

March 2014 SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Notre Dame High School

Fifty-four students from Notre Dame were inducted into the National Honor Society on April 3, 2014.

Tyler Robertson signed a letter of intent to continue his soccer career at Tennessee Wesleyan.

Three Notre Dame Wrestlers were named to the 2014 Wrestling Best of Preps Teams. Earning a spot on the First Team was junior Packy Mullin who took his third state medal and his first state championship finishing the season with a 27-0 record. State Champions Noah Bankston and Luke Mullin were named to the second team.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

The most exciting thing that happened to OLPH in March was that we received a \$10,000 grant from the Osborne Foundation to help pay for an iPad mobile lab for our school. The teachers' tablets are here, and the rest of the tablets and cart are on the way. The teachers have been attending professional development, researching, and sharing ideas and strategies on the usage of these tablets.



The eighth grade students took their trip to Washington, D.C. When we arrived, there was 6-8 inches of snow on the ground, and the temperatures were cold all week. However, it turned out to be a great trip. A lot of learning and fun took place.



Jim Williams visited OLPH and addressed the 6th & 7th grades on bullying, and presented an evening program for our parents.

St. Jude School

Certainly in like a lion, March saw a flurry of activity at St. Jude School.

A long standing Lenten tradition is the presentation of stations by various classes each week. With presentations involving live reenactments and visual arts, a highlight of the year was the 7th Grade "Footsteps to the Cross" depicting the history of Catholicism and the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Assisting the 7th Grade were members of the 5th and 1st grade classes.



Childhood Development Specialist, Jim Williams, visited St. Jude and met with members of the 4th and 5th grade classes to help them address issues of growth and mature adjustment into the middle school years. He also conducted a parenting session for both St. Jude and OLPH parents.

The 8th Grade class traveled to Washington DC for their activity packed annual class trip. Students, teachers and chaperones returned tired but excited from a fun and educational trip.



All classes took the Iowa Test of Basic Skills exams.

Knoxville Catholic High School

The KCHS Band Program, led by Mr. Jay Romines, competed at the East TN School Band and Orchestra Association (ETSBOA) Festival at Farragut High School on March 13. Mr. Romines and the band worked hard all year and their efforts were acknowledged by Four Superior Ratings, the highest score awarded.

The PLAN Test was administered to the sophomore class on Friday, March 28. This test is a pre-indicator of the ACT Test.

Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on Friday, March 28. Students enjoyed a 12:50 p.m. Dismissal so that parents could meet with their teachers from 1:00-3:15 p.m.

The KCHS Robotics Team won the Excellence in Engineering Award and finished first in qualifying before falling in the quarter finals at the annual FIRST Robotics Competition at the Knoxville Convention Center the weekend of March 29-30.

The weekend of March 28-30, many talented students and alumni of the KCHS Theatre Program presented the spring play, *A Cabaret*, performing a wide variety of Broadway show-stopping tunes to appreciative audiences.

Lenten Penance Services were held for the junior and senior classes on Monday, March 31 at All Saints Church. (Freshmen and sophomores attended on April 1.) Many of our students took advantage of the opportunity to go to confession over these two days. We are grateful to the many priests who gave of their time to make this possible.

Sacred Heart Cathedral School

Charlie Baker of Sacred Heart Cathedral School reacts after asking for the definition to the word “definition” during the News Sentinel’s Spelling Bee at UT’s Alumni Auditorium on Saturday, March 8, 2014.



Dads and Donuts was a special one this morning as Cardinal Justin Rigali was the guest speaker. His Eminence spent over an hour with the Dads talking about electing two Popes, working at the Vatican for 33 years, and the new energy of Pope Francis. Special thanks to Ron Domitrovic and Don Naab for their work on this event, and to His Eminence for delighting the crowd. Watch for segments on WATE-TV and WVLT-TV today!



SHCS 8th Graders Perform with KCHS Band

Christian Fox, Gabriela Gutierrez, Aerin Rhoades, and Walker Smith performed with the KCHS Irish Wind Ensemble at Farragut High School yesterday.

Congratulations the KCHS Band for their outstanding performance in the East TN School Band and Orchestra Association (ETSBOA) Competition. The ensemble received four Superior ratings from the judges which is the highest possible score. This is the equivalent of scoring a perfect 10 in the Olympics. Congratulations to SHCS (and KCHS) Band Director, Mr. Jay Romines, and all the student musicians.



Way to go, Walker!

Walker Smith has been notified by the National Geographic Society that he is one of the semifinalists eligible to compete in the 2014 Tennessee State Geographic Bee. This is the second level of the National Geographic Bee competition. As our school's Geography Bee winner, Walker then took a qualifying test and scored among the top 100 in our state to move on to the state level competition. He will compete in Nashville on April 4th, 2014. We congratulate Walker on his achievement thus far and wish him the best of luck on April 4th! Go Walker!

SHCS Speech Winners



Left to Right: Henry Washburn-2nd Place Boys, Gracie Baker-Hogan-3rd Place Girls, Alex Lensgraf-2nd Place Girls, Thomas Stucke-3rd Place Boys, Mrs. Kathleen Karnes

On March 12th, the 7th and 8th grade speech students participated in the Optimist Club Oratorical Speech Contest at the school level. They wrote, prepared and publicly presented a 5 minute speech on the topic, "How My Passions Impact the World." The winners at that level were Gracie Baker-Hogan, Alex Lensgraf, Sydnee Hansraj (runner up) Henry Washburn, Thomas Stucke, Ian Sauter (runner up). The students who won the school contest moved on to the Club Level Contest. These students gave their speech at the Foundry against other participants who won at their school level as well. The second place winners received \$200 and the third place winners received \$100. All of our Sacred Heart students placed! Congratulations to Mrs. Kathleen Karnes, SHCS Speech teacher, and all of the students' accomplishments!

St. John Neumann School

2014 SASEF Regional Science Fair –

Congratulations to the following 6th grade students for their achievements at this year's regional science fair!

Award of Excellence - Baylor McCubbin

Honorable Mention - Alex Dally, Olivia Escher, Lincoln Murr & Michael Stapleton

US Metrics Award (best use of metric measurements) - Alex Dally

Nimbios Award (biological synthesis utilizing a math model) - Michael Stapleton

Ossoli Circle Poetry Contest –

Congratulations to St. John Neumann eighth graders who took all four prizes in their level (grades 7-9) for the Ossoli Circle Poetry Contest. Conor Metz won first place, Nicholas Parsly won second place, Kate Mishu won third place, and Luke Semaan won fourth place. Ossoli Circle representatives said this year's contest was the biggest ever, which makes our students' achievements even more impressive!

Dogwood Arts Festival –

Congratulations to Julian Nosarzewski (Grade 7), and Audrey Stapleton (Grade 3), whose art pieces will be displayed in the 2014 Dogwood Arts Student Art Exhibit at the Clayton Center for the Arts in the Denso Gallery in Maryville. The exhibit will be open to the public from Thursday, April 3 - Friday, April 25, 2014, Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM. We are so proud of these budding artists!

River Ridge Team Building –

Our 7th graders took advantage of a beautiful spring afternoon last week by doing team building exercises with the staff from Camp John Knox at River Ridge.



St. Joseph School

Eighth grade students led the school in Living Stations following our outdoor Stations of the Cross.

Middle school students participated in the annual Beta Convention in Nashville, Tennessee from March 2-4.

Saint Joseph School hosted Grandparents Day which comprised of a special Mass offered for grandparents, activities in the classroom and a sit-down lunch served by teachers and parents.

St. Mary School – Oak Ridge

As part of their social studies class, St. Mary's 8th grade held a **"Colonial Fair"** on **Friday, March 7th** to educate the school about every day Colonial life. Students learned about games, food and what school was like in America during the Colonial period.



On **Friday, March 14th** Home & School organized a **"Wellness Day"** for the school. Students spent the morning in various rotations learning about exercise, healthy eating, keeping our teeth clean and many other aspects of healthy living.



St. Mary's 8th grade students presented a very moving and emotional rendition of **Living Stations of the Cross** on **Friday, March 28th**. They presented once during the school day to the whole school and again that evening to the parish.



St. Dominic School

During our Spring Break, 2nd Grade had a Lenten Bake Sale to benefit our church's St. Vincent de Paul ministry. They sold every single item raising \$392.70 to help the poor. That is what Lent is all about!

Our Health teacher and our Physical Education teacher are having a school-wide Health Fair Thursday, April 24, 2014 from 5:30p.m. until 7:00p.m. The students and their families will learn about the health of their bodies playing Body Bingo and Health Jeopardy. They will also enjoy exercising their bodies when they participate in Jump Rope 4 Heart. What a healthy night we will have!!

Some of our students competed in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest this month at the state level in Nashville, Tennessee. Two of our students won: Jillian Ginty won Second Place in her age group and Turner Stout won First Place in his age group!!!

St. Mary School – Johnson City

The winners of our St. Mary's Science Fair participated in the Regional ETSU Science Fair:

5th grade

Biology	Tom Donahue	1 st Place
	Keith Chacon	Honorable Mention
Physical Science	Tripp Crockett	Honorable Mention

6th Grade

Physical Science	Kate Flynn	1 st Place
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7th Grade

Biology	James Macariola	1 st Place
	Rebecca Miller	3 rd Place
Physical Science	Michael Pruess	2 nd Place

8th Grade

Physical Science	Zuzia Smurzynska	1 st Place
	Josh Miller	2 nd Place
	Quinn Raudat	Grand Prize

Tennessee Academy of Science Winner

Physical Science	Zuzia Smurzynska
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On Friday afternoon, March 21st, Ronald McDonald made a visit to talk to our K-4th grade and talk about bullying.