



St. John Neumann Catholic School December Highlights

The SJNCS Christmas program featured students in Preschool- 4th grade in the production of “Shepherds, a Sheep and a Savior.”



Middle schoolers Ellen and Paul were recognized as first place winners in the 2018 Knights of Columbus Essay Contest. Deputy Grand Knight Peter McKenzie presented the awards. All eighth graders participate in this contest. This year’s theme was “How does your family keep its Catholic faith in action?” First place winners received \$100. Paul’s essay also earned the highest points and will go on to the national contest. Four additional students were recognized as second and third place winners.



Member of the Leadership Council delivered donation for Samaritan Place and Under the Bridge Ministries collected by students and families as part of our Christmas service project. Aside from all the toothbrushes, soap, and blankets, we also collected over \$400!



All students participated in our annual Advent Retreat. This year's theme, "Come, Lord Jesus" was an excellent opportunity to gather, pray, and reflect this Advent season. Both the elementary and middle school spun the theme into several activities for a truly engaging morning. All grades pre-K through eighth grade watched a short video titled "Martin the Cobbler" and were able to use the messages from it to think of ways we can share the love and anticipation of Jesus Christ. Father Joe also spoke to each class with a message of waiting and rejoicing for the Lord.



Our middle school band put on an excellent Christmas show with Knoxville Catholic High School Band. The middle School Band was also invited to play at the 2019 TM&A State Concert Festival.



SJNCS Alum Jake Renfree was named to team USA Track and Field and competed in the Junior Co-Ed Relay in Central Scotland on Jan. 12.

