

# ST. MARY'S SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

## Mrs. Dubois' Kindergarten

Kindergarten has been learning all about their faith, using Mary as their guide. They celebrated Mary's birthday, created a beautiful stained glass Marian project, and are learning the Hail Mary. They can't wait until October to celebrate Our Lady of the Rosary.



## Mrs. Cracraft's 1st Grade

The 1st grade class has paired up with 6th grade buddies this year!

The buddies surprised us with stickers, getting-to-know-you letters, and some special time praying together during rosary.

The students look forward to creating crafts, reading together, and praying together this year.

In our classroom, we are becoming strong readers and writers as we work on sight words and spelling words. We finished an author study of Kevin Henkes, and made connections to his book, *Chrysanthemum*.

We are also learning to navigate the computer keyboard in technology. Students have begun using Typetastic to practice placing our fingers on the home row and typing letters to "pop balloons" in a game-based activity.

## Mrs. Cowling's PE



Beating the heat in P.E. Our teamwork makes the dream work!

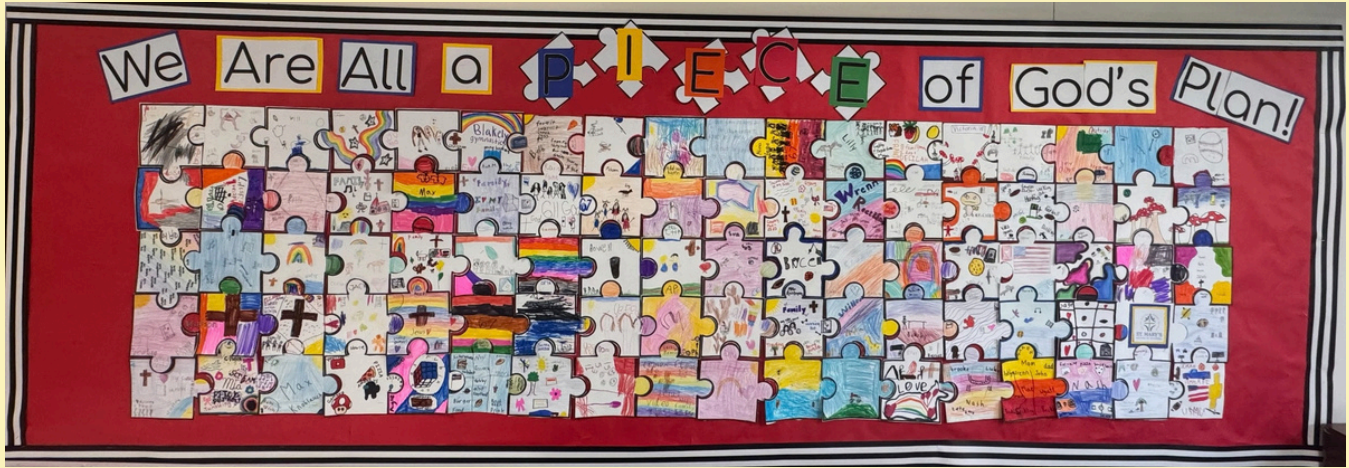
## WOOF Program

Thank you to the WOOF group for bringing in their lovable dogs so our 2nd graders can read to them. Thank you Mrs. Durbin for your help with this program.



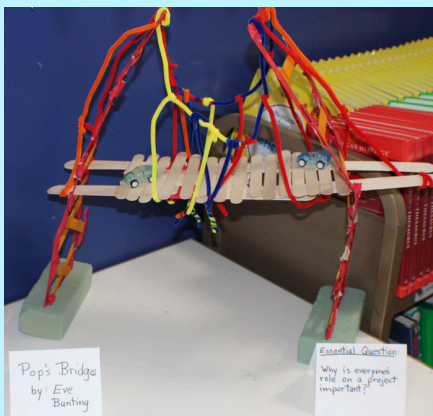
## Mrs. Rustman's Art

We spent the first couple of days working on a collaborative bulletin board as we are all a "piece of God's plan"! Junior high is exploring abstract art using a variety of materials, while 3rd and 4th grade has finished watercolor techniques. 1st and 2nd grade finished color wheel art and is now exploring shapes while using specific primary and secondary colors. Kindergarten worked on lines and shapes while working with oil pastels.



## Mrs. Mastny's 3rd Grade

Third grade is reading the novel "Because of Winn-Dixie". We completed a STEM activity on making a bridge while using teamwork. In science, we are studying about animals and their needs, how they develop, migrate, adapt to their environment and their different body parts. We completed a unit on reading maps in social studies. In math, we are working on rounding numbers and adding and subtracting numbers in the 1,000s. In religion, we are covering the Virtue of Hope.



## Mrs. Cwiak's 2nd Grade

We are off to a fantastic start! The second graders have begun traveling around the United States without leaving the classroom. Each week one of the students is picked to be our "tour guide" through a state of their choice. Our "guide" researches five clues about that state, and one clue is shared with the rest of the class each day. Our job is to try to figure out what state we are visiting. So far we have "visited" Michigan, Kentucky, Minnesota, and Arizona. Where will we "travel" to this week?

### Mr. Hoelscher's 4th Grade

Fourth grade students finished their addition and subtraction unit with a fun escape room! We are beginning our unit on multiplication and division. In science, the students are studying cells, tissues and organs. The students are studying nouns in English, and we are reading Johnny Tremaine together. In religion, the students are just beginning our study of Joseph and his arrival in Egypt.

### Mrs. Garber's PE

In PE class, we started out the year with a fitness and cooperative game unit. Students learned teamwork skills while thinking outside the box. We will continue with some of the fitness series throughout the year. We have now started an ultimate frisbee unit with 4th grade, while 5th-8th grades are playing disc golf. Students are doing great and enjoying these games.

### Mrs. Rustman's Spanish

We are continuing to learn and recite our prayers in Spanish. While each level might vary in degree of difficulty, each grade K-4, is reading and translating short Spanish stories. Junior high is currently reviewing the Super Siete Verbs and then using those verbs to write sentences and read in Spanish!

### Student Council

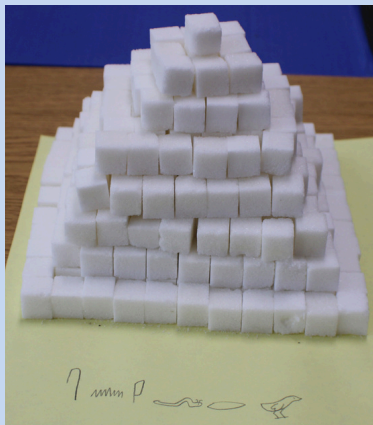
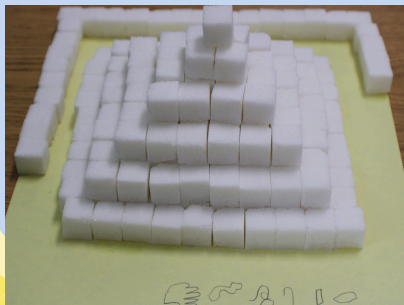
Student Council is getting ready for the homecoming parade. Last week they organized a jean day donation. Proceeds went to Open Arms Food Pantry.

### Mrs. Strauss' Choir

St. Mary's School Choir starts on Mondays beginning October 5 from 3:05 to 3:50. Choir is open to all students in grades 3rd-8th.

### Mr. Rupert's 5th Grade

5th grade teams had the challenge of building one of the 3 most famous pyramids that were built in Egypt. They also learned to write the name of the pharaoh buried in that pyramid using hieroglyphics.





## **Mrs. Fitzgibbon's Science (6th Grade Homeroom Teacher)**

Middle school science has been busy with hands-on learning! Our eighth graders have been designing and building roller coasters and tackling engineering challenges, while fifth graders have been using KEVA planks to put their creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills to the test. Fifth grade has also been sharpening their science skills by making and analyzing both qualitative and quantitative observations.



## **Mrs. Eckstein's 7th & 8th Grade**

7th and 8th grade students have been spending time with both their Preschool Pals and Snyder Village residents. Both groups, regardless of age, love their time with our students.



## **Preschool**

The preschoolers have been studying everything apples the last two weeks. They have investigated apples, taste tested different apples, graphed which ones were their favorite and made applesauce!

