

Newsletter October 2025



October is the month of the Blessed Mother and our dedication to praying the rosary. Throughout the month, the students will be praying the rosary in their classrooms. At the end of the month, we'll all gather at the church for the Living Rosary where we pray the rosary together as a community. Families are welcome to join us. Check the weekly Trumpet News for day/time.

We will be hosting our Annual Trick-or-Treat Night on October 23rd for students in nursery through grade 4. Students in grades 5-8 are invited to attend the Halloween Dance on October 24th from 7-9:00pm. Students should start thinking of costume ideas! These two fun events are a way to build community and get families together. Younger siblings are welcome to attend the Trick-or-Treat Night as well. A school-wide no uniform day is also being held on October 31st.

Coming up in November, our school will be hosting a visiting team from the New England Association of Schools & Colleges (NEASC). The team will be on property Nov. 2-5 and will be interviewing staff, reviewing our program offerings, etc. This is our 10-year Re-Accreditation that we have been working on for the past two years. We are excited to welcome this team of visitors to our school! Due to their visit, our school will be open on Election Day (Nov. 4) when other schools locally are closed. We will not have buses to/from school this day.

Term I will close on Nov. 7th. Students in grades 1-8 will have Report Cards uploaded on Renweb a week later. Parent-Teacher Conferences for N-8 are scheduled for Monday, November 10th. There are no classes this day. The school uses an online scheduling system to book conference times. An email will go out soon explaining that process. Students in nursery, pre-k and kindergarten will receive Report Cards in January, after Term II.

The PTO is off to a great start with a very successful Cookie fundraiser. With much thanks to all of you, the school raised over \$13,000. Next up for the PTO will be one of our biggest fundraisers, the Thanks-for-Giving Raffle. Families will all receive a packet of ten tickets and are asked to sell to family, friends, co-workers, etc. We are happy to provide additional packets should you quickly sell out of your first packet!

Also coming up in early November is our annual Veterans Day Program. We invite your family members and friends who served in the armed forces to come to school for a program of music, poetry and a celebration of American pride. Students have been preparing with our music teacher, Mrs. Lavallee, to put together a wonderful program which highlights all of the divisions of armed forces! If you didn't send along your veteran's address yet, please email me today!

As always, thank you for choosing a Catholic education at Saint Michael School for your child! We're glad you are here!

Sincerely,

Sue Gosselin

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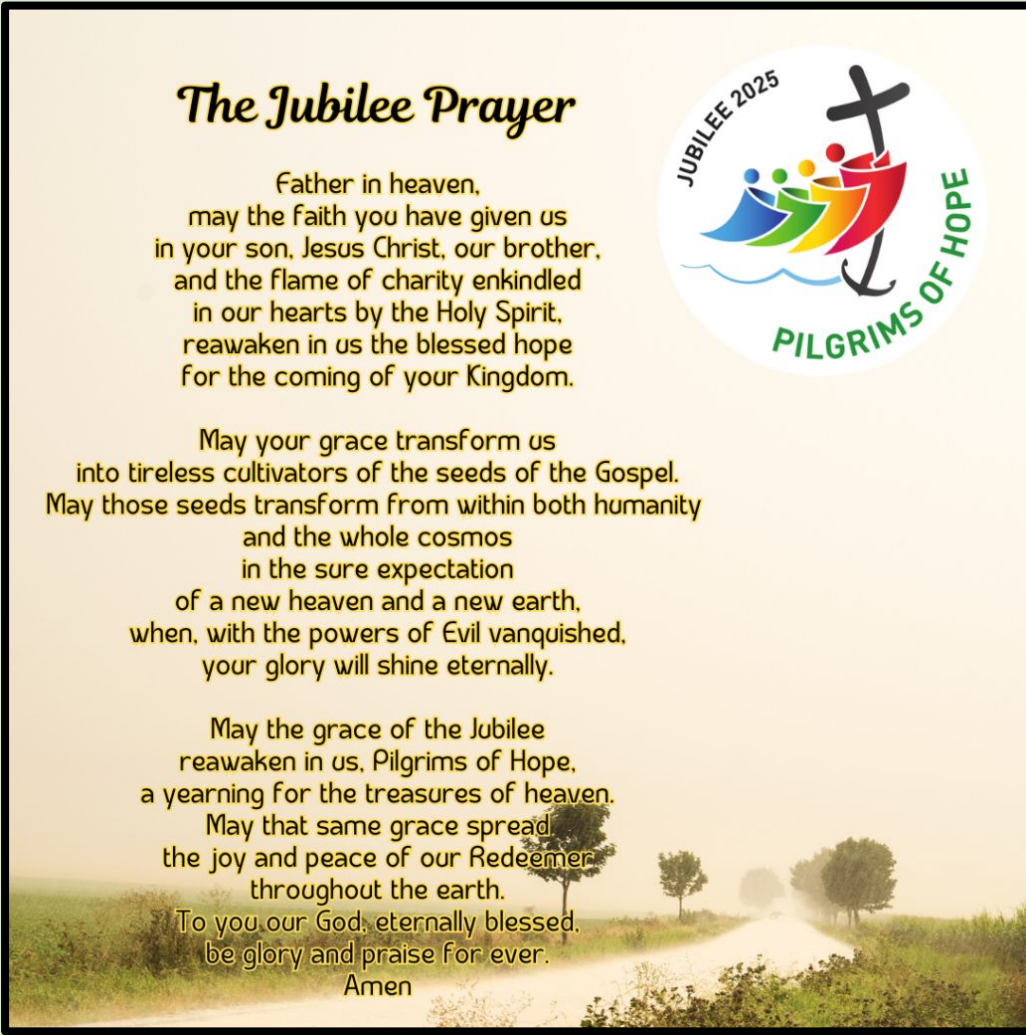
The Jubilee Prayer

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

October 16-17 Grade 8 Retreat
October 22- Half day, no PM Care
October 23- Trick-or-Treat Night Nursery-Grade 4, 5-6p.m.
October 24- Halloween Dance Gr. 5-8, 7-9p.m.
October 28- Banking Day
October 31- School-wide No uniform day
November 4- No buses to/from school
November 7- Term I Ends
November 10- Parent/Teacher Conferences, no school
November 11- Veterans Day, no school

If you are looking for Liturgy or event dates please refer to the weekly Trumpet.

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 2026-2027 school year) families must make a minimum total offertory donation of **\$500** to our parish beginning **July 1, 2025 to April 1, 2026**. 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.



On January 25, 2025, heaven gained the most beautiful, kind and loving angel as God welcomed home Ava Vida Diosa.

In honor and memory of Ava, we wanted to dedicate a space at school where other children could enjoy the things that made Ava happy. That's where the idea of "Ava's Garden" came from. This summer, with help and inspiration from Ava's parents Colleen and Jay and her siblings, Gio and Emma, Ava's Garden came to life!

Ava's Garden



If you know someone who might be interested in St. Mike's for their child, please pass along this invitation to them!

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, October 25th, 2025 at 10:00am

RSVP TODAY! www.SaintMichael.com/Tour or 978-686-1862



- Strong academic curriculum
- Faith-filled foundation
- Flexible before- and after-school care
- Integrated STEM Curriculum
- Extra opportunities in acting, robotics, STEM, music, art, skiing, volleyball & more
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Saint Michael School

Nursery | Pre-K | Kindergarten | Grades 1-8

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HOW WE USE YOUR DONATIONS

Dear Friends & Alumni of Saint Michael School,



This year marks our 75th anniversary of providing an exceptional Catholic school education to our students! In addition to celebrating our current students and staff, we are celebrating each of you! YOU are an important part of our history which is helping us form our future!

From your experience with Saint 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 to the school Annual Fund 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 two areas that the school has identified as our greatest needs: upgrades to our outdoor play spaces and financial assistance.

Our backyard artificial turf is now twenty years old and it is showing its age. We received quotes last spring and were astonished to find that we need to replace, not repair the turf. That cost alone is over \$75,000. Additional upgrades are also needed on the school playgrounds.

Families desire a Catholic school but the tuition can be a cause for a family to not enroll. We are dedicated to helping all families who desire a Catholic education, to receive one. 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. While we are fortunate to help many families through our own funding, Catholic Schools Foundation funding and private funding, there is still a gap in need versus available aid.

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 Saint 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 make Saint Michael School academically and spiritually stronger than ever before.

Sincerely,

Susan Gosselin
Susan Gosselin
Saint Michael School Principal



How to Give

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

Your support is truly valued and appreciated.

Thank you for your generous donation! Your gift is 501(c)3 tax-deductible.

TUITION INCOME + YOUR GIFT = ANOTHER 75 YEARS OF SIMPLY EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION!

Yes! I want to support Saint Michael School!

Please Select Your Tax Deductible Giving Club Level

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| ☐ The Trinity Level: Over \$5,000 | ☐ The Founders Level: \$101 - \$500 |
| ☐ The Archangel Level: \$1,000 - \$4,999 | ☐ The Principal Level: \$21 - \$100 |
| ☐ The Sisters of Charity Level: \$501 - \$999 | ☐ The Blue and White Level: Up to \$21 |

Donations to Saint Michael School are tax deductible under IRS Code 501c3 for educational purposes. You will receive a tax-deductible receipt.

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

☐ I wish my gift to remain anonymous

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

Please designate my gift to:

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| ☐ Where ever the need is greatest | ☐ Capital Expenses and Building Improvements |
| ☐ STEM and Technology | ☐ Financial Aid and Scholarships |
| ☐ Audio and Visual Enhancements | ☐ Other: _____ |

Contact Information

First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____ Suffix _____

Spouse's First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____ Suffix _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone (_____) _____

I am a Saint Michael School:

- | | |
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| ☐ Parent | ☐ Friend |
| ☐ Grandparent | ☐ Faculty / Staff |
| ☐ Alumni | ☐ Other: _____ |

Any news you would like to share with us?



We are beyond grateful for receiving that call two weeks before school started telling us there were unexpected openings for our children. We'll never forget that day, because that day changed our daughters' future. We didn't know it then, but that call put them on a journey to deepen their faith, be pushed academically and make some of their best friends. Thank you for being the constant in our lives among all the chaos over the last 10 years! We are so proud to be part of the St. Michael's Family. The school will forever hold a special place in our hearts.

Mrs. Plouffe, parent of two Saint Michael School graduates



HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS AT SMS 2025

It may seem too early to be chatting about Halloween but we wanted to share our plan for celebrating. We don't have children in costumes during the school day, but we do have two separate events annually! Check the weekly Trumpet News for dates/times as we won't publicly announce on a public platform.

TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT AT SCHOOL

Students in Nursery through grade 4 come to school in costume with their parents and trick-or-treat around the school grounds. Younger siblings are always welcome to attend! Bring your own bag to collect your goodies.

HALLOWEEN DANCE

Students in Grades 5-8 celebrate Halloween with a Halloween Dance on Friday. Students who choose to wear costumes will have a costume contest to win prizes. The cost of the dance is \$5.00 along with a non-perishable food item for the food pantry! Permission slips will go home prior.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31ST- SCHOOL WIDE DRESS DOWN DAY (FREE)

We hope you'll join us for these "Spook-tacular" school activities!



SMS PTO

PTO MEETING

We had a great turnout for the first PTO meeting of the school year.

Next PTO meeting:

Wednesday 19th 7pm
In the Main Street Atrium

REBECCA'S NUT FREE COOKIE FUNDRAISER

We raised **\$14,760** for our school!



Thank you!



UNIFORM EXCHANGE

Thanks for all the uniform donations!
Next exchange will be in
March 2026.



U Matter



Congratulations to our U Matter winners!

Pre-K



Mrs. Cali saw Logan help a friend who was sad by sharing his toy.

Pre-K



Mrs. Reinhard saw Charlie comfort a friend that was sad.

Pre-K



Mrs. Leising saw Arianna cheered on a classmate as he climbed up the slide for the first time.

Kindergarten



Mrs. Kasberg saw Lillian push all the chairs in without being asked.

Kindergarten



Mrs. Kasberg is proud of Charles for being a great classroom helper.

Grade 1



Mrs. Robidoux saw Zachary help a friend that had dropped everything out of her backpack. Then he made sure she was ok.

Grade 4



Mrs. A noticed Kellan sharing his supplies with a classmate.

Grade 4



Mrs. A is thankful that Finn always helps her put up the chairs at the end of the day.

Grade 4



Mrs. A says that Ella is always helpful to the teachers and her classmates.

Grade 8



Mrs. Ordway saw Camden help an adult in the lunchroom.

U Matter



Congratulations to our U Matter winners!

Pre-K



Mrs. Cali saw
Mikey open a
snack for a friend.

Pre-K



Mrs. Cali noticed
Arianna thinking
of a friend who
was absent.

Kindergarten



Mrs. Kasberg saw
Elyza check in with
a classmate who
was sad.

Kindergarten



Mrs. Kasberg saw
Theo help a friend
pack up who was
having a hard time.

Grade 1



Ms. Bedard says
Evelyn always has a
smile and kind words
for everyone.

Grade 1



Ms. Bedard saw
Bodey help a friend
who was struggling to
read a word.

Grade 2



Mrs. Grant saw Malace help clean up a big spill.

Grade 2



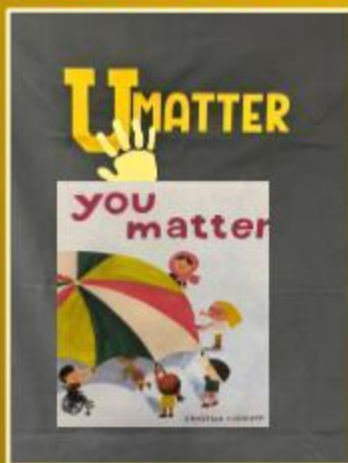
Mrs. Caffrey is thankful for Cristopher putting down the chairs before school.

Grade 4



Mrs. Sullivan says Arabella always shows extreme kindness to her classmates.

Grade 4



Mrs. A. noticed Michael giving a friend money for a snack.

Grade 5



Mrs. Adam saw Valentina jump right in to help others clean.

Grade 6



Ms. Decoteau says Luke demonstrates what it means to be a good leader.

Grade 6



Ms. Decoteau says Everly demonstrates what it means to be a good leader.

Grade 7



Mrs. Parker saw Stella give up her own time to help a friend look for something they lost.

Grade 7



Mrs. Ordway saw Maggie comfort a peer with kind words and actions.

Grade 7



Mrs. Parker saw Capri give up her own time to help a friend look for something they lost.

Grade 8



Mrs. Rich saw Thomas hold the doors open for Grade 7&8 to exit for recess.

U Matter



Congratulations to our U Matter winners!

Nursery



Mrs. Siddiqui says that Noah always follows directions and is a great friend to all!

Pre-K



Mrs. Cali saw Emma make space on the rug for a friend that was sad.

Pre-K



Mrs. Orsburn saw Maeve help a friend clean up a puzzle.

Pre-K



Mrs. Suprenant saw Atticus invite a classmate to play with him.

Pre-K



Ms. Cali saw Everett give a friend his extra leaf because she left hers at home.

Pre-K



Mrs. Reinhard sees Camilla check on her classmates to make sure they are okay.

Kindergarten



Mrs. Tildsley saw Bree help a friend who was sad at recess.

Grade 1



Mrs. Donahue commended Caleb for turning in money he found in the hallway.

Grade 1



Ms. Bedard said that Noah gave a classmate his blurt bean cup because she lost hers.

Grade 2



Mrs. Grant noticed Brielle being a great friend to a classmate who was upset.

Grade 3



Ms. Grava says that Danny always helps his classmates without being asked.

Grade 4



Mrs. A says that Jake showed kindness to a classmate during recess.

Grade 5



Mrs. Berard says that Emily volunteered to clean desks of absent students.

Grade 6



Ms. Bryant says that Jackson stopped the 6th grade line to let her pass in the hallway.

Grade 8



Mrs. Parker saw Corey share his money with a friend to buy a snack.

Honorable Mention

Charles helped pick up lunch boxes

Annie helped a friend put her shoe back on.

Nico helped a classmate.

Emmett helped friend who fell.

Joren helped support a friend.

Alana used her words to ask for help.

Avielle searched for the owner of a key chain she found outside.

Jakobe helped his brother that was having a hard day.

Sofia helped a friend who was sad.

Jack helped a classmate that fell at recess.

Arabella showed a younger student where the bathroom was.

Gabe N. helped set up a science experiment.

Noah helped a friend finish his science project.

Haven helped a classmate study for a test.

Kennedy moved lunch boxes at recess.

Emily moved lunch boxes at recess.

UMatter



Congratulations to our U Matter winners!

Nursery



Mrs. Siddiqui saw Leo clean up a mess that he did not make.

Pre-K



Mrs. Suprenant said William gave a sad friend a happy greeting.

Kindergarten



Mrs. Kasberg noticed Jon being a great role model to his classmates during mindfulness.

Grade 1



Ms. Bedard says that Sewit is always sweet and kind.

Grade 2



Mrs. Caffrey saw Dominic help a classmate copy down the homework.

Grade 2



Mrs. Torpey saw Cameron help a friend tie his shoe so he would not fall.

Grade 3



Mrs. Torpey saw Nirvana hold the door and wait for a classmate that had fallen behind.

Grade 3



Ms. Grava commended Connor for being honest and turning in a ticket that was not his.

Grade 3



Ms. Andrewchuk saw Alexandra push in the chairs of classmates that forgot.

Grade 4



Mrs. Sullivan says that Lorenzo always puts his classmates first. He shows kindness to everyone and he believes that everyone matters.

Grade 4



Mrs. A offered supplies to a classmate who did not have them.

Grade 5



Mrs. Adam says Connor always helps in class and follows classroom rules.

Honorable Mention

Grade 5

Gabe always helps in class and follows classroom rules.
Audrey always helps in class and follows classroom rules.
Nico carried a classmate's backpack for him.

Grade 4

John offered to help a classmate that was in need of help.

Grade 2

Harper invited a friend to play at recess.

Grade 1

Julian gave one of his blurt beans to a friend that lost one.

Kindergarten

Jackson cheered up a classmate that was sad.



NURSERY



PRE-K

Early Childhood

Nursery, Pre-K, & Kindergarten



KINDERGARTEN

Nursery

Mrs. Siddiqui



Happy October! We are settling into our school routine and growing together each day!



Nursery

Mrs. McGovern

Ms. Vazquez

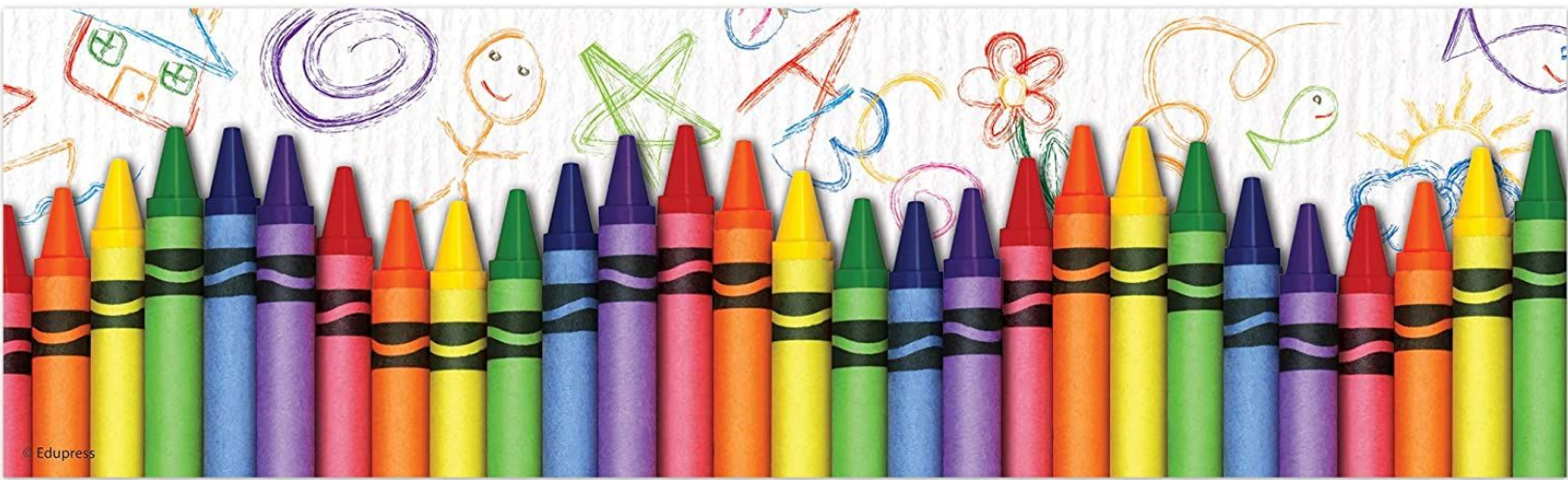


We're having so much fun learning our letters
and growing our brains!



PRE-K Mrs. Reinhard

The month of October was full of centers focused on Apples, Fall, and using God's gifts from nature to explore!



PRE-K

Mrs. Surprenant

October is such a fun month in Pre-K! We are enjoying all of the fall crafts, songs, and activities. We are so excited to celebrate Halloween too!



PRE-K Mrs. Cali



Pre-K is loving all the fall fun and learning!

We kicked things off with our Teddy Bear Picnic, which was an absolute blast. The children have been settling into their school routines wonderfully. This month, we began exploring the themes of autumn, apples, and leaves. We also started diving into letters and numbers. The kids are doing an amazing job, and we're so proud of their progress!



Kindergarten!

Mrs. Tildsley



**Happy October!!
Kindergarten has been busy with all things Fall!
We can't wait for Halloween!**



Kindergarten!

MRS. POLCARI

Welcome to October! We had a wonderful September getting to know each other and establishing our classroom routines. This month, we'll dive into the autumn season, and I'm excited for all the fun and learning that October brings.



Kindergarten!



Mrs. Kasberg



In the month of October, we have been busy learning our sight words, practicing counting, and writing our numbers. We have also been sequencing parts of a story, practicing our prayers, and getting excited for Halloween!



FIRST GRADE



SECOND GRADE

Elementary School

Grades 1-4



THIRD GRADE



FOURTH GRADE

First Grade

1A- Mrs. Robidoux



We are falling in love with first grade!

Students are in the swing of things as they develop strategies to problem solve in math. Students are learning about their community in Religion, Social Studies, and Reading. We are looking closely at the world around us and what makes it special. Finally we are talking about Our Holy Mother Mary, as we dedicate this month to her and the Rosary.



First Grade

IB- MS. BEDARD



We have "fallen" into a routine and are working so hard in first grade! This month we honor our mother, Mary. We will learn to pray the rosary. We will also begin AR and reading groups! So much is happening, and we are loving first grade!!



Mrs. Caffrey 2A



**October has been a month
of fun activities.**

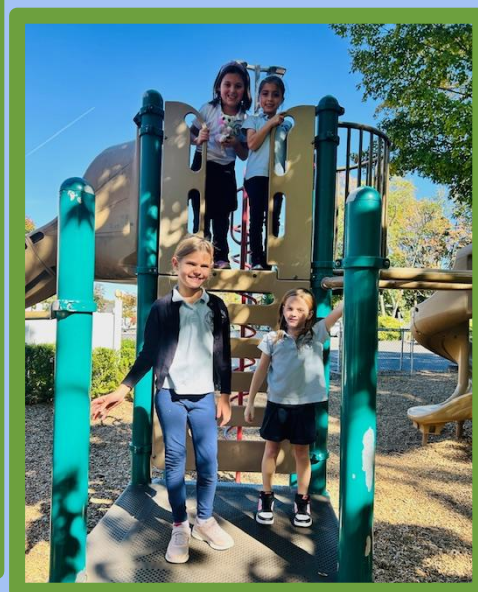
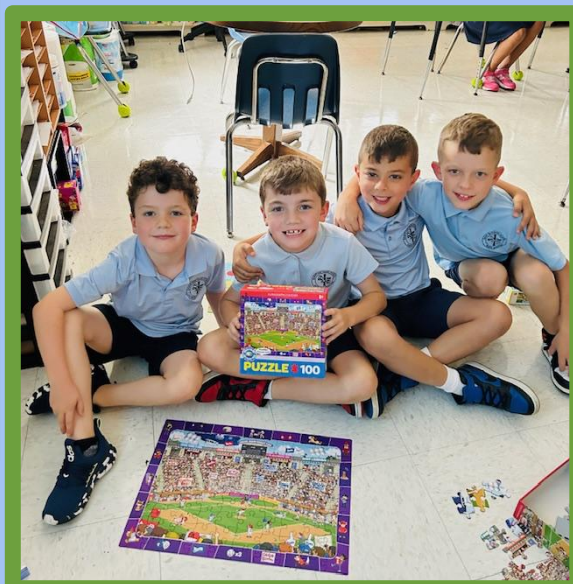
- We made applesauce, crafted some pumpkins, and worked on group projects.
- We started Mindfulness! Yay!
- We pray the rosary each week during this month because it's the month of the Rosary.
- We really enjoyed checking out the volcanoes that the fourth grade made.





Mrs. Grant

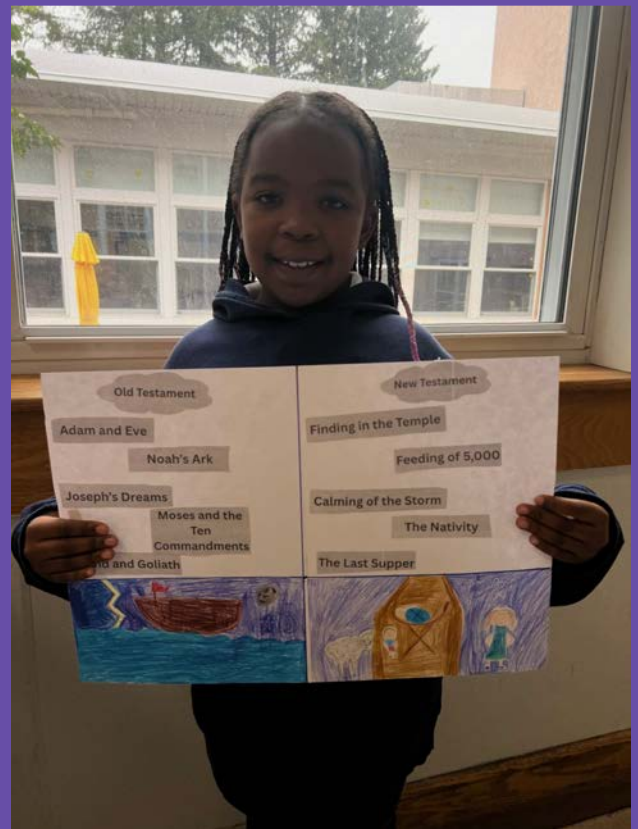
Rain or shine being with friends and working together we live like Disciples of Jesus.



Grade 3

Ms. Grava & Mrs. Torpey

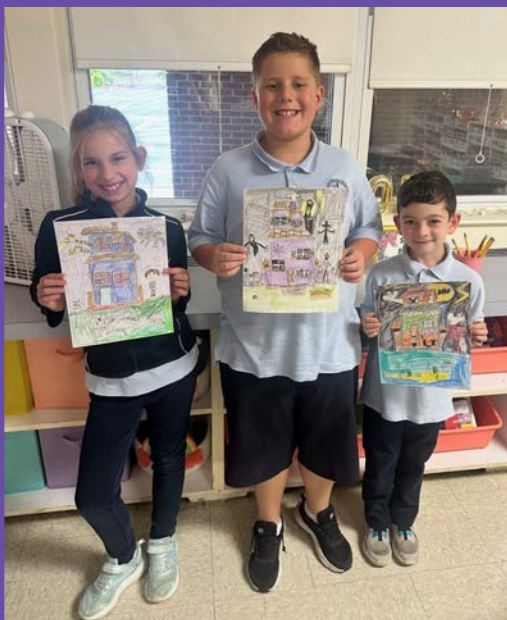
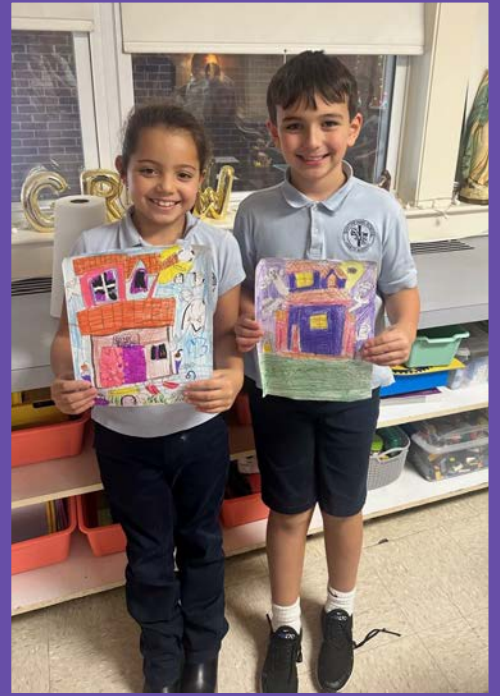
Students have been learning about the Bible and how it is divided into two main parts — the Old Testament and the New Testament. They explored the difference between the two sections and learned that the Old Testament tells the story of God's relationship with His people before the birth of Jesus, while the New Testament focuses on the life and teachings of Jesus and the early Church. Students enjoyed discussing familiar stories and discovering how all the parts of the Bible fit together to share God's message of love and faith.



Grade 3

Ms. Grava & Mrs. Torpey

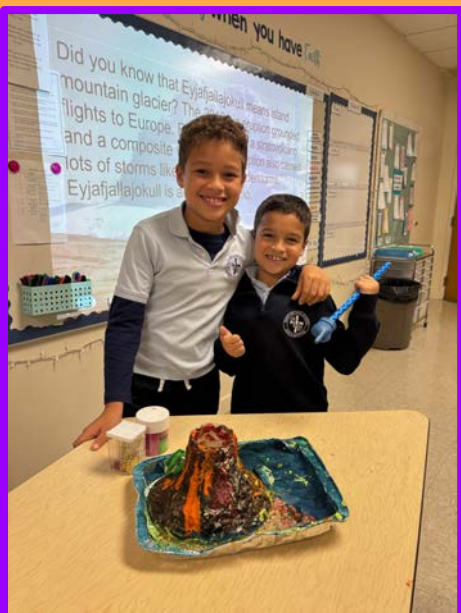
Students designed and decorated their very own *Haunted Houses*—complete with spooky details and imaginative touches. Now, they're bringing their artwork to life through writing! Each student is working on a story to go along with their haunted house, using descriptive language and plenty of Halloween spirit. We can't wait to share their frightfully fun stories soon!



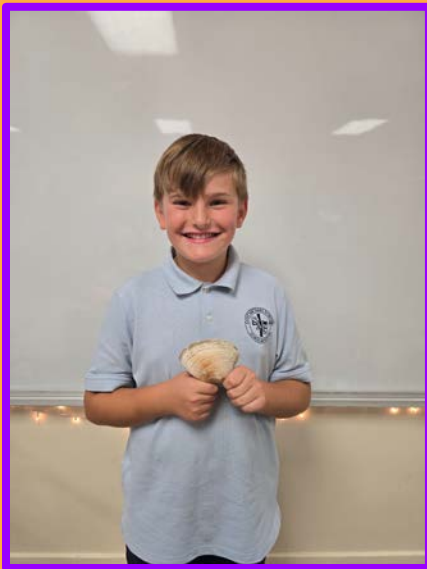
Grade 4 with Mrs. Andrewchuk & Mrs. Sweeney



We were rocking
and rumbling
during volcano
week in Grade 4!



Grade 4 with Mrs. Andrewchuk & Mrs. Sweeney



The children in Grade 4
did an awesome job
presenting their family
artifacts in Social
Studies!
It was a great way to
celebrate our
differences as well as
our similarities.





FIFTH GRADE



SIXTH GRADE

Upper School

Grades 5-8



SEVENTH GRADE

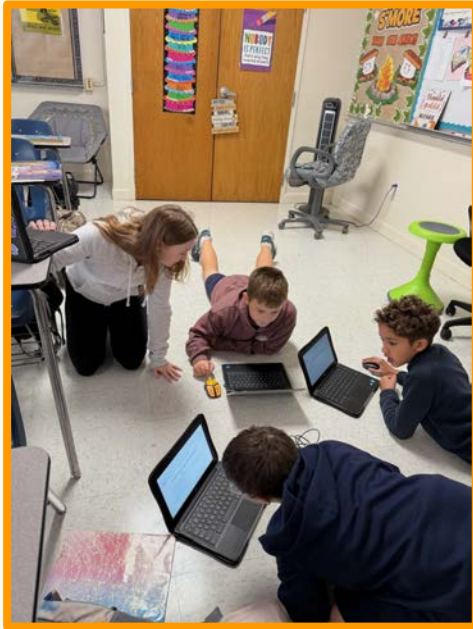


EIGHTH GRADE

Mrs. Adam -

ELA

5th - What team is going to win religion Quizlet Live and earn Super Kids?! This is a great way to study for any quiz or test.



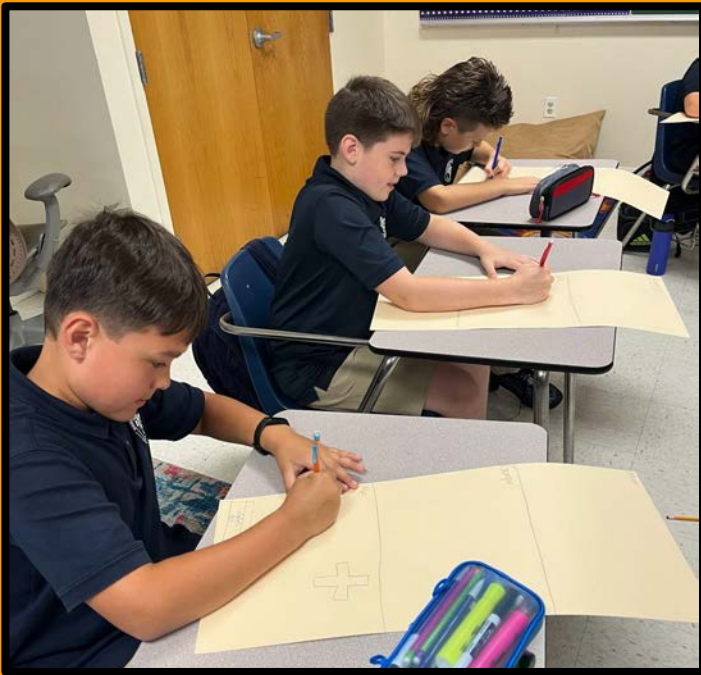
6th - We're starting to find out more about our main character Ally through foreshadowing and the analysis of Lynda Mullaly Hunt's words in *First in a Tree*.



Mrs. Clifford - Grade 5 / 6 Social Studies



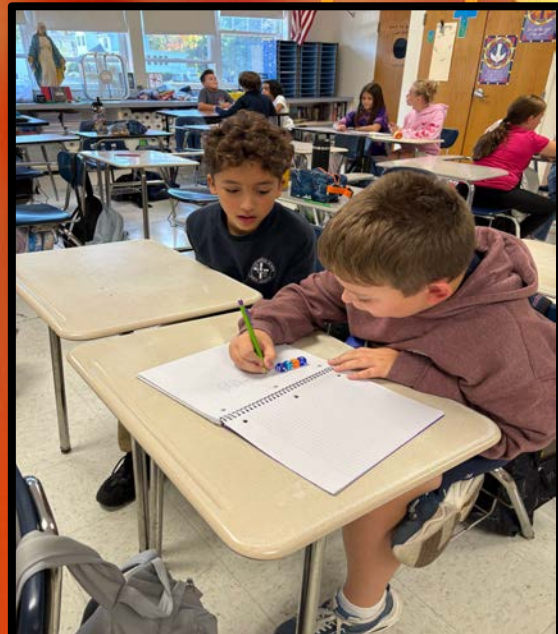
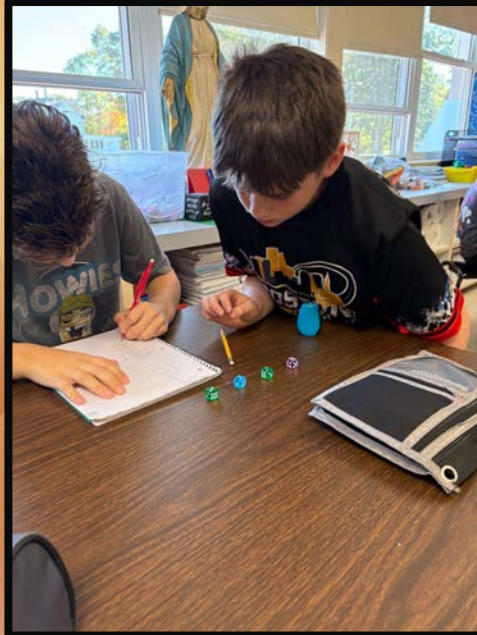
Grade 5 is learning how the Spanish explorers conquered lands in North America.



Grade 6 is learning about Mesopotamia, and its many civilizations that lived there.

Ms Decoteau Gr 5 Math

Grade 5 students have been strengthening math skills and learning new things. We've also reviewed place value and number sense using dice. We've been challenging classmates using Order of Operations to solve complex equations.



Ms Decoteau

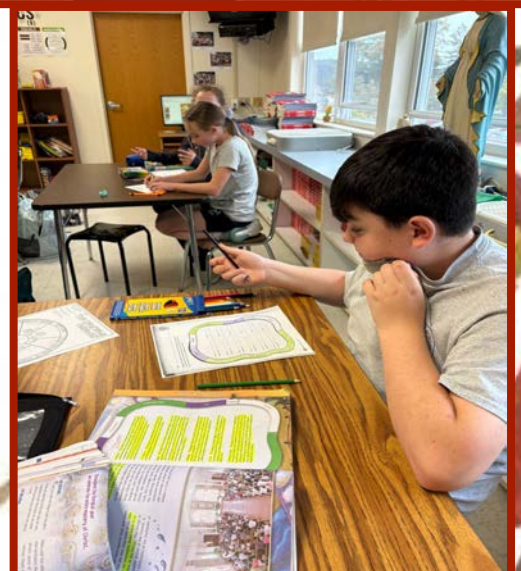
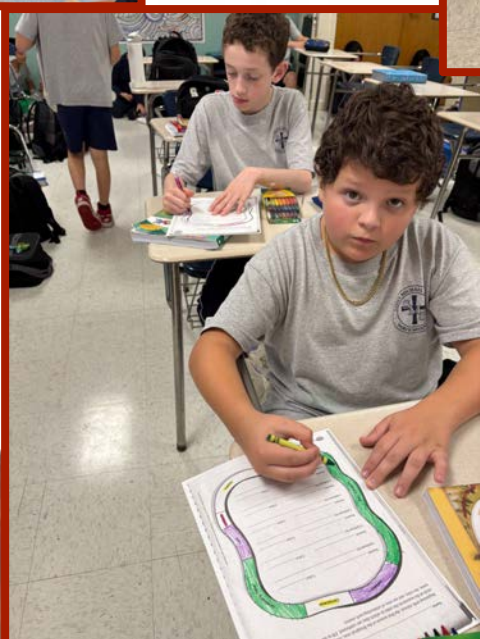
Grade 6



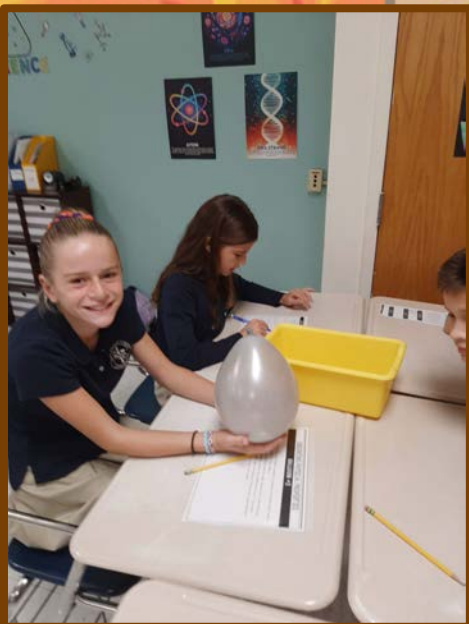
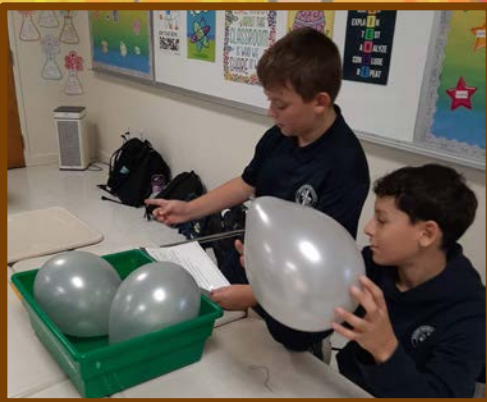
**Grade 6
students
took time
out to read
to our little
buddies in
PreK.**



**We've also
been
learning
about the
Liturgical
Calendar
as we
grow in
faith.**



Mrs. Berard 5th/6th Grade Science



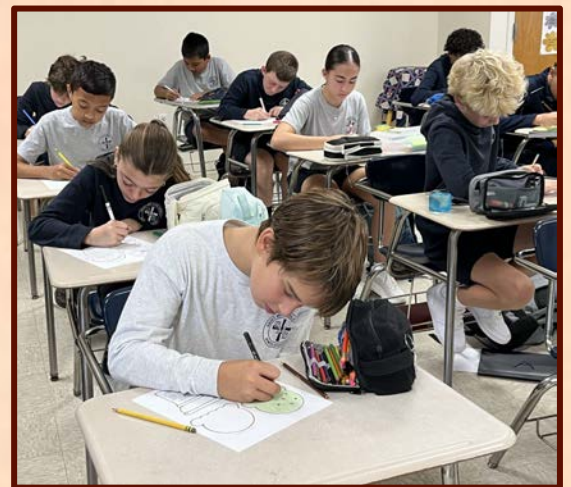
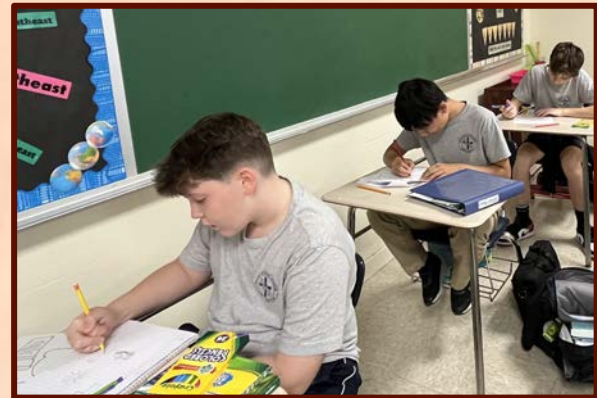
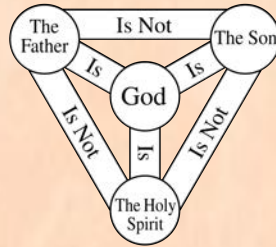
Grade 6 has been studying the moon's phases, galaxies and the force of gravity.

Grade 5 has been studying the physical properties of matter and learning how to describe them.

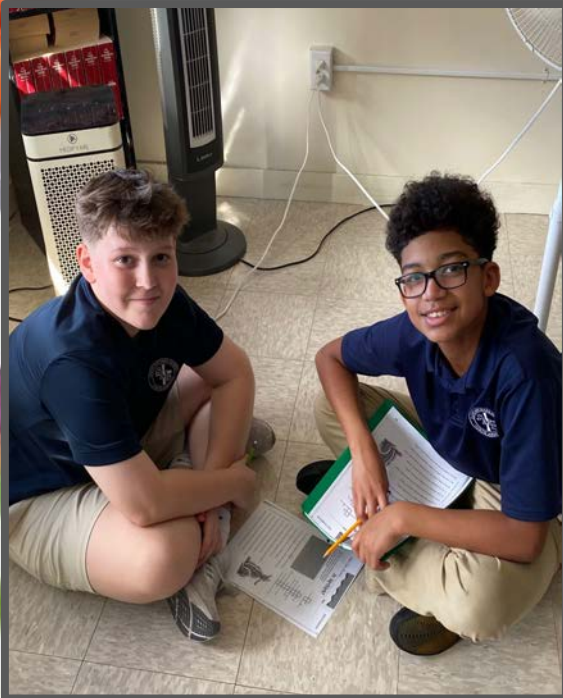


Mrs. Nagle-7A Religion

Learning about the central mystery of our Catholic faith the Blessed Trinity



Mrs. Ordway - ELA - GR. 7
GR. 7 worked on grasping grammar using
mazes, puzzles and discussions.





Mr. A: Science 7/8

Science for grades 7 and 8 is progressing nicely. All of the students are working very hard. The students are very active in their science lessons asking and answering questions. They seem to enjoy the material we are covering.

Both grades are learning earth science. Grade seven is studying tectonic plate movements and how it causes earthquakes and volcanoes to form. Grade eight is studying how rocks and minerals form over time.

Out of the classroom, both grades are enjoying their respective volleyball clubs on Thursday and Friday mornings. The students have improved their play each week. The games are becoming very competitive.



The morning clubs are off to a great start!



Mrs. Parker: 7/8 Math

The students in 7th grade have been busy doing all sorts of computations with positive and negative numbers including fractions and decimals. They are moving into an algebra unit that will have them combining like terms, simplifying expressions, using the Distributive Property and solving equations.

The students in 8th grade have been working with inequalities. They have been writing, graphing, checking solutions, and solving all different kinds of inequalities. We will begin work on functions soon.



Ms. Megan came in to the 7th and 8th grade math classes to share some math inspired poetry. The students did a great job figuring out math problems from poems modeled after those from many well known authors such as Edgar Allen Poe and Emily Dickinson.



SCHOOL COUNSELOR



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PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Our 4th-8th grade basketball teams are all registered and practices are about to start. We want to build off last year's success as we crowned a few league championships along with some March Madness winners! We wish all of the coaches and players the very best this season.

Ski Club registration is open! We are preparing for our 3rd-8th grade Ski and Board program. Once again, we will be heading over to www.Skibradford.com If you are looking for some local turns this winter, head over to Ski Bradford!!!

The October/November morning clubs are very popular. We have Prek-2 basketball, 3-6 dodgeball and 7/8 volleyball. If you missed out this time around, don't worry, we will be planning December/January clubs very soon!



"Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships"
-Michael Jordan

October Music

“The earth has music for those who listen”. – William Shakespeare

It's a month filled with rhythm, discovery, and musical expression!

- ★ **Nursery, PreK and Kindergarten students are exploring a variety of musical concepts and activities. They are learning the role of the conductor, engaging in the percussion instruments played, focusing on steady beat and rhythm, and celebrating the season with songs and fingerplays in a playful way.**
- ★ **Grade 1 Students enjoy listening to Edvard Grieg's “In the Hall of the Mountain King”, which explores dynamics and tempo changes. They have fun with dramatic, classical music, as they develop listening skills and perform basic rhythmic notation (ta, ti-ti, rest).**
- ★ **Grade 2 Students have a great time using rhythm sticks with fun fall and Halloween-themed songs, following simple rhythmic patterns, using the Smartboard.**
- ★ **Grade 3&4 Students started preparing for their Veterans Day Tribute Performance. They've been learning songs, poems, and narration, as they practice their performance skills.**

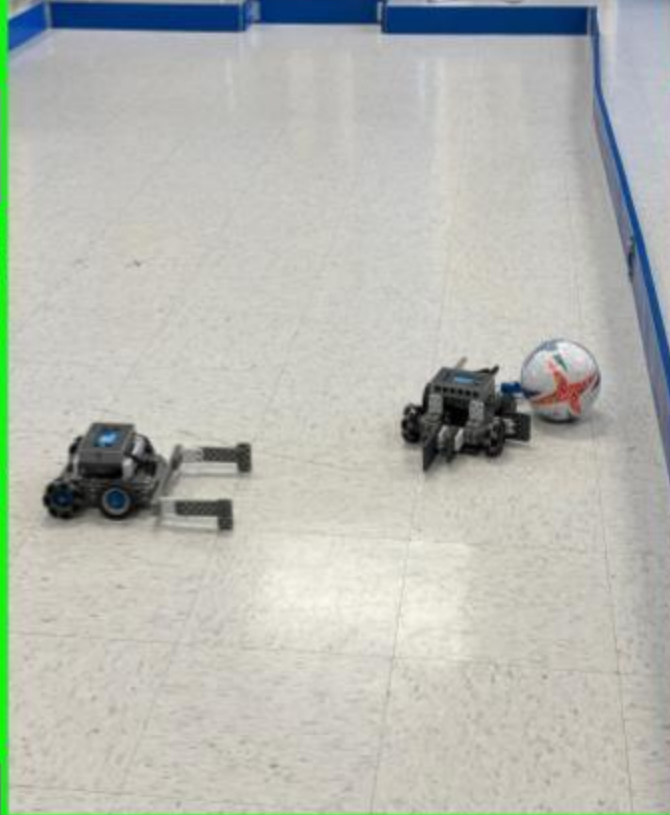
Excellent... as usual!!
Musically yours,
Ms. Lavallee





STEM ROBOTICS

Our Grade 7 students worked in teams to build and compete in a Robo Soccer Tournament using Vex Robotics kits. It was amazing to see the teamwork while having so much fun!







Thank you to Ryan Hiro, Class of 2025, for his fundraising efforts that allowed SMS to purchase Vex robotic kits!

Technology

Pre-K is having fun using the I pads for the first time at St. Michael School. It is fun to see them get excited about playing educational games on PBS kids and ABCya. We love our time together!



Spanish

with Mrs. Belitti

Grade 5 is learning the colors and numbers.

Grade 6 is learning to retell a story in Spanish.

Grade 7 is learning to identify classroom objects.

Grade 8 is learning how to say different classes in spanish.





ART CLASS



*With
Mrs. Donegan and Mrs. Giordano*

Our creative third graders have been busy in art class bringing the beauty of Fall to life! This week, students explored different types of leaves by creating their own unique leaf designs with contrasting backgrounds using sketch pencils, Sharpies, crayons, colored pencils, and construction paper. They learned about the shapes, colors, and textures of various leaves while expressing their artistic flair. Their beautiful artwork will be sent home soon—perfect for adding a festive Fall touch to your home décor!



Counselor's Corner with Mrs. Rowley



We are back in full swing at Saint Michael School and in the Counseling office. We have loved getting reacquainted with our friends while also acclimating to being back at school. We have started lunch groups and in the fifth grade, concluded our first segment on developing executive functioning skills. October has a lot of more fun in store!