

MAY 2013

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Notre Dame High School

The Notre Dame Class of 2013 had acceptances to 105 different colleges in 25 states, and the District of Columbia. The members of the class were awarded \$8,305,474 in scholarship offers and awards.

The Boys' Tennis Team finished the regular season undefeated. The team won the District, Region, and Sectional titles and competed in the State Quarterfinals. Katie and Sarah Joyce from the Girls' Tennis Team finished 3rd in the State in doubles play.

The Boys' Soccer Team ended their season as the District and Regional Champions and made their way to the State Quarterfinals.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

At our last Home and School Meeting, Mrs. Ann Meinert and Mrs. Mary Evelyn Pack were honored as they retire this year.



On May 10th, Our Lady of Perpetual Help recognized the **winners of the BVM (Blessed Virgin Mary) awards**. These awards were established in 2004 to honor the community of Sisters of Charity, who started our school. Students (one from each grade level) who are chosen to receive these awards exemplify the mission and core values of the Sisters. The winners of these awards for 2013 are **Sara Breggs** (Kindergarten), **Will Menham** (First Grade), **Denise Palacios** (Second Grade), **Madison Thorpe** (Third Grade), **Cal Price** (Fourth Grade), **Cole LeSar** (Fifth Grade), **Julia Raabe** (Sixth Grade), **Emily Roach** (Seventh Grade), and **Alexis Harris** (Eighth Grade).



Our Lady of Perpetual Help honored and thanked our volunteers with a brunch and entertainment after an all school Mass.



During the eighth grade Class Night, the Knights of Columbus (6099) presented two \$1,000 scholarships per year for four years to Notre Dame High School. The recipients were Margaret Coles and James West. The eighth grade celebration was held on May 16 at a Mass celebrated by Father James Vick and Father Mike Creson.



May Crowning was held on May 17th. Also, on May 17th, the Pre-K and Kindergarten had their end of year celebrations. The Pre-K had a parent luncheon at Nature's Place, and the kindergarten had an evening presentation in the gymnasium.



The second grade First Communion class made rosaries.



The seventh grade held their **Growing in Grace** (retreat) where they created their eighth grade class prayer and FOCUS t-shirt. They also did some team building activities and a presentation from the parish youth minister.

The year ended with the annual Field Day which included a cook-out by the Knights of Columbus (6099) and all types of outdoor activities culminated by relay races.

St. Jude School

Almost 175 parents, parishioners and friends participated in the 16th annual St. Jude Golf Classic. Many golfed in the double tee-time tournament or volunteered to help with the day. Each year approximately \$10,000 is raised to help with the St. Jude CAP program (Classroom Adoption Program). A former parent provided breakfast, St. Jude Knights of Columbus Council 8576 cooked lunch and a current parent catered dinner! It is a much anticipated and joyful community event!

Eighth grade students celebrated their last official school day with a celebration of Transition. They met for a snack and final visit with their first grade partners. Following that, an awards luncheon was held with parents. Special guests and speakers included, Fr. Michael Cummins, the incoming Notre Dame High School Chaplain and Mayor Andy Berke of Chattanooga who spoke to the students about preparation for their futures. The final event of the day was a Leadership Mass where the "light of leadership" was ceremoniously presented to the seventh grade class.

The St. Jude School Committee celebrated the end of the year with a meeting and dinner of gratitude and welcome. Paul Cahill, who was a parent at St. Jude for 21 years and whose last child graduated in 2012, was honored as the outgoing Chairman. Five new committee members were welcomed, including the parent of an incoming Kindergarten student! The tone of the meeting was without question one of great enthusiasm and love for Catholic education.

Knoxville Catholic High School

As we look back on the 2012-2013 school year, the 81st in our school's proud history, we take time to reflect on the many accomplishments of our KCHS family and especially the Class of 2013; what an impressive group. Here is a snapshot of the many accomplishments attained during their school career at KCHS.

- The class had 167 graduates, and 144 (86%) were offered scholarships amounting to an amazing \$15.6 million to continue their education at the college level.
- Fourteen seniors (8%) were honored through the National Merit Competition as Semifinalist or Commended Scholar.
- Members of the Class of 2013 have been accepted to colleges and universities in over 20 states including Notre Dame, Texas A&M, West Point, The US Air Force Academy and Xavier just to name a few.

- Twenty-two members of the Class of 2013 will continue their athletic careers in college.
- The Class of 2013 exhibited tremendous leadership and were instrumental in enhancing school spirit throughout this past year. They performed countless hours of service to those in need in the Knoxville area.
- Members of this outstanding class were instrumental in the growth of our Fine Arts Program, including participation in Drama, Chorus, and Band.
- The Robotics program has grown to new heights and is considered one of the Southeast's strongest programs.
- The Class of 2013 has also been instrumental in the development of the Lacrosse program and this year's lacrosse seniors modeled outstanding leadership.

Sacred Heart Cathedral School

Author Visit Author Michael Shoulders returned to SHCS on May 9th. He spent the day with all grade levels giving four presentations on what it is like to be an author. Learn more at www.michaelshoulders.com.

Grandparents Day and May Crowning Photos Sacred Heart welcomed Grandparents and Special Friends on Friday, May 3rd for an Open House. The May Crowning took place on Monday, May 1st. Big Orange Professional Photography posted photos for each event at: <http://bopp.tennesseepics.com/Q/Proffs.aspx?GroupID=3044>.

Heart & Sole Success The second annual 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run took place on Sunday, May 19 on the Sacred Heart campus. The event benefits the SHCS Athletic Department. Coach Barron would like to extend a huge "thank you" to every faculty member, parent and student who volunteered or participated in the Heart and Sole race! We had 391 registered runners and had an awesome event!

St. John Neumann School

On Tuesday, May 21st, SJNCS celebrated our annual Field Day like none other before – Wow! What an incredible success! The sun was shining, the kids were cheering and water was flowing in the afternoon. Our day was packed with team and individual competitions, games, and concessions. Our favorite event, however, was the dunking booth with Father Doug Owens and Principal Bill Derbyshire getting soaked! Many thanks to our parents and staff for a fun filled day for our much deserved children.



On Friday, May 10th, we held our annual Variety Show in the afternoon, followed by our annual Ice Cream Social & Success Night Celebration that evening. The spotlight Acts from the Variety Show were wildly entertaining, and the audience showed their appreciation of the tremendous talent of our student body. We welcomed new families to join in this special evening with us.



The generosity displayed by the St. John Neumann family to the American Heart Association was fantastic. In addition to the many pledges turned in for Jump Rope for the Heart, families donated a total of \$528.30 during our out-of-uniform fundraiser.

Congratulations to the SJNCS National History Day State competitors! James Hermes and Conor Metz finished 4th in the Group Documentary category; an awesome achievement out of 14 state level entries! Tyler Hayes, Sean Purcell, and Macklin Stephenson finished 2nd in the Group Exhibit category; a phenomenal accomplishment in a competition with 18 state level entries! We applaud these students and wish Tyler, Sean, and Macklin best wishes as they go on to compete in the National History Day Competition in Maryland in June.



L to R – Conor Metz, James Hermes, Sean Purcell, Tyler Hayes, Macklin Stephenson

St. Joseph School

The students brought in the month of May with a special Mass and May Procession on May 1st. The students, who had received their First Holy communion at various parishes, processed into Mass and allowed the whole school community to celebrate with them. Mass was followed by an outdoor procession to a statue of Our Lady where students presented flowers and the eighth graders led the school in prayers and the placing of a crown of flowers on her head.

Eighth graders attended Camp Greenville from May 6th – May 10th.

The school celebrated the birthday of the Church on May 17th with singing and birthday cakes prepared by the lunch chefs.

On Thursday, May 23rd, the whole school celebrated field day with a jungle theme. Family Groups presented gifts to our graduating eighth graders and then held a clap-out for them as they left on their last regular dismissal day.

Twenty-three eighth graders celebrated their graduation on May 24th with a ceremony, awards, and a catered dinner.

St. Mary's School – Oak Ridge

Spirit: On May 3rd, St. Mary's School welcomed Bishop Stika to help celebrate the annual May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary in St. Mary's Church. Eighth graders Selena Yousif and Connor Krings – both of whom will attend Knoxville Catholic High School in the fall – were the students chosen to crown the statue of Our Lady, along with their Pre-Kindergarten buddies. Following the ceremony, students and their families enjoyed a sunny picnic lunch on the front lawn.



Mission: On May 10th, St. Mary's School honored all of its volunteers for the year with a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, prepared by the faculty and staff. Concurrent with this was the school's Field Day from 9:30 to 2:00 on the front lawn of the church grounds, during which the eighth grade class of 2013 acted as "Superhero" sponsors of each event in which students participated. A good (wet) time was had by all!



Service: On May 11th, a group of students, family members, and faculty participated as “Team Crusaders” in the Walk to Cure Diabetes in Knoxville in support of two St. Mary’ students who were recently diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. More than \$4,000 was raised by members of Team Crusaders to support the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

St. Dominic School

On Friday, May 10th, 2013 the Pre-Kindergarteners had their graduation at 11:40 a.m. All of the K-5th graders were present and many parents and grandparents. The three year olds, 4th year olds and the Pre-kindergarteners all sang their songs and then the graduates received their diplomas. As each graduate walked through the Arch their baby picture and then a present picture was shown on a big screen for everyone to see! It was a memorable celebration!!

Field Day was a great day. It was held on Friday, May 17 on the playground field. There were many races, some cool treats and at the end of the day everyone was hosed off by our friends at the Fire Station across the street. Everyone slept very well that night!

On Thursday, May 23 at 10:00 we had our end of the year Awards Program. Many parents and grandparents attended. We are very proud of all of our students' achievements. They worked hard all year and it was wonderful to see them receive their awards.

5th Grade Graduation was at St. Dominic Church at 7:00 the evening of May 23, 2013. There was a Mass planned by the students. After the Homily they received their diplomas and a Bible. The 4th and 5th grade class played a song with their bell chimes and we all sang our school song. The 5th graders read a wonderful poem they wrote about St. Dominic School. It was the perfect way to end their Graduation Mass.

St. Mary’s School – Johnson City

We had our May Crowning on Wednesday, May 1st. This took place after our regular all school Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Mass in the Sanctuary of the Church. Our eighth grade did the Crowning of Mary and was escorted by kindergartners.

We did a school wide Rosary on Thursday, May 2nd. We gathered outside the school on the front lawn with a seven foot Rosary on the ground with our students around the Rosary. Our seventh grade students lead the entire school in the Rosary.

Our Field Day was the morning of Friday, May 3rd. We thank our P.E. teacher, Beth Stevenson for the planning of this fun day.

Our Talent Show was in the afternoon of Friday, May 3rd. We had many talented students and faculty/staff who participated in our Talent Show. A big thank you to our music teacher, Sharvis Smith

Our eighth grade class traveled to Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, May 14th, stopping first in Charlottesville, Va. to see the home of Thomas Jefferson, Monticello. After visiting such sites in D.C. such as the home of George Washington (Mount Vernon), The Smithsonian Museums, The Capital with a visit and picture with Congressman Phil Roe, the Archives, the Monuments, the Shrine of the Blessed John Paul II, and prayer at the gardens of the Franciscan Monastery. We returned home on Friday evening, May 17th. Chaperones for the trip were: teachers - Wayne Costley & Susan McNabb, principal - Randi McKee, and parent – Jeremy Clemens.

Our last Home and School Meeting of the year was on Tuesday, May 21st.

Kindergarten Graduation was on Thursday, May 23rd in the Church Sanctuary.

We enjoyed having our graduating high school seniors who are alumnus of our school return to a Senior Tea at the school on Friday, May 24th. Our eighth graders were the host and were given advice for high school by our seniors. Our seniors also provided us with their favorite memory of St. Mary's School, and how they felt St. Mary's had prepared them for high school. We know that we had at least five of these seniors who graduated with a 4.0 (this was two separate high schools), and they were awarded numerous awards at their banquets.

Our Awards Day was Tuesday, May 28th, 2:00 p.m.

Our eighth graders graduated on Wednesday, May 29th, 8:30 a.m. Mass in the Church Sanctuary with a reception to follow by our seventh grade students and parents.

Friday, May 31st was our last day of school.

