



St. John Regional School

Generation after Generation

Winter
2022

*A newsletter for
alumni, parents and
friends of St. John
Regional School*

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Mission Statement

St. John Regional School is a Catholic community where students grow in faith, are challenged to achieve academic excellence, develop individual responsibility and imitate Jesus in their service to others.

Robotics Program launches with success at SJRS!

This year RIZE Robotics has partnered with St. John Regional School to offer Robotics to all students in grades K-8. So far this year students have learned about motors, sensors, gear systems, and design principals. They have worked with several different building systems including VEX, LEGO, Technic, and Sphero. In addition to building robots, they have also begun learning programming skills, animation, and game design.



St. John Regional School is also a founding member of the RIZE IQ Robot Soccer league. This fall we entered six teams in competition and Middle School robot named Green Machine driven by 7th graders Cameron Fortier, Jaden Haas, and Sean Mulkerron took home 2nd place in NH. The team also won the Alliance Champion award for the state of NH. Season two is just starting to get underway and we are looking forward for building on our success. Thank you to Legoman Dan!



Classroom Updates

Kindergarten

Kinderland is full of worker bees this time of year! You can catch us "bee"ing extra talented in art with Mrs. Clark using fun mediums such as pastels and paint! In P.E. we are learning the basics of indoor hockey and LOVING it! Thanks, Mrs. Doucette! Our reading is REALLY taking off and there's nothing that makes that sweeter than picking out a special book to take care of for the week- Mrs. Tierney we appreciate all that you do! If you thought our Christmas concert was great, just WAIT and see what else Miss Riley has in store for us! The kiddos are sure to be singing you sweet songs all year long! You ROCK, Miss Riley! Whether it is learning sign language, CVC words, or counting to 100 by 1s, 5s, and 10s, we are surely doing it all! We are thankful to God for the many blessings we have and our good health! We kindly ask you to keep our sweet Kinderland in your continued prayers as we pray for our school community each and every day! God Bless!



Junior High Theology

As a class assignment, the grade 8 Theology classes prepared a prayer service for each Monday during Advent and Epiphany. Each class was broken into two groups with each being assigned a particular Monday. They readily worked together to plan beautiful and meaningful ten minute services. Each included songs, Psalms, Scripture, and prayers of petition. They did so well that we will be planning prayer services for each Monday during Lent.



Grade 1

Winter is full of faith and fun in first grade! As we busily prepared for the Christmas season, our first graders had the opportunity to act out a posada. Dressed in costume, the children experienced what it was like to be Mary and Joseph as they searched for a place to stay in Bethlehem. They were able to play the part of an innkeeper, Mary, Joseph, or an animal in the stable. The students also built gingerbread houses while learning poems and songs. Finally, they explored polar animals and learned to research and write paragraphs about penguins and polar bears. As February approaches, the children are eagerly counting the days to our 100th day of school celebration coming soon!



Grade 4

The fourth grade made sure to take advantage of the warm weather earlier in the school year and spent some time learning folk dances outside. They learned the moves to Alabama Gal, Sasha, and the Heel Toe Polka. Other all time favorites are the Macarena and the Cha Cha Slide. This class sure likes to dance!

A few highlights from within our classroom walls were some STEM activities. One day the challenge was to see what type of bridge could be constructed by using straws, paper clips, and tape. Once the bridges were created, it was time to see how strong they were. It was incredible to see the straw bridges holding hard covered books. Another activity used gumdrops and toothpicks to see how tall of a Christmas tree could be made. It was interesting to see the many types and styles of gumdrop trees we had in our classroom. Do you know what liquid a mini candy cane dissolves the quickest in? Would you guess room temperature water, vinegar, or seltzer? If you would like the answer, track down a fourth grade student and have them tell you all about this experiment. They were also challenged to find another liquid at home to try this experiment with. Some students choose a liquid that they could drink once their mini candy cane melted. There were some drinks that sounded delicious!



Fourth grade sure has been a very busy place full of much learning.



Classroom Updates

Grade 2

In second grade the students have been working hard in a variety of areas. We are becoming stronger readers each day and using our problem-solving skills in Math, doing measurement, and adding, subtracting 2-digit numbers. In Science, the class is learning about dinosaurs and endangered animals. Activities include making their own fossils, researching about a specific dinosaur and endangered animal, and creating a dinosaur out of clay. They just finished writing a story about bringing a snowman to school. They found creative ways to bring it to school, keep it cold during the day, and what the snowman liked about school! They are focusing on the Ten Commandments and how to be more like Jesus. If we pray, be respectful to God and others, truthful, honest, and kind, we are following how God wants us to live.



Grade 3

After studying different kinds of weather in science, students were asked to choose one weather tool to create using materials from the classroom. Weather tools ranged from a thermometer to a wind vane. Then as a group, they had to create a FOR SALE poster for their weather tool. On their flyer, they had to include a picture, price, location for pickup and a description of their tool. Students had a very fun time making these!



Junior High Spanish

In Spanish, we have covered Spanish Christmas holidays and traditions in Mexico, Puerto Rico, and Spain. Students in 8th Grade made New Year's resolutions in Spanish. 7th Graders finished a Spanish project. They made a collage and wrote sentences in Spanish of what they like to do in their free time to accompany their pictures. They are also learning the capitals and geography of where Spanish is spoken in the world and will be doing a Spanish Countries Project. Our 6th graders learned about leisure activities and how to say what they like and don't like to do.



Grade 5

Grade 5 is currently studying about the 13 original colonies. They are working on a project about an occupation during Colonial Times. They are creating a diorama of a shop for their chosen occupation. The shop includes items sold as well as tools and materials used.



Junior High Science

This Fall, our 6th, 7th, and 8th graders have been very busy in Science class with numerous labs and fun hands-on activities. Most recently the 6th graders have been exploring the oceans of the world and how it relates to weather, 7th graders started a long-term study on birds and how their adaptations help them to survive, and finally, the 8th graders are in the middle of a new unit of research to find out why the Arctic seems to be warming faster than the rest of Earth.



In December, Mrs. Collins had an article that she wrote about the different ways that she teaches using technology published in the new book "20 Things to Do with a Computer Forward 50: Future Visions of Education Inspired by Seymour Papert and Cynthia Solomon's Seminal Work" edited by Gary S. Stager, foreword by Cynthia Solomon.



Classroom Updates

Junior High Language Arts

My 8th graders have been working on a creative writing piece where they give emotions, thoughts, and motivations to a nonhuman force. Students wrote short stories from the perspective of *sadness*, *death*, *color*, *sound*, or even *knowledge*. Students got to show how these characters would interact with each other and the world we live in. I was ecstatic listening to the students read through their papers, listening as these giant ideas became realistic and tactile in the imagination.



Junior High Math

The 6th graders have been busy perfecting decimal operations as well as learning about measures of center, measures of variation and different ways of displaying data. The students have used scavenger hunts, games, and even a digital escape room to practice what they have learned. They will soon be delving into geometry and using it to explore God's world.



The 7th graders have been busy learning about negative numbers and how to apply those rules to fractions and decimals. They have been using games and scavenger hunts to practice the skills they have learned. They are beginning to learn about equations and how to solve them.

The 8th graders started out the year by solving linear equations and inequalities. Like the other grades, students have used scavenger hunts, games, and color by solution pages to practice the skills they have learned. They just finished a project in which they created Christmas ornaments using nets of geometric solids and found the volume and surface area of those ornaments. Currently, the students are learning about triangles and applying the Pythagorean Theorem.

Junior High Social Studies

The 8th graders have been learning about the Civil War. A Civil War reenactor representing the famous 5th New Hampshire Regiment gave a very interesting presentation to the 8th grade. I am especially proud of my students' ability to think critically, as demonstrated in their numerous class discussions, and by their shared insights about the many facts and contributing causes of the Civil War.



The study and discussions of the Declaration of Independence and the U. S. Constitution have equipped the students to not only better understand the causes of the Civil War, but also to fuel their appreciation of the longest standing consensually practiced Constitution in the history of the world. The 7th graders are learning about the French and Indian War, or Seven Years War. The kids appreciated the fact that the conflict took place so close to home, with Fort Ticonderoga, Fort William Henry, Fort Edward and much of the action taking place in New York, Vermont, Pennsylvania, and Canada, with New Hampshire and Dunbarton/Concord (formerly Rumford) being the home of Robert Rogers.

The 7th graders learned about a young George Washington's role in the conflict between the British and the French and about the enemy Indian warriors' high regard for the young British officer. The 6th graders have enjoyed learning about Geography, Navigation, and the Stone Age. They are exploring the influence of Israel and of Greece in forming the basis of Western Civilization on which rests the hope of civilization. The kids have also enjoyed learning about the ordeal and history of climbing Mount Everest. We look forward to learning about ingenious Greek inventions and innovations.

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SJRS Happenings

Congratulations to the winners of the SJRS Spelling Bee!



Champion: Cora Misley
Second Place: Casey Shea
Third Place: Bella Flattery



Mrs. Fauteux's 1st grade class won the pig race. Thank you to everyone who supported our magazine drive and cookie dough fundraisers.

Wreaths Across America

Our 4th grade class participated in the wreath laying ceremony at the Pierce gravesite in the Old North Cemetery in Concord to recognize the 217th birthday of President Franklin Pierce. Grade 4 led the Pledge of Allegiance and sang God Bless America. The beautiful ceremony was presented by the NH Air National Guard. Those in attendance were grateful and very happy to see our students. Grade 4 represented SJRS very well! Thank you to Mrs. Samuel!



Grade 6 presented a wonderful Thanksgiving Prayer Service.



Our Kindergarteners dressed up as Saints for All Saints Day Mass at Christ the King Parish. Fr. Rich with our Kindergarten Saints for All Saints Day.



For Thanksgiving, we had our annual collection of pie crusts and pie fillings for the Christ the King Parish/St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry.



Grade 2 had a great visit with the fire department learning about fire safety and exploring the fire truck.



Maroon and Gold Recognition Society 2020

Angels	Up to \$99
Archangels	\$100 to \$249
Friends	\$250 to \$499
Patrons	\$500 to \$999
Scholars	\$1,000 to \$2,499
Principal's List	\$2,500 to \$4,999
Mother McAuley	\$5,000 to \$9,999
Msgr. J.S. Buckley	Over \$10,000

Mother McAuley

Dr. Anthony Pasquale and Dr. Alison Gomes

Principal's List

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Jerry & Marie Westcott
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Leon & Suzanne Forrest
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Thomas M. Hardiman
Martin & Kathleen Healey
Sr. M. Melinda Hill
Grace Ho
Kenneth '59 & Joyce Jordan
Shannon LeBlanc
Raymond LeBrun '51
David Liberatore
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Lynn & Susan Muller
Steven Painchaud
Michael Pawlowski & Melissa Walters
Jacqueline Preve
Katherine Reardon
Liliana Rios
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Jeffrey Woodward
Thomas & Nancy Weaver
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Vermette Orthodontics

In Memoriam

Spouses and friends of deceased members of St. John's community graciously make gifts to the school in their name. The following is a list of deceased in whose memory gifts were made in 2021:

Beth Dansereau
(by Jeffrey Woodward)
Theresa Downing '51
(by Raymond J. LeBrun '51)
Tom McGahan
(by C. Robert Pope '61)
Pauline Smith LeClair '51
(by Raymond J. LeBrun '51,
Theresa Downing '51)

Thank You!!!

St. John Regional School makes every effort to ensure the accuracy in the Annual Giving Recognition report. However, unintentional errors may occur. Please accept our apologies if there is an error and email our Advancement Office at adv@stjohnregional.org to help keep our records updated.

Advancement Update

2022 SJRS 29th Annual Auction Gala – Roaring 20's!

Our SJRS 29th Annual Auction will be held Saturday April 2nd, 2022, at the Dining Center Banquet Hall at SNHU in Manchester. The theme this year is the Roaring 20's. Proceeds support our school budget and help keep tuition affordable for every family. Join us for our Gatsby Gala Night and support our largest fundraiser. More information will be available soon.



Fall Appeal A Success!

We want to thank all who contributed to make our Fall Appeal exceed our goal. As a result, we will be replacing the floors in two classrooms in Barry Hall for our sixth, seventh and eighth graders in early March. The carpeting in the fourth grade will be replaced this summer. We have ordered new computers for the staff members whose machines were too old and needed to be replaced. On behalf of the students and the staff we are grateful for so many generous donors.



In Memory

Recently Deceased Alumni

John "Vic" Amrol Jr. '53

Helen Marie Champagne '53

Linda Lee Beaulieu Duclos '65

Lauren Caldwell Farley '95

Dr. Thomas Halligan '55

Janet Abbott Hurst '52

Joan McAllister Nolin '49

Carol Ann Dandurand Laliberte '62

Nancy Louise Cross Lugg '50

Janet Quinn Audet Miller '54

Mary Ellen Forrestall-Nicholls '63

David Alderic Violette '56

Winnifred Margaret Harrison
Woodward '47

Annual Fund Appeal

Please look for the SJRS Annual Fund Appeal 2022, which will arrive in your mailbox within a few weeks. Your support is essential to our efforts in providing quality Catholic education to our students.

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SJRS 29th Annual Auction Gala:
April 2nd, 2022

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and what photos are posted every week.
You might just recognize yourself!**



The Giving Tree

We have been blessed over the years with generous financial support from parents, grandparents, alumni and friends. The Giving Tree which hangs in the front hallway of the main building, next to the Sr. Irene Learning Center, bears many names. If your name is not yet engraved on a leaf, all donors who make a collective donation of \$250 or more to the school within a calendar year, will have their name added to the tree.

