



Janer Journal



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Catholic Schools Week Highlights

By The Janer Journal Staff

St. Jane School began our celebration of Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 29 at the 10:30 am Mass. The faculty and staff attended this special opening Mass. They were joined by many students and their families. Many people came to visit our school during open houses on Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. We enjoyed showing off our school to both new families and familiar faces. The Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday was a huge success.

We participated in many great activities throughout the week. Here are some of the highlights: Our school remembered our service men and women, living and deceased, by praying the Rosary together for them. Two religion bees gave students in grades one and two and grades three and four a chance to demonstrate their knowledge of our faith. Various books, posters, and school supplies were on sale throughout the week at the Scholastic Book Fair. The Dance-a-thon featured lots of fun and laughter followed by a delicious ice cream treat from HSA.

Later in the week, the school watched fifth grade put on the vocabulary parade. They designed posters to show the meanings of sixty different words. On Thursday, our friends from Notre Dame High School led various fun activities that all students participated in. On Friday, HSA provided lunch for our teachers and staff, while students enjoyed an early dismissal at 12:00 pm. Our Catholic Schools Week celebrations came to a close with a charity basketball game against Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Mrs. Okula competed in a principal free-throw contest. This was such an exciting week! We love our school!

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Scholastic Book Fair

By Ainsley Rush

January 29 was the start of the Scholastic Book Fair. The book fair happens during Catholic Schools Week each year. The book fair has many different types of books. They have sports and animal posters. They also have school supplies, such as erasers, pens, and bookmarks. Mr. Schoenfield, our school librarian, has been helping with the book fair for eight years. His favorite thing about the book fair is that the students get to do all of the shopping. The students really enjoyed the book fair and can't wait for it to come again next year.



Cheerleading

By Gabby Feltmann

The St. Jane School cheerleading team has been practicing hard. They are learning all kinds of new tricks and are working hard on the ones they already know. The cheerleaders represented our school at the St. Jane-OLPH charity basketball game during Catholic Schools Week. The crowd was impressed by their school spirit. The cheerleaders are so excited to get out there and cheer. Go St. Jane's!



Christmas in the Younger Grades

By Ainsley Rush, Allison DiLollo &
Ryan Horn

In December, Kindergarten celebrated “Donuts with Dads.” The dads of the kindergarteners came in, drank juice, and ate donuts. They also made a craft. For Christmas the Kindergarteners did a card exchange with their sixth grade buddies. They also made trees out of sugar cones. They used green icing and decorated them with a lot of candies. The kindergarteners then got to eat their trees.

In first grade, the students also celebrated Christmas. They wore pajamas to school and drank hot cocoa. They were excited to watch the movie “The Polar Express.” They had fun with their seventh grade buddies and played reindeer games in the gym!

Second grade had an awesome Christmas! For the Christmas concert they sang the songs “O Little Town of Bethlehem” and “Come Little Children.” They worked really hard to memorize these songs. The second graders were super excited for their Christmas buddies

party. They also made a project about St. Nicholas, whom they recently learned about. The second grade also painted and decorated their own ornaments. They make this craft every year. I bet you wish you were in second grade!



Christmas in the Middle Grades

By Meiko Harris-Sivells, Allison DiLollo & Ava Noel

Third grade did many fun things for Christmas. They made reindeer pins. In the Christmas sing-along they sang “Go Tell it on the Mountain” and “What Child Is This?” Third grade also wrote letters to Santa and hung them up. On Wednesday, December 21, they had a Christmas party. They also participated in the Christmas Carol contest. This is when you change the words of a Christmas carol. Class 3A changed the lyrics to “Jingle Bells” and Class 3B changed the lyrics to “The 12 Days of Christmas.”

Fourth grade had a very eventful Christmas. They started off the holiday season by decorating candy canes, which they then got to eat. They read stories about the Nativity. They also read the book *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. Last, they made beautiful Christmas tree ornaments. Fourth grade just loves Christmas!

The fifth grade had lots of fun things planned for the holiday season!

On December 21, they had a Christmas party. At the party, students enjoyed crafts, a movie, Christmas songs, and snacks. Both fifth grades participated in the Christmas Carol Contest. (Let the best carol win!!) On December 5, Mrs. Lytwyn, Miss Reardon, and Mrs. Stumpf organized a Christmas Craft Club, which both boys and girls enjoyed. I hope your Christmas season was full of good times and laughter – like every day at Saint Jane School!!



Christmas in the Upper Grades

By Lauren DiLollo, Madison Hunsicker & Gabby Feltmann

This Christmas was a very special one for the sixth graders. Not only was this their first holiday season with the new 6B teacher, Mrs. Pizzuto, but they also got to do some activities with their Kindergarten buddies. To kick off the holiday season, they met up with their buddies at the Santa Shop. They also exchanged cards later in the season. They watched several funny Christmas movies and enjoyed delicious, homemade Christmas-themed snacks. They were very thankful for their teachers, buddies, and class parents that made their holiday season very exciting!

The seventh graders participated in the Reindeer Games, which is a party they had with their buddies. They had lots of fun together. The seventh graders also had a cookie party. They sampled different cookies from different European cultures. The seventh graders had lots of fun celebrating Christmas!

The eighth graders had lots of fun at their Christmas parties, too. First,

they played bingo with the seventh graders. Then they made activity packets for their second grade buddies. The eighth graders gave the packets to their buddies at a party they had together. The eighth graders had so much fun this Christmas season!



Thrilling Third Grade

By Lauren DiLollo

Third grade has been learning many exciting things recently. In English they are learning the parts of a letter. They even got to write their own letters! In math they have been studying the metric system. They are amazed at how many different things they can measure. In reading they are learning cause and effect. Last of all, third grade has especially enjoyed exploring matter in science class. It has been a very productive few months for third grade.

Fantastic Fourth Grade

By Allison DiLollo

Fourth grade is learning how to do long division. They have a division “family” trick to help them remember what to do! First, dad divides, then mom multiplies, sister subtracts, brother brings down, and finally Rover the dog repeats or remainder! The fourth grade also decorated posters with alliteration sentences with a funny Christmas theme. Fourth graders researched a famous American and presented what

they learned to the class in a press conference. Finally, they have been learning about the Ten Commandments!

Fun-Filled Fifth Grade

By Ryan Horn and Ava Noel

Fifth grade is the best grade of them all! They’ve been working on some very fun projects lately, including a STEM project. (STEM means Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.) The fifth grade has been enjoying the Chrome Books and has been using them a lot. Fifth grade has two amazing teachers. Mrs. Lytwyn, teaches everything except science, and Ms. Reardon teaches everything except social studies. The fifth grade switches for science and social studies. This year the fifth graders started a new class called D.A.R.E which is taught by Wilson Borough Police Officer Miller. Fifth grade is an amazing grade to be in!



Catholic Schools Week Candids

