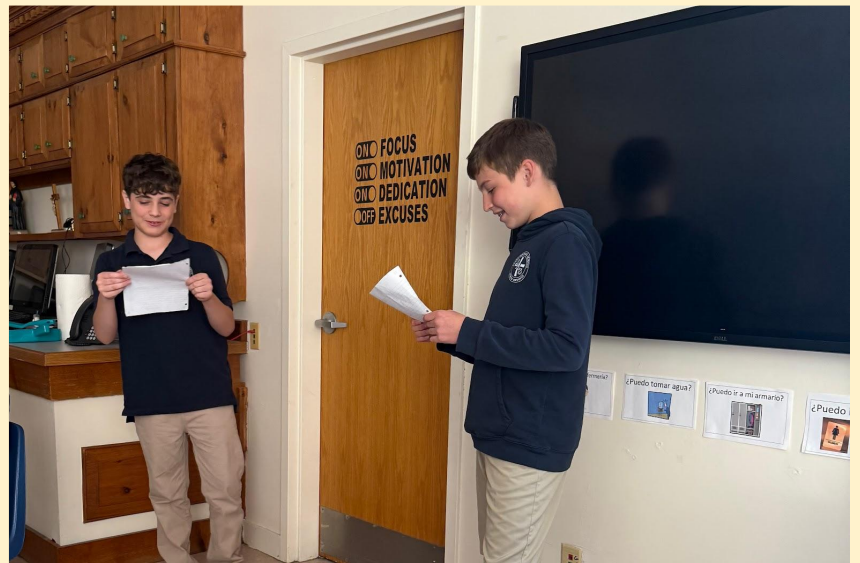


Spanish

Grades 5-8

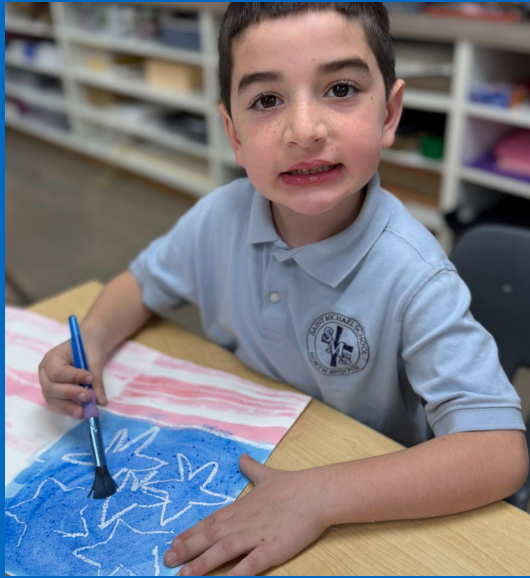


Middle school students have been hard at work showcasing their Spanish skills across the four language domains: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Over the past month, students wrote, edited, and performed original scripts entirely in Spanish. After each performance, the audience summarized the scene in English, strengthening their listening and comprehension skills. It's been a fun and creative way to build confidence and fluency—¡muy bien hecho!

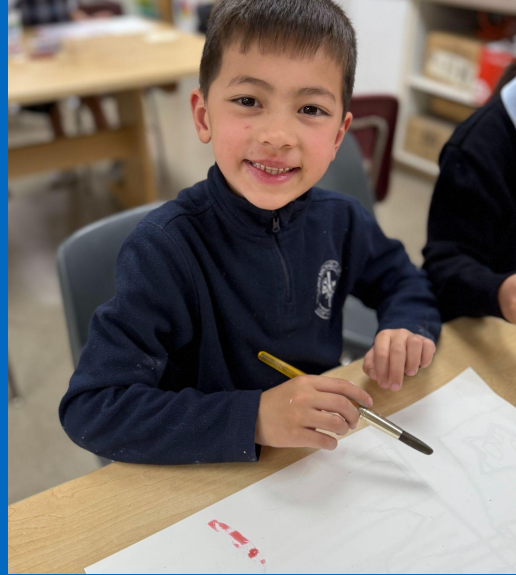


ART CLASS

With Mrs. Donegan



First Grade artists created resist paintings using white oil pastels and liquid watercolor. They created them for the Memorial Day performance. They came out beautiful!



Counselor's Corner With Mrs. Rowley



We had our last Student Council meeting during the month of May. This group of students worked so hard throughout the school year to serve our school and the surrounding communities through different projects. Some of the projects included: a food drive, and fundraising for Boston Children's Hospital and for our school's lunch bank. Thank you to all of our Student Council members and thank you for the support from their families for their participation throughout the school year!