

Technology News

- **Students in grades 5-8 have learned to use Photostory3 , a free download from Microsoft. You might consider downloading it at home and encouraging your child to create a "story" for the family with your holiday photos. They can even teach you now to do it!
- **Students can practice typing at home using the links on the "Student Resource" page of the school website.

A special thanks to all of the parents and guest speakers who participated in Math-Science-Technology Day.

Knights Newsletter



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6th, 7th, & 8th Grade News

According to Mrs. Childers in Math Class:

- *6th grade is learning order of operations with using exponents. Do you remember "Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally?" If not please ask a 6th grader.
- *7th grade is now finished with Chapter 2. Boy, those were two very long chapters!
- *8th grade is learning how to measure and compute missing side and angles using the Pythagorean Theorem. Ask an 8th grader to tell you the formula!

According to Mrs. Tomana in Science Class:

- *6th grade is looking into human genetics in science; ask your child to explain where his/her pretty eyes came from! In Religion, we are still reading from the Bible & talking about God's plan of salvation
- *7th grade is just finished up plate tectonics & is starting into Earthquakes!
- *8th grade has mastered Periodic Table trends & is ready to start chemical bonding!

According to Mrs. Garcia in Religion Class:

- *7th & 8th grade religion students did a great job with their All Saints project. Each student created a 12" x 12" image of their saint of choice, wrote or found a prayer to or by that saint, and wrote an "autobiography" of the saint, which many students later performed in the Catacombs project on All Souls Day. For that project, students built a catacombs passage on the ground floor of the school that ran through the stage, locker rooms, and religion room, along which there were students dressed as various saints. Students from the lower grades were led through the catacombs. As a reward for their hard work, students got to watch the movie *Song of Bernadette*.



☺ **Kindergarten** and **Mrs. Nucilli** had a GREAT time at our recent Math Science Technology day. They enjoyed presentations from Dr. Morphew, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Shaffer and the creative critters ladies. In class their vocabulary word list has grown to 25 WORDS. Also, kindergarten has been discussing the very first Thanksgiving and had a finger food feast on November 23rd.

☺ **First Grade** and **Mrs. Amiano** have been very busy this month learning about proper nouns, spelling words with long vowel sounds, subtracting from ten or less, and studying how plants and animals live. They entertained other classes with their songs about God's World. To help the children recall facts about the very First Thanksgiving they had a special snack of various items. Each goodie signified a special part of the story.

☺ **Second Grade** and **Mrs. Baker** read "A Turkey for Thanksgiving" in their reading book. They have been learning so much about Thanksgiving and turkeys. They are also very thankful for so many things. In grammar they have learned about nouns and their many forms, plural, singular and possessive. Now they are looking forward to learning about verbs. Math was all about money the last month. The class has gotten quite good at counting up how much money they have and making correct change.

Notes from Music

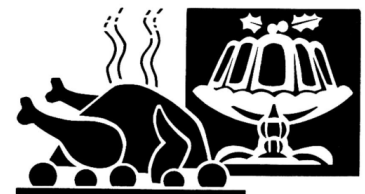
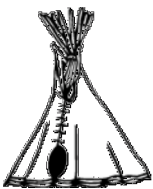
SCHOOL LITURGY: **Second Grade** will cantor for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. **Sixth grade** students will accompany the songs with their tone-chimes. On Nov. 21st, **Fourth Graders** Ian Fairley & Sophie Manchin will perform the piano at the Fall Festival in Philippi, West Virginia.

4th & 5th Grade Facts

- ****Fourth Grade** has been doing great in Math multiplying & dividing numbers. In Science, students have been busy studying the parts of the body. Ask your child to show you the beautiful pictures he/she drew of the death, burial, Resurrection, & Ascension of Jesus in Religion.
- ****Fifth Grade** has been finishing up multiplying 2 or more numbers and checking with calculators in Math. In Science, students are orbiting the moon and celebrating NASA's greatest moments! Please keep looking at those stars! In Computer Class, 5th grade just received their first Knight-Jump-Drive!



Third Grade and **Mrs. Boyers** have been studying the Native Americans of the Plains in the Cheyenne tribe of the 1700's. Their classroom teepee has given them the experience of their homes. They made weavings and a stick and slide game. Students have enjoyed learning about the culture of the tribe through discussions and learning videos. Be sure to ask your child about the Native American "Squanto" & how he helped the pilgrims.



Happy Thanksgiving