

Newsletter January 2025



Happy New Year and welcome back! I truly hope that the Christmas vacation allowed you to relax and enjoy some family fun. I have heard from many of the children who had great times both at home and on family vacations. Their stories of the gifts Santa left and the fun of playing all week long were wonderful to hear. It was also nice to hear the children talk about attending Christmas Eve or Christmas Day Mass at our parish.

Ski & Board Club is up and running on Tuesdays after school. Mr. Diaz and about sixty students from grades 3-8 are participating in this great, six-week program. The program runs right up until February vacation.

It always feels like the first four months of school are the most difficult. The children and teachers are getting to know each other, there are few days off and the seasons change so quickly resulting in coughs and colds. As a reminder, we will always attempt outdoor recess if the weather allows. Freezing temperatures will always result in indoor recess, but students should be dressed properly each day with jackets, hats and mittens/gloves to ensure they are prepared should we go outside for recess. Also, we heat the classrooms comfortably to sixty-eight degrees. Students are welcome to wear their uniform sweatshirt in class if they are cold.

Our MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) standardized testing program returns Jan. 13-Feb.10. All students in K-8 participate in testing as required by the Archdiocese of Boston. Teachers will reach out to let families know which days students will test. You can help your child be successful by making sure he/she is well-rested and has a good breakfast the day of testing.

In addition to the learning that will be taking place in the upcoming weeks we are also making final plans to celebrate Catholic Schools Week (United in Faith & Community Theme and will run Jan. 26-31). A specific schedule will be handed out by your child's classroom teacher so please be sure to keep an eye out for the activities we are planning.

Term II ended on January 16th and Report Cards will be live on Renweb on January 24. Should you ever have questions regarding grades, please know you can always reach out directly to a teacher. Email is the best form of communication due to their very busy schedules. If you feel a conference is needed, please email.

Do you know someone who is interested in sending their child to St. Michael School? We are hosting an Open House on Thursday, January 30th at 10 a.m. Families will have an opportunity to tour the school while classes are in session to get a feel for the school and administration will be available for questions. Please spread the word!

I wish you many blessings for a happy and healthy New Year!

Sue Gosselin



January



Happy New Year!

**For I know the plans I have for you,”
says the Lord. “They are plans for
good and not for disaster, to give you
a future and a hope.”**

Jeremiah 29:11

*Dear Lord, I look forward to the good
plans you have for my life this year.*

*No matter what each day holds, I
know all will be well because you are
always with me.*



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

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.

- January 24- Report Cards
- January 26-31- Catholic Schools Week
- January 27- Grade 7 Penance
- January 31- NAHS meeting with grade 8 students/parents
- February 3- 1:45pm. Mass
- February 7- PTO Dance
- February 10- Grade 6 Penance

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 Dorothy_varga@saintmichael.com.

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

Thank You!



We wish to thank and recognize everyone who donated to our Annual Fund. We are excited to announce that we have received over \$45,000 since September! Your generosity made that possible!

- In an ever-changing world, we would like to improve important aspects of our security and safety protocols, with priority to installing exterior cameras on the property.
- Update our ever-aging building. Our old building is over 70 years old and our "new" school is over 20 years old. We are looking to upgrade our playground and roof maintenance.
- Affording tuition can be a hardship for many families. Help us to continue helping those families who want a quality, catholic education for their children.

Trinity Level (over \$5,000)

Mr. Chris Frommelt
Michael Souza & Ellen Caille

Founders Level (\$101 to \$500)

Ann Amico
Sandra Bryant
Clara Cabrera
Mr. & Mrs. Brad Gosselin
Kurt & Anne Marie Guggenberger
Mr. & Mrs. Harrington
Ms. Diane Haslam
Mr. & Mrs. George Kazanjian
Christopher & Lisa King
Mr. & Mrs. James Lafond
Mr. & Mrs. Mark LaSpina
The Leyden Family
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Lynch
Kathy Manzi
Lisa Mariano
Mr. & Mrs. Pierre Maroun
Mr. & Mrs. Eion McCann
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas McCarthy
Mr. & Mrs. Murphy
Laura Naismith
Robert & Gail Read
Mr. Preston Rowe & Ms. Fiona Ritchie
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Scanlon
Thomas & Maureen Scott
Judith Tarquinio
Yesica & John Torro

Blue & White Level (up to \$20)

Mrs. Ruth Bamford
Ms. Lori Gosselin
Ms. Nancy Riley
Mr. & Mrs. John Stanisewski

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

Mr. David Cwiekowski & Mrs. Beni Barrett
The Donahue Family
Lee Evangelista
Marianne & Joe Levis
Mr. & Mrs. Levis
Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Loyd
The Rogge Family

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

Anthony & Mary Ellen Agri
Donna Andren
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Fantozzi
Thomas & Kathleen Ferlito
Christopher & Jodie Maroun
Ms. Joan Redman
Mr. Wing Lui

Principal Level (21 to \$100)

Elizabeth Anderson
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Andren
Mr. & Mrs. Basak
Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Bernal
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Blain
Ms. Jane Burleigh
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Caffrey
Mrs. Angelina Caolbrisi &
RoseMarie Diresta
Mr. & Mrs. Calobrisi
Mr. & Mrs. Gerardo Casal
Mr. & Mrs. David Chavez
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Cowan
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The Gesing Family
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Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Pennace
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Penny
Mrs. Ella Riley
Mr. & Mrs. John Ronayne
Joseph & Linda Rynne
The Sullivan Family
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Surette
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Throp
Mr. John Trembler
Sandra Wilson
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Wiseheart

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ONLINE TODAY!**



**THE
Annual
Fund**



Your gift makes a difference!



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 honor of Emily & Ryan Andren*
- In honor of Olivia Blain, Class of 2005*
- Laura Bryant*
- In honor of Luca Calobrisi*
- In honor of Ben and Luke Comeau*
- In honor of Max Cowan*
- Rev. Kevin Deeley*
- Memory of Jeff Donahue*
- Thank you everyone for all you do!*
- The wonderful and dedicated faculty and staff of*
- St. Michael School*
- In honor of Shannon Farrell*
- Josephine E. Gazrahan*
- In honor of my grandson Ryan Hiro Class of 2025*
- In honor of Peter Jaworski*
- In memory of Fr. Paul Keyes*
- In honor of Madison and Bryanna King*
- Benjamin Latorr III*
- In honor of Wyatt Lang*
- In memory of Mr. Dennis LeBrecque*
- In honor of Ella Levesque*
- Remembering our family's 68 consecutive years to*
- SMS with 16 graduates! Our last graduate was*
- Kate Manzi Class of 2024*
- In honor of Don and Maryann Marinelli*
- In honor of Madelyn, Colin & Bridget McKallagat and*
- Wyatt Lang*
- Our Grandchildren - Audrey, Gracie & Griffin Murphy*
- In honor of Mary Alice Rock*
- In honor of Kaileigh Rynne*
- Michael Scanlon*
- Margaret & Ralph Walker*
- Evon Yameen*

How to Give

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

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



Please Select Your Tax Deductible Giving Club Level

- 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

My Relationship To Saint Michael School Is:

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

I have enclosed a gift made payable to "Saint Michael School" for the Annual Fund for \$ _____ I wish my gift to remain anonymous

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

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

Please designate my gift to:

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

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

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

Organization _____ Email _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

U Matter



Congratulations to our U Matter winners!



Adrian cleaned up a big mess that he did not make.



Simone helped a classmate with morning work.



Will helped a sick student gather her belongings to go home.



Hadi very politely asked to help pass out items in STEM.



Holden always tells me to have a nice day before he leaves the STEM Lab.



Valentino let a friend use his chromebook when hers was not working.

U Matter



Honorable Mention



Grade 1

Cece

Grade 2

Bella

Grade 3

Raleigh

Grade 4

William

U Matter



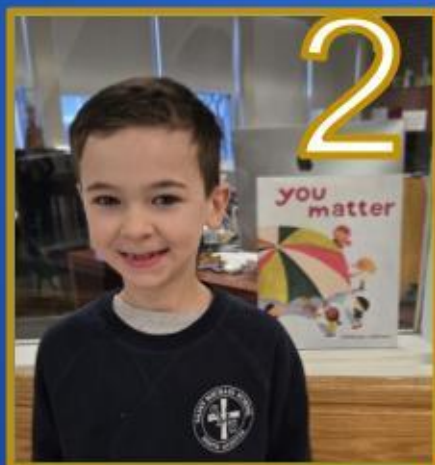
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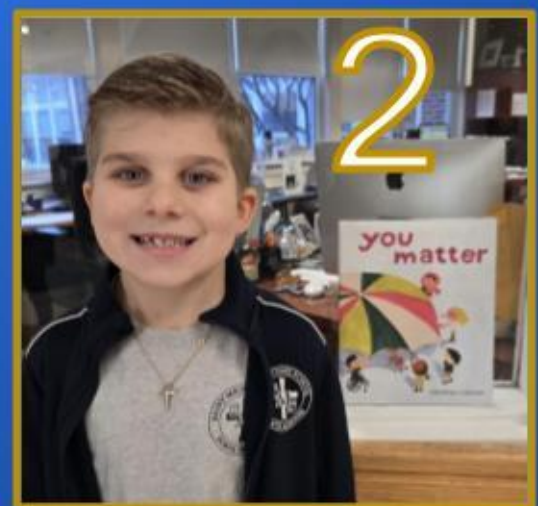
Aiden helped a sick friend pack up.



Stella helped clean up at extended care.



Dominic. Helped a friend clean up after a project without being asked.



Michael helped clean up at extended care.

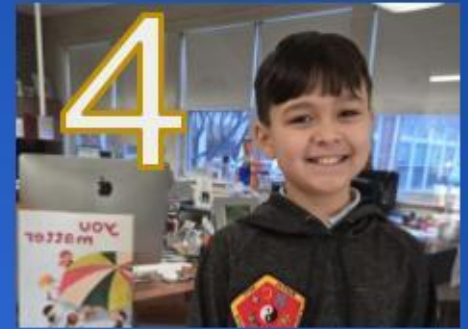
U Matter



Gemma showed kindness to another student.



Jia was the only student that cleaned up the craft during the Christmas party.



Gabe helped clean up at extended care.

Honorable Mention

Kindergarten

Bodey

Grade 1

Michael

Stella

Grade 2

Antonio

Grade 5

Charlie

Colton



U Matter



Congratulations to our U Matter winners!



Ben helped a friend that was out sick with a science experiment.



Michaela was the only one that cleaned up in the hall when asked.



Stella helped a friend in need without being asked.

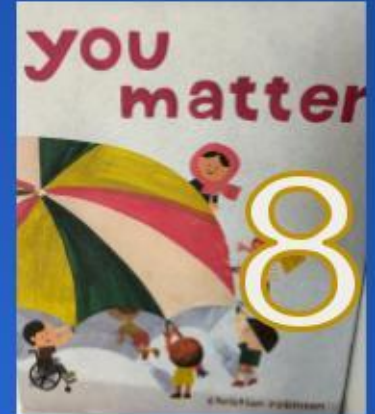
U Matter



Davin cleaned a mess in the hall that he did not make.



Jack cleaned up water that spilled in the hallway while everyone else went out to recess.



Mikayla went out of her way to help a Kindergarten student that was crying.

Honorable Mention



Grade 8
Emily
Jonah
John





NURSERY



PRE-K

Early Childhood

Nursery, Pre-K, & Kindergarten



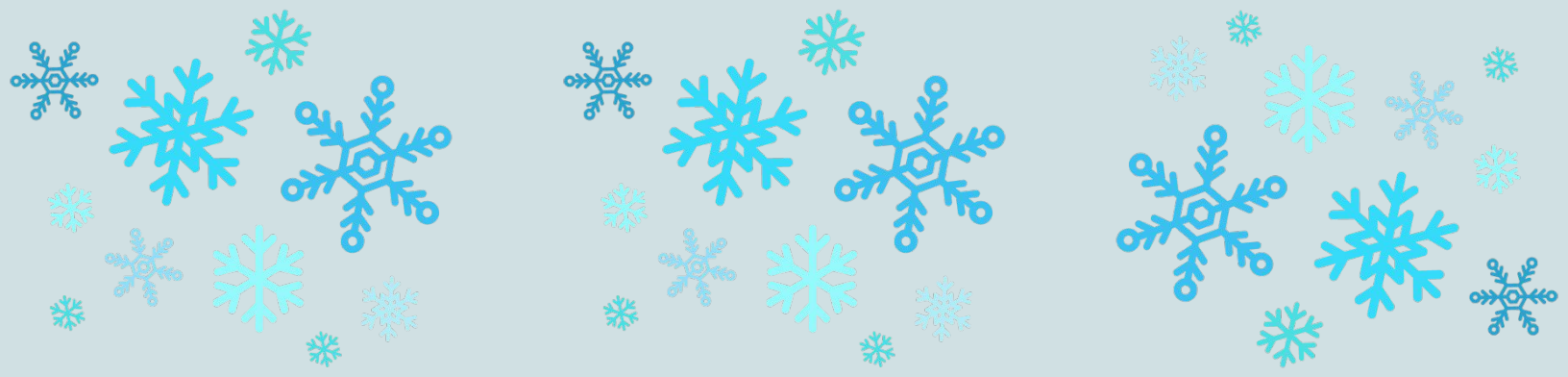
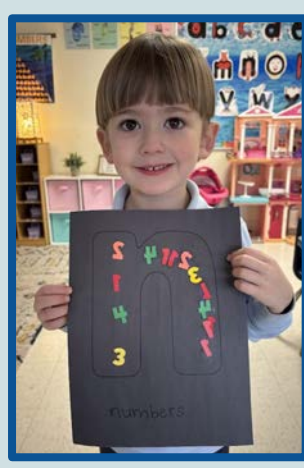
KINDERGARTEN

Nursery

Mrs. Siddiqui



Nursery is working on letters N, O, and P. We cannot wait for Catholic Schools Week!

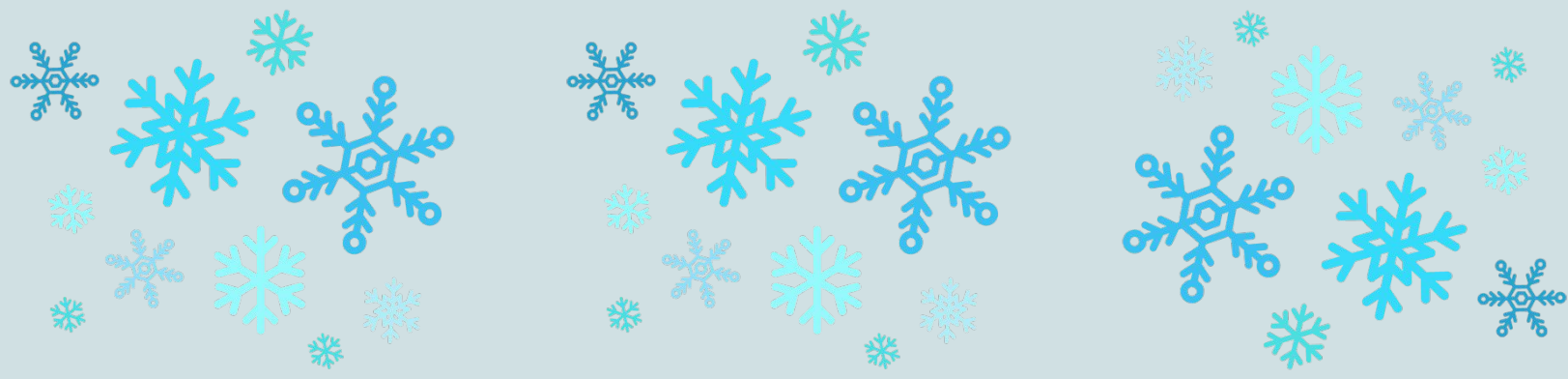
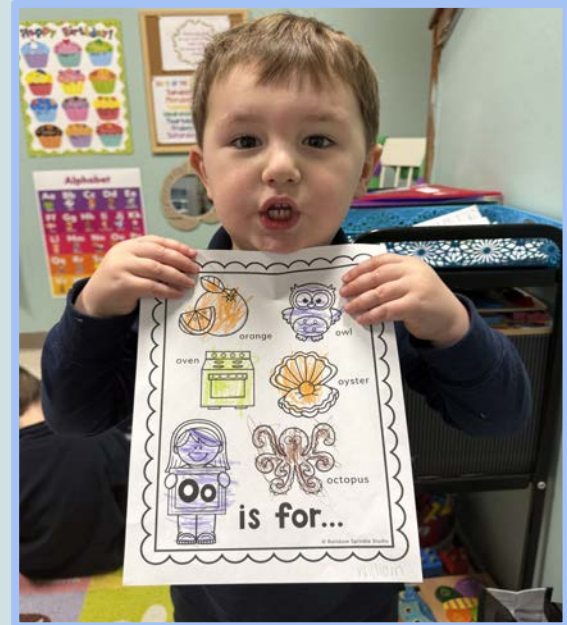


Nursery

Mrs. McGovern



Nursery is continuing with our letter of the week while we prepare for Catholic Schools Week at the end of the month!



PRE-K Mrs. Reinhard

During the month of January we learned about Winter animals, hibernation, and all things winter.



PRE-K Ms. K



January has been busy so far! We are learning about winter, snowflakes, hibernating animals and enjoying lots of snowy stories, some of which were read with our reading buddies! We are excited for Catholic Schools Week at the end of the month!



PRE-K Mrs. Cali



January is full of fun! We have been learning all about snowy weather and winter animals!



Kindergarten!

Mrs. Sleight



Happy New Year! We are excited to begin a new year! We are looking forward to Catholic School Week when we celebrate who we are as a Catholic School community.

Kindergarten!



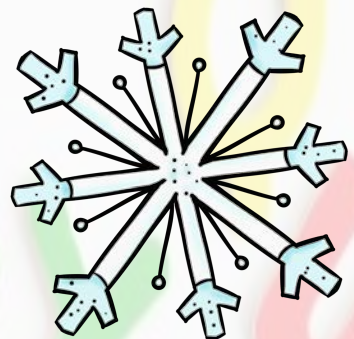
Mrs. Polcari



Happy Birthday Martin Luther King Jr.!



“The time is always right to do what is right”- Martin Luther King Jr.



Kindergarten!

Mrs. Kasberg



January has been a busy month! We started off the year by creating New Year Resolutions! We also have been learning about snowman and snowflakes.



FIRST GRADE



SECOND GRADE

Elementary School

Grades 1-4



THIRD GRADE



FOURTH GRADE



First Grade

1A- Mrs. Robidoux



First grade is *snow* much fun!

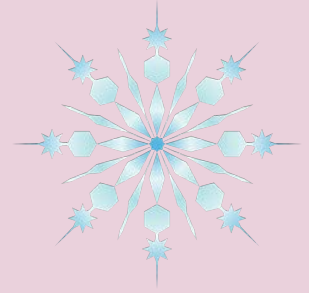
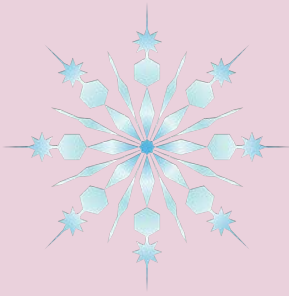


First Grade

IB- MS. BEDARD



We are halfway through first grade and it shows!
The children are learning and growing so much! 2025
is off to a great start!



Mrs. Caffrey



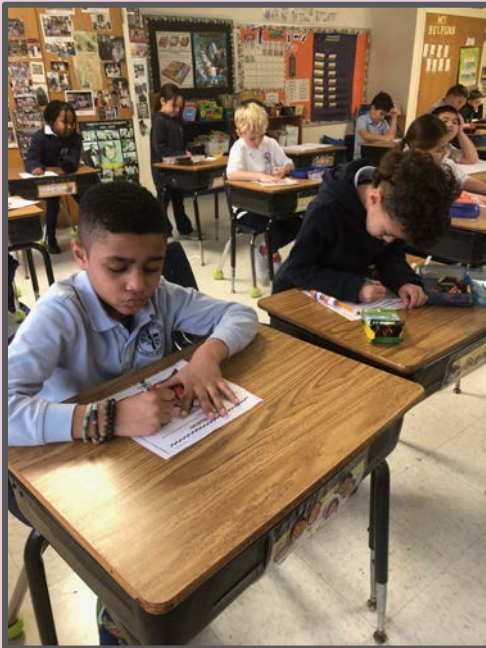
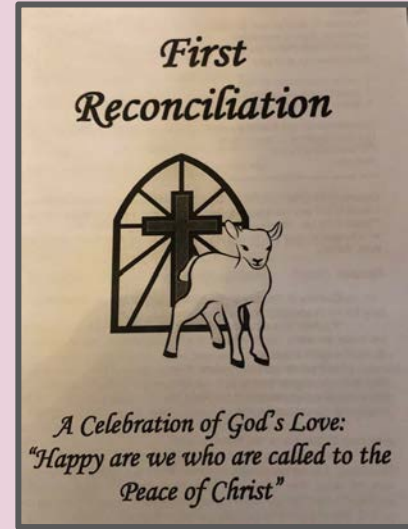
The children began the month of January with the celebration of the Epiphany.

We welcomed 2025 with our Resolutions.

We completed our Earth Science Unit with an activity on the parts of a volcano.

The children received their First Penance on Saturday, January 11th.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers.





Mrs. Grant

Happy New Year from grade 2B. With the cold temperatures, we have enjoyed inside recess with friends: reading, coloring and puzzles. We also had a blast mapping out the different states Santa visited.



3rd Grade

Mrs. Torpey and Ms. Grava

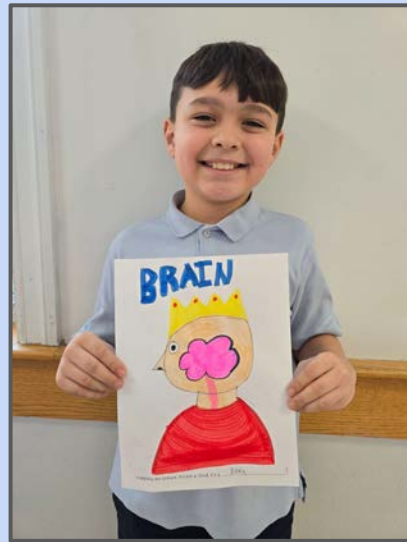
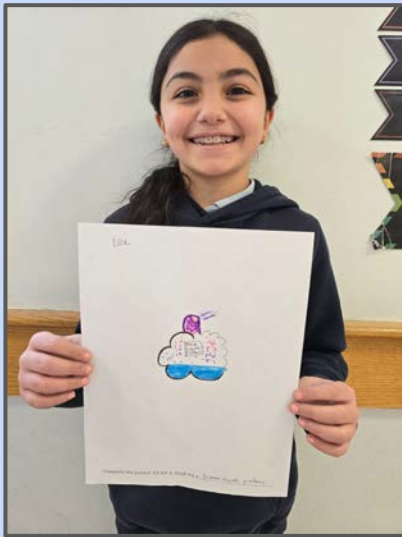
The students learned how to write a friendly letter before Christmas break. After letters were written, they learned how to address an envelope. Letters were stamped and mailed. Some students have already received a response in the mail.



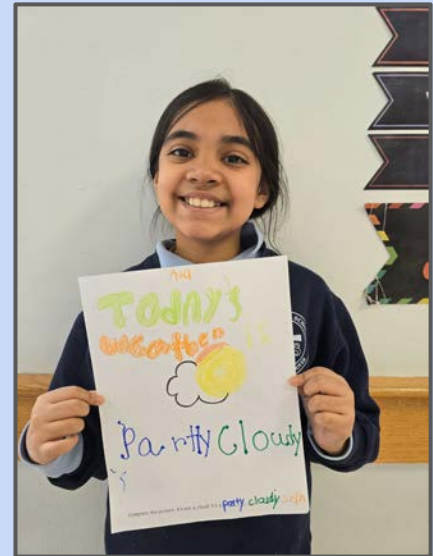
Students are learning about plant life cycles in science. They learned about pollination and created their own models to demonstrate the process.



Grade 4 with Mrs. Andrewchuk & Mrs. Sweeney



The children in Grade 4 have been given the opportunity once a week to "Think out of the Box!" and promote their creativity!

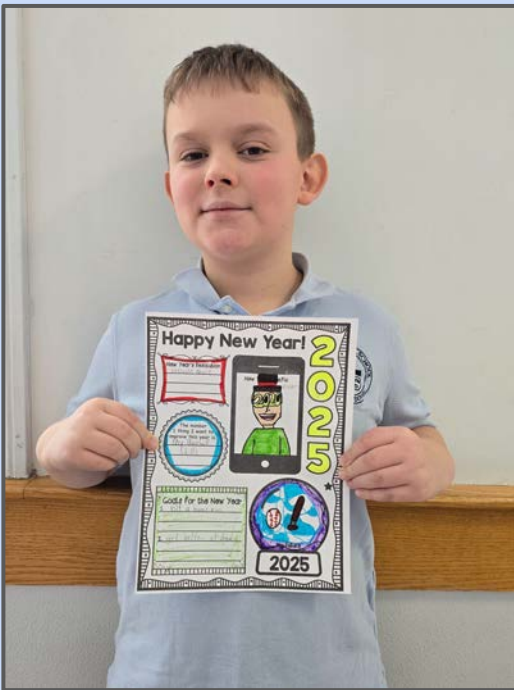
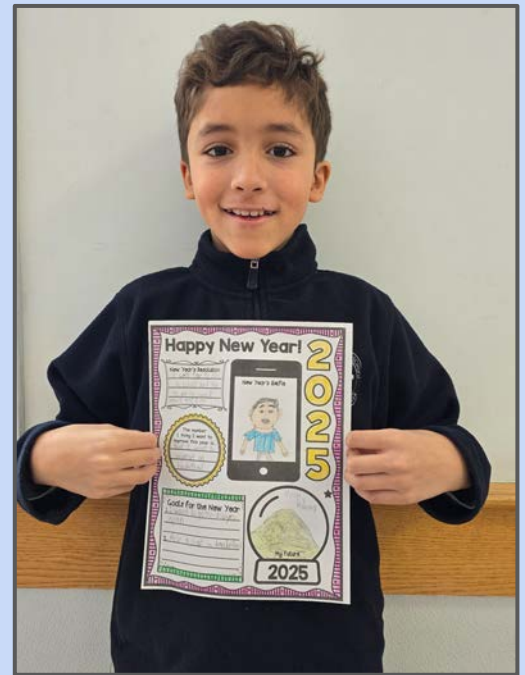


Grade 4



Mrs.
Andrewchuk &
Mrs. Sweeney

The children in
Grade 4 are
starting off the new
year with great
enthusiasm!
They have set
goals and
resolutions for the
new year and are
looking forward to
an amazing 2025!!





FIFTH GRADE



SIXTH GRADE

Upper School

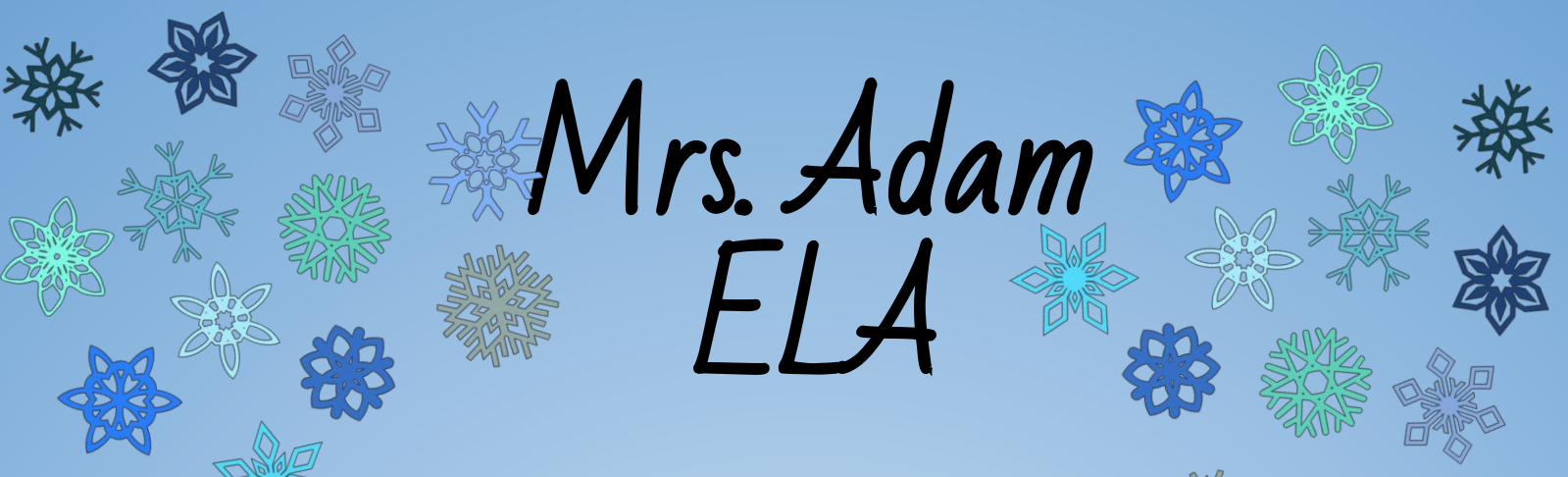
Grades 5-8



SEVENTH GRADE



EIGHTH GRADE



Mrs. Adam ELA



5th Grade -
We're learning about Westward Expansion during the 1800's. What character traits were needed in people who settled the West?



6th Grade -
After our discussion of two chapters, they're now finishing up *The City of Ember*. Some don't want the book to end!



Mrs. Clifford
5&6 Social Studies

Remembering President Carter...

Students doing research
on our 39th President.

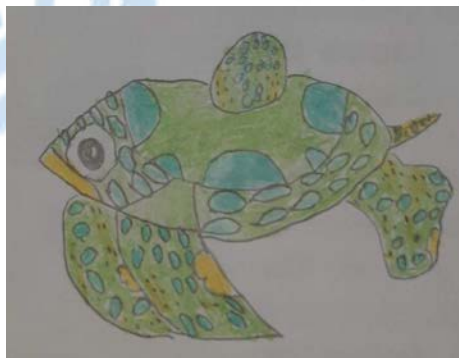


Mrs. Berard 5th/6th Grade Science



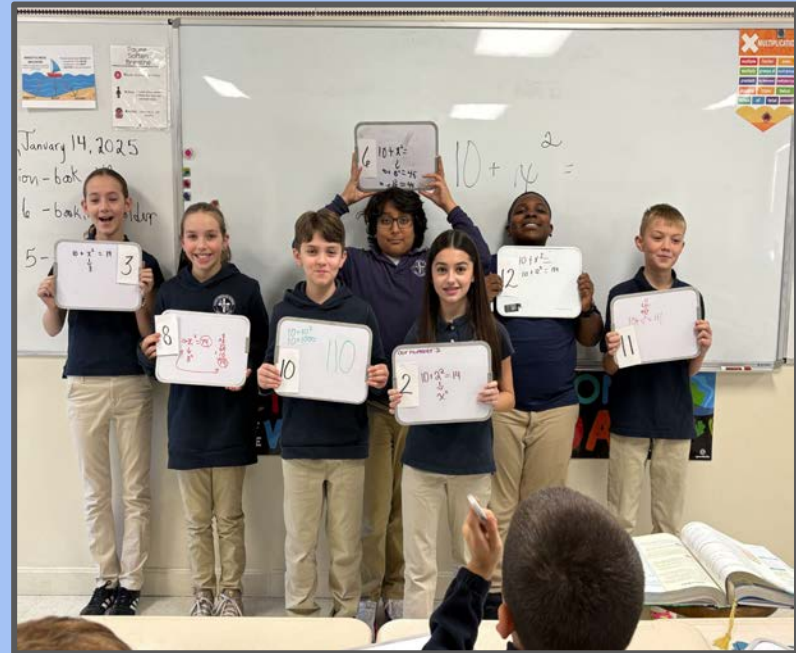
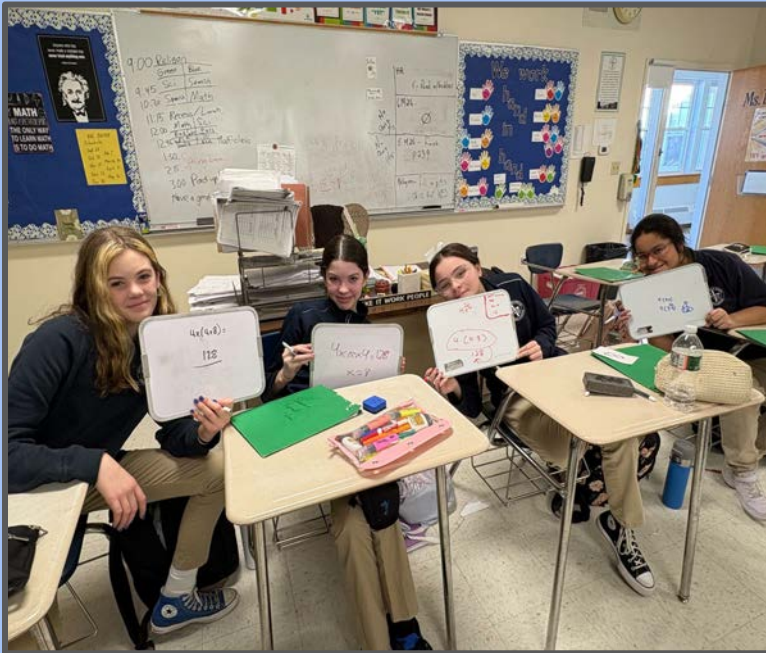
5th grade learned about the Earth's water and created a water cycle in a bag. One bag is closed and the other is open, what will happen after a week?

6th grade learned about classifying living things. They created their own mythical creatures by mixing 2 organisms.



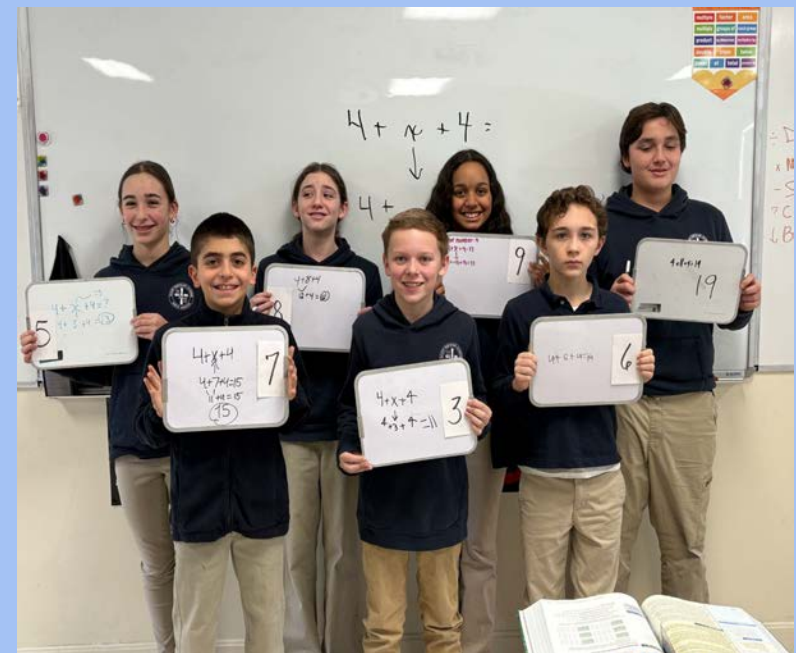
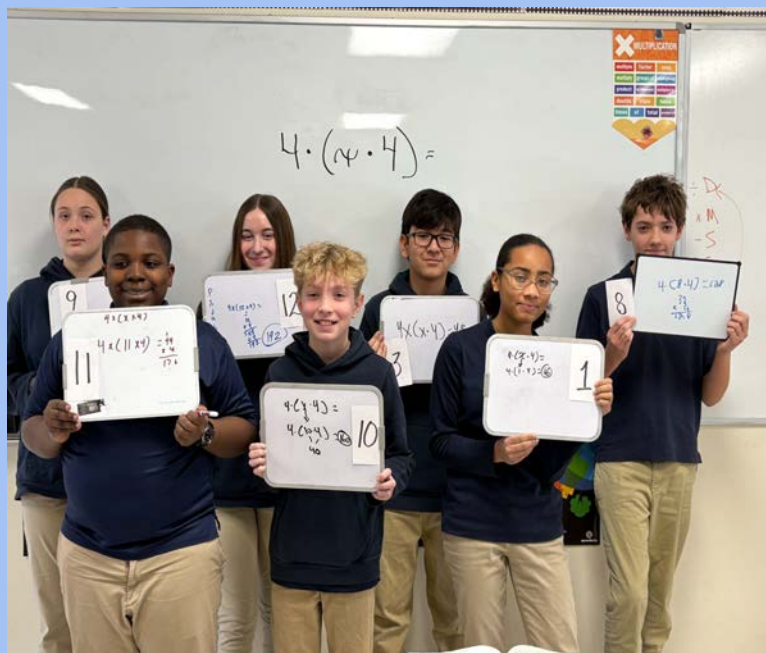
Grade 5/6 MATH

Ms. Decoteau



Grade 6 students have begun using algebraic equations. They noticed that if you change the value of the variable, the final answer is affected.

Congratulations to Jack Pawlik for representing grade 6 in the school Spelling Bee!! He was awesome and we are very proud of him.

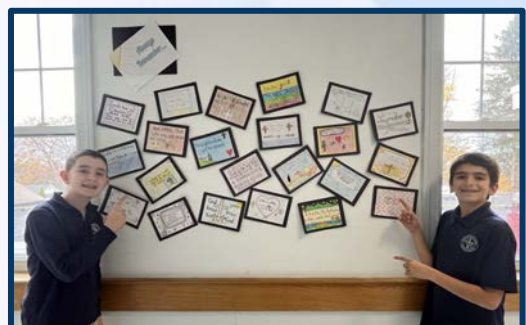
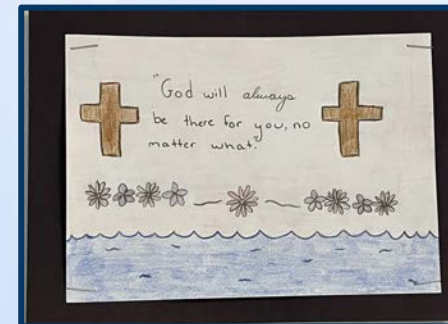
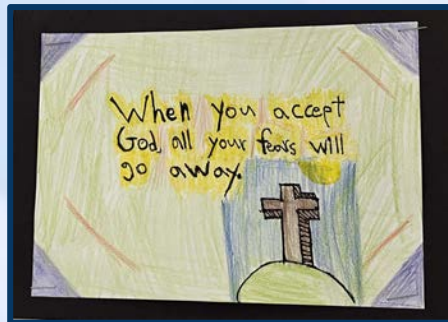
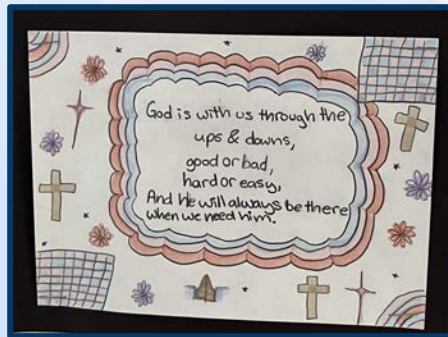
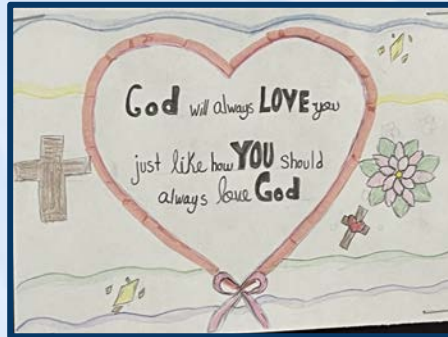
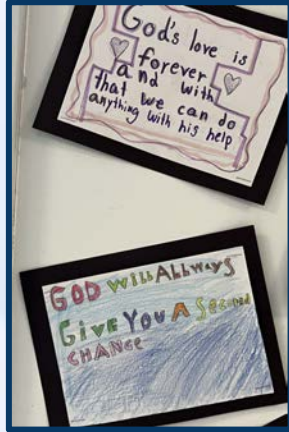




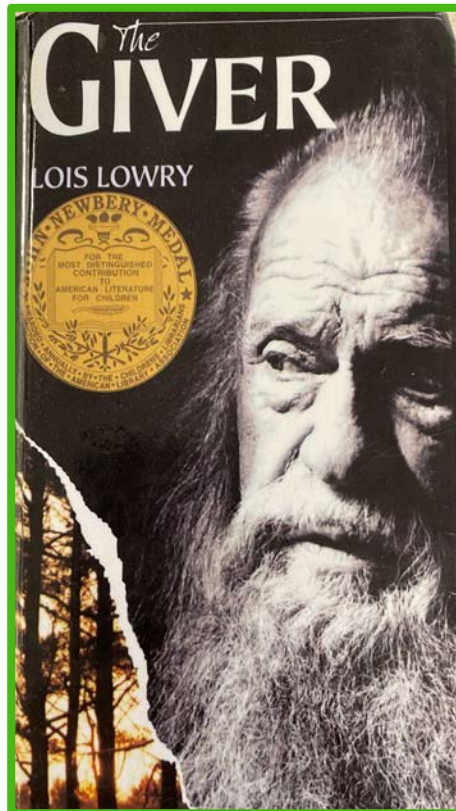
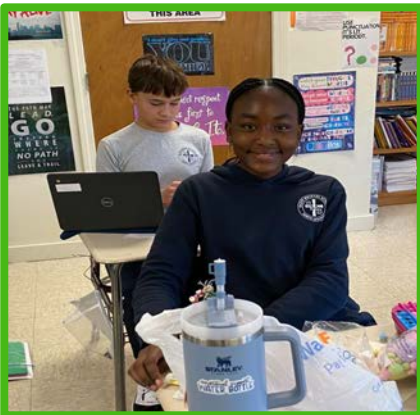
Mrs. Nagle: Grade 7A Religion

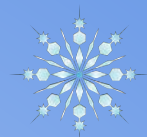


As the new year begins, the students want everyone to always remember...



Mrs. Ordway - Grade 7 ELA
Our Literature class studied the novel, *The Giver*. We, also, created memory books to capture character, plot, theme, and conflict of the novel.



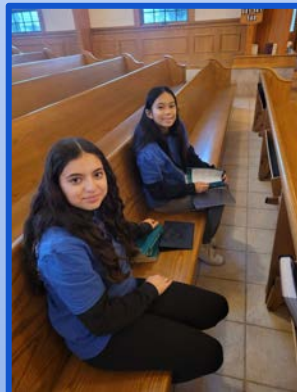


Mr. A: Science 7/8

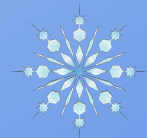
Happy New Year to all! I hope everybody had a happy and healthy holiday season. I know that the vacation was extra long this year, but it was nice to have this time to relax.

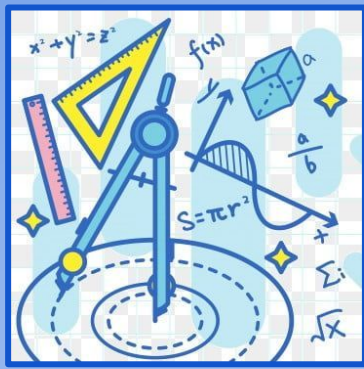
As grades seven and eight begin the New Year, their respective subject areas are changing. Grade seven will be learning about different types of species and their habitats. Grade eight will be learning about photosynthesis and cellular respiration.

This is a busy time of year for our students. Science Clubs for both grades will begin soon. This year's Science Fair will be taking place in April. More information will be sent home in a few weeks.



The Class of 2025 enjoys helping at the church.





Mrs. Parker: 7/8 Math

Happy New Year! I hope that you all enjoyed a happy and healthy holiday season with your families. I appreciate all of the generosity you shared with me and the other teachers this Christmas season.

The students have been working hard since returning to school. The 7th graders finished up their work on inequalities. We will be working with ratios, rates, and proportions next which will set the groundwork for our upcoming percentage work. The 8th grade students have been working with systems of linear equations and different methods to solve them. Our next work will be exploring all of the different rules for exponents.



The Class of 2025 enjoys helping at the school.



SCHOOL COUNSELOR



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School Counseling and Specials



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Saint Michael PE

Welcome back to SMS! I hope everyone had a great two weeks off!

2025 is off to a great start. School morning programs include hockey, basketball and volleyball.

Grades 1-8 have been battling it out with some fun indoor soccer games.

Mother Nature helped get Ski Bradford open for the season. This year we have over 60 skiers and riders enjoying the slopes.

Our basketball teams are in the home stretch of the season and will be prepping for the playoffs. Thank you to the Central Catholic girl's basketball team who hosted our 5th grade girls for a halftime scrimmage and clinic!



"When you walk through a storm keep your chin up high and don't be afraid of the dark. At the end of a storm is a golden sky and the sweet silver song of a lark"

-Gerry and the Pacemakers



January Music

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



- ★ **Nursery** Students continue seasonal fingerplays with stop and go movement, using themes, ex: Penguins, skating, and sledding.
- ★ **PreK-4** Students are learning about the Glockenspiel instruments and mallets too! Learning where the low tones are, and the higher tones are! Students playing with both hands!
- ★ **Kindergarten** Students listened to excerpts from Camille Saint Saens Carnival of the Animals. Beautiful music encourages students to engage with the music and see themselves in the story. Students act it out and create movements for each animal.
- ★ **Grade 1&2** Students are learning music theory. Performing interactive activities and rhythm practice on the Smartboard.
- ★ **Grade 3&4** Students continue recorder learning. Playing the recorder reinforces a range of musical skills, note reading, and music theory.

Excellent... as usual!!

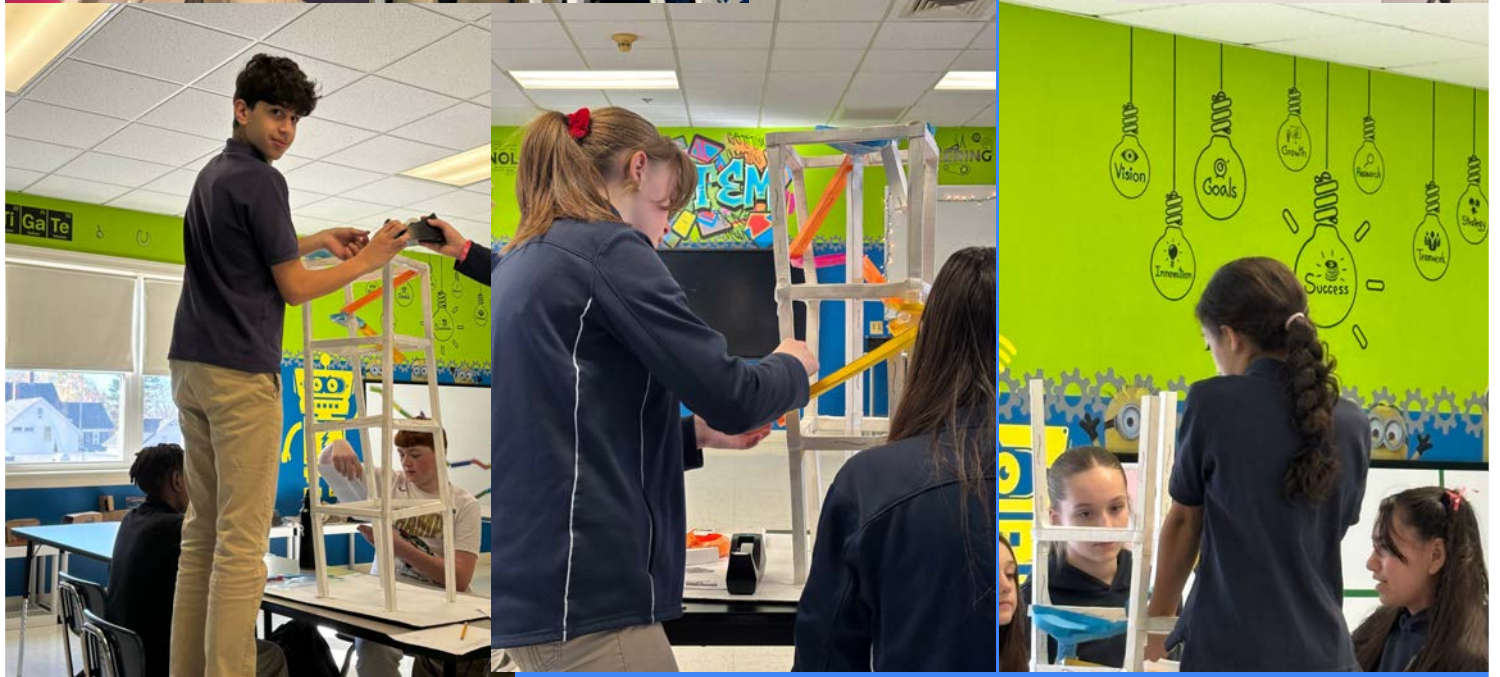
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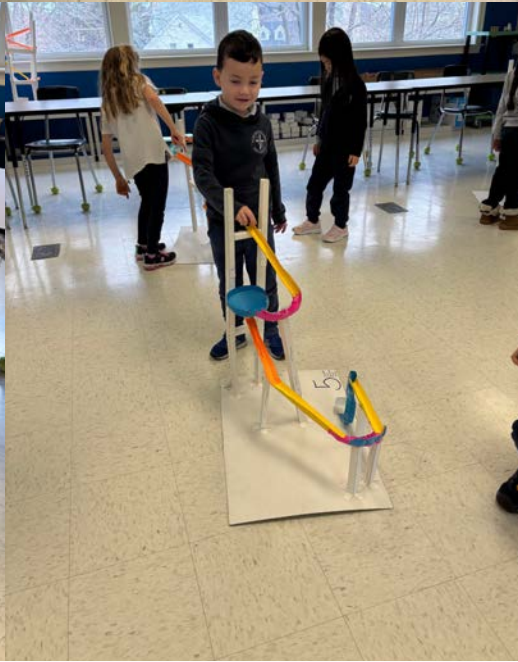


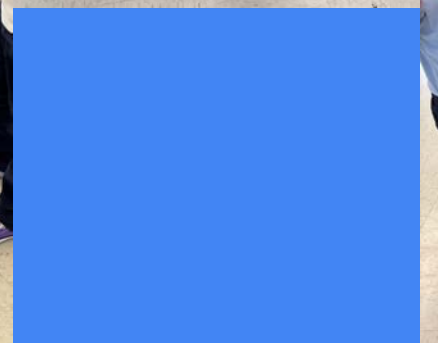
Integrated STEM



Amazing opportunities happen in STEM. The eighth graders designed and built marble roller coasters out of paper and tape. Then their Kindergarten buddies used them to learn about gravity!

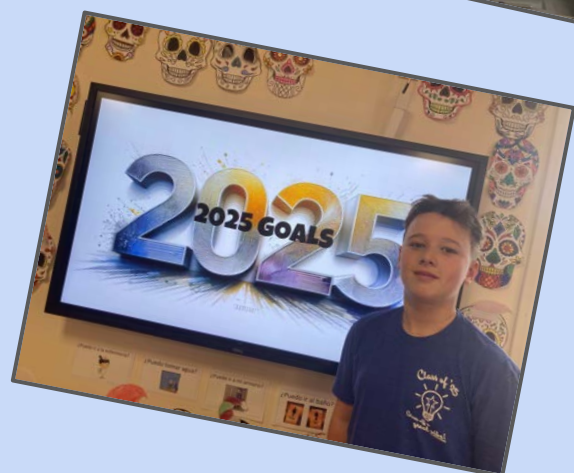
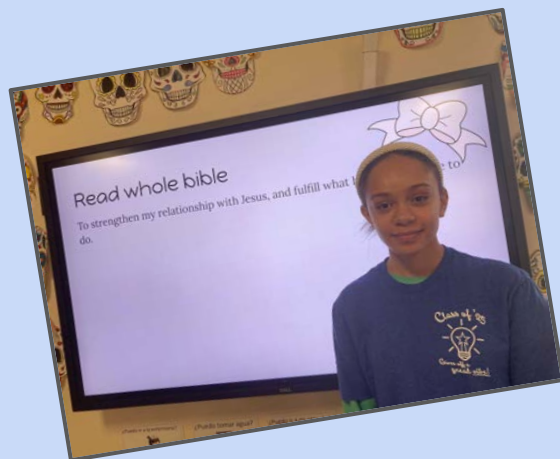
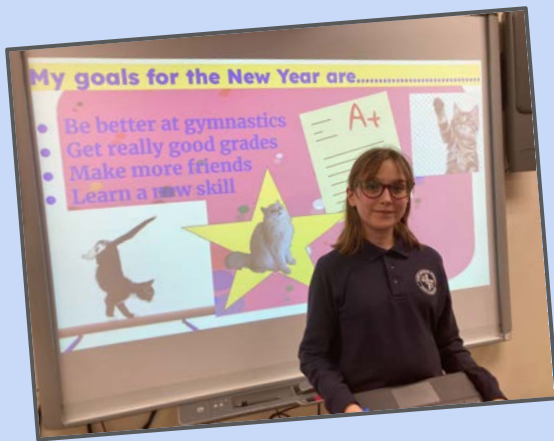
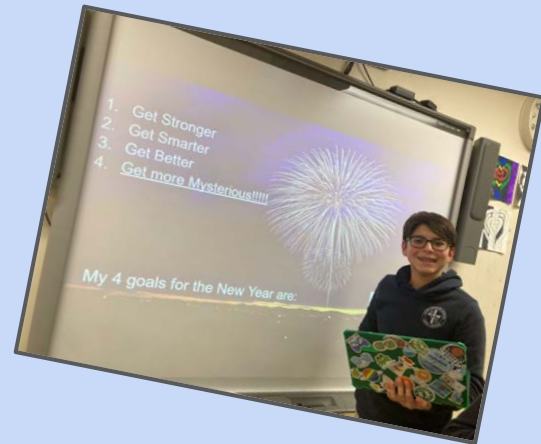
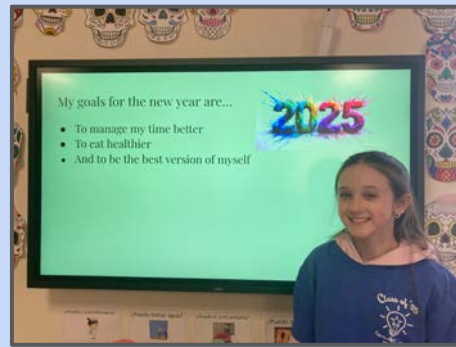
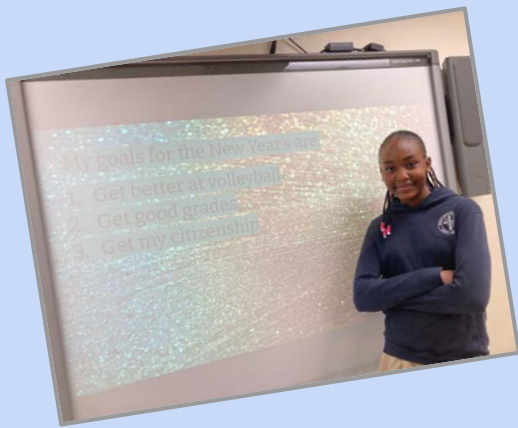






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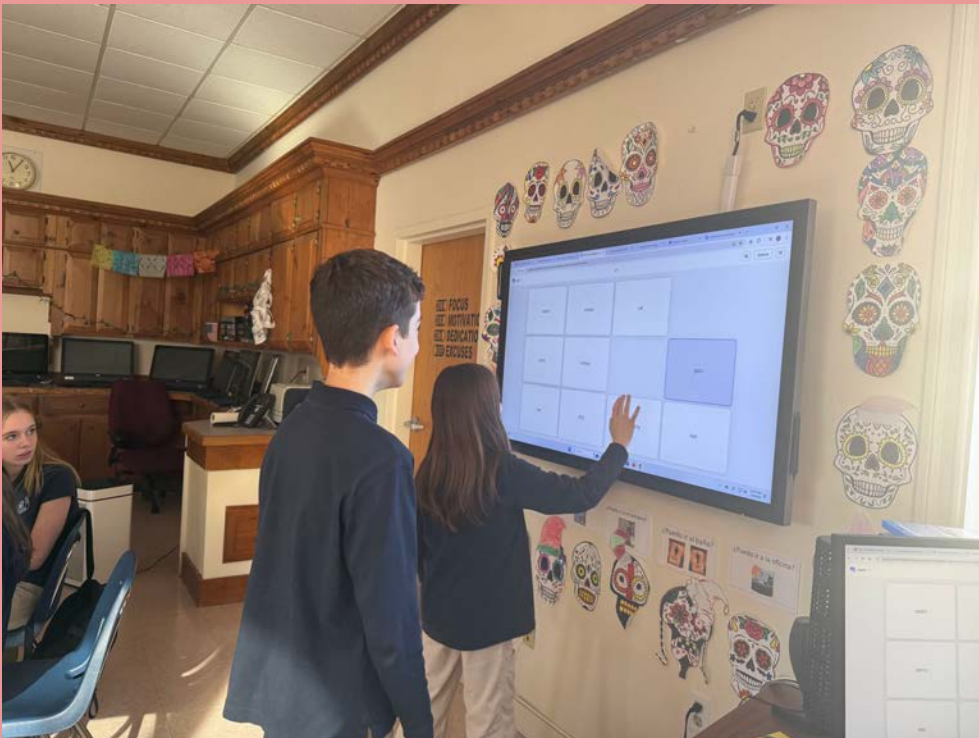
A New Year brings change and hope for becoming the best form of ourselves. Grade 7 & 8 are practicing their typing skills and also using Google slides to create their list of goals and resolutions for 2025! May we all be blessed with good health and much happiness.



In 5th grade we wrote scripts with a partner in Spanish and performed our skits for the class! The kids were very creative and had fun with it!



Spanish Grades 5-8



6-8th grade prepared for another test by using the interactive board to play a match game! Students tried to beat Miss Hannah's time. They had a lot of fun while getting in vocabulary practice!

ART CLASS

With Mrs. Donegan

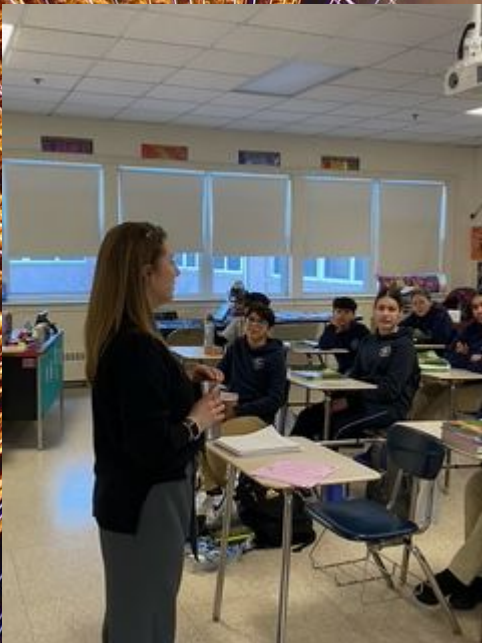


We always start our winter and Valentines Day projects in January in the art room. So far Nursery students made heart collages using pre-cut hearts and stickers. Pre-K read the story "The Mitten" by Jessica Southwick. Then they used paint sticks to create their own matching mittens! Kindergarten learned about the artist J. Goldcrowne and created their own heart drawings. Fifth grade learned about Op Art and made Op Art Hearts!





Counselor's Corner With Mrs. Rowley



Grade Seven started off 2025 making resolutions and setting goals for the upcoming year! They also brainstormed resolutions for other people and simple ways of making 2025 less stressful. We then discussed ways of communicating with one another and learned how our behavior may impact others.