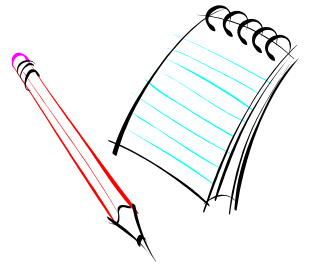




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Talent Show 2008

Photos by Clare



By: Marlee, Abby, and Morgan

On the 3rd Thursday of March, the 4th, 5th, and 6th graders had the opportunity to show off their talents in the annual St. John School Talent Show. There were various acts including singing, dancing, piano playing, magic acts, and karate. Each act was different and unique.

Before the show however, the students had to audition. After school on Tuesday, February 19th, the students performed their talent acts in front of several primary teachers. The teachers wrote down the scores the acts received out of five. Some students decided to do their acts with other kids and others did them alone. The day of The Talent Show, the students all had a great time performing and watching. "It was terrific!" exclaimed Nicolasa after performing.

"I had a lot of fun doing the show!" said an enthusiastic Joo-Young.

Victoria, who didn't perform this year announced, "From seeing the show this year I would love to do it next year!"

The talent show was a great school activity and everyone had a lot of fun!



Battle of the Books

By: Tommy & Ryal

In the month of March, The Battle of the Books took place, a competition among the 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. The student teams receive a list of 30 books to prepare. The first battle was just the title, the author, and one measly question. You weren't thrown out if you got every question wrong. The first battle also decided your place in the battle, and whom you battled. During the first actual round, you could be eliminated or possibly disqualified. After many grueling battles that were fought to the book, the championship came around. The two championship teams, the Lemus- Kenny and Johnson teams, gathered on the stage in the gym on March 13 in front of a school audience. After a hard battle, Ms. Rinke announced that the Johnson team had won! Congratulations to all those hard working teams and leaders!

Photos by Marlee



First Communion

By: Marlee and Jennifer

St. John's 2nd graders received their First Communion at St. John's Church on April 5th. They dressed up in their fancy gowns and suits. It was a special time for them to connect with God. Many relatives came to see their family member make their First Communion. There were two masses, one at 4:00 p.m., and another one at 6:00 p.m. They must have been really excited! They received a candle that represented the Light of God! They also got a certificate saying the day that they had their First Communion!

In preparation for their First Communion, the 2nd graders had a rehearsal, and the parents went to a meeting. Before they made their First Communion the families and their children completed a book in which they were taught what to say when they receive the Eucharist and the wine. The students learned that the Eucharist and wine mean the body and blood of Christ when he died. When the priest blesses the bread and wine it becomes the body and blood of Christ. The second graders now get to receive Communion with the rest of the students during All School Mass.



STATE ASSESSMENTS

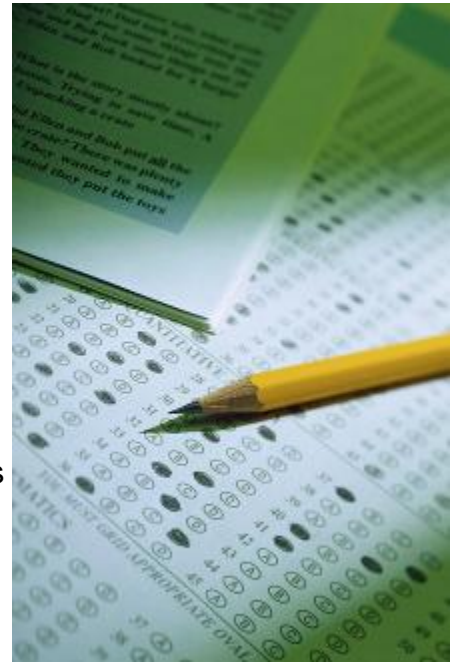
By: Maddy and Morgan

The Kansas State Assessment tests are tests that 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders are not excited about taking, but are more than prepared for as the teachers spend class time before the test making sure we know the facts.

This test takes up one hour long period for three days per subject. However if students don't finish there is no actual time limit for this test so, they can give it their best shot. Every test has three parts.

Math

The 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders take this subject. This test includes a variety of questions that the students should have learned about in the process of preparing for the test. Students can use calculators for part one and two of the test. For part three however, only the simple tools can be used- a pencil and a piece of paper.



Reading

Every grade also takes this subject. This basically tests your ability to understand what you are reading. It has two or three stories per part. Students read the story then answer usually about ten questions about the story. We are allowed to mark in the booklet so we can use things like highlighters to highlight what we think might be important facts, or whatever strategy works best for us.

Science

Only the 4th graders take this test. For this test you basically just choose the best answer. The questions on this test are varied from some things most kids would find very easy, to what some kids might of never heard of.

Social Studies

Only the 6th graders take this test. Like the science test the questions have a wide variation from hard to easy. The test is just a matter of focusing on the question and choosing the best answer.

What do you think of the Kansas State Assessments?

Horrible! - Victoria D

It was great! - Erayna L

It was a necessary stress. – Mr. Kennedy

So everyone had different feelings about the test, but when we got rewarded with thirty minutes of game time for finishing the test, I think everyone had the same feeling about that!

St. John School Lock-In



Ryal & Jack R.

20 students from grades 4th-6th attended a Lock-In at the St. John gym on February 29th. After arriving at the gym, there were plentiful activities, including a scavenger hunt, races, and a Fashion Show. The students then watched Night at the Museum, ate popcorn, went to bed, and had a popcorn fight in Sadie's case. The teachers made the kids breakfast in the morning. Some of the kids were up at 5 am because they had a basketball game, but in all, it was a fun night! Parents who enjoyed The Saint John Benefit Auction had an opportunity to buy their kids a spot in the Lock-In.



Celebrating the Kansas Jayhawk Basketball Team's Victories



Photos by Maddie



Poetry Page

Math Class

You are in math class
Algebra equations too
Let me guess, homework.

-Clayton

Haiku

First, five syllables
Next, is seven syllables
And then five again

-Clayton

KNIGHTS

**CHARGE! SIR LANCELOT
TELLS HIS FEW BRAVE
AND STRONG KNIGHTS
DRAGONS, WE WILL
SLAY**

CLAYTON

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Work hard all day long
writing
Awesome articles.

-Ryal

Chalmers

**Mario Chalmers
Now, forever a hero
In the Jayhawk realm**

-Clayton

Free Verse

-Testing!

Testing, Testing,
That's what we do.
Please no more testing
That's what I want.
Testing, Testing,
That's enough!
What?
I failed my test!
Ahh!
-Allie

Spring Musical

Presented by Grades 4, 5, 6

April 30 - May 1, 2008





Dedication of the Sisters of
Charity of Leavenworth
Bench and Garden Area
April 22, 2008



Have an awesome summer!

Stay safe!

St. John Parish Tech Camp

- Would you like to learn more about how to use new technologies?
- Ever wanted to do digital recording? Podcasting? Blogging?
- What can you do with all those digital photos you have taken?

Come to St. John Parish Tech Camp! Contact Miss Dixon for more information, dixon@saint-johns.net or check out her web site, <http://teacherweb.com/KS/StJohnSchool/Technology/index.html> for more information and to register.

Dates to Remember:

- Aug. 22: Enrollment Day
- Aug. 25: first full day of school
- Sept. 1: no school: Labor Day
- Oct. 6: no school: Teacher Inservice
- Nov. 14: no school : Auction Prep
- Nov. 15: 25th St. John Benefit Auction
- Nov. 26—28: no school: Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 22—Jan 2: no school: Christmas Break