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Catholic Schools Week at JFK

By: Mark R. & Megan O.

Catholic Schools Week kicked off on Saturday January 26th with an All School Mass. At the All School Mass, students had mass parts and



Mr. Steimle is here to serve you spaghetti!

Mr. Steimle gave a speech stating the Catholic Schools Week theme and how JFK Raises the Standards. After the All School Mass there was a Spaghetti supper held at the school. Many parents volunteered to help Mrs. Myers in the kitchen with preparing the food along with serving it. There was spaghetti, salad, breadsticks, and a variety of desserts. The classrooms were open for students to show their parents and the seventh and eighth graders had their science fair projects for all to see.

The Book Fair was open during the Spaghetti Supper. From books to posters the book fair had it all! People were able to buy books and other fun school supplies. The fair was held in the library and many books were donated to teachers.



Peter W., Jack S., and Brian W. enjoying the book fair!

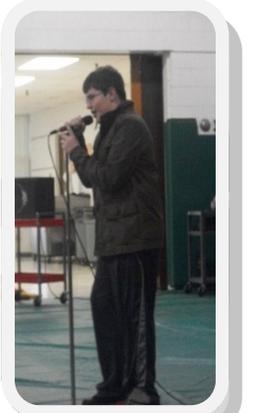
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Talent Shows

By: Mark R.

In the Talent Show on Monday and Tuesday students were singing, dancing, and showing other talents. The announcers for the grades were Mrs. Poster and Mrs. Hinchman, assisted by Mrs. Hatcher. The first day of the Talent Show was with students in kindergarten, first, third, fifth and seventh grades performing individual acts. The second day were students in second, fourth, sixth, and eighth grades performing individual acts. Some of the grades also did class acts from line dancing to a cup tapping routine. The teachers did their own act by doing a JFK (Jail for Kids) skit with Mr. Steimle as the warden. Everybody did a great job in performing their acts at the Talent Show.



Mass at Assumption

By: Mark R.

On Thursday January 31st, all the Catholic Schools in the area attended an All School Mass at Assumption High School. Grades second through eighth attended this Mass. Bishop Amos led the Mass along with other priests around the diocese. Students from the various schools had Mass parts and others sang in the student group choir. Dr. Leland Morrison, the superintendent of the diocese, was there to talk about Catholic Schools Week. He discussed the "Raise the Standards" slogan this year. Everybody had a good time.



Eighth Grade vs. Staff

By: Mark R.

On Friday February 1st was the eighth graders versus the teachers annual volleyball games. This year Father Sabu and Tommy Fallon, the youth minister, joined with the teachers. There were so many teachers playing, so they had two teams. The teachers were able to win all four volleyball games. Afterwards the eighth graders played 8N versus 8B. All the eighth graders were out on the court at the same time playing which was a sight to see. The 8B class won that volleyball game.





By: Mark R. and Hannah K.

The kids in ECLC love school are very excited about learning had a good time this quarter. Some activities in the ECLC are art and letter lessons, making books, star-of-the-week, house-keeping, Legos, show 'n' tell, and blocks. They are very eager to learn more about their new pattern on the calendar, farm animals, and the letter 'G'. Their favorite activities currently are sink & float, their jobs, and playing in the sand. Their daily routine for the kids begins with free-time, circle time, morning snack and lessons centers, lunch, naptime, afternoon snack and lessons. Those students who don't have naptime go to afternoon preschool with Mrs. Daniel or Mrs. Jordan.

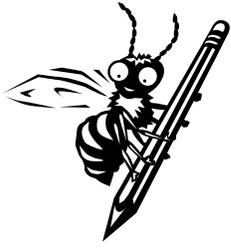
Mrs. Fox said her favorite things about her job are the age group, they are always eager to learn, and trying new things. There is a difficult part, though, it's getting everything done in the day and everyone being ready at the same time. The enrollment numbers for the ECLC is the highest number of students since ECLC began. Mrs. Fox has a degree in Early Childhood, and was working at another school, but transferred here because her own children went to JFK. This will be her fifth year in the job. Also working down in the ECLC is Ms. Turnquist and Ms. Burmeister. The kids in ECLC are in love with learning and can't wait to do more of it!



Mrs. Fox all dressed during Halloween!



Students in the ECLC parading around during Halloween to show off their cute costumes!



4th Grade

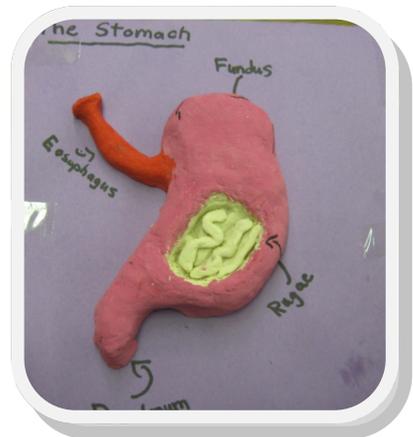
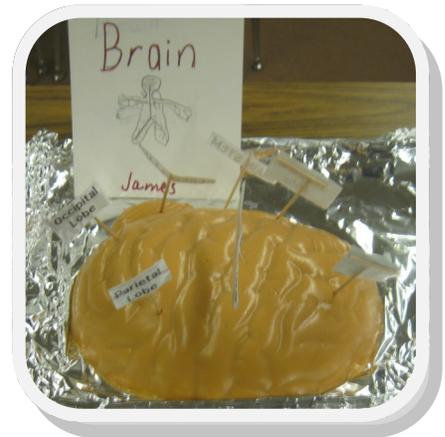


By: Megan O.

This year the fourth graders are as busy as bees. They are doing a lot of fun projects, such as the organ project. In this project students pick an organ from the human body, make a model and write a small report. They have also gone on some very exciting field trips. They went to see the symphony at The Adler Theater and had lunch at Happy Joe's. The teachers said that they use the interactive white boards a lot with all types of classes and they enjoy teaching language arts.

The students said that they enjoy coloring and playing Jenga during indoor recess. Some books that they like to read are funny chapter books. The fourth graders have exciting lives at home too. They are involved in sports such as basket ball, soccer, softball, and other fun sports. Some students are also involved in girl scouts and boy scouts. Fourth grade is just buzzing with fun.

Pictures of fourth grade human body organ projects.



Talent show pictures!



By: Staff Writers

This year there have been several changes to the seventh grade class at JFK. First of all, they welcomed a new teacher, Ms. Salz. Ms. Salz teaches seventh grade language arts and literature along with religion for 7S and math for the sixth graders. She has been a welcomed addition to the seventh grade class.

A lot of activities have been going on throughout the school year. The seventh graders were excited to take part in the Dessert Theater this year. From singing at the pre-show to being stage crew for the play took lots of hard work and dedication. The many practices they had with Mrs. Hinchman sure helped to make the nights go smoothly.

The seventh graders also were in full swing with getting ready for their blood drive before winter break. However, due to the snow day on December 20th, that date was cancelled. They now have a new date for the blood drive which is April 25th. Sign up for a time at: <https://www.bloodcenterimpact.org> or call the blood center to schedule a time at JFK! The seventh graders are also working on their spring show which is with the 8th graders. Come and watch this show on May 16th at 7:00p.m. Join us for a night of singing and acting!

Pictures of seventh grade class act at the Talent Show. Line dancing!





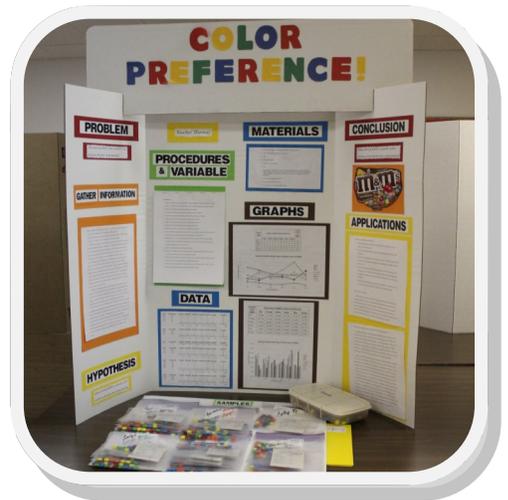
By: Alex O.

Last November, all seventh and eighth graders began working on their projects for the annual Science Fair where experiments are showcased. It took place in the Parish Center at the end of January. For the Science Fair each student prepared and tested the steps of the scientific method. The scientific method is a list of steps saying what you need to do in an experiment and how you need to do it.

Students first must come up with a question for their experiment. Then they need to conduct research in order to create a hypothesis. After that, they conducted the experiment and recorded their data in graphs and tables. Finally they created their conclusion after reviewing their data.

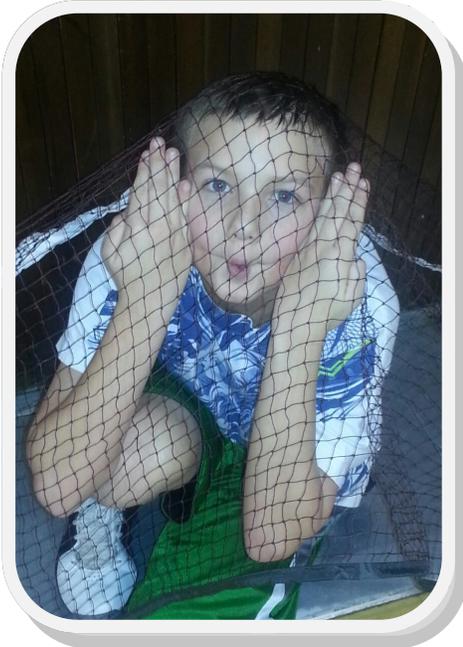
After the Parish Center Science Fair, three seventh graders—Megan O., Marissa S., and Adam S.—and three eighth graders—Mallory O., Gabriela M., and John G.—moved on to a round at Assumption High School.

This year some projects involved food while others involved animals. Some other projects involved parachutes or catapults. Yet some projects involved ice or fire. Some involved growing plants or video games. Some involved heat. Now that's a lot of projects, right? Below we have some pictures of projects to show you.





Pictures around JFK



Austin A. is caught in a net during PE class!



**JFK where there is a helpful smile in every hallway!
Carmen M., Myra V., Emily J., and Sarah M. are working hard collecting the recycling.**



Jared G. and Simone W. are Spelling Bee champions of JFK!



Emily L. sang the national anthem at the CSW Rally!