

Notre Dame High School

The 2012 Irish Football Team finished the season with a record of 9-3 and played in the second round of the TSSAA playoffs. Six players were selected for the All District First Team: Kareem Orr, Kealey Green, Taylor Bankston, Ricky Ballard, Will DeBarge, and Grayson Hargett. Freshmen Tyler Enos and Chris Hornsby made Honorable Mention. Freshman quarterback Alex Darras was named Specialty Player of the Year and Sophomore Joe Dossett was named Defensive Player of the Year and Best of Prep.

For their second quarter service project, Notre Dame's National Honor Society collected money and food items for The Salvation Army. The Salvation Army put together food boxes for needy families so that they would have a nice Thanksgiving meal. The National Honor Society contributed three large boxes of food items and \$200. The money was used to purchase the turkeys.

The boys' basketball team spent the Friday after thanksgiving working at the community kitchen. Twenty-two players in all helped for three hours as a team.

Freshman Religion classes under the guidance of instructors Mrs. Donna Gabor, Mrs. Nancy Fox, Ms. Carin Burschyk, and Library Information Specialist, Nancy Trice have created wikis on topics from the church year. Working with a partner or individually, they've created pages on Advent, Christmas, the Epiphany, the Immaculate Conception, the twelve days of Christmas, St. Nicholas, the Holy Family, Mary, Mother of God, the Baptism of the Lord, St. Stephen, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the Magi, the Jesse Tree, the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, St. Ambrose, and St. Thomas Aquinas. In addition to researching facts about these topics, the students included either the Bible verses, a prayer or hymn related to the topic; religious symbols associated with the topic; and an example of religious art with information about the artist. Each page concluded with a bibliography. In early December the students will return to the library for an assessment activity where they will use their wiki to answer discussion questions about the topics.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

OLPH helped Catholic Charities with their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Each grade level brought in assigned food items which went towards food baskets for 250 families.

The OLPH Cross Country team had a very successful season. The following runners were medalists in our ISC (Independent School Conference): Andrew Phillips – third place in the third grade boys, Morgan Hicks – fifth place in the fourth grade girls, Rachel Anne Scalla – third place in the fifth grade girls, and Hannah Ingle – second place in the sixth grade girls.

A.J. Carreon, a seventh grader at OLPH, made fourth chair alto saxophone in the seventh grade band of Lower Southeast Tennessee Junior Clinic Band.

St. Jude School

The sixth grade completed their cross curriculum study of Greece with a special Greek Day that included a "Hall of gods," special presentations, poetry, artwork, plays and a Greek luncheon. Many parents attended the special event.

Almost 300 grandparents attended Grandparents Day 2012, with a special theme of "Thanksgiving Love". The day included a breakfast buffet, band performance, classroom visits, special photos, a Mass and program.

Almost 30 exemplary students qualified and attended the annual BETA Club Convention at Nashville's Opryland Hotel.

St. Dominic School

Wednesday, November 7th was our FAMILY HEALTH FAIR. It began at 5:30 p.m. with healthy snacks in the gymnasium. At 5:45 p.m. the parents and their children were divided into four groups. Each group went to one of the four stations. When the bell rang the groups went to a new station. Station #1 was Skin Care by Dermatologist, Dr. Sago (parent); Station #2 was Officer Tom Patton telling us about Bullying; Station #3 was Jackie Hite, the Chair of Think First, presenting on Helmet Safety; and Station #4 was Glen Corral, our Physical Education teacher, had the families complete in a game of volleyball. Then at 7:10-7:30 p.m. the children in K-5 participated in Jump Rope for Heart. It was a great HEALTHY evening!

Tuesday, November 20th was the day of our Thanksgiving Feast. The Friday before every child brought in a specific item. Then on Monday morning all of the children went to the gymnasium and helped prepare the different dishes. Everyone had a chance to help a little with each dish. The next day at 11:30 a.m. we had a short prayer service with a song by the Preschoolers and we ate our Feast with our parents. We were all full and very happy Pilgrims and Indians!

Tuesday, November 27th, the children celebrated Father Nolan's 25th Anniversary as a Priest. When he came to celebrate Mass, he found a room full of priests with white beards and Roman collars. After Mass, Father Mike spoke to the children about his life and becoming a priest with pictures, too! Father Mike and his brother came and had lunch with the children and enjoyed a Butterfingers cake for dessert. It was a fun morning with Father Nolan.

St. Mary's School – Johnson City

On November 2nd, we walked for our Walk-A-Thon fundraiser.

We have added three new students this month, a 5th grader, a 7th grader, and an 8th grader.

Our students raised over two hundred items for our parish food pantry for the baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Because the students went over their goal, they were given the opportunity to throw water balloons at their teachers, principal, and pastor; on Tuesday, November 20th.

St. Joseph School

Students at St. Joseph School began the month of November with an all-school retreat. Students participated in an all-school Mass for All Saints Day. This was followed by a morning of cross-grade, family-group activities connected to the saints, lunch together as a whole school and movies about the saints in the afternoon. Fourth graders also put on a saint museum for visitors and students.

The fifth graders led the school in tribute to veterans on November 9th. Veterans, and tow gold star moms, joined us for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. A program in the Performing arts Center followed. The program included the posting of colors, songs, readings, skits, thank you to our veterans and a small brunch.

Students showed their gratitude to God for all of His blessings, by filling eleven large Thanksgiving baskets; that were distributed to people in need for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Bishop Stika came to visit St. Joseph School students on November 29th. He visited all of the classrooms and ate lunch with the students. St. Joseph School was very grateful for the visit of their shepherd.

St. John Neumann Catholic School

MISSIONS:

The SJNCS community has been living the Gospel message through it work. One hundred seventy-one picture books were collected through the Milk & Bookies effort sponsored by the Prayer and Good Works Ministry. These books were donated to the local Head Start program and will benefit at risk children under age five.

SJNCS students participated in an out-of-uniform day to raise money to support a fellow Catholic school in New Jersey, by donating \$2 or more per student. A total of \$800 was donated to Our Lady Star of the Sea School in Atlantic City, NJ which was ravaged by Super Storm Sandy. Sr. Mary Shamus Zehrer, RSM, sends her gratitude and her prayers to the SJNCS community.

Each year SJNCS hosts a canned food drive to support Fr. Joe Campbell and Food/Life Services of Campbell County. SJNCS was able to show tremendous support to the LaFollette community again this year by contributing over \$1,450 and 1,362 canned food items to deliver to Food/Life Services.

AWARDS:

Three members of the SJNCS Band auditioned for the East Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association (ETSBOA) Junior Clinic on Saturday, November 17th. Two were named to the Silver Band and one will serve as an alternate. The ETSBOA Clinic will be held on Friday, December 7th. Congratulations to these students!

Knoxville Catholic High School

KCHS hosted the annual 8th Grade Visitation Day for prospective students from feeder schools and the Episcopal School of Knoxville on Wednesday, November 7th. Students toured the campus and were provided information about the curriculum, service clubs and sports offered by the school.

KCHS hosted approximately 300 people at the annual Admission's Open House on Sunday, November 11th. Presentations were given Dickie Sompayrac, Principal and Nichole Pfohl, Dean of Admissions with a Q & A session offered to participants. Student Council representatives acted as guides for a tour of the campus, Department Chairpersons were available with textbooks and syllabus for review and coaches for various sports were on hand to provide information about opportunities available in the athletic arena.

The KCHS Theatre Department presented the fall play, "Alice in Wonderland" in three performances in the Performing Arts Center; on Friday, November 16th at 7:00 p.m., and on Saturday, November 17th at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Congratulations to Jason Surlas, who was recently named as the Athletic Director of the Year for District 2 for the 2011-2012 school year. District 2 covers all of the high schools in the Knoxville area. This is a great honor that brings much pride to our school community.

Congratulations to the Lady Irish Soccer team on their great season. Their season extended to the Quarter Final Round of the State Championships; where they lost a hard-fought match at the end of three overtimes.

Congratulations to the Irish Cross Country teams. Their season extended to the State Championships, where the Boys' Team finished in 6th place and the Girls' placed 15th place.

Sacred Heart Cathedral School

THE RIGHT TO VOTE Sacred Heart Cathedral School's mock election was held on Tuesday, November 6th. It gained media attention from the Knoxville News Sentinel, the East Tennessee Catholic, and the Westside Shopper News. Each of the 30 homerooms at the school created two posters to decorate the halls prior to Election Day. The posters promoted the **right to vote** and not a particular candidate. Every student in Kindergarten through 8th Grade at SHCS (588 total) completed a Voter's Registration Form which was turned in to SHCS Election Commissioner, Mrs. Mary Metz; and SHCS Social Studies Curriculum Chair, Mrs. Theresa Ciancone. On Election Day, students proceeded to their designated precincts with their voter registration cards to cast their ballot. Mitt Romney was the winner of Sacred Heart's election.

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS Congratulations to the newly elected 2012-2013 SHCS Student Council:

President – Raphael Jones
Vice President – Jake Coffey
Secretary – Alex Iman
Chaplin – Haydn Tanner
Peer Mentoring – Julia Newman
Extra-Curricular Activities – Sydney Clancy
Historian – Maddie Boehm
SEVENTH GRADE REPRESENTATIVES – Rebecca Duncan, Emma Stovall, Walker Smith
SIXTH GRADE REPRESENTATIVES – Elizabeth Duncan, Cece Coakley, Nick Mackie

THANKSGIVING Sacred Heart Kindergarten students participated in their annual "Turkey Trot" program. Students dressed up as Pilgrims and Indians, sang songs about the meaning of Thanksgiving, and enjoyed their own "feast".

YEAR OF FAITH We have embraced our school theme, "Increase our Faith" from Luke 17:5. The Year of Faith encourages focus on the areas of sacred scripture, participation in the Mass, and celebration of the gift of the Eucharist. Each month we focus on three areas:

- 1. Gospel selections or stories on Faith**
- 2. Commandments**
- 3. Synonyms for the word 'Eucharist'**

In November, our Gospel reading was from Luke 17:11-19, The Ten Lepers; the Creed was the "Communion of Saints"; and our word for the Eucharist was "The Eucharist". We are encouraging these topics for reflection and discussion within our families throughout the school year.

BIG BUCKS FOR SHCS Sacred Heart Cathedral School received \$4,425 from Food City through their School Bucks program. The amount rewarded to SHCS is based upon the percentage of total purchased made by customers registered to SHCS. Special thanks to Pamela Moore and the team at Food City – Deane Hill for coming out to the November 15 basketball game to present the check to Father Randy Stice and Mrs. Sedonna Prater at halftime.

St. Mary's School – Oak Ridge

SPIRIT:

On the Tuesday before the Thanksgiving break, St. Mary's all-school Mass commemorated all deceased alumni, teachers, principals, and pastors, as well as honored all benefactors of St. Mary's School. As part of the ceremony prior to Mass, student council officers read the names of the deceased being commemorated, while middle school students and their buddies processed in with flowers for the altar. After Mass, attendees enjoyed a reception hosted by St. Mary's 2nd graders.

SERVICE:

Students in the Fantasy of Trees Club and the Gingerbread House Club completed their pieces to donate to the East Tennessee Children's Hospital "Fantasy of Trees" fundraiser event held over the Thanksgiving holidays. The Gingerbread House Club's large piece entitled, "My True Love Gave to Me" won 2nd place in the amateur category; the design included a gingerbread "gift box" with all the characters from the "12 Days of Christmas" in and around it. Also entered in the Gingerbread House display were the two mini creations: "Rainbow School Bus to Heaven" and "Not Santa's Sleigh." The Fantasy of Trees Club created two wreaths for display and sale at the event—a musical instruments wreath (with drum, tambourine, trumpet, and giant treble clef) and a "sweet treat" wreath covered in very colorful "candy." All proceeds from the student-created items benefitted East Tennessee Children's Hospital.