



Janer Journal



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+ St. Jane Frances, Pray for us +

Confirmation 2017

By Patrik Sidor

Confirmation is a sacrament in which the Holy Spirit comes to us in a special way to join us more closely to Jesus and his Church. It seals and strengthens us as Christ's witnesses. The eighth graders spent the last seven months preparing for this special sacrament. They had a retreat in Father Farrell Hall and in the Chapel to prepare them for what is to come when they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The eighth graders also had a special Loyola Press book all about Confirmation and how to prepare for the sacrament and what it is like to receive Confirmation.

Confirmation is usually given by the Bishop who extends his hands over the person and anoints the forehead in the form of a cross while saying "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit." The person being confirmed answers "Amen," meaning "Let it be so." The Bishop finishes anointing the person and then says "Peace be with you," and the person answers "And with Your Spirit." Since the Allentown Diocese is waiting for a new bishop, Monsignor Radocha administered Confirmation to the eighth graders on March 16. They were so excited to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit in this special sacrament.



Interview with Mrs. Okula

By Allison DiLollo and Mary Silimperi

Q: What is the best part of being the principal of St. Jane School?

A: The best part of being principal at St. Jane School is working with all of the children!

Q: What made you want to be a principal?

A: I wanted to be a principal because of my business administration background and love of education.

Q: What are you the proudest of our school?

A: I am proud of our faculty and students.

Q: When you were a teacher, what was your favorite grade?

A: I love fourth grade because I love multiplication and division! Also, I love Pennsylvania history.

Q: What is your favorite color and favorite food?

A: My favorite color is red. My favorite food is Chicken Marsala with Linguine!

Q: What kinds of things do you do in your spare time?

A: In my free time, I like to read, go out to dinner, and watch the Hallmark Channel on TV!



Living Stations ... **Coming Soon!**

By Mary Silimperi & Patrik Sidor

The Living Stations will be held on Friday, April 7. The choir has been working really hard on the songs. Auditions were held for solos and small groups. The eighth grade has been practicing and reenacting the path of Jesus on his way to crucifixion. Check out our next edition for some awesome photos of this event.

McDonald's Night

By Mary Silimperi

McDonald's Night was a chance for everyone to spend time with family and friends and raise money for our school. When you walked in, you put in your name for a raffle and signed in. After that, you could order your food and find a table. You could even say hello to your teacher while you were there. The school raised money on each sale from 4 to 8 P.M. The money was donated to the school. I think that McDonald's night is a good way to get people to help raise money for the school because most kids like McDonald's.



Craft Club

By Ryan Horn

All of the fifth graders enjoyed the Christmas Craft Club. Craft Club is a club for fifth graders who like to make crafts. You meet for Craft Club two times during the year: one Christmas Craft Club and one Easter Craft Club. You stay at school till 5:00 and make the crafts that Mrs. Lytwyn picks. Four teachers help out with Craft Club: Mrs. Lytwyn, Ms. Reardon, Mrs. Mares, and Mrs. Stumpf. There were about thirty students at the Christmas Craft Club. I think I speak for all of the fifth graders when I say that I'm really excited about the Easter Craft Club!



Father Daughter Dance

By Allison DiLollo

The Father Daughter Dance was on Friday night, February 10, 2017. All the girls in grades 3 through 6 were invited to go with their dads to the dance. All of the girls dressed up in pretty party dresses, and many of them had special hairstyles, painted nails and even corsage flowers to wear.

The theme was Paris! The decoration colors were pink and black, and this year there was even a photo booth area where girls could take pictures with friends or with their dads. There were props to use to make the pictures fun and crazy!

There were many treats to eat such as macarons, brownies, and cupcakes. The girls and their dads could also have snacks like chicken fingers, mozzarella sticks and Sicilian pizza. There was also pink punch and a bar with soda and ice water.

Mr. Landaverde was the DJ and played lots of songs that had the girls dancing all night! The dads danced to some of the songs with their daughters,

too. The Father Daughter Dance was a success!



Precious Preschoolers

By Lauren DiLollo

The St. Jane preschoolers have had a very exciting school year and still have more planned! They already went on a fun class trip to Klein's Farm in October. They were also very excited to have a special St. Patrick's Day snack. Preschool has been learning about Lent every day.

The favorite activities in preschool are going to the school gym on Fridays and having science time on Wednesdays. The preschool teacher is Mrs. Mills, and her assistant is Mrs. Schaller. Mrs. Mills has worked here at St. Jane's for two years and loves the sweet, smiling children. She decided to be a preschool teacher because she loves working with children and having summers off!



"Kool" Kindergarteners

By Meiko Harris-Sivells

Kindergarten is always active and exciting. Each day is filled with learning. The Kindergarteners like to play with their friends during recess. Every day they learn more about Jesus. In math, they have learned to count to 100. They are very sharp at adding. They have just started subtraction. In language arts, they have fun doing many letter and sound activities. Everyone is reading and loves to write. They have many exciting field trips coming up, such as visiting DeSales University to see the show "Peter Pan." They will also be going to the Lehigh Valley Zoo in May. They loved their trip to Notre Dame High School for a Kindergarten surprise. In December they did "Donuts with Dad" and in March they had "Muffins with Mom." It is a lot of fun in Kindergarten with all of the learning and activities.



Fantastic First Graders

By Ainsley Rush

The first graders are very excited for spring. This spring, the first graders are going to see Peter Pan at DeSales University. The first graders are learning many new and exciting things this spring. In religion, they are learning the Stations of the Cross. The first graders are learning about adjectives in grammar. They are learning how to add and subtract without number lines or their fingers. The first graders have previously learned the letter “o” in handwriting and learn a new letter every week. In science they are learning about the three types of matter: liquids, solids, and gases. They are learning about current events and community helpers in social studies. The first graders are also learning about our country’s government, flag, and president. Based on what they are learning, Mrs. Kelton says, “Every day is exciting!”



Super Second Graders

By Ryan Horn

Second Grade is very busy at this time of year. In math, the second graders are working on geometry. They are identifying solid figures, faces, edges, and vertices of solid figures. They are also starting to multiply. In reading, they recently read “Horace and Morris, but mostly Dolores.” It was about three mice who are best friends, but Horace and Morris leave their friend Dolores to join a boys only club. They are working very hard on their cursive. They are learning about weather, what causes weather, and different types of weather. They are very excited that they are starting to use their tablets! In religion, they are learning the parts of the Mass, but most importantly preparing for First Communion! If you can’t tell, second grade is having an awesome time!



CYO Basketball

By Patrik Sidor

St. Jane Hawks CYO Basketball had its fair share of good seasons this year. The seventh and eighth grade boys' team won the varsity championship by defeating OLPH. The seventh and eighth grade girls also won the varsity championship by defeating Notre Dame. The fifth and sixth grade B boys also won their championship. All around it was a great year for the CYO Basketball program.



CYO Softball

By Ainsley Rush

The girls' softball teams is sharpening up their skills at pitching and catching. Pitchers and catchers started on February 19. They have a series of practices that help pitchers and catchers improve their skills before the softball season. The girls that are pitchers and catchers meet on Sundays at the Notre Dame High School Annex. Coach Clymire is at the Annex every weekend to help the girls fine-tune their skills. These girls are hopeful that the extra practice will lead to a winning season.



The CYO Board

By Ainsley Rush

The CYO board does many important things for our school. The CYO supplies our school with coaches, equipment, uniforms, officials, and fields. The CYO board is made up of ten members. The members' jobs are president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, social chair, athletic director, concession stand, financial secretary, school representative, and parish representative. The CYO also provides financial support for events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Communion Breakfast, sixth-eighth grade social activities, and a scholarship award. Any individuals wanting to join the CYO board can contact a board member. The CYO board invites you to come to their next event: The CYO Golf Outing.



Janers in Action ...

