



# Crusader Chronicle

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## The Pumpkin Run

By: Serine N.B, Luke K., Isabella K., and Keaton T.

The Pumpkin Run is a fall festival for JFK families to do fun activities such as races, food, games, and the haunted house.



Photo courtesy of Mrs. Ash

The Pumpkin Run has been going on for ten years or more! There are many parents at JFK that are very helpful and this year it was easy to find volunteers. You never know when there will be a change because Pumpkin Run coordinators are always looking for more and improved games. When they set up for the Pumpkin Run, they think of things from last years, look online, and rely on volunteers to make it happen! Mrs. Baier has been running the Pumpkin Run for one year. The crowd's favorite was the haunted house, like always! Hopefully the weather cooperates with us next year since this year was quite muddy.

A lot of people liked the photo booth because everybody was able to dress up, look silly, and take pictures. Anyone who attended the 2015 Pumpkin Run was able to make his or her own popcorn and cookies. The counting jars were jars filled with candy and you tried to guess how much candy are in the jars! It was very exciting because the winner earned the entire jar of candy!

The Pumpkin Run is a time for everyone to gather together and have fun. If you have not gone to the Pumpkin Run or if you have, you can still come next fall and enjoy all of these fun activities at JFK.

# Parade of Saints

By: Lily H., Brendan K., Mason M., Sophia M., and Anna S.

St. Veronica, St. Rose of Lima, and St. Albert the Great are just some of the saints presented at the 2015 Parade of Saints. Each class did a great job picking multiple saints this year!

We interviewed Ms. Burken and found that she has a great way to pick saints. She has three classes for religion. She let her students pick the saints they studied about for Confirmation for the seventh grade classes and the sixth grade was allowed to pick a saint that they have already learned about from previous years of religion. They then chose from those saints and picked which saints they would like to be. They chose St. Therese of Lisieux (7W), St. Francis of Assisi (7B), and St. Augustine (6W). Ms. Burken's favorite saint is Maria Goretti because she was a martyr and stood up for her religion. Her favorite saint she saw in The Parade of Saints this year was St. Jude, who was represented by Nolan B. in second grade.

Ms. Epping played an important role in running the Parade of Saints. She has been running it for longer than she can remember. She does not have a favorite saint, but Mary the Queen of Saints means the most to her because she is named after her. Her favorite saint she saw this year was St. Francis of Assisi, who was represented by Devlin E. in seventh grade. She picked St. Elizabeth of Hungary, patron saint of bakers (she likes to bake).

Mrs. Putnam picked St. Katherine of Alexandria as her saint because she is the patron saint of students. Her favorite saint she used last year was St. Florian. Her kindergartener dressed up as a firefighter; firefighters are close to her heart because her husband, Mr. Putnam, is a firefighter.

The Parade of Saints is an important day of the year for many people. It helps us remember our saints. These saints helped show their love for God in many different ways. We hope that we are able to live a life similar to any of these saints.



# Mock Trial

By: Kyla D., Charlie J.H., David L., Allie A.

Sixth and seventh graders had the opportunity to participate in Mock Trial this year thanks to attorney, OLV parishioner and JFK parent Mr. Michael Motto along with teacher/parent volunteers Mrs. Zeimet, Mrs. Jordan, and Mrs. Baker. In Mock Trial you are assigned parts such as lawyer, witness, or attorney. There were a lot of different emotions at the competition this year. Some people were nervous, some were a little nervous, and some were not nervous at all.



Photo courtesy of Mrs. Valleroy

Mock Trial is designed to introduce students to a legal system by providing a challenging, academic competition. The regional competition was held Saturday, October 24, 2015, at the Scott County Courthouse. Team JFK Green team placed fourth and JFK White team placed sixth. Competing on the JFK Green team were Annette B., Erica S., Dylan M., Molly G., Sam H., Nadia H., Leah Z., Noah M., Chase J., and Karis W. Matthew V., Regan S., Wiley G., Zayle S., Ethan J., Maggie O., Tanner D., Jessica H., and Emma A. were part of JFK White. As a special treat for their hard work, sixth and seventh grade had a celebration on November 23, 2015 provided by Mrs. Zeimet.

Mrs. Zeimet said, “You should try Mock Trial because it is a great way to learn how the legal process works, and it is challenging and fun.” She also said that her favorite part about Mock Trial was watching both teams perform and doing a great job. Everyone had a favorite part about Mock Trial but Wiley G. said his favorite part was playing the objection game. Regan S. enjoyed the part of being a lawyer and a witness.

The students in Mock Trial all have thoughts about whether or not they want to pursue a career related to Mock Trial when they grow up. For example, Annette B. said she might want to be a lawyer. There are a lot of things to be excited about next year, but Leah Z. said she is excited about possibly going to state.



Photo courtesy of Mrs. Henning

Mock Trial is a fun learning experience for upper grades! To become part of the JFK teams, just attend the informational meeting where people explain how much time and work it takes. Then, if you are interested, you can sign up. Past participants highly recommend the experience!

# Kindergarten

By: Quinn R., McKenzie S., Stephanie C., and Alison B.



So far this year it has been a great year for the kindergarteners and teachers! The kindergarteners had a great first day of school and it has continued since then. They even had back-to-school-treats from their amazing teachers. Ellie, Eli, Peyton, and Natalie have learned a lot in kindergarten. One of their favorite parts of the day is working with their teachers. The kindergarteners are having so much fun that they don't even know they're learning. Throughout this school year, Mrs. Putnam's class has won the golden tray once and hopefully Mrs. Motto's class will win too. Ozzie also visited Mrs. Putnam's class during the magazine sale a couple of times.

The kindergarteners have also worked very hard practicing their songs for their Christmas show. The songs that they sang were *Angel Band*, *Bells are Ringing*, *Pat-a-pan*, *Still, Still, Still*, and *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*. They are also excited for the first graders to read to them after Christmas break.

The teachers are also having a great start to the new school year too. All of the teachers have had a favorite memory so far. Mrs. Motto's favorite memory is when Mrs. Casillas dropped her banana on the ground and a student yelled "BANANA!" like a minion. Mrs. Putnam's favorite memory is getting to know the kids at the beginning of the year. Mrs. Casillas' favorite memory is every day because "every day is a great day in kindergarten. Mrs. Moya's favorite memory is when a little boy gave her a kiss on the cheek and said "you are



**Kindergarteners Peyton W. and Priya K. waiting for the Parade of Saints to begin!**

the best of the best." Mrs. Motto and Mrs. Casillas' favorite part of the day is watching the kids learn and working with each other. Mrs. Putnam and Mrs. Moya both love working with each other too! Mrs. Putnam also loves teaching this age group letters and numbers. Looks like kindergarten is going to end their year the way it started:

Grrreat!

# Third Grade

By: Adie C., Lindsey G., Michael M., Emma M., and Natalie P.

Third grade was a lot of fun for us. We wanted to see how everything in third grade was going this year so we interviewed Ellie S, Dylan T, and Andrew N. They surprised us with what they had to say: all three shared that they were excited for math, the St. Ambrose play, and Field Day. This group also enjoyed celebrating Mass at Ridgecrest and then having lunch at McDonald's.



Their favorite subjects are science and art. Ellie and Dylan like science because of the animal report which requires a student to research a certain animal and present the project to the class. Andrew likes art because of fun projects and he is able to be creative.

Most of the class enjoys PE. Their favorite activity is Heads Up. A few students like different sports such as soccer. Andrew is able to do fun moves on the soccer field. He is even able to do a rainbow! A rainbow is when you put a ball in between your feet and jump while kicking it forward, which is a difficult move! Ellie also likes to play basketball.

We were wondering if they liked the new water fountain, and their answer was yes. They said the new water fountain made getting drinks and filling up their water bottles easier. We interviewed Ms. Wahlig and asked if she liked the new water fountain. She said, "I like it, it's slick and the students seem to like it."

We remembered all the interesting projects we did in third grade, so we wondered what projects they were doing this year. They have created gingerbread houses, a can character and wrapping paper book reports.

Third grade welcomed four new students this year: Drew and Aidan T. in Mrs. Vogel's class and, in Ms. Wahlig's class, Cayden C. and TJ J. We hope you are enjoying it here at JFK. The staff and students enjoys having you all here! The third grade is extraordinary with their great ideas and we hope they continue for the rest of the year.



**Third grade families enjoyed creating gingerbread houses together. See some awesome creations on the following page.**

# GINGERBREAD



# HOUSES

# Super Sixth Grade

By: Brittany N., Michael V., Emily W., and Addison R.

This year's sixth grade is made up of an incredible number of students: 56! Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Woerdehoff have a lot to handle, but they say it's enjoyable. The students of sixth grade have been adjusting to the big changes that come with maintaining a locker, lots of materials to carry around (including a laptop), working with multiple teachers every day, and working hard to learn new concepts.

6T and 6W have already been very busy this year. They celebrated Mass with residents of Ridgecrest and enjoyed lunch at McDonald's afterwards. For their Advent service project, sixth graders really made a difference for so many through their Holiday Gift Packages donations of toiletries, office supplies, and home supplies for Humility of Mary Shelter. The entire class really went over and beyond and were able to help many people. A visit to Assumption is coming up in the spring.

Sixth grade is learning about ancient civilizations, Spanish, and working on civic oration. Erica S., Alyanne B., David N., and Owen E. think math or science is their favorite subject. A couple of new subjects for sixth grade are Spanish and typing. In sixth grade there are eight classes a day. Sixth grade started carrying computers this year for easier access. Alyanne B. and David N. think carrying around the computers are handy. Erica S. and Owen E. think computers are fun but, but sometimes are easily forgotten.

Mrs. Thomas's favorite memory of this year is enjoying reading novels together as a class. Mrs. Woerdehoff's favorite memory of this year is when people understand difficult things. Sixth grade is one of the biggest classes in our school, but you see a smile on Mrs. Woerdehoff's and Mrs. Thomas's face every day.



**Sixth grades 2015 Advent Project**

# Student Council

By: Kristen B., Caroline C., Abby J., Alex M., and Helen S.

JFK's student council has been working hard on various ideas throughout the school year. We have had several out of uniform days and helped out with the annual Student Hunger Drive. JFK even had a door decoration contest for Red Ribbon Week. There are plenty of ideas left for the school thanks to the many students and teachers who are involved with student council.

Some ideas for service projects are a dollar donation to raise money for different charities. Student Council is still deciding which charities to help. Another service project is a hat and glove drive which began on December 14th and ran through December 22nd. More service project ideas are a 3-on-3 basketball tournament which would be similar to Dodgeball for Diapers. Some of the December dress days were Ugly Sweater/Tie day and Red and Green day.

It takes many people to run JFK's student council. Vince T., JFK's student council president, has been attending since preschool. He informed us that he is going to miss it here when he leaves because he has a lot of good friends and enjoys the teachers here. He ran for president to help make the school a better place. He enjoys being president because he thinks it's fun, but it takes a lot of responsibility.

Mason M., the 5P representative, has also been attending JFK since Preschool. He decided to run because he has never done it and wanted to try it out. He is ready to start brainstorming ideas for the next chance to share topic ideas at a student council meeting. He enjoys being 5Ps' representative because he thinks it is fun and entertaining as well as helpful for the school.

Besides having help from our awesome student body we have a few great staff members that help student council run smoothly. Mr. Connors, JFK's band director, is in his third year teaching at JFK and in his second year helping with student council. He decided to help student council because he knows the benefit of service and enjoys the opportunity to lead students in the service projects. Mr. Ryan, JFK's art teacher, is on his fourth year teaching and has been helping student council for three years. He decided to help student council because he wants to help give students a voice of their own.

If you are interested in helping our school community, consider joining student council. Also if you have any thoughts, ideas, or any ways to make the school a better place contact your classroom representative.



**November out of uniform was pajama day for JDRF**



# Girls Basketball

By: Griffin E., Grace H., Luke P., Madison S., and Linken Y.

It was a great season for girls basketball at JFK! JFK played great. For example, during the seventh grade game against Lourdes Catholic School, JFK scored 42 points.

The sixth grade girls had a great basketball year as well. The sixth grade girls never lost a game and took first place in the tournament. The sixth grade girls basketball team consisted of Aimee W., Dawson D., Anna S., Tori T., Halli W., Sydney R., and Kayla O. and their coach was Mrs. Wesolowski. Way to work hard girls and become number one!

Seventh grader Maggie O. said, "My favorite part about being on a basketball team was going to practice and having fun with friends." Her teammates were Molly D., Izzy G., Maggie O., Emma S., Kenzie T., Nyomi M., and Rileigh A. who were coached by Mr. Overturf.

The eighth grade team consisted of Steph G., Grace J., Ayana E., and Kealan S. They were coached by Mr. Jobgen. The seventh graders helped the eighth graders make a full team because the eighth graders had a small team. What a great way to show teamwork and friendship! Even though they didn't win as many as they had hoped, we are sure they tried their best!

Mrs. Tilkens, JFK's PE teacher, says her reasons for why she goes to so many games is simple, "As Athletic Director, my job duties consist of hosting games at JFK, finding referees, and making teams. The reason I went to games is to also make sure everything went smoothly, and I enjoyed going to them." Mrs. Tilkens is a great teacher for spending so much extra time helping our JFK athletics.

The girls had a great basketball season. The teams were fair and the games were fair. Hopefully next year all of our teams will become first place in the tournament.



**2015 Sixth Grade Basketball Champs**  
Photo courtesy of Mrs. Roe

# Girls Volleyball

By: Meliana A., Natalie B., Adrian D., Michael L., and Gabe W.

If you want to learn about a sport, who better to ask than Mrs. Tilkens? Girls volleyball was the topic of interest; we learned that Mrs. Tilkens has coached volleyball for four years and that she likes being a coach as well as a player.

The sixth and eighth grade teams had two teams each, while the seventh grade had one team. The sixth grade Green Team coaches were Mrs. Woerdehoff and Mrs. Whelchel. Team White was coached by Mrs. Dorsey and Mrs. Wesolowski. The seventh grade team coaches were Mrs. Tilkens and Mrs. Ash. The eighth grade team coaches were Mr. Schimanski for Team Green and Mr. Morris for Team White.

Sixth grade Team Green player Gisella F. said she likes every position as well as her team. Her team ended the regular season in fifth place and were the tournament champions! . Another sixth grader, Regan S. from Team White, shared that her two favorite positions are front middle and back middle. Her team finished the regular season in seventh place.

Maggie O. was on the in seventh grade Team White and has been playing volleyball for four years. She likes front and back middle the best when playing volleyball. She also enjoys serving and playing on her team. Her team finished the regular season in fourth place.

In eighth grade, Jessica S.'s favorite position is front and back middle; she also likes serving. Jessica likes her team because "everybody is encouraging." Jessica has been playing since fifth grade. She and her teammates on Team White placed second in the regular season and were tournament champions! Grace J., Team Green, enjoys front and back middle positions as well as serving. She, too, has been playing since fifth grade. Grace and Team Green ended the regular season in fourth place. If you had a chance to see a JFK volleyball game you were one lucky person. Congratulations on another bump, set, spike season!



**LtoR: Eighth grade white and green teams, sixth grade green team**



**Photos courtesy of JFK Moms & Dads Facebook page**



# Crusader Theater Seventh Grade Pre-Show

By : Ava S., Noé F., Nyliyah M., Delaney E.

Earlier this quarter, JFK families enjoyed the eighth grade's production of *Yard Sale*. But, before the performance by the eighth graders of *Yard Sale*, attendees were treated to the pre-show performed by the seventh grade. During our interview, Mrs. Hinchman answered questions about what the pre-show is and what goes into it. The pre-show is a program presented by seventh graders before the eighth grade play. Mrs. Hinchman chooses the play first then she picks the songs for the pre-show. Most of the songs came from the musical called *This Old House*; it is the same play as *Yard Sale*, but only with music. Then she held tryouts during music class for the seventh graders to choose their various parts. The students in the dances worked with Mrs. Hinchman in order to learn them.

Mrs. Hinchman was very pleased with the program and wouldn't have changed anything in it. She thought it was excellent along with the students staying focused on the songs, dances, and narrations. They worked really hard to learn the songs, so it made it easy. Many of them even missed recess to practice! From beginning to end, the students followed directions, they smiled coming onto the stage, and kept their excitement until their bows. Congratulations on a great show, seventh grade!

# Crusader Theater Presents: *Yard Sale*

By: Malayna A., Mary D., Owen S., Hunter G.

This year's Crusader Theater was about a special place called Babington Mansion. The mansion would be sold if they didn't come up with enough money to pay the home improvement loan. The owner of the mansion, Mrs. Babington, tried multiple times to get money and finally came up with having a yard sale. Mrs. Babington and her relatives and student residents then met a man who wanted to turn the mansion into a parking lot if they did not get the money. After a great deal of hilarious antics, a yard sale customer bought a picture which was just enough to save the mansion!

Mrs. Hinchman thought that this play had the right size of parts since some students wanted small parts and some wanted large parts. The eighth graders practiced for eight weeks during music class and every Tuesday and Thursday after school. The eighth graders tried very hard to make this play outstanding. Everyone thought it was an outstanding play; please read the review on the following pages. Mrs. Hinchman thought the best part was how fun it was to watch the play and thought it was an outstanding play. Our fifth grade's experience at the play was the best we have ever had. Congratulations, eighth grade!







# Crusader Theater

## Reviews

The following are student written reviews from 2A about the Pre-show and play *Yard Sale*.

What I liked best about the play was when some people say “I will get the door” or “I will get the phone”. My favorite character was the police because it was funny when they said “you are under arrest”.

Laisha L.

What I liked best about the play was the whole thing.

Nolan C.

What I liked best about the play was when Calvin sprayed his happy juice. My favorite character was Calvin because he was funny.

Cole G.



What I liked best about the play was when Pauline said “I’ll get the phone” or “I’ll get the door”. My favorite character was Miss Scanlon because she was funny.

Camdyn B.

What I liked best about the play was when the officers chased Napoleon. My favorite character was Napoleon because he sleeps all day long.

Elise B.

What I liked best about the play was the whole thing! My favorite character was Calvin because he made happy gas.

Andrew R.

What I liked best about the play was Miss Scanlon because she did so good. My favorite character was Miss Scanlon because she was a rock star.

Adriana A.



# Crusader Theater

## Reviews

The following are student written reviews from 3W about the Pre-show and play *Yard Sale*.

The eighth grade play was fun to watch. My favorite part was when the scientist sprayed the happy gas onto the people and they acted funny. Another part I liked was when they got the money so they didn't have to make the old house into a parking lot. It was an awesome show.

Lucy N.

The show that the eighth graders put on was awesome! My favorite part of the show was when Calvin the scientist sprayed the cops with happy spray. It made them crazy! But eventually it wore off and

they weren't crazy anymore.

Also, Calvin sprayed their neighbor Mrs. Daisy with happy spray.

Elliot S.

The eighth graders put on an amazing show. There were more people in the play that I have ever seen! They put a lot of effort into it. My favorite part was when the person in the wheel chair yelled at everyone.

Andrew K.

I enjoyed watching the amazing eighth grade play. I liked it because they put so much

work into it and their acting was excellent. I liked how they acted really serious at some points; they were funny at the same time. I think their singing was awesome! I really liked how they set up the mansion.

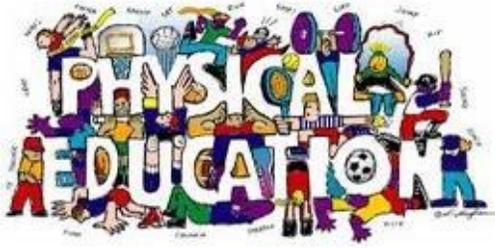
Ava P.

The eighth graders put a lot of work into an amazing play. My favorite part was when Silas Price came to the mansion and said he wanted to turn the mansion into a park-









# LEARNING NEW THINGS IN PE CLASS!



On November 19, 2015 both eighth grade classes were introduced in the use of fitness ropes. Mr. Rick Thomas volunteered his time to properly show students how to use the fitness ropes with Mrs. Tilkens.



Students used their arm strength to move their bodies along the floor while keeping their legs up in the air. During this time the rope must stay rigid in order to keep momentum.



Learning this new exercise took teamwork in order to work properly. Ayana E. said “At first I didn’t want to do it, but then it became really fun!”

# Photo memories at JFK



**Eighth grade learned how to crochet scarves for the Chase the Chill Quad Cities service project**



**Mrs. Temming read to students in the ECLC**



**Mrs. Poster 's silly second grade class!**



**8B**



**8K**

*'tis the season...*  
**TO ROCK**  
**UGLY**  
**SWEATERS**





# Corrections



In the first quarter issue, there were several factual errors which required corrections. The following three articles have been corrected and are being re-run in this issue. These have also been changed on the online first quarter edition. Our apologies for these errors.

## Staff Changes

By: Nyomi M., Jessica H., and Zayle S.

Welcome back all teachers and students of JFK. As we start off the new year we have some staff changes throughout the grades. Some of our teachers and staff have been moved including: Mrs. Weiser, Mrs. Lystiuk, Mrs. Lenger, Ms. Willows, and Ms. Geurink. These wonderful teachers and aides have moved from upstairs to downstairs, down the hall, and all over the school.

This year, Ms. Geurink has moved from seventh grade to fifth grade. Ms. Geurink previously taught seventh and eighth grade math, and sixth grade language and literature. Ms. Geurink now teaches her own homeroom social studies, language arts, and all fifth grade students for math. So far, Ms. Geurink likes her new position. She likes getting to see her students often every day. She says that she misses her old students, because it was her first time teaching last year, and she will always have a place for them in her heart. An interesting fact about her is that she was born in the Quad Cities! Ms. Geurink is a fun, lovable teacher who couldn't wait to start off her second year of teaching with her new students.

Mrs. Lenger came back to JFK with a new job. Last year, she was a first grade teacher's aide. This year she is an aide in ECLC. She changed her job because it was an opportunity to work with younger children. Mrs. Lenger liked working in first grade, but wanted a little change. She also loves being with her son, Tyler. Working with Mrs. Lystiuk and Mrs. Fox has been great for her. She is enjoying hands-on work with preschool kids and getting to add her own input and decision making for lessons. This will be a great year for Mrs. Lenger and ECLC.

Mrs. Lystiuk a fun and joyful aide. Last year, she worked in a variety of lower grade assignments and ECLC. This year, she has the opportunity to see the joyful faces of the ECLC students. She is very excited to meet all of the new ECLC students and work with them one on one. She misses her former second grade friends very much and hopes to sometime work with them again. She said that she is looking forward to working with some awesome kids this year and hopes to help children "Shine their light on JFK." this year.

Mrs. Weiser is an extremely amazing aide who has helped out in a lot of places at JFK. Last year, she helped in second grade, at lunch, with resource, and in ECLC. If needed, she even subbed for a few teachers. This year, she is working with first grade, ECLC, and fourth and fifth grade math. Math is her favorite subject and she looks forward to seeing all the new ways to teach math. She is looking forward to meeting all of the ECLC and first grade students. She does miss her old students and the teachers she worked with last year.

Ms. Willows is starting a new school year with a new position at JFK. Last year, she worked downstairs in ECLC. Her new job at JFK is assisting third through fifth grade students with math half with each. She says "Mr. Steimle suggested it might be good for a change." She says the change has been exciting and different. She really likes her new job. She doesn't miss her old job because she still gets to see them after school. She says she loves being able to help kids one on one. "I love watching them grow and get better" she says. This will be an exciting year.

## **Improvements at JFK**

By: Matthew V., Chase J., and Elizabeth V.

Have you noticed the classrooms seem brighter? JFK students need to thank Mr. Sweeney. He worked hard this summer on making JFK a better place. The school used money from a variety of sources to install new things such as the drinking fountain and the lights.

According to Mr. Sweeney, the eighth graders who graduated in 2015 had money left over. They decided they wanted to donate it to JFK to do something good. So, the new drinking fountain with a water bottle filling station was installed. Another change this year is the installation of new LED lights. We had enough money to install new lights in every hallway and classroom over the summer. These lights were installed by Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Snell, and a team of volunteers. Mr. Sweeney was mentioned in the Catholic Messenger. In order to accommodate aftercare, DHS, or Department of Human Services, money was used to put air conditioning in the cafeteria. It helps us cool off while eating lunch. Our net cost of \$22,000 will be recovered in about 4-5 years through reduced energy usage. During the summer, asphalt was placed over the blacktop to extend the life of the parking lot. This took only four days to finish. The parking lot work this sealing and striping. There was no asphalt laid. The sealing is expensive enough for the size of our parking lot.

Air conditioning was also installed in Mrs. Poster's room. This room needed air conditioning for the times when aftercare cannot be held in the cafeteria. The cost of replacing three of the five roofs on the school building was over \$200,000, and short term loan was taken out to help spread out the payments.

Throughout JFK, there have been many interesting events during the roof work this fall. The cost of the roof was eight thousand dollars. This cost was covered by the parish and donations from other organizations, but payments will be spread out over the next four years because of the debt from the Growing our Faith campaign.

Mr. Sweeney and many volunteers worked hard this summer to make many different improvements to JFK. From the lights to the parking lot, this hard work has allowed JFK to let it's light shine.

## **Students and Computers Combined**

By: Anthony P., Ryan L., James W., and Noah M.

This year sixth through eighth grade students have been busy carrying their computers to all their classes. "I really like how you can share stuff with your teachers on Google Drive." said Ben K. from 8B. Evan from 7W said "It is useful to have the computers, and they are there when you need them." Most people like having their own computers, and they like having the bags to carry the computers in. "The computers are becoming part of our routine." says Mrs. Thomas, the 6T teacher. "The computers have done a great thing this year." Mr. Steimle said, "They are available at the right times, and the parents responses are very positive. Technology is a tool that is just as essential as a pencil and pen."

The current sixth through eighth graders have been using Google Drive since last year. So far, no one has reported that a student has dropped a computer. Sixth, seventh, and eighth graders are getting used to carrying their computers throughout the day.