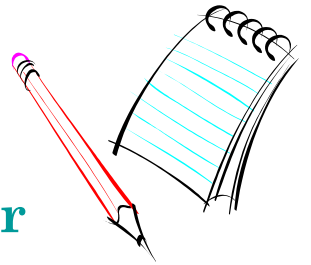




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Celebrating Advent

Students in grades K- 3 gathered around an Advent wreath daily .



Students in grades 4-6 celebrated together in their religion classes.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Dec. 8, 2007



By Xavier and Jessica

On December 8, 2007, the church held a special mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mostly Mexicans celebrate this feast day. The story of Our Lady of Guadalupe is mainly about two special people. They are Juan Diego and the Virgin Mary. One day Juan Diego was walking and he saw the Virgin Mary. Juan Diego was told to ask the Bishop to build a church in Mary's name. He was rejected twice. The third time he brought beautiful flowers and printed on his cloak was the Our Lady of Guadalupe. During the mass a group of school kids reenacted a play of what happened back in 1531. Jenny played Our Lady of Guadalupe, Xavier played Juan Diego, Nicolasa and Anthony played two guards, and James played the Bishop. James is a St. John School alumnus. The Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration also included Mexican hot chocolate and dances by the Fiesta Folklorica.



The sixth grade girls honored Mary, the mother of Jesus, at the all school mass on Dec. 20, 2007.

Christmas Concert

Shelby C.

On December 13, 2007 at 1:30, preschool through 6th grade students and parents gathered in St. John Catholic School's gym to attend the Alleluia Singers and 6th grade band concert under the direction of Mrs. Amy Frost. The Alleluia Singers group is made up of 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. The Alleluia Singers sang a variety of Christmas songs, including Spanish, traditional, and some fun songs. The Alleluia Singers practice Tuesday mornings from 7:30 to 8:05. The band is made up of just 6th graders. The band played drums, trumpets, and flutes. The band practices on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 7:30. This was an important event because the members of both groups showed what they had been learning.



6th Grade Band

Band is a great opportunity for 6th graders to learn a musical instrument. The band meets on Mon., Wed., and Thurs. mornings at 7:30 am. Students perform one concert during the spring semester. Sign up forms are available from the school office. Second semester band practice starts on Monday, January 14, 2008.



Holiday Activities



Kindergarteners and preschoolers making Christmas ornaments.



Students celebrated Christmas with parties on Dec. 20.



Kindergarteners making angels with glitter.



In Mrs. Harkin's class, first graders created gingerbread houses. Parents sent in food decorations. Many parents and family members came to school and helped with the construction.





Christmas Around the World

Preschool through 3rd Grade



Dec. 19, 2007





First Reconciliation



Jenny and Jessica

November 27, 2007, the second graders celebrated their First Reconciliation. It was a very exciting day for them. They studied about reconciliation and what to do and say. They are now preparing for their First Holy Communion.

We asked a few students the following question: How did you feel when you confessed to Father John?

Nancy stated, "I felt great, like if all my sins were washed away."

"I felt a little nervous, but when I got into the room I felt O.K.," said Grace.

Simon said, "I felt good and a little nervous."

Calendar Reminders:

- Sixth Grade Ski Trip: Jan. 15
- Spelling Bee (4th—6th): Jan. 17 @ 1:30
- Junior High Visits (6th): Jan. 18
- Martin Luther King Day: Monday, Jan. 21:
NO SCHOOL
- Exchange City, (5th/6th graders):
Tuesday, Jan. 22
- 4th Grade: KC Symphony: Jan. 25
- Catholic Schools Week: Jan. 26 through
Feb. 1
- Science Fair: Feb. 4
- Trash Bag Sales: Jan. 28 through Feb. 11

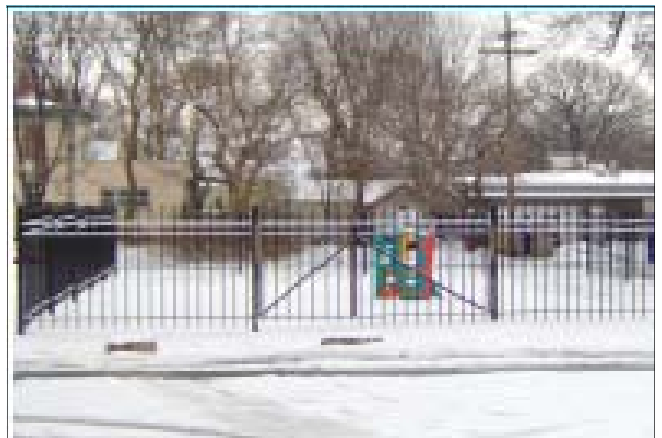


Catholic Schools Week

Here are the activities planned for January 26

through February 1 to celebrate Catholic Schools Week.

- *Saturday, Jan. 26:* 4:30 mass followed by PTO Bingo Night
- *Monday, Jan. 28:* Start of Trash Bag sales
- *Tuesday, Jan. 29:* Kansas Day
- *Thursday, Jan. 31:* 8:30 Mass; 7:00 - 8:00: Open House in school and preschool
- *Friday, Feb. 1:* Game Day and PTO Pizza and Pop Party



The new fence around the preschool play area. Thanks to those who made this possible.