

**JANUARY 2013**  
**SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS**

**Notre Dame High School**

Mr. Jeff Raabe, President of the Board of Ladies of Charity of Chattanooga, addressed the student body on January 23rd following the all school Mass. Mr. Raabe thanked the students for their donations to Ladies of Charity and explained that the donations from Notre Dame High School alone represented 40% of the Ladies of Charity Christmas program and provided Christmas for 87 families.

Niamh Cahill made Notre Dame History at the swim meet in Cleveland, TN. Niamh became the only freshman ever to qualify for the Tennessee State Championships in all eight events in a single season.

Notre Dame Alumna Brooke Craig, '12, was one of two teens chosen statewide for the Young Artists show at Frist Center in Nashville, TN. Brooke's 13x20 digital print, "Stolen Angel" is currently on display through April 21st. Brooke is a freshman at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help School**

Most of the news from OLPH School involved our Catholic Schools Week activities! We began the week with a Spiritual Pep Rally which included a relay race using clothes collected for the Ladies of Charity Resale Shop.

"Hats on Day" was held in memory of Amanda Swartout, a student of OLPH who bravely fought a brain tumor until her passing on April 19, 2011. One of Amanda's favorite organizations was "Amanda's Toy Closet" at LaBonheur Children's Hospital. OLPH students raised \$500.00 for the organization.

The winners of the OLPH Spelling Bee (grades 5th-8th) were: 1st place—Margaret Coles (8th grade), 2nd place—Meghan Greene (8th grade), and 3rd place—Sam Stovall (7th grade). These students will compete in the "Zone Bee" on February 12th at the Baylor School.

The OLPH School Geography Bee was won by Andrew Lisy (8th grade); the runner up was Paul Acosta (8th grade). Andrew will take a test to qualify for the state geography bee that will be held in April in Nashville. Other finalists included A.J. Carreon, Milan Card, Renee Hutton, Anna Kwak, Salem Zegarra, Logan McCallie, Thomas Kulik, and Nolan Corbitt.

## **St. Jude School**

St. Jude hosted a very successful Kindergarten Open House on the evening of January 29th. Over 25 prospective Kindergarten families spent 2 hours touring our Kindergarten suite and visiting with teachers and administration. Our current 4-year old preschool is a full enrollment this year, so we look forward to a very vibrant and exciting 2013-2014 Kindergarten class!

As part of their on-going professional development, St. Jude teachers and staff had the opportunity to hear a presentation by noted special education expert, Dr. Karly Cordova, Nova Southeastern University. She visited as part of her year-long contract with Hamilton County Board of Education. Her presentation focused on both current and future details regarding Autism Spectrum Disorder and how teachers can assist students and families. Dr. Cordova will return to St. Jude the week of March 18th to work with individual teachers.

St. Jude Students celebrated a wonderful Catholic Schools week. Event highlights included the Middle School Academic Jeopardy Bowl that went into three tie breakers; the Mass of Evangelization, where one of our staff members was confirmed in the Catholic Church and received his first communion, while being sponsored by his teaching partner; and "Doughnuts at Drop-off;" a sweet treat presented to parents by a variety of dedicated teachers who stood outside greeting parents in 20 degree temperatures!

## **Knoxville Catholic High School**

KCHS offers congratulations to A.C. Cabrera, Andy Fox, Krissy Holvey, and Nora Connelly on their selection to participate in the East Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Associations All-East Festival. They competed against hundreds of other high school musicians. Nora won a chair in the All-State Orchestra on viola.

The winter Coffee House was held on January 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Megan Birkel Performing Arts Center. KCHS students gave great performances at this informal evening, which provided them with the opportunity to express themselves creatively with music and to showcase their God-given talents.

The Second Annual Green and Gold Gala was held on January 26<sup>th</sup> at Lighthouse Knoxville. The sold-out event was a great fun-filled evening, and the community support is greatly appreciated.

A Mini-College Fair was held on January 29<sup>th</sup>. These colleges sent representatives: Carson Newman, ETSU, Hiwassee College, King College, LMU, Maryville College, MTSU, Pellissippi, Roane State, TN Wesleyan, Tusculum, University of Memphis, UT Chattanooga, UT Knoxville, and Walters State.

KCHS is collecting gently-used prom dresses from January 28<sup>th</sup>-February 8<sup>th</sup> which will be sold at the Fierce and Fancy Fashion Show and Dress Sale. Proceeds will go to Boucan Carre, Haiti.

Parent Course Selection Meetings for the 2013-2014 school years were held on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

Catholic Schools Week was celebrated with many activities for students and staff. Events included three themed dress down days; Irish trivia; student/staff volleyball and basketball games; All School Mass; and staff recognition each day from the Irish Parent Network.

### **Sacred Heart Cathedral School**

**Year of Faith:** We have embraced our school theme, "Increase our Faith" from Luke 17:5. The year of Faith encourages focus on the area 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 and portions of the Creed**
- 3. Synonyms for the word "Eucharist"**

In January, our Gospel reading was from Matthew 9:20-22, Woman with Hemorrhages; the Creed was the "One Holy and Apostolic Church"; and our word for the Eucharist was "The Holy Sacrifice". We are encouraging these topics for reflection and discussion within our families throughout the school year.

**Christian Unity Day:** On Thursday, January 24, 2013 at 11:00 a.m., Sacred Heart Cathedral School held a prayer service in the Cathedral in celebration of The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. All students attended.

**Geography Bee:** Eighth grader, Trace Molzon, was the winner of this year's Geography Bee at SHCS. Sydney Clancy, eighth grade, was runner up.

**Eighth Grade Night:** "Pack the House" for our Eagles during Catholic Schools Week! Sacred Heart honored eighth grade winter athletes on Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. The teams played rival CAK at 5:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. The ceremony took place before the last game. It was a great experience with the cheer teams, music, concessions, and good basketball. Sacred Heart – building community spirit that sets us apart from other schools!

### **St. John Neumann School**

On Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, an out-of-uniform day was held to support the Mother Pieralba Nursery School, a three-year preschool/kindergarten program in Uganda, East Africa. The money collected will be used to ship school supplies (collected during Catholic Schools Week) to this needy community. Students donated \$2 or more and came to school out of uniform.

Congratulations to 2013 SJNCS Spelling Bee winner, Lindsay Bruce and first runner-up, Alex Dally! Lindsay has a chance to go on to the Scripps Regional Spelling Bee in March. We wish

her the best of luck! This year we had a celebrity announcer for the SJNCS Bee; Beth Haynes from WBIR Channel 10 Live at Five at Four. Guest judges for the Bee were Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Knoxville, Sr. Mary Marta Abbot, and our own, Fr. Doug Owens.

History Day was a great success! The seventh grade students did a fantastic job addressing this year's theme – Turning Points in History: People, Ideas, and Events. SJNCS winners were as follows:

First Place: James Hermes and Conor Metz, Title IX (Documentary)

Second Place: Nicholas Parsly, Bastille Day (Exhibit)

Third Place: Joe Fluker, Brock Hart, and Jack Sompayrac, ESPN (Website)

Good food and good fun was had by all at our first SJNCS Newk's Night on Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>! With the help of our faculty servers and the great turnout SJNCS parents, the even was an overwhelming success.

### **St. Joseph School**

Richard DePersio was the winner of the National Geographic Bee and Caleb Morgan won the school Spelling Bee.

Catholic Schools Week was celebrated with thank you and Mass offered for parishioners; a spirit day which included a movie about St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, foundress of the parochial school system; a Family Group academic bowl; teacher-8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball game; and a day of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Joseph School's varsity boys' basketball team completed their season undefeated at 21-0, taking first place in the KISL tournament.

### **St. Mary's School- Oak Ridge**

**Spirit:** Blue & White Day of Catholic Schools Week, on January 30<sup>th</sup>, saw all of St. Mary's students out in force at the Oak Ridge Bowling center, decked out in their best blue & white regalia—positively “glowing” under the black lights (including all the hair and face paint)! The manager of the bowling lanes paid St. Mary's students a great compliment on their kindness toward one another and their respect for the rules and guidelines of the business, saying they were “the best group of kids” to ever visit the center.

**Mission:** On January 8<sup>th</sup>, St. Mary's sixth graders and science teacher, Marsha Sega, prepared their annual butterfly camouflage activity to test the detective skill of the principal. As part of their study of animal adaptations, sixth graders painstakingly design, produce, and affix paper butterflies around the science lab—blending in with desks, calendars, clocks . . . and even Star

Trek posters! Whichever butterflies are missed by the principal are then identified by the students who hid them. The score this year: principal – 18; students – 6!

**Service:** The first day of Catholic Schools Week, January 28<sup>th</sup>, was Parish and Priest Appreciation Day; when the priests and parish office staff were treated to a homemade breakfast prepared by St. Mary's School parents. Every class brought in food items for the St. Joseph's Food Pantry, and students spent the morning cleaning the interior of St. Mary's Church.

### **St. Dominic School**

Marty Silver, Ranger at Warriors Path State Park, visited each of our K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. The children learned so much about their environment in a fun way from Ranger silver

Our service project for Catholic Schools Week started on Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> with a visit from Mrs. Good. She is the mother of Courtney, a previous student, and she started an organization called Courtney's Food Wagon. Courtney was born premature and had a long stay in the hospital. Courtney's Food Wagon asks people to donate their change. They use the money to purchase items of food that the families can eat during their days and weeks at the hospital with their premature babies. The children will be collecting change to donate.

The school children traveled to St. Mary's School in Johnson City on Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Mass together with Bishop Stika. Students from St. Anne's School in Bristol also celebrated with us. What a wonderful community gathering!

### **St. Mary's School – Johnson City**

Everyone at St. Mary's School was so excited to have Bishop Stika and Priests and Deacons celebrate our Mass on Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, during Catholic Schools Week. How exciting to be able to celebrate Mass not only with our Bishop, but with St. Dominic School, Kingsport, and St. Anne's School from Bristol, Virginia. All three tri-cities' Catholic Schools, together, to celebrate our schools and our faith.

We took all three first place awards in the Sarah Hawkins Chapter of the National Society of the American Revolution. The sixth grade, first place competitor was Keaton Sant; the seventh grade, first place competitor was Cooper Woodard; and the eighth grade, first place competitor was Kerina Macariola. They have been sent to the District competition.

