



## St. John Neumann Catholic School February Highlights

Our SJNCS Science Fair was held February 5<sup>th</sup>. Four judges came out to judge the projects and interview the students. Thirteen out of twenty-four students were selected for 2nd tier interviews. From there, the projects were narrowed down to the top 3. Congratulations to Gonzalo V. for winning 3rd place for his project on "Sleeping" Phones, to Tina F. for 2nd place on her project on CO2 and Global Warming, and to Anabel Z. for winning 1st place on The Impact of Hashtags! Everyone did a fabulous job!



Second graders were blessed to be part of a very special day for one of their classmates the morning of February 7<sup>th</sup>. Devin S. was baptized by Father Joe.



In Social Studies, 5th grade students created videos and presentations depicting Canadian government, demographics, geological features, and cultural regions. The students enjoyed becoming news reporters, weather forecasters, and experts on all things Canadian!





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PK4's enjoyed their weekly theme "I can build with paper." The word of the week was "construct," so they learned to construct a paper chain. They strung together a giant class paper chain and couldn't believe how long it was!



## SJNCS Valentine's Day was full of Love!



Kindergarten and eighth grade buddies came together to learn about forgiveness. The 8th graders lead the Kindergartners in a card game where they looked at real life scenarios and discussed best ways to handle the situations while keeping forgiveness in mind.

"Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ."

Ephesians 4:32





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In December, Knights of Columbus Deputy Grand Knight Peter McKenzie presented our 8th grade school winners for the 2018 KoC essay contest. The theme was “How does your family keep its Catholic faith in action?” Since then, the essays moved on to the state level competition. This month we got news that Paul’s submission was chosen as the top essay for the State of Tennessee and will now be sent to the Supreme Council for international judging.



Kindergarten and first grade enjoyed a field trip to watch the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra in their Very Young People’s Concert. Their concert, “Symphonics” was a perfect blend of storytelling and music for our young students.



February is National Children's Dental Health Month. Dr. Lenihan, D.D.S. from Elite Dental Care visited 4th grade to discuss the importance of dental health.





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SJN Parents enjoyed a night out during the "Off to the Races" Dinner and Auction. This year's event included a Raise the Paddle to help fund the school's new Learning Lab. We were blown away by our communities' support of this program which raised over \$35,000!  
In total the auction raised \$68,567 to benefit our school!



SJNCS inaugural ProjectLIT Book Club was held today in the library during lunch. This group of 5th and 6th graders read "Refugee" by Alan Gratz. The students had a powerful discussion about refugees, human rights, and the dignity of a human.



### **Mustang Alumni News!**

KCHS senior runner and SJNCS Alumni Jake Renfree has been named the 2018-19 @Gatorade Tennessee Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year!





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Congratulations to these KCHS students and SJNCS alumni who were inducted into the Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society yesterday! Alexandra Dally, Ian Osborn, Andrew Pabst, and Chase Fuller all completed the equivalent of two years of college preparatory mathematics, including algebra and/or geometry, and have completed or are enrolled in a third year of college preparatory mathematics.

