

# Newsletter January 2026



At New Years, many of us make promises of what we'll do in the new year. I got to thinking about what my resolution would be this year and in all honesty, my family is simply going to try to do more for others. Sounds simple, right? But in truth, our lives are so busy with school, work, extra-curricular activities and more that it is hard to put others first. But, if you can find just a few minutes each day to practice a random act of kindness, I truly believe that you'll make yourself a better person.

So what can you do as a random act of kindness? There are many great ideas so here's a couple to get you started: Pay for the person behind you in the drive-thru, pay someone a compliment for a job well done, volunteer as a family at a shelter, MSPCA, etc., thank a service person for their work, send a love note in your child's lunch box, send a note of encouragement to someone you know could use it, help a family in financial need, make a meal for a neighbor or offer to help clear snow for a neighbor. When our children see their parents doing kind deeds for others, a lasting impression is being made at that exact moment. If we want our children to be compassionate, caring and giving adults, we have to start when they are young. Engage your children in these random acts of kindness. Let them help you shovel for the neighbor, let your child deliver a tray of cookies to the local police department with a kind note, etc. What we teach our children today through our own actions, will make them the young adults we envision them to be.

The new year also brings an opportunity to engage more fully in our faith. Just like life seems too busy to put others first, it also often feels that you can't fit in a weekend trip to mass. Just like practice for a sport or dance, going to weekly mass is not only our obligation, but it is the practice our children need to become closer to God and to understand our faith. Put it this way, you pay tuition each year to educate your child in the Catholic faith, but then they never get to fully experience the thrill of attending the mass with their family to show what they have learned. That's like paying for sports and dance and then never allowing your child to participate in the recital or big championship game. In this new year, please consider a return to weekend masses, daily prayer, grace before meals or prayers before bedtime. These are practices that the entire family can do that will make those lasting impressions on your children and help your entire family to grow in their Catholic faith journey.

We are excited to share that we will start off Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 25-30) with mass on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 10a.m. Archbishop Henning will be here to help us kick off the week which will be filled with activities. Stay tuned for a calendar of events and please add this special 10a.m. mass to your calendar. We ask students to come to the mass dressed in their uniform.

Happy New Year to all!

*Sue Gosselin*



# News from Saint Michael Parish



**Altar Server Training-** We will have an altar server training on: **Thursday, January 22, from 3:30 to 5pm**. This training is open to children who are Catholic, have received their First Communion, and are in 4th through 8th Grade. Use the link below to sign your child up!

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090844A8AA2AA2FD0-61494064-altar#/>**

## Mass Schedule

Daily Mass

Monday - Saturday: 8am

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 4pm

Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12 Noon, and 5pm

## 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

January 16- No School, PD for staff  
January 19- No school, MLK Day  
January 22-PTO meeting, 7p.m.  
January 25-30- Catholic Schools Week  
January 30- End of Term 2  
February 6- Report Cards  
February 16-20- Vacation

If you are looking for Liturgy or event times  
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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

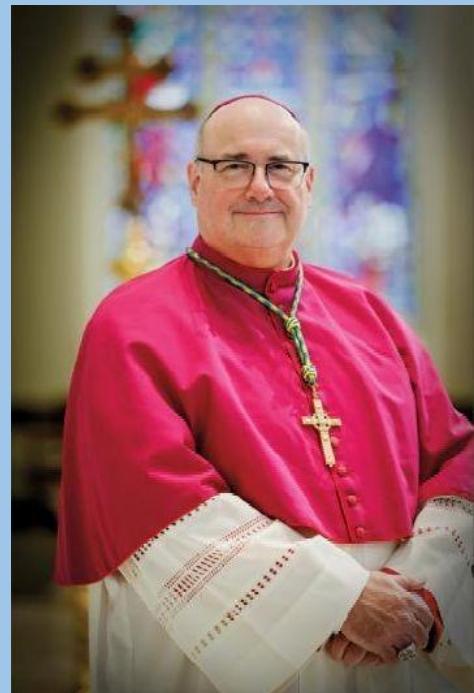
# Catholic Schools Week

## January 25-30

We are delighted to welcome Archbishop Richard Henning to Saint Michael Parish for his first visit since being installed as Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Boston.

He will preside at the **10am Family Mass on Sunday, January 25** as part of the Archdiocese's kick-off to Catholic Schools Week. Saint Michael School students will assist in preparing this liturgy and will serve in a variety of roles.

We hope you will join us for this joyful and memorable occasion.



### Activities planned for Catholic Schools Week:

**Sunday**- Celebrate Your Parish, Attend the 10a.m. mass in uniform (get a no uniform pass at the back of the church)

**Monday**-Celebrate Your Faculty, Staff and Volunteers, **Wear SMS pride**

**Tuesday**-Celebrate Your Students, Children should wear: **PJs (no onesies) or Hoodies**

**Wednesday**-Celebrating Vocation, Children should wear: **Regular Uniform**

**Thursday**-Celebrate The Nation , Children should wear: **Red, White & Blue attire**

**Friday**-Celebrate Your Community, **Dress up like a favorite community worker or favorite community sports team, or personal activity**

Have a friend/neighbor/relative who is interested in sending their child to SMS? Please share that we are hosting an Open House on January 28th at 9:30a.m.



# Thank You!

We wish to thank and recognize everyone who made a donation to our Annual Fund. We are excited to announce that as of January 2026, we received over \$54,000! Your generosity made that possible – Thank you!

## The Trinity Level (over \$5,000)

Mr. & Mrs. David Brussard  
Commonwealth Charitable Trust  
Mr. Souza & Mrs. Caille  
Chris Frommelt  
Joe Faris



## The Archangel Level (\$1,000 to \$4,999)

Marianne Levis  
The Donahue Family  
Mr. & Mrs. James Lafond  
Mr. Wing Lui  
Mr. & Mrs. Frank DiNuccio  
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Gangi  
Nicole Fares

Mr. & Mrs. Basil Coughlan  
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Fantozzi  
Thomas & Maureen Scott  
Mr. & Mrs. Adarsh Vasanth  
Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Loyd  
Anthony & Mary Ellen Agri  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Throp  
Laura Naismith  
The Leyden Family  
Ms. Gina Malandra  
Clara Cabrera  
Shauna & Mark LaSpina  
Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Schmidt

## The Sisters of Charity Level (\$501 to \$999)

Mr. David Cwiekowski & Mrs. Beni Barrett  
Mr. Wing Lui  
Mrs. Donna Andren & Mr. Tom DeRosa  
Marco and Emily Sideri  
Anonymous Donations

## The Founders Level (\$101 to \$500)

Mr. & Mrs. Brad Gosselin  
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Fantozzi  
The Kirby Family  
Mr. Giguere  
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Giordano  
Ms. Diane Haslam  
Mr. & Mrs. George Kazanjian  
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Lynch  
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Manzi  
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Neff  
Mr. & Mrs. Racicot  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Scanlon  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Gangi  
Mrs. & Mr. Nugent

Mr. Janos Komaromi  
Mrs. & Mr. Koskores  
Mrs. Morin  
Mr. David Morton  
Mr. Rowe & Mrs. Ritchie  
Mr. & Mrs. Tomaselli  
Ms. Julie Ann Ma  
Mr. & Mrs. Lotti  
Susan Mansor  
Ms. Mundry  
Mr. & Mrs. David Parent  
Sandra Wilson  
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Cowan

## The Principal Level (\$51 to \$100)

Ronald Pollone  
Mr. & Mrs. David DeFillippo  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Caffrey  
James O'Connor  
Miss Melissa Olenick  
Mr. & Mrs. Shields  
Mr. & Mrs. Gerardo Casal  
Mrs. Judith Tarquinio  
Bob & Earline Tweedie  
Mr. Ulysses Rodriguez & Mrs.  
Dorys Mejia  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Andren  
Mr. & Mrs. William P. Callahan  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Calobrasi  
Mr. & Mrs. Fred D'Agata  
Mrs. Desjardins  
Mr. & Mrs. John Gallagher  
Judith Garrett  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert McCumber  
Mrs. Charlotte Small

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Mrs. Creed  
Mrs. & Mr. Dungca  
Mr. & Mrs. David Erwin  
Mrs. Ruth Bamford  
Mr. & Mrs. Calobrasi  
Mr. & Mrs. Ted Ciesielski  
Mrs. Margaret Gennetti  
Mr. & Mrs. John McGuire  
Ms. McKallagat  
Janice McLaughlin  
Mr. & Mrs. Menasian  
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Penny  
Mrs. Evelyn St. Hilaire  
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Surette  
Mr. & Mrs. Walker  
Christy & Kevin Martin  
Ms. Lori Gosselin

## The Blue and White Level (up to \$50)

Mrs. Ella Riley      Patricia Riley  
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Donegan





# Thank You!

Many generous donations came in to recognize beloved family, friends, or loved ones, both living and deceased.  
Please remember to keep all our families in your daily prayers.

## In memory/honor of

Alums Keegan & Tiernan Paradis  
Ben & Seby Walker  
Mr A., Mrs. Caffrey & Mrs. Rogge  
Colin & Bridget McKallagat & Wyatt Lang  
Ella & Aria Petrillo  
Everly Cormier  
Father Robert Blaney  
Grandchildren Caroline & Jack Levis  
Haven Orlando  
Jack & Finn Pawlik

Justine A. McGuire  
Luca Calobrisi  
Marie Sanford  
Mary Valcourt  
Matthew & Michael Merola  
Max Cowan  
Mike & Bart  
Our granddaughter Noelle Bulman  
Owen & CeCe  
William Roy

Our four graduates  
Sister Barbara Monahan  
Sisters of Charity, Halifax  
The 7th & 8th Grade Teachers & Staff  
The Bryon Family  
TJ Conte  
Valentina & Antonio Neves  
Owen Burgess  
Theodore Dungca

## Yes! I want to support Saint Michael School!

### Please Select Your Tax Deductible Giving Club Level

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:

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:

Parent       Friend  
 Grandparent       Faculty / Staff  
 Alumni       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Any news you would like to share with us?



Scan to Donate Online!

# Robotics Camp



Students entering grades 5 or 6 will work with a partner to build a fully functioning robot. Using the VEX Robotics building system, students will learn the basics of building a robot and then stretch their imaginations while using the remote-controlled robots to compete in a variety of engineering challenges.

**When: June 22-26, 2026**

**Where: SMS STEM Lab**

**Time: 8:30am-12:00pm**

**Cost: \$215**

**Instructor: Ms. Bryant**



***Register today and secure your student's spot!***

1. Log into your Renweb Account
2. Click on School Home
3. Click on Web Forms
4. Click on Family Demographics
5. Scroll down and you should see the sign-up form.



July 6 -  
August 14



# SMS *Summer* FUN



**Full Day  
Registration**  
**\$375**  
**Half Day  
Registration**  
**\$225**



**Saint Michael School  
Campus**



**fun &  
creative  
outdoor  
activities**



**Themes will include:**

**Shark Week,  
Holidays,  
Lego,  
Dinosaurs,  
Rainforest,  
Space**

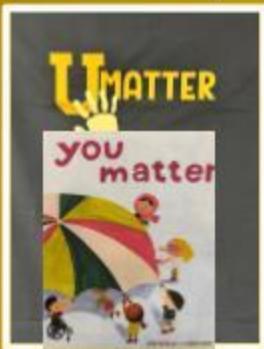
**More information coming soon!**

# UMatter



Congratulations to our U Matter winners!

## Nursery



Mrs. Siddiqui says that Nino is a friend to all!

## Grade 3



Miss Grava says that William is always respectful and ready to learn.

## Pre-K



Mrs. Suprenant saw Liara share her playdoh with a friend who had none.

## Grade 3



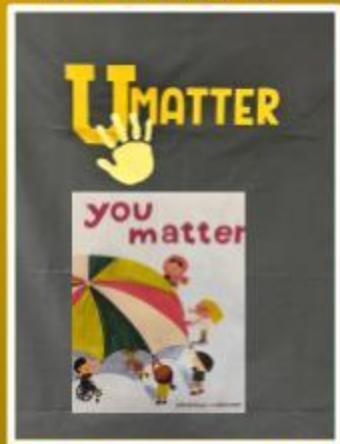
Mrs. Torpey saw Michael organize supplies for the class.

## Pre-K



Mrs. Cali saw Jacob get a stool for a friend that couldn't reach the sink.

## Grade 3



Mrs. Torpey says that Jeffrey was patient and willing to go last.

## Grade 4



**Mrs. A says that James always shows respect in class.**

## Grade 4



**Mrs. A saw Vivian help a friend in need.**

## Grade 4



**Mrs. Sweeney saw Adrian help a friend during Christmas shopping.**

## Grade 4



**Mrs. Sweeney saw Marc include a classmate during partner work.**

## Grade 5



**Mrs. Clifford says that Ava had a great idea for an end of year project.**

## Grade 6



**Mrs. Berard saw Lilah help a friend with crutches.**

Grade 8



**Mrs. Ordway saw Michael greet a visitor in a  
respectful manner.**

# Honorable Mention

**Pre-K- Annie**

**Grade 2- Faye , Grace**

**Grade 3-Antonio, Kehlani**

**Grade 5-Jack**

**Grade 6-Emily H,Kaitlyn,Lily,Olivia**

# UMatter



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## Nursery



Mrs. Siddiqui said that Joseph checked on a friend that had gotten hurt.

## Pre-K



Mrs. Orsburn said that Noelle is always helpful in the classroom.

## Pre-K



Mrs. Suprenant saw Kathleen share a colored pencil with a student at her table.

## Kindergarten



Mrs. Polcari saw Munroe clean a friend's mess for them.

## Kindergarten



Mrs. Polcari saw Luca clean up trash in the cafe that was not his.

## Grade 3



Mrs. Vaughan saw Isla grab paper towels to clean up a spill.

## Grade 5



**Mrs. Clifford heard Charlotte speak up for two friends that had not finished their lunch.**

## Grade 5



**Mrs. Adam saw Mia organize their classwork without being asked.**

# Honorable Mention

**Pre-K-Tannous**

**Grade 2-Cameron, Hadi**

**Grade 3-Stella**

**Grade 5-Colten S, Connor**

# SMS PTO

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK TEACHER RAFFLES!

Raffles will be sold on  
Wed., Jan 28th - Thur Jan 29th  
during lunch/recess

Tickets will cost: 3 for \$1

Look for an email  
and flyer soon!

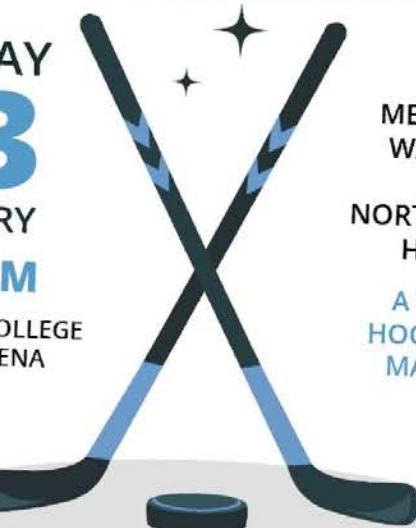


## BOYS NIGHT OUT 5TH-8TH GRADE BOYS AND A SPECIAL ADULT IN THEIR LIFE

MERRIMACK MEN'S ICE HOCKEY GAME

FRIDAY  
**23**  
JANUARY  
**7:00 PM**

MERRIMACK COLLEGE  
LAWLER ARENA



MERRIMACK  
WARRIORS  
VS.  
NORTHEASTERN  
HUSKIES

A CLASSIC  
HOCKEY EAST  
MATCHUP!

**\$12**  
TICKET

\$10 ticket  
+ \$2 Fee

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE  
SCAN HERE >>



121 TICKETS HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL 5TH-8TH GRADE BOYS AND A SPECIAL ADULT IN THEIR LIFE IN SECTION 9. PTO WILL ADD MORE SEATS TO SECTION 8 OR 10 IF TICKET SALES EXCEED THIS AMOUNT RESERVED.  
UNBOOKED SEATS WILL OPEN BACK UP TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 20TH AT 12 NOON.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THIS EVENT IS FOR THE BOYS IN 5TH-8TH GRADE.  
ANOTHER BOYS NIGHT OUT WILL BE HELD IN MARCH FOR BOYS IN NURSERY-4TH GRADE.

QUESTIONS: EMAIL PTO@SAINTMICHAEL-NA.COM



NURSERY



PRE-K

# Early Childhood

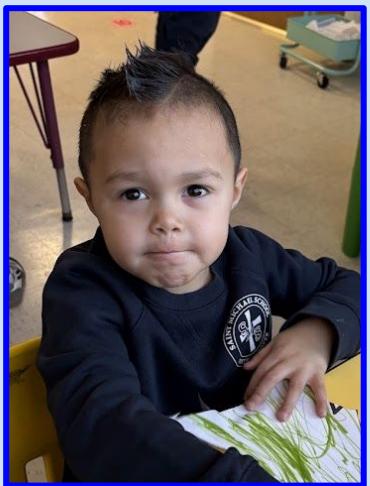
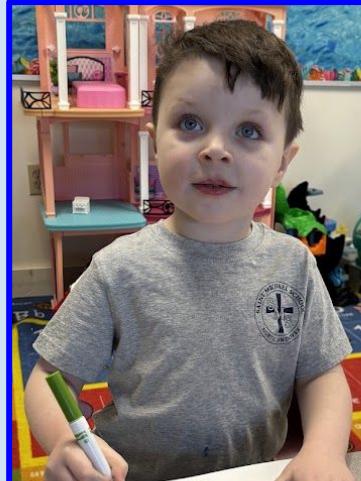
## Nursery, Pre-K, & Kindergarten



KINDERGARTEN

# Nursery

## Mrs. Siddiqui

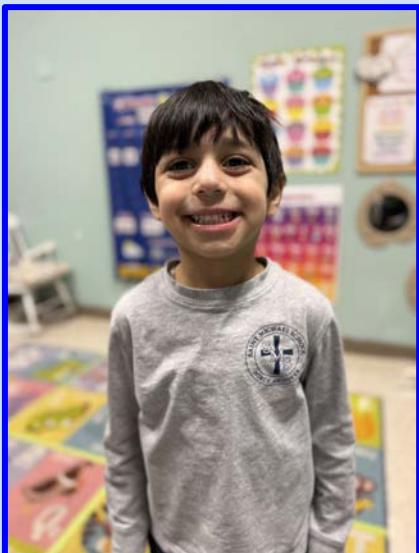


Happy New Year! We  
are excited to see what  
2026 brings!



# Nursery

Mrs. McGovern



Thank You God for a  
brand new year,  
Keep us safe, happy,  
and full of cheer!



# Pre-K Mrs. Reinhard

During the Month of January , we learned about Winter animals, Hibernation and all things Winter!



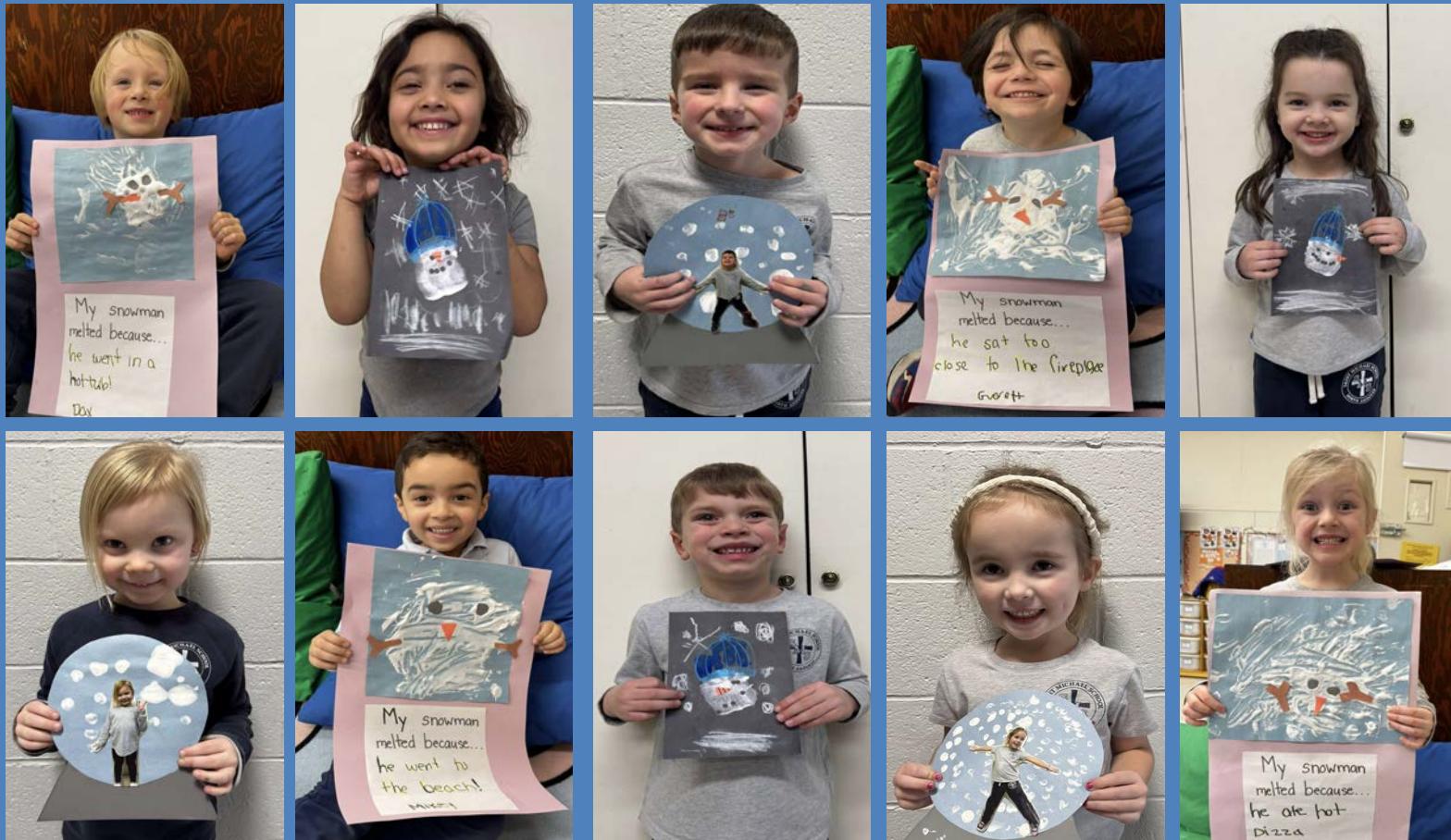
# Mrs. Surprenant



We are very busy here in Pre-K! We are learning about hibernation and celebrating the fun we can have in Winter! We are all rested and ready to take on 2026!! Happy New Year!!



# Pre-K Mrs. Cali



## Pre-K January News

We are so happy to be back in Pre-K after our winter break! During the month of January, we have enjoyed exploring fun winter themes such as snowmen and Arctic animals. Along with these exciting activities, we have jumped right back into learning and practicing our letters and numbers. It has been a wonderful start to the new year! 

# Kindergarten!

Mrs. Tildsley



Happy New Year!! We are off to a great start for 2026!  
Looking forward to a happy and healthy year ahead!



# KINDERGARTEN

## *Mrs. Pocari*

### New Year, New Goals!

Our kinders are dreaming big for 2026. This week, we talked about all the magical things we want to learn during the second half of the year— mastering our sight words, learning to add and subtract, and being the best helpers and kindest friends we can be.



# Kindergarten

## Mrs. Kasberg



Kindergarten wishes you all a Happy New Year!

We have dove right back into learning and have been busy practicing our sight words, math facts and creating winter crafts!



**FIRST GRADE**



**SECOND GRADE**

# Elementary School Grades 1-4



**THIRD GRADE**



**FOURTH GRADE**

# FIRST GRADE

1A- Mrs. Robidoux



## Happy New Year!

First graders are starting the new year with hope, love and gratitude. We are focusing on our school, our community and our parish.

# First Grade

## IB- Ms. BEDARD



We are bringing in the new year with so many exciting things. We are becoming experts at first grade! We are growing and learning and becoming more and more independent every day!

# Mrs. Caffrey Grade 2A



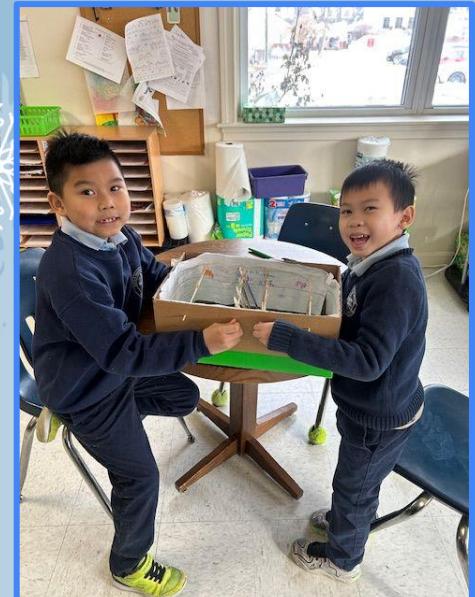
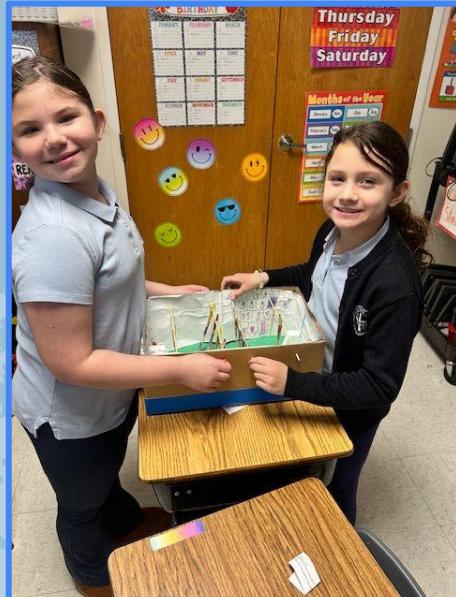
Happy New Year! The children enjoyed writing about their New Year's resolutions. We also loved spending time reading and completing an activity with our Fifth Grade Reading Buddies. On Saturday, January 11th, the children received their First Penance. Please keep them in your prayers as we continue preparing for First Communion.



# Mrs. Grant Grade 2B



Grade 2B settled into the New Year by following the example of Martin Luther King Jr. We also have had fun celebrating The Patriots. It is always nice to work as a team for STEM projects.



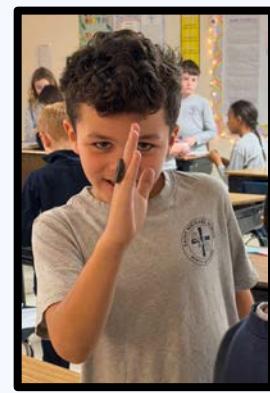


# Grade 3

## Ms. Grava & Mrs. Torpey



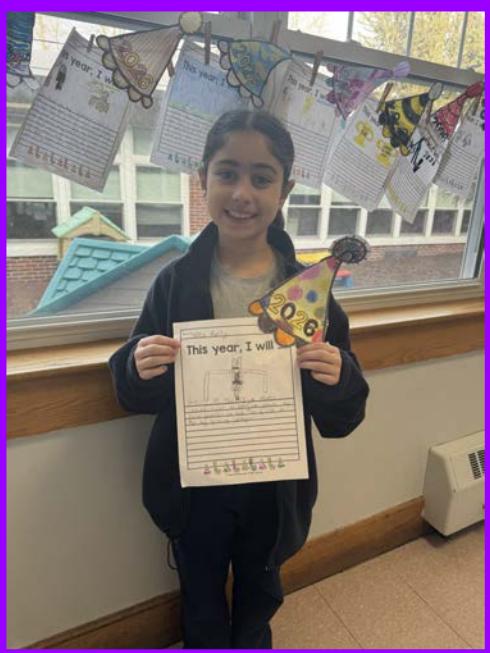
Happy New Year! Before vacation, third graders worked on letter writing by writing a friendly letter to a friend or family member and practicing how to properly address an envelope. They also explored magnets in Science, using ring magnets and common objects to observe the push and pull of magnets and learn which types of metals magnets attract.



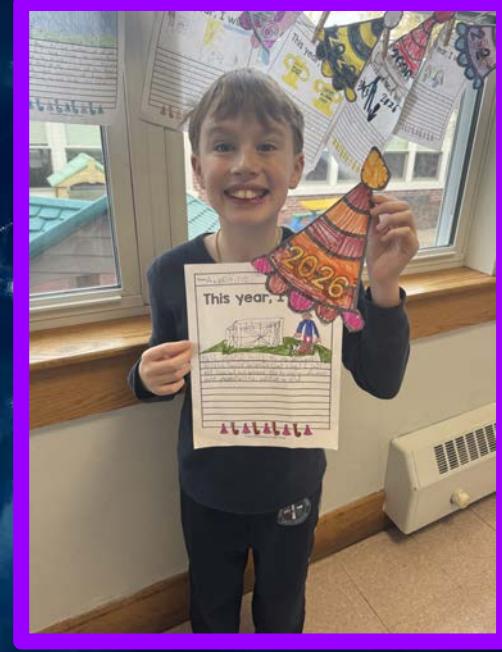
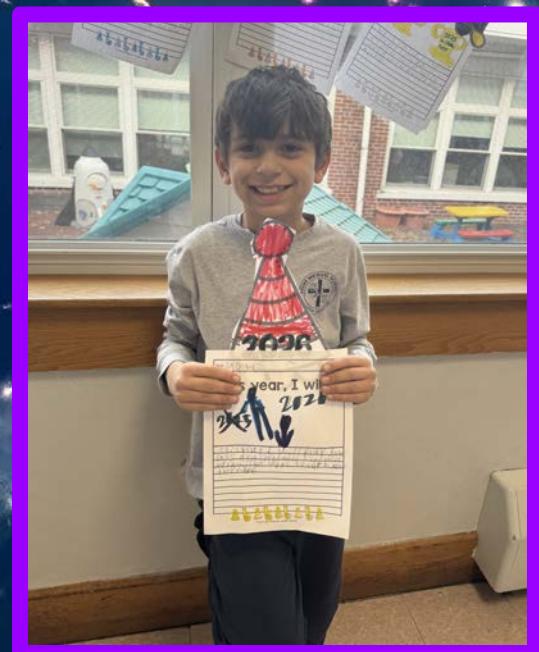
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Grade 4

Mrs. Andrewchuk & Mrs. Sweeney



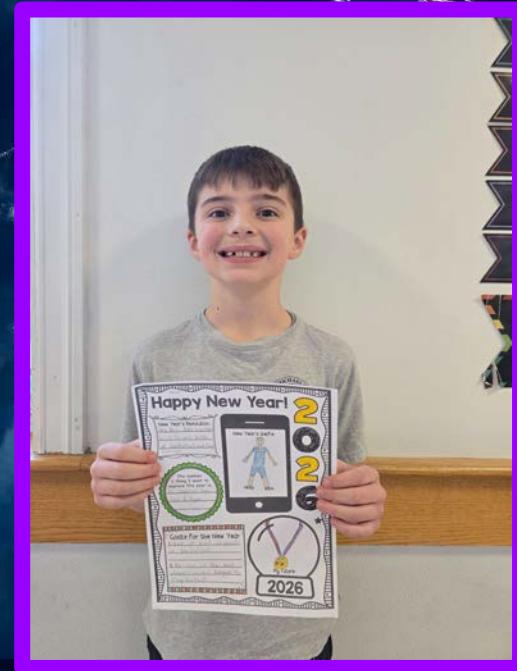
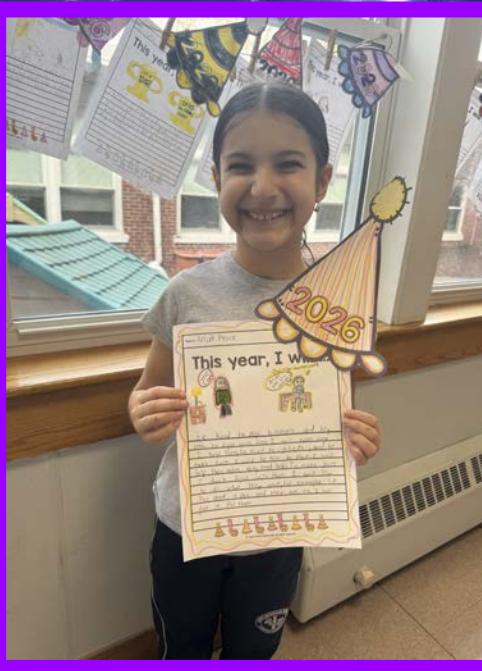
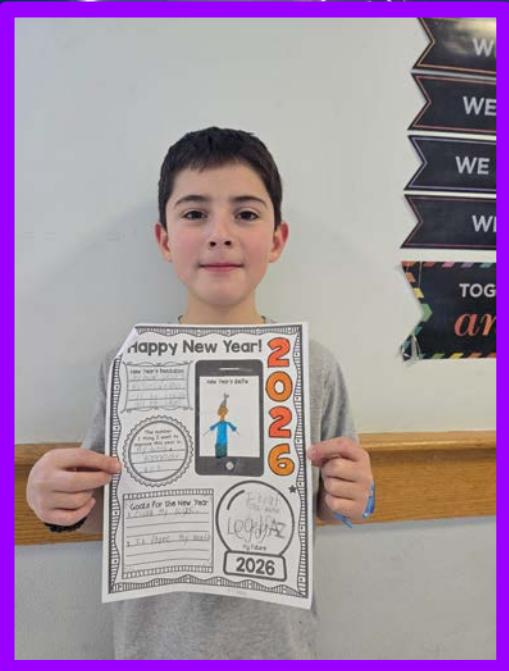
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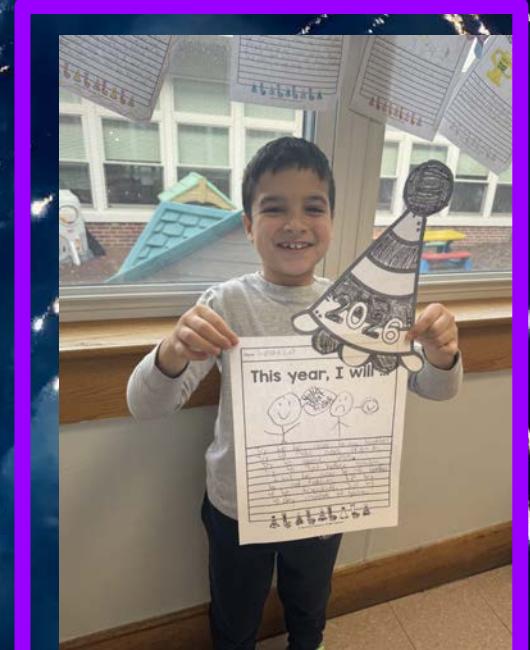
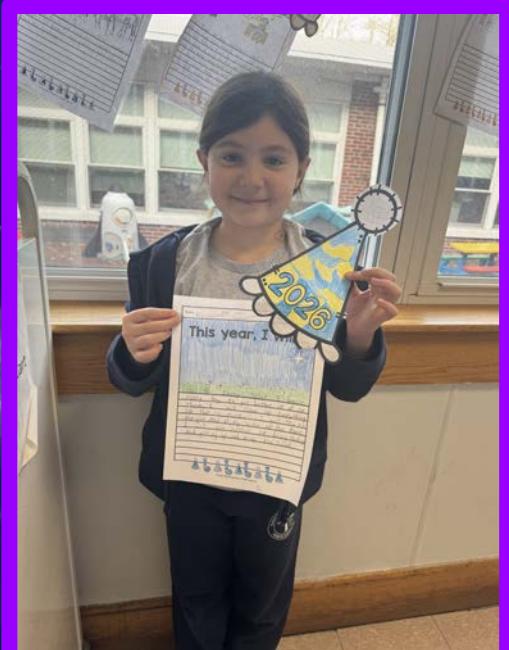
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Grade 4

Mrs. Andrewchuk & Mrs. Sweeney



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**FIFTH GRADE**



**SIXTH GRADE**

# Upper School Grades 5-8

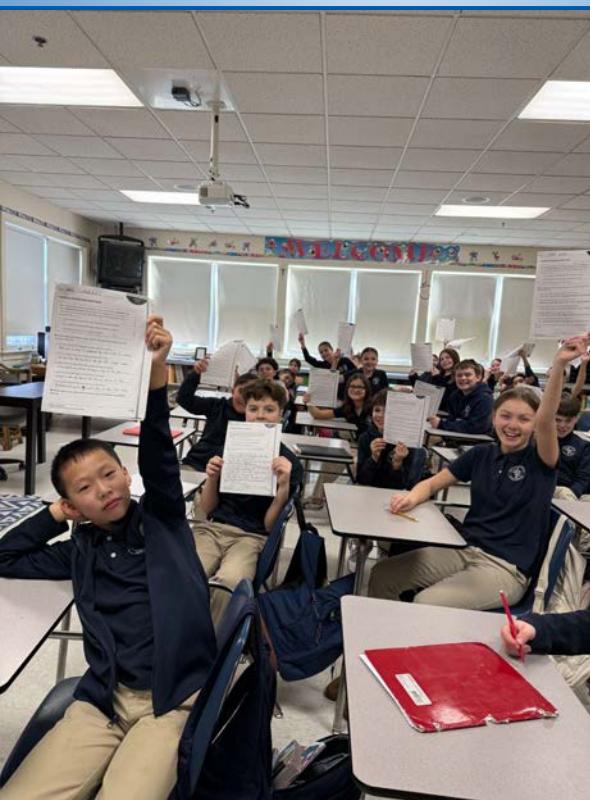


**SEVENTH GRADE**



**EIGHTH GRADE**

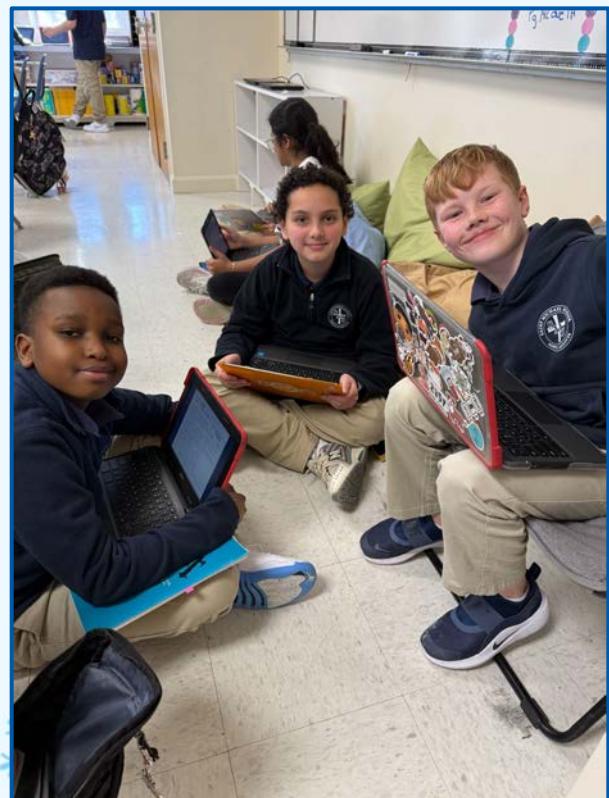
# MRS. ADAM - ELA



**5th - Grammar Day!!** Students are mastering compound and complex sentences while practicing the “Magic Three” comma technique. They are now applying these skills to elevate their weekly paragraph writing



Our **6th graders** are busy studying for their *City of Ember* test.



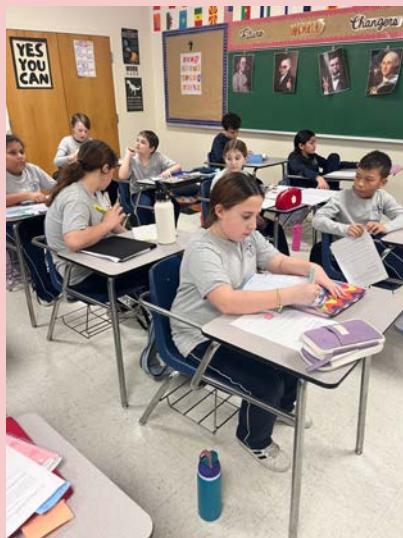
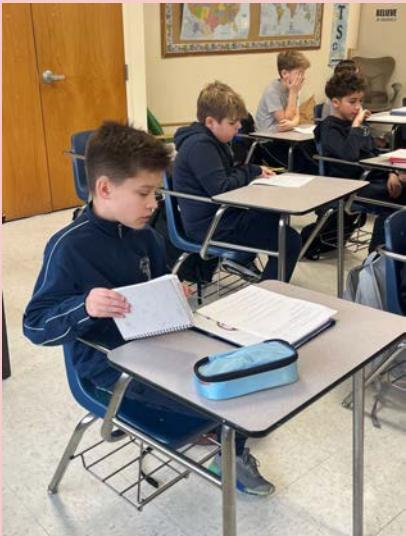
# Grade 5/6

Social Studies with Mrs. Clifford



**Grade 6**

We are learning about Ancient China and its influences in the modern world. Did you know that China invented fireworks?



**Grade 5**

We are learning about Self Government in the 13 Colonies and the causes of the Revolutionary War.



# Ms Decoteau Gr 5/6 Math

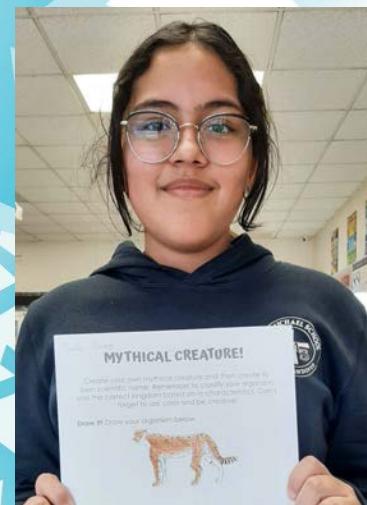
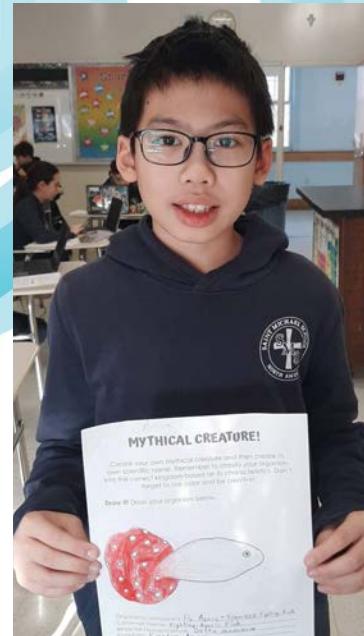
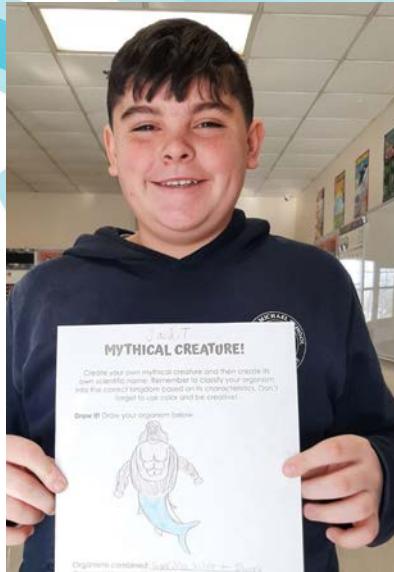
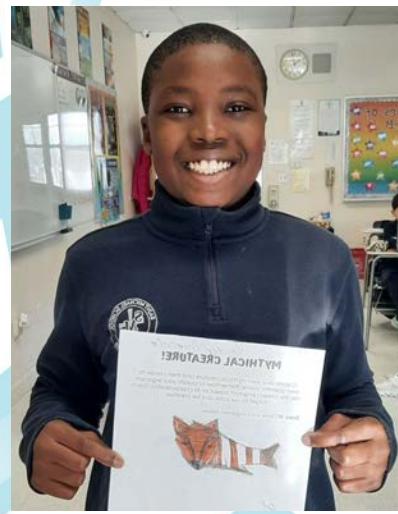
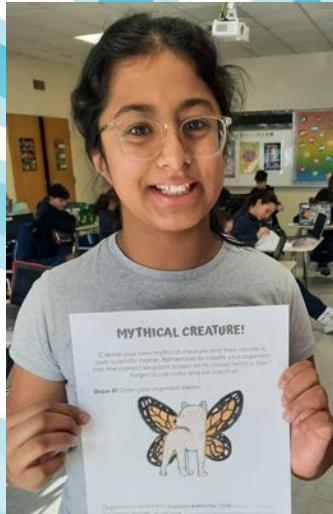
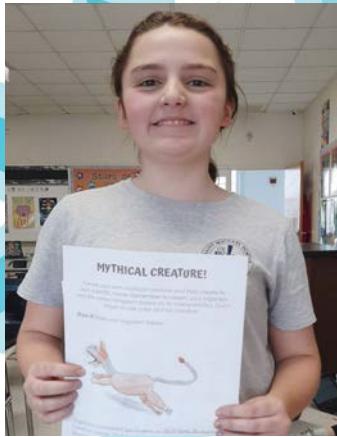
Grade 5 and 6 have been using logic skills to strengthen their Math skills. Students have explored several math puzzles to strengthen their math minds. Completing SUDOKU puzzles has become a popular game. They've also tried LOGIC puzzles. They used strategies of: process of elimination, cancel strategy, and finding possibilities to narrow the choices.



# Mrs. Berard 5TH/6TH Grade Science

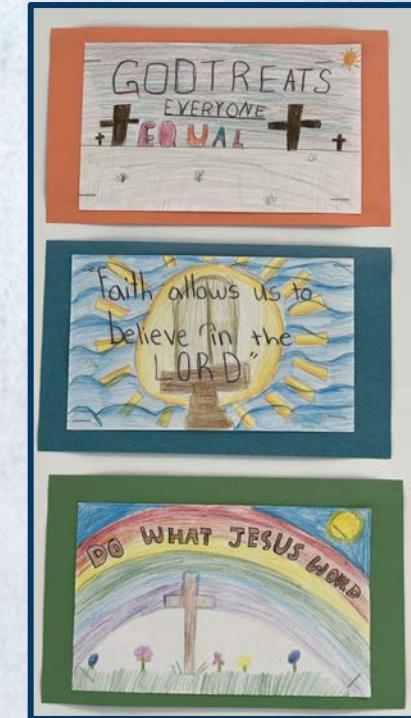
Grade 5 Learned more about Earth's water with a hands on lab where they used hot/cold water, cups and bottles to make a water cycle.

Grade 6 created mythical creatures by combining 2 organisms to create one. They used binomial nomenclature to give their organism a scientific name.



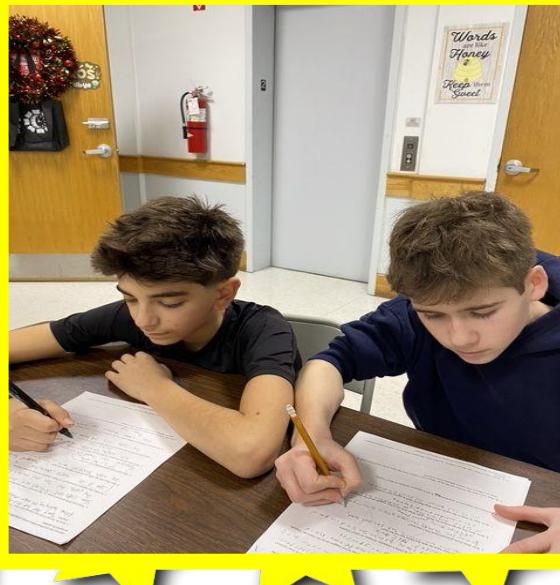
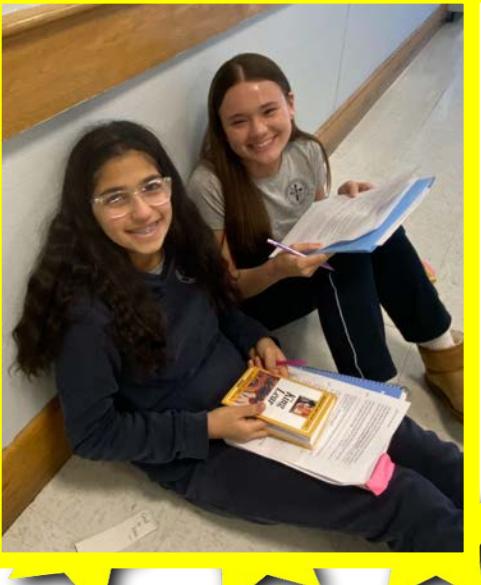
# Mrs. Nagle-7A

As the New Year begins, the students want everyone to always remember...



# Mrs. Ordway - Grade 8 ELA

Grade 8 is exploring the classic, King Lear, and sharing ideas about theme and conflicts





# Mr. A: Science 7/8

Welcome back! I hope every family had a great vacation and a Happy New Year. In the year 2026 both seventh and eighth grade will be learning different aspects of life science. Grade seven will be learning how all different types of organisms live and survive together. Grade eight will be learning about the organelles of both plant and animal cells and how photosynthesis supplies oxygen to the air we breathe. Please keep an eye out for science clubs as they will be starting soon.



Whether they're working or playing, the Class of '26 just clicks!



# Mrs. Parker: 7/8 Math



I hope everyone had a wonderful start to 2026! The students came back to school ready to go and are working hard. The students in grade 7 have been working on percentages and various ways to solve them. If you go out to dinner as a family, you can ask them to calculate the tip for you as a way to practice their skills. The students in grade 8 have been using substitution and elimination to solve systems of linear equations. We will be looking at real life applications of these skills soon.

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# School Counseling and Specials



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# PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Happy New Year SMS! Our students jumped right back into some fast paced bowling relays. The action was fast and furious. Luckily we had some warmer weather so the younger grades were able to get outside and even had some trips to the playground. Saint Michael Ski Club is off to a great start, with over 60 Skiers and Riders. We are ripping it up over at Ski Bradford.



"Ski fast. Take chances."

-Anonymous



# January Music

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!



*Music classes are back in full musical mode!*

- ★ *Nursery/PreK/Kindergarten Students are exploring percussion instruments, by learning to play, listen and move while discovering different sounds and rhythms. All students are learning winter seasonal songs in a fun way!*
- ★ *Grade 1&2 Students are having fun with Winter Beats! Students follow simple rhythms with 4 beat rhythm patterns. Using classical and contemporary music while building their listening skills. Grade 2 Students are also learning how our National Anthem was created.*
- ★ *Grade 3&4 Students are working with recorders. Focusing on proper playing technique, reading music, and of course earning “Belts” after completing a song.*

*...a Big Thank you to our Christmas Choir!*



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

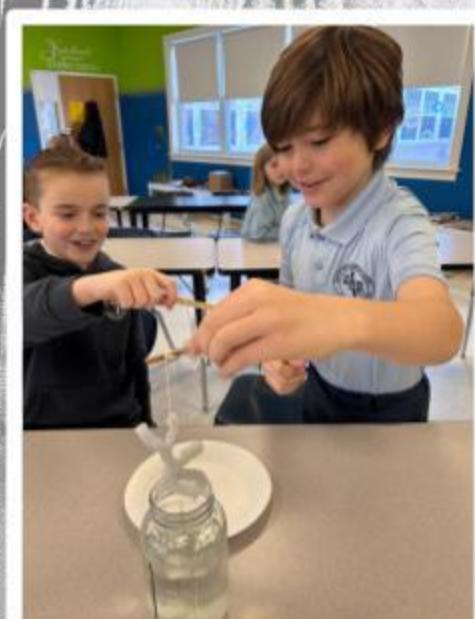
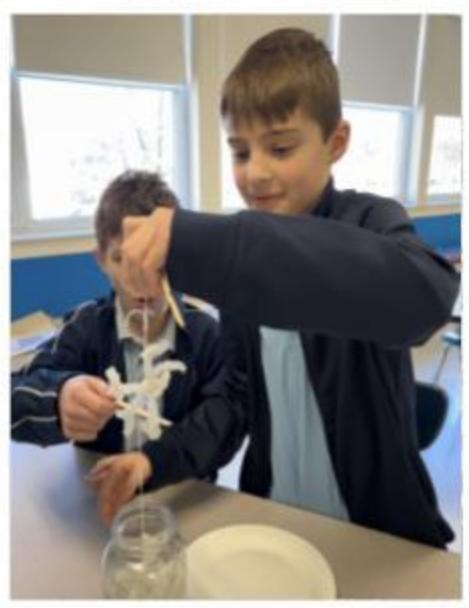


# STEM



**Grade 4 students went on an exciting adventure in STEM by conducting a hands-on experiment to replicate how crystals are formed in nature. Active engagement helps students understand the science concepts of solutions, saturation, evaporation, and crystallization.**



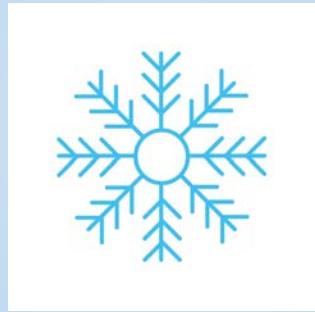
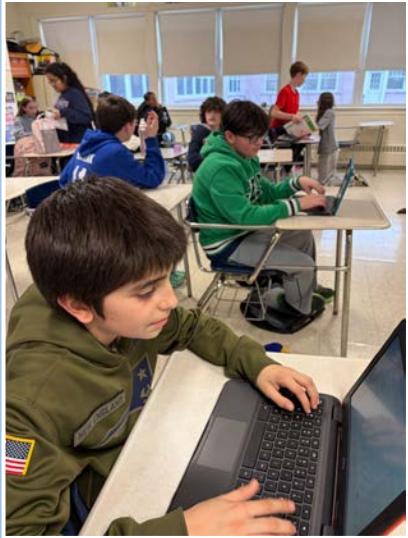




# Technology

Happy New Year!

Students in 7/8th grade are learning the basics of saving and budgeting by exploring needs vs. wants. and setting simple money goals. Through our new interactive online program called Social Institute, we are guided by activities that allow us to have some great conversations around making smart choices about money now and in the future.



# Spanish

Mrs. Belitti

Grade 8 is learning how to make decisions in Spanish by choosing this or that.

Grade 6 is learning about cognates (words that sound similar in English and Spanish).

Grade 7 is designing a backpack based on how they answer the questions asked.



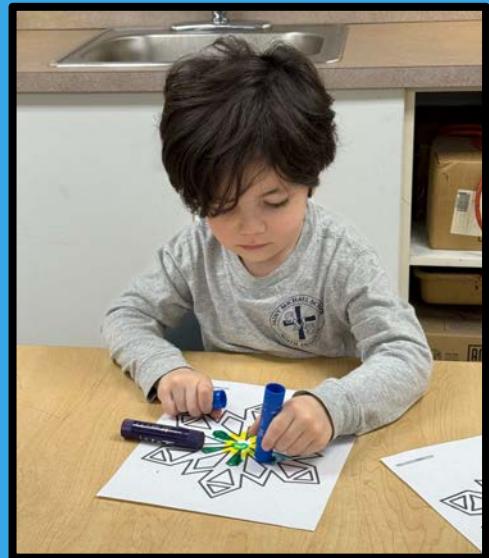
Grade 5 is currently reviewing past vocabulary with Mr. Cuddles.



**Feliz año nuevo**

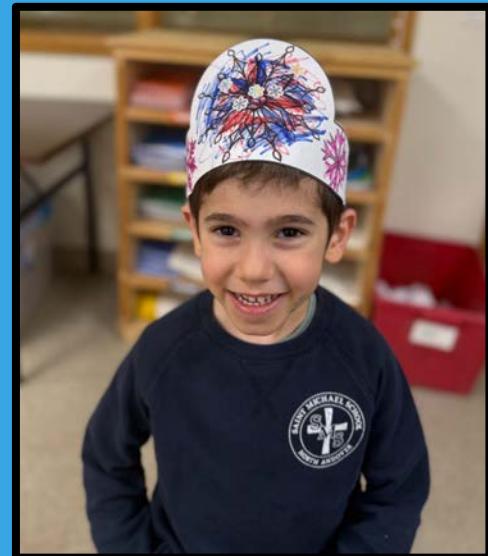
# ART CLASS

*With Mrs. Donegan*



To celebrate the weather most classes in the art room have been learning about snowflakes and creating their very own. Nursery and Pre-K created their own and even made crowns!

Third, fourth and fifth grade students have been drawing with pencil and Sharpies and will paint the background with watercolor.



# Counselor's Corner with Mrs. Rowley



A group of 8th graders came to see me asking if we could start a Tech Deck club. I told them that in order for a club to be started I needed them to put together a thorough plan on how they could execute it throughout the upper school. Within just a couple of days they had a written plan that was able to be put into action. Let me introduce the "Tech Deck Club". At this time it consists of upper school students, however, the plan is for them to soon start teaching the lower school students! This is entirely student initiated. They have built their own park equipment, as well as the actual boards. They support each other to learn new skills and are having a blast!