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In Our Catholic Schools



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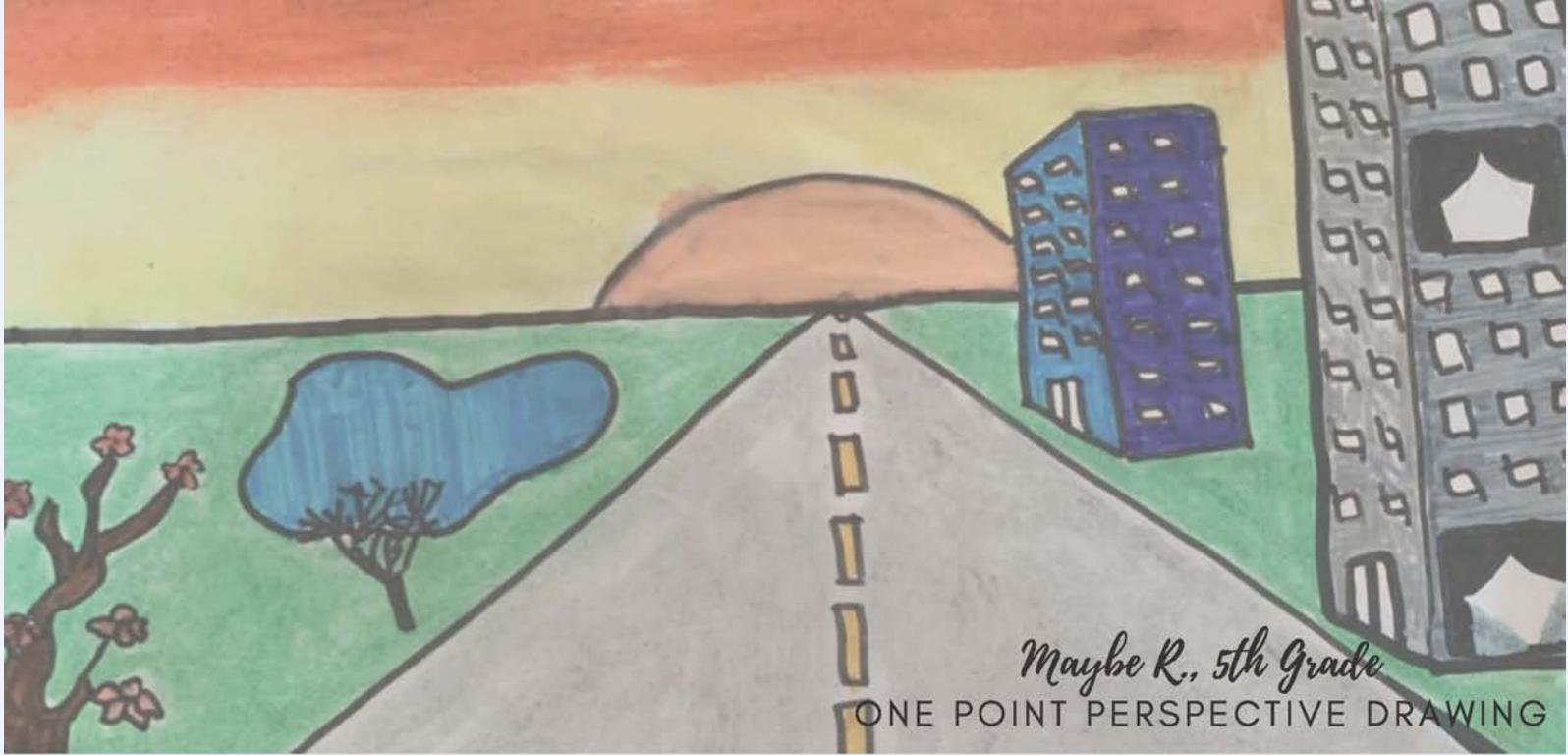
The mission of Catholic education in the schools of the Diocese of Fort Worth is to open the doors so that our students can see further than the walls that otherwise would enclose them in darkness. What does seeing deep into eternity really look like? It involves being able to recognize, to appropriate, and to cherish the eternal and transcendental goods of Truth, Beauty, and Goodness. These three transcendental goods depend upon each other within the envelope of eternity.



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#RaidersRise

All Saints Students have risen to the challenge of home learning! Showing great resiliency through a strong partnership between home and school, student learning has continued to move forward. We are very proud of our Raider faculty and families and continue to pray for the safety and health of all during this pandemic. #RaidersRise

¡Todos los estudiantes de Todos los Saints han superado el desafío del aprendizaje de casa! Al mostrar una gran capacidad de recuperación a través de una sólida asociación entre el hogar y la escuela, el aprendizaje de los estudiantes ha seguido avanzando. Estamos muy orgullosos de nuestra facultad y familias Raider y seguimos orando por la seguridad y la salud de todos durante esta pandemia.

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All Saints Catholic School

Dual Language Classical Learning

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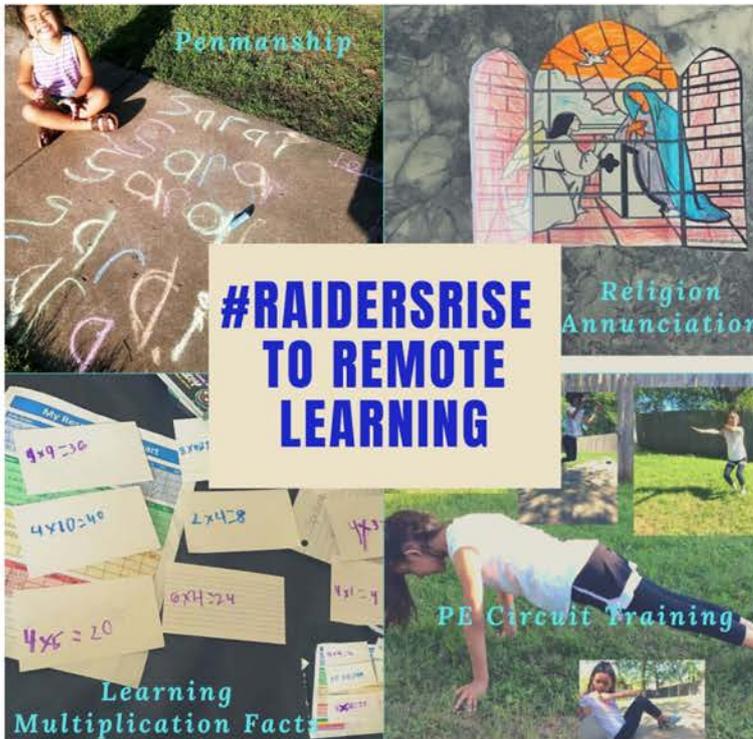
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Dual Language Classical Learning

This past year for All Saints has been a year of transition as we moved to classical learning. Within the first few weeks of school, we saw very quickly the impact and beauty that classical education brings in enriching a school. Our students have thrived this year in engagement in classical reading, music, arts & humanities, and nature studies. In addition to continuing to learn Spanish from our dual language program, students were also introduced this year to Latin and have made great strides forward in learning a third language. As we have shifted to home learning, these studies have continued with families now learning these subjects together. #Truth #Beauty #Goodness

El año pasado para Todos los Santos ha sido un año de transición a medida que avanzamos hacia el aprendizaje clásico. En las primeras semanas de escuela, vimos muy rápidamente el impacto y la belleza que la educación clásica trae al enriquecer una escuela. Nuestros estudiantes han prosperado este año en la participación en lectura clásica, música, artes y humanidades, y estudios de la naturaleza. Además de continuar aprendiendo español de nuestro programa de lenguaje dual, los estudiantes también se introdujeron este año al latín y han avanzado mucho en aprendiendo un tercer idioma. A medida que pasamos al aprendizaje en el hogar, estos estudios han continuado con ahora las familias que aprendiendo estas materias juntas.

#Verdad #Belleza #Buenabondad



STANDING TALL

Blowing in the wind

A strong worn thorny tree stands

One hundred years old

~Robert M., 7th grade



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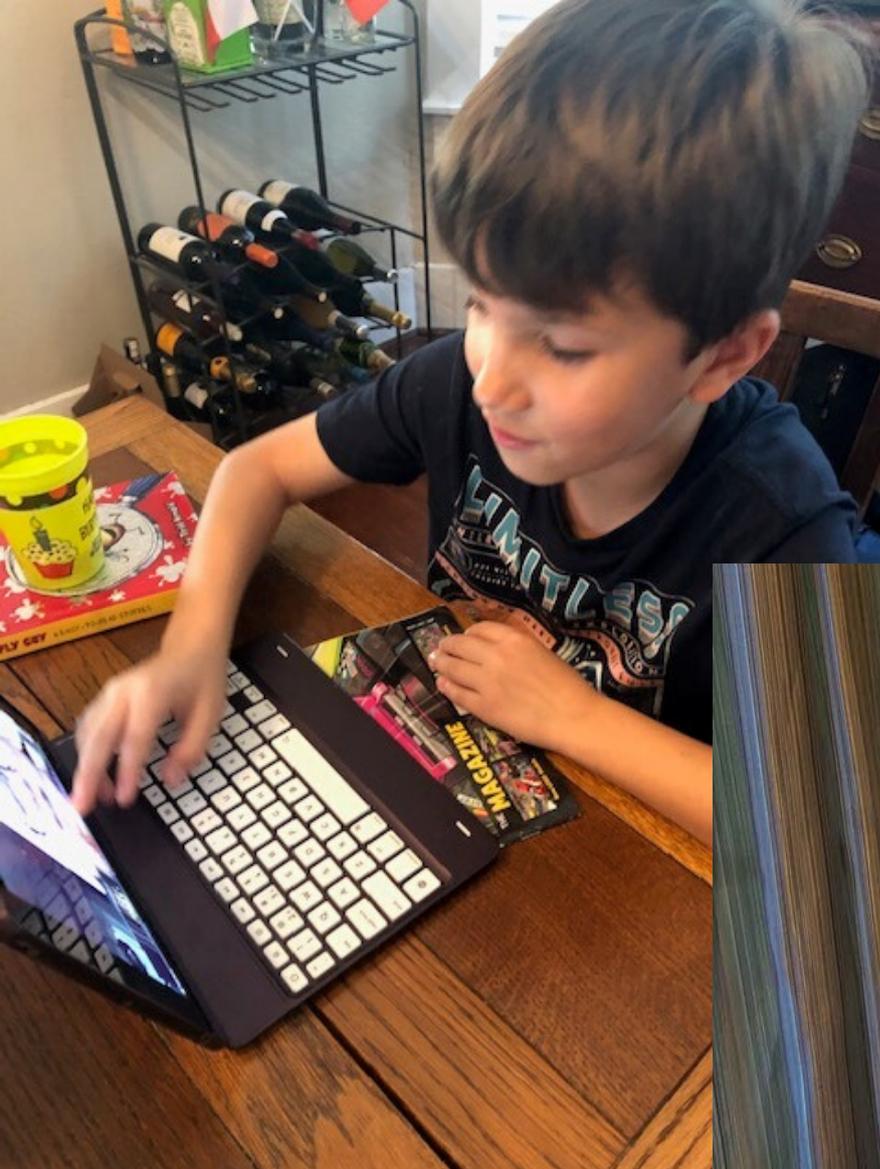
HOLY FAMILY

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

A Different Way to Learn

After a week of Holy Family Catholic School faculty teaching from home, principal Mrs. Ann Walters was pursuing other avenues of teaching. She learned of an online platform – RingCentral – from our second grade teacher, Mrs. Maureen Szostek. The next week, Mrs. Walters and the teachers dug into learning about how to use RingCentral to communicate with parents and students more effectively. RingCentral is an integrated communication system that will allow the teachers to create specific classroom teams with the ability to send and receive homework, teach via video conferencing and pre-record lessons, and communicate via instant messaging.





Entering the fourth week of RingCentral, our students are thrilled to be able to see their classmates and teachers in real time. For our teachers, being able to record the live sessions helps families that do not have multiple devices for distance learning. We are grateful for the partnership with our parents in our efforts to provide their children with a quality Catholic education.



Immaculate Conception Catholic School students, families, staff, and supporting parishes had to pull up an Online Learning Community by the bootstraps in a matter of hours! We would like to give a MAJOR SHOUT OUT all around to everyone who has pitched in so that learning through the lens of faith can continue during these difficult times. With Our Lady's intercession, everyone has had an incredible amount of new learning ranging from Google Classrooms, to the lesson at hand, to fitting into newly-created routines, to having that special home-based spiritual time as a family. And don't forget the exercise and the fun that remains a part of developing the whole person!



We love our new benches that have been installed on the playground while we've been away, giving us hope for the new year. By the way, we also took a moment to recognize Tina Jezek who was supposed to go to Baltimore this month as she was named a national Learn, Lead, Proclaim teacher by the National Catholic Education Association!





We are building blocks for the future with our PreK, Zooming right along with our teachers, taking the time to reflect on our Lord's Passion through the creation of an online Stations of the Cross via Google Slides, and for sure, WE MISS EVERYONE!!

The Sixth Station: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.
By Grace Jester



Everyone at Our Lady's School SALUTES the valiant efforts of our school, localities, nation, and world as we continue the New Normal. We will remain in prayer while remembering that we are all in this together with our eyes Focused on Jesus! #TEACHON!!

Good News

NOLAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

Class of 2020

Every day multiple senior students will be highlighted for their accomplishments, plans, and favorite NCHS memories on social media. Pictured is Thien Ly Nguyen, Class Valedictorian.



FAITH LIFE

Weekly Mass and Rosary

Every Thursday, Father Moon offers Mass on Facebook. In addition, different spiritual groups on campus will lead us in the Friday Rosary.

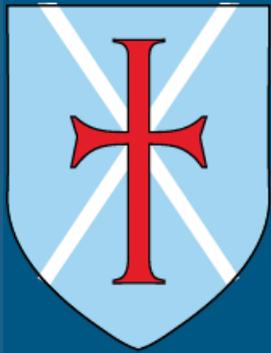
DISTANCE LEARNING

Creativity in Action

We just completed our fifth week of distance learning and online instruction. This experience has been met with such positivity and creativity. For example, our Art II class continues to create beautiful pieces of artwork. This drawing is by Ellise Moreno '20.

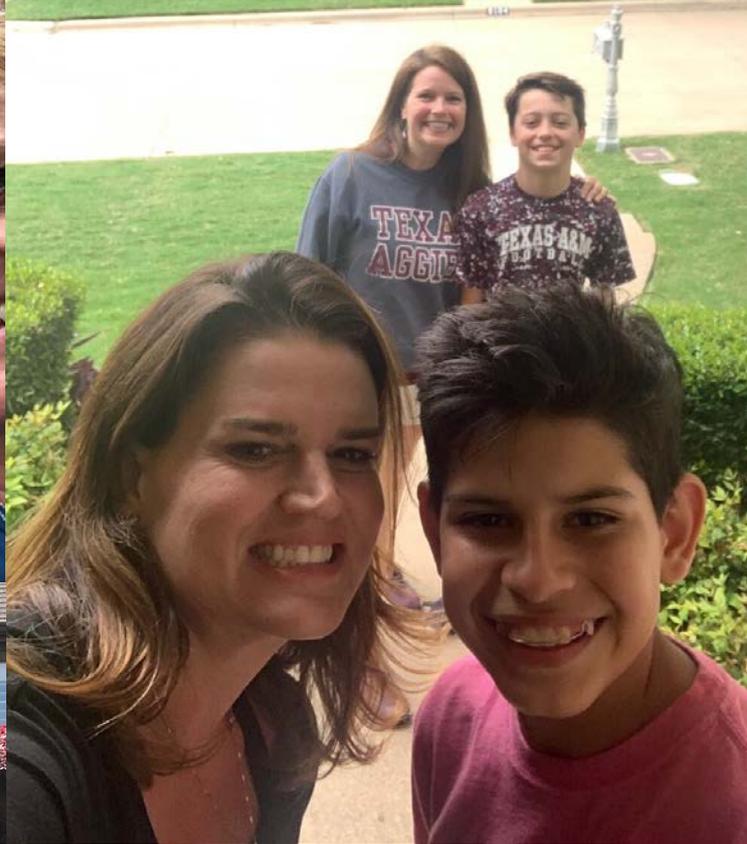


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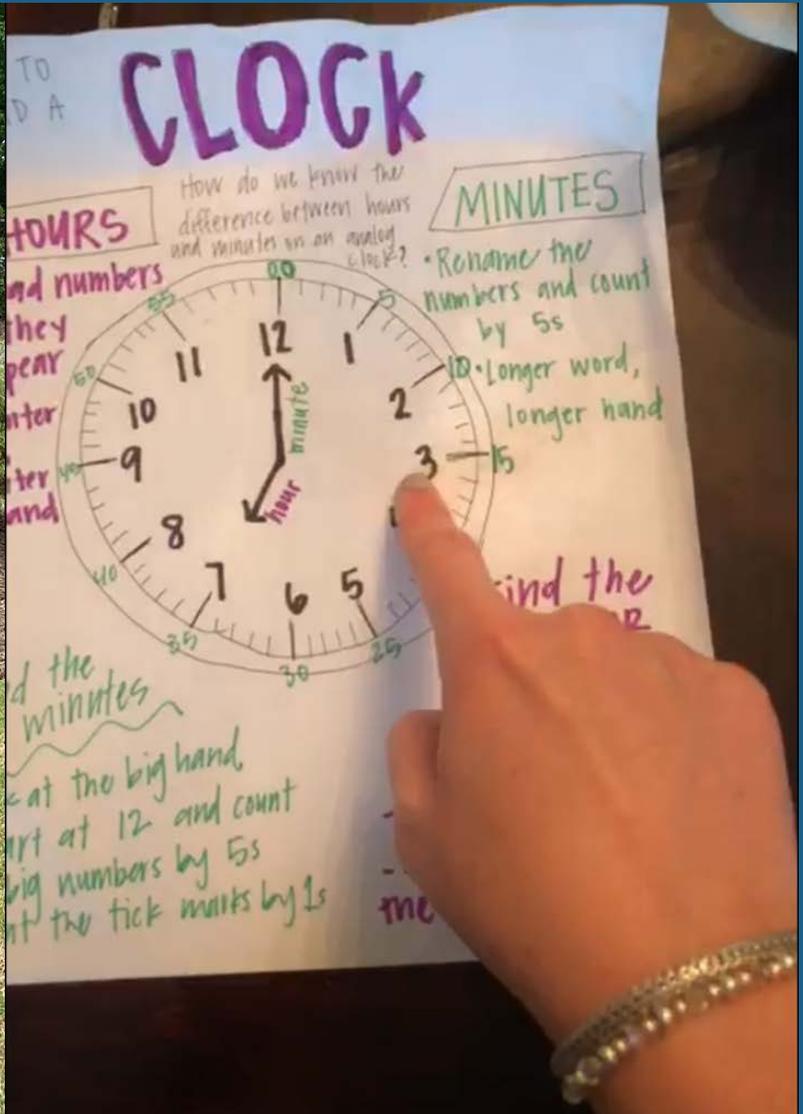
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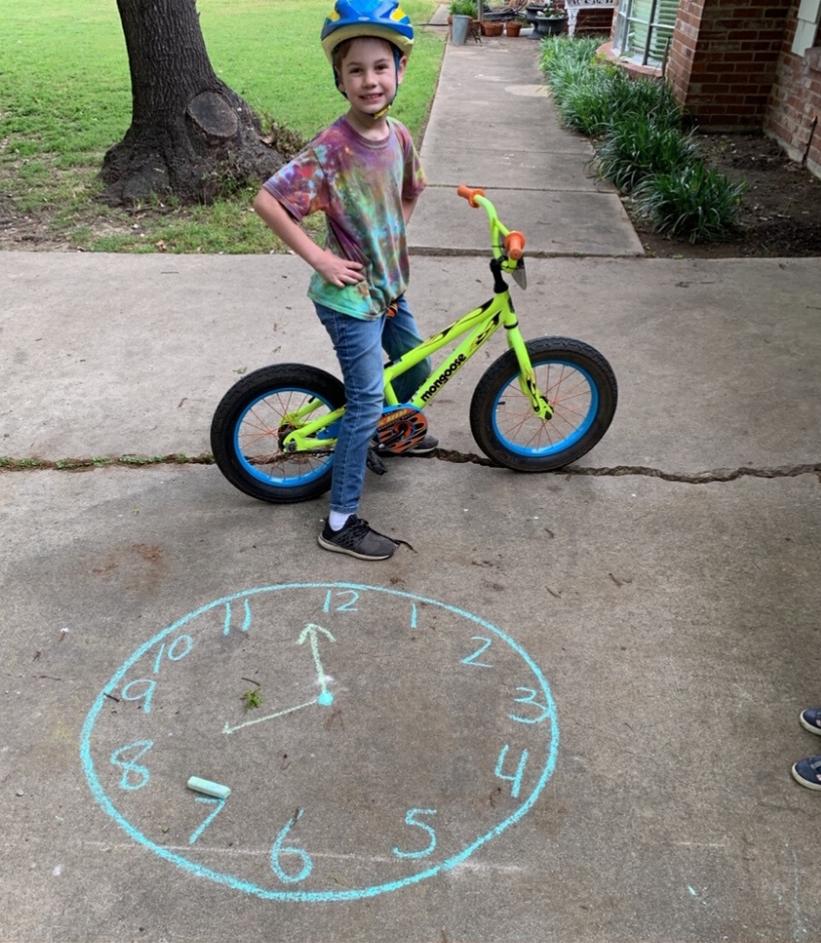
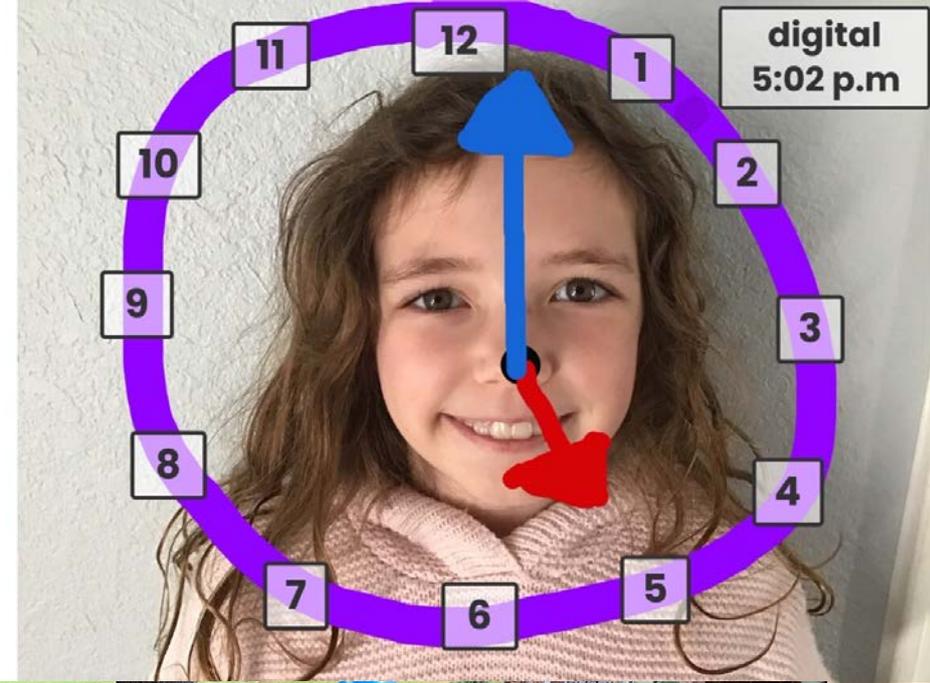


At SAS we are continuing our mission of Spirituality, Academics and Service during this new normal. We open our daily home-based learning with morning prayer, filmed by our students from their homes. Our students have the opportunity to virtually attend our weekly school Mass, followed by an 8th grade student leading us with a Gospel Reflection. We are virtually praying our monthly Rosaries together, opening up the opportunity for our parishioners to pray with us.



“During this time of in-home learning our family has been graced by opportunities to make family memories and simply just be together as a family. In addition to distance learning, the teachers at Saint Andrew Catholic School have encouraged us to focus on our family and strengthen our domestic church at this time. Our family has served others by making Easter crosses and also sharing the image and message of the Divine Mercy, delivering to mailboxes by hand, or via mail to family, friends and neighbors. We deeply miss our parish and school but have found comfort in our family prayer space and praying the Rosary on family outdoor adventures.” Summer Riney (SAS Alum and parent to 2nd grade student Molly and 4th grade student Sean.)





SAS 8th grade student Bridget Battenfield summed it up this way: "I miss seeing my friends in the hallways and talking to them during free time. I am disappointed that track, softball and baseball were canceled mid-season. I am sad that, as an eighth grader, I may miss out on events such as graduation. But, I understand the situation and I am trying to make the best of it. God has blessed me and my family with good health and that is what is important right now."



ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON A CLASSICAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

A Legacy of Learning

8th grade students' heartfelt reflections on current COVID-19 situation reveal the depth of learning they have received in their education and formation at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School.



"Being at home all the time can get really boring, and sometimes we just want to get away from it all. Thanks to technology we can continue school online and not miss everything. However, since this is during Lent, we can take this time to talk and pray to Jesus more and grow closer to Him. Our being in quarantine now is a lot like when Jesus was in the desert for 40 days with nothing. While he wasn't quarantine, he fasted for 40 days and 40 nights and did nothing but pray and give Himself to God during that time. Jesus is calling us all to something different in our lives, so we can take this opportunity to become closer to Him."



In addition, I also miss the school masses. We were able to go to Mass every Wednesday but now we cannot. I miss receiving the Eucharist which is a very important and sacred gift from Jesus. I also miss the priest's Homily because the Homily taught me very important life lessons that would help me strive for holiness. Now, I cannot receive the advice that would help me go to Heaven.



Oftentimes I forget to appreciate all that I have, the little things that make a big difference. In this quarantine, I have missed everyone, my classmates, my teachers, and my other mentors in extracurricular activities. Like in Lord of the Flies, it may have seemed good to be away from people in my life and get a longer break, but the deeper meaning is that we need each other, we need love to get through life, and sometimes we get caught up in the moment so much that we forget about our true needs.



This feeling of loneliness made up my first few days during the quarantine. Not only were we not allowed to be welcomed back to school after a serene vacation during spring break, but, with the new regulations set, we were not allowed to go out to restaurants or participate in our pastimes after school. Free from school and from the anxiety of the mountainous work borne upon our shoulders, I at first saw this as a victory, but soon after came to the realization of the true scenario. Not being able to meet and vocalize with our brothers in faith on a day to day basis soon drove me mad with boredom.



Yes, I do miss being able to see my friends and susceptible relatives in person, and yes, I wish I could just finish out the rest of my eighth grade year normally (come on, we only have one quarter left!), but man, I have to say that maybe this is for the best. Maybe things were getting a little too comfortable, and God knows we weren't meant for that.



A Honor Roll students for the second quarter were recognized. Great job for maintaining grades of 94 and above!

Sister Marie shares with our students and staff the many traditions celebrated during Lunar New Year.



Our Boys Basketball Tournament began with a win on the first day. Coach Vasquez and his players took home a win of 39 points versus St. Rita. JPG



Nolan Catholic High School hosted Middle School Night.

We had a special guest, Leo Vaughn's Jr. MED, he came to share his wisdom about Black History Month





Ms. Zlaket and her students celebrated Student Appreciation Day with a class camp out! They brought in sleeping bags, their stuffed animals, and read their favorite books



Event Coordinator Lam Tran pictured with Dariela Santos. spearheaded the 2020 C'EST L'AMOUR Gala!



Kindergarten and 1st grade after Ash Wednesday Mass. They were excited to learn about the importance of Lent.



LEGACY OF LEARNING CLASS OF 2020

Catholic Education in the Classical Tradition



Zachary K.



Tashi G.



Sierra P.



Ryane R.



Marcus H.



Kate F.



Jacob G.



Isabella R.



Hampton H.



Ethan H.



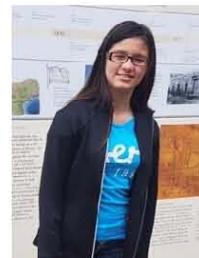
Anne K.



Ava B.



Ava V.



Alana N.

Preparing minds for a lifetime and souls for eternal life

1. What skills have you acquired at SJS that will help you be a leader in high school, college, and beyond?

Learning write in cursive and writing well and speaking good English are all useful skills I have learned at St. John's School. Alex A.

At SJS I have acquired skills such as time management and social skills that will help me later in life. Ava B.

The courage to explain assignments to others if they are confused. Alekzander D.

SJS has helped me to work better with other people. Nathaniel F.

I have learned to take control of a situation when it is getting out of hand. Kate F.

St. John has helped me to put others before me and to speak in front of crowds. Tashi G.

The skills that I have acquired at SJS are to take charge and not to back down. Jacob G.

At St. John's, for the many years I have attended, have learned the skill of time management. Ethan H.

More responsibility is a skill that I have learned that will help me be a leader in high school.

Marcus H.

As an NJHS officer, I am expected to be a leader and example to my peers and NJHS members. This will help me to be a good leader in the future. Hampton H.

I think my experience with research will help me lead others. Anne K.

I have acquired great social skills like to listen more and talk less. Also to respect everyone's opinion.

Zachary K.

I have learned skills like leadership and work ethic Alana N.

Here at SJS I have learned time management skills. I believe that will help me in the future because in times of stress over test and homework I will know how to manage my time making my life stress free and anxiety free. Sierra P.

The skills that I have learned are being a good reader, knowing how to prepare myself for tests, and to always be kind to others. Ryane R.

I have acquired many skills such as leadership, leadership can help me everywhere in life.

Isabella R.

I have acquired many skills from St. John School. One of the many skills I have learned is leadership. This will help me in the long run with my job positions. Jillian S.

The skills I have acquired at SJS are listening, talking correctly, and comprehension. I believe this will help me in the future a lot and help me succeed. Ava V.



St. John the Apostle Catholic School

2. How has SJS prepared you to serve God and your community?

We make donations to Patzun through fundraiser, bring can goods to Mass, visit the nursing home, and encouraged to volunteer our time for others. Alex A.

SJS has helped me by teaching me how important community service is. Ava B.

By teaching me the value of going to Church and the value of service at Mass. Alekzander D.

SJS has helped me to respect others in my community. Nathaniel F.

Service hours help train me to look for good deeds I can do. Kate F.

To help others help the poor. St. John taught me to put them in front of me. Tashi G.

At SJS, we have the food pantry which helps the poor and the hungry. At Mass, the church will always have a special feeling to it. There we also have the chance to serve. Jacob G.

SJS has taught me how to respect those who take charge but am also able to be a leader if needed. Ethan H.

They have prepared me to serve God by teaching us about our faith more and teaching us to lead by example. Marcus H.

Doing service hours has helped me serve God and the community. Hampton H.

They have taught me the golden rule and most things I need to know. Anne K.

SJS has prepared me by learning about what I can do to help my community. Zachary K.

SJS has prepared me to serve God and my community. Alana N.

SJS has prepared me to serve God and my community by giving an education that helps us understand God's word and what he calls us to do in our life. Sierra P.

It has prepared me to serve God and my community by helping others in need, praying before every class, and by going to Mass. Ryane R.

SJS has prepared me in many ways such as serving God by doing a lot of community service.

Isabella R.

SJS has helped me serve God and my community by having the opportunity to visit the elderly.

Jillian S.

SJS helped me prepare to serve others in ways such as food pantry, altar serving, nursing home visits, etc. that have been fun to help out with. Ava V.

3. Which activities do you feel worked well for you to remember information or learn new skills?

- Paying attention was always enough for me. I did not study much. Alex A.
- I think either acting it out or doing labs in subjects such as science.* Ava B.
- The activities that helped me remember things were using an assignment book and color-coding things. Alekzander D.
- SJS has helped me to understand the usefulness of taking notes.* Nathaniel F.
- I think writing notes in a spiral or note cards to study help me remember. Kate F.
- The math teacher helped me understand what I was doing. I like how she puts notes on the board and then how we can work on problems for that lesson.* Tashi G.
- Our learning of research projects and annotations have helped me for the time I need it in high school. They have prepared me very well. Jacob G.
- The urging of the teachers to study has made a great impact on me to make good grades in all of my subjects.* Ethan H.
- The assignment book helps me remember information better. Marcus H.
- Annotations in literature class helps me remember information about a book and teaches me better note-taking skills.* Hampton H.
- I think the vocabulary quizzes online help me memorize my vocab words. Anne K.
- When we were in class and if one person like me or someone else didn't understand something, the teachers would go over it again.* Zachary K.
- Charades has helped me learn more about vocabulary in Mrs. K.'s Lit/Eng. Class Alana N.
- Activities that we do here in SJS that benefit me to remember information to learn new skills is charades. We play charades and act out vocab words which I think benefit us and help us retain information about the words we are acting out.* Sierra P.
- The activities that I feel helped me remember information is by writing notes, going over vocabulary with my teachers, and the reviews. Ryane R.
- Many things have helped me retain a lot of information. Mainly listening to the teachers.* Isabella R.
- One activity that has helped me with new skills is when we play charades. This helps me learn new connections to help me on the quiz/test. Jillian S.
- I like how we take notes and do reviews in class to help us with tests.* Ava V.

4. Name one area (academic, spiritual, or personal) in which you feel you have really grown.

Math.

Alex A.

At SJS I have grown a lot spiritually and going to Mass has helped me grow closer to God.

Ava B.

I feel I have grown really well academically because I can remember being here in 1st grade and being confused a lot of the time.

Alekzander D.

SJS has helped me to grow into a harder working person for projects and homework.

Nathaniel F.

I feel I have grown in academics because of the work the teachers give.

Kate F.

I feel I have grown in academics.

Tashi G.

I have grown personally at this school. I have opened a lot more here and have a lot of friends.

Jacob G.

I feel I have grown academically in being able to complete in the best of my ability any work that is thrown at me.

Ethan H.

I feel that I have grown academically since I got here.

Marcus H.

I have become better at not procrastinating. SJS has taught me that the more you procrastinate, you put more work on yourself.

Hampton H.

I think I grew in my faith more than anything else at this school.

Anne K.

I have personally grown in managing my time. Now I can do all my homework and study for all my tests.

Zachary K.

I have grown academically during my years at St. Johns.

Alana N.

I believe the short time I have been at SJS I have grown in an academic perspective. The education at SJS has challenged me academically which I believe made me grow.

Sierra P.

One area I definitely that I have grown in is academics. I used to get decent grades and now I'm getting As and Bs.

Ryane R.

I feel I have grown academically here because the old school I went to was not challenging but St. Johns has challenged me to work harder and do more.

Isabella R.

I have grown spiritually because I have learned how much God has an will continue to impact my every move.

Jillian S.

I feel that I have grown academically because of how hard it can get, but it helps me improve mentally.

Ava V.

5. How has your time at SJS impacted your faith and your values?

It has helped me see that faith is something of a community to be celebrated together, as a family.

Alex A.

SJS has helped me grow in faith.

Ava B.

It has impacted my faith with values of making Jesus the center of my life and it has impacted my values with the teachers taking time to help me learn how to approach the world.

Alekzander D.

SJS has taught me to be more thankful for all the gifts I have and my freedom of religion.

Nathaniel F.

I think religion class has helped me understand what the bible is teaching us.

Kate F.

It helped me want to know more about God.

Tashi G.

I have grown in my faith. I have learned so much about my catholic faith.

Jacob G.

My time at St. Johns has helped me to become a better well-rounded person.

Ethan H.

Since my time at SJS I feel my values have grown and to view the world around me as God's greatest creation.

Marcus H.

Religion class has taught me important life skills and values, and going to Mass every week has deepened my faith.

Hampton H.

They have taught me all my life and they have made my relationship with God stronger over the years.

Anne K.

They taught me to ask God for help on a test if I am really nervous. Also, that God will help me through tough times.

Zachary K.

SJS has impacted my stay here by much. They have helped me in every way possible, for example, academically, spiritually, and mentally prepared me for high school.

Alana N.

SJS have impacted my faith and my values by giving me resources to learn about my Savior and my values as a person.

Sierra P.

My time at SJS impacted my faith because I am praying a lot more, and encouraging others about God.

Ryane R.

St. Johns teaches me a lot about my faith by going to Mass every Thursday and having daily religion class.

Isabella R.

SJS has taught me not just academically but in my faith values. They have taught me to trust in the Lord always. He will lead you to great things.

Jillian S.

SJS has impacted me greatly because I now see beauty and value in everything.

Ava V.



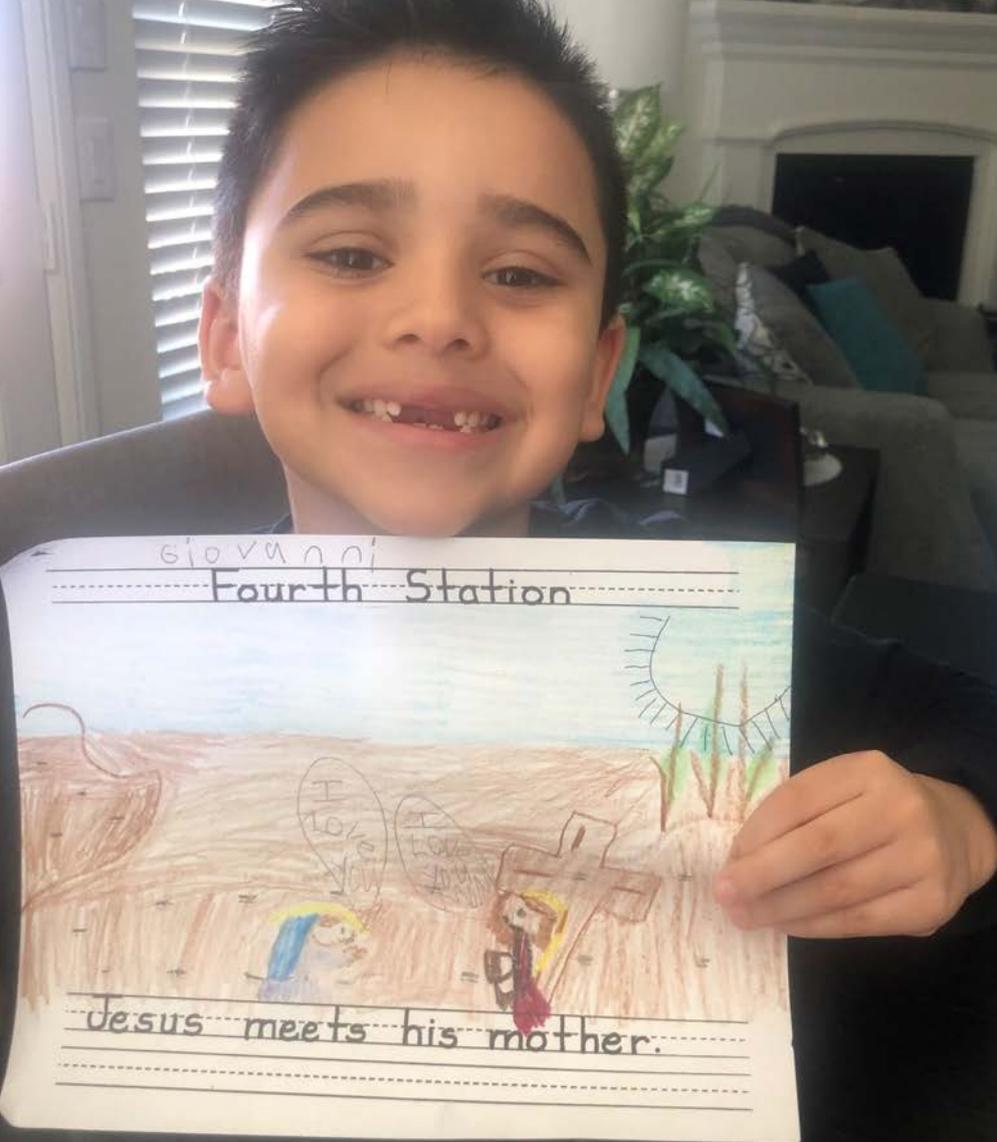
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CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Our students and faculty have been working hard on their distance learning. Students also connect through a Monday morning video prayer service. Mrs. Price records these from her home and then posts them to our school website. We also encourage our families to watch a live stream of Wednesday Mass from St. Joseph Parish.







St. Maria Goretti Catholic School is grateful to our parents and teachers who have transitioned from traditional learning to distance learning with grace and ease. Our SMG parents have opened their homes to our teachers to continue the excellent Catholic education we are so proud to provide. Our teachers and staff have created the perfect mix of fun and learning. Our SMG students have shown us how resilient and talented they are while being at home.

SMG Trojans Never Stop Learning



Trojan Chalk Art



Trojans Learning with their Pets



Trojans Staying Healthy

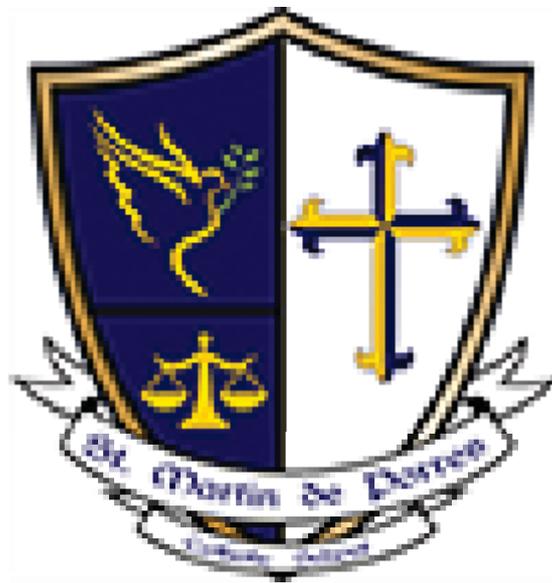


Trojan Chefs



Trojans Distance Learning





Getting Creative with eLearning at St. Martin de Porres

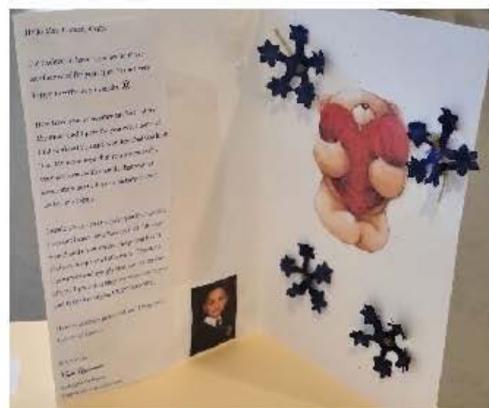
With eLearning throughout North Texas, our teachers have gotten creative. Younger students are treated to story time recorded by their teachers and virtual tours of zoos and aquariums, they are also observing the metamorphosis of caterpillars online. Our 3rd Graders are learning the concept of measurement in the kitchen, documenting what, and how much, they are measuring. Our older students have been studying the historic Space Race between the US and the USSR, and were asked to build models of spaceships, resulting in some very creative models.



5th Grade students used everything from plastic, cardboard and stickers to Legos (to create a hyperdrive, inspired by Star Wars).

Students reading the Adventures of Tom Sawyer, were asked to either build a model or create a comic strip detailing a chapter in the book.

Students have also created cards for residents in nursing homes or “shut ins”. Some students have even become pen pals with the recipients of their cards!



A student with his raft depicting a chapter in the Adventures of Tom Sawyer and a card created by a student for his “pen pal”.



*Tyler
Vennel*

Tyler has been at
SPS 5 years



*Laura
Tetra*

Laura has been at
SPS 4 years



*Anahi
Prado*

Anahi has been at
SPS 9 years



*Zuriel
Perez*

Zuriel has been at
SPS 4 years

**St. Peter the
Apostle honors
their 8th Grade
Graduates**



*Catherine
McGann*

Catie has been at
SPS 10 years



*Isaac
Navarro*

Isaac has been at
SPS 3 years



*Isabella
Mesner*

Isabella has been at
SPS 5 years



*Evelyn
Hammar*

Eve has been at
SPS 4 years

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