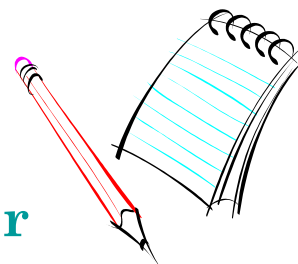




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OKTOBERFEST FUN

Some of the people and activities at the 2007 St. John Oktoberfest.

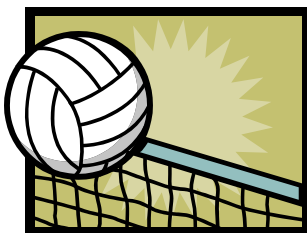
By Isabella, Erayna

St. John Church. Hundreds of St. John parishioners, friends, and family gathered together to celebrate a festival of German heritage on Saturday, Sept. 29. This exciting festival included singing by a traditional German band, games for the kids, and traditional German food.

The food at the Oktoberfest was delicious. They served bierocks, potato salad, sauerkraut, bratwurst, schnitzel, hot dogs, cotton candy, and other desserts. Volunteers in the school/church kitchen prepared all the food. After receiving food, participants sat under a tent with live music, singing, and dancing.

There was a moonwalk, face painting, pop toss, lollipop tree, duck pond, and soccer goal kicking. The moonwalk was bouncing with excitement. Even some of the adults wanted to bounce around in the fun.

The St. John Oktoberfest was a bustling, memorable event.



Sixth Graders had fun at the Teacher Vs. Sixth Grade Volleyball game and pizza party in October.



FIFTH GRADERS TRAVEL TO TOPEKA FOR VOCATION DAY

by Jenny and Mariel

Vocation Day was for the fifth graders on October 10 at Most Pure Heart of Mary in Topeka! The purpose for this was for the fifth graders to begin to understand what a vocation is! Nuns or sisters were going to talk to the girls about how they knew about their vocation! Brothers or Fathers were going to talk about their vocation!

When they all got there, they had breakfast. The breakfast was a cinnamon roll and apple juice! After that they all headed for the church to have the keynote address. Then, they were separated from their friends and followed their schedules! There were three different lunch times: 11:05, 11:55, and 12:05. They had hamburgers for lunch, with chips and a cookie. The Serra Club served lunch to all the kids!

Vocation Jeopardy was fun! Leaders asked the questions the students had studied in religion class. The group who had the most points won a cute notebook. Another of the scheduled activities was to go to the church to talk with Archbishop Naumann. He talked about what he was wearing and why he was wearing it.

The fifth graders were excited about Vocation Day especially, when they understood more about what a Vocation was! Knowing about your Vocation can really affect your life! I hope you all get excited about vocations!

Social Studies News

By Morgan and Courtney

Hey, parents, we are here to tell you what your kids in kindergarten through sixth grade are doing or learning in social studies at St. Johns. Also a heads up about tests and when work is due. First grade with Ms. Harkin is learning about geography. They are also working on their vocabulary words; some vocab. words are: globe, community, country, map, earth, ranch, city, state, and United States. The second grade with Mrs. Polcyn is learning about Christopher Columbus, and how he set out for his voyage. The third grades with Mrs. Hill are doing vocab. words and are just starting the first chapter to a new lesson. The fourth grade is getting ready to take a map and chapter test over chapter three. The fifth grade is getting prepared for their big trip to Exchange City! Exchange City is a place where kids can learn how grown ups experience daily life by handling and spending money. Sixth graders will also go to Exchange City, but right now they are learning about the Indus River. Mrs. Buckner teaches social studies to fourth through sixth grade.



Get Moving! A program for Douglas County elementary schools.

GET MOVING KIDS!!!

By Sophia, Maddie, and Marlee

The Douglas County Health Department is sponsoring a healthy program for kids from St. John's and all over the Douglas County area. Kids keep track of their exercise activities on cards. The best thing is that if an activity is done with a buddy the time doubles and so does the fun. When the card is filled kids have their parents initial it and turn it in. Then the kids receive a foot shaped key chain from Mr. Kennedy. After getting four feet they earn a pool or bowling pass, and the fun starts all over again. The Get Moving program started Oct. 15, 2007 and will end April 18, 2008.





**The Blessing of the Animals on
October 4, 2007.**



Donations for the Lawrence Humane Society's Animal Shelter in honor of St. Francis of Assisi.

St. Francis Day Celebrated

By Isabella, Abby

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi was celebrated Thursday, October 4th at St. John School and Church. It began with Mass where many students brought stuffed animals to be blessed. Throughout the week the students collected items for our animal friends at the Humane Society. At the end of the day school families had the chance to bring their live pets to be blessed right here at St. John.

The blessing took place after school on the lawn beside the school. Various kinds of animals were blessed for this occasion, including a rabbit, a dressed-up dog, a pure breed collie named Butterscotch, and a fat cat. In order to bless the animals you would take a drop of holy water and make the sign of the cross on the animal's forehead.

This celebration was a nice way to end St. Francis Day at our school.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL BENEFIT AUCTION IS SOON

By Sadie

St. John School Benefit Auction will be held November 9th and 10th at St. John School. It is the largest and longest annual auction in the city of Lawrence with 25 years of success. Friday night is Family Night and is a parish event tailored toward children. There will be children's activities, a silent auction, and a live mini auction. Saturday Night is elegant. It includes silent and live auctions, dinner, and dancing. Parishioners and school families volunteer, donate and attend these two nights which raise a lot of money for the school.



**SAINT JOHN
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Benefit Auction

Friday, Nov. 9: Family

Night: 5:00—8:30

Saturday, Nov. 10:

Auction: 5:00 PM



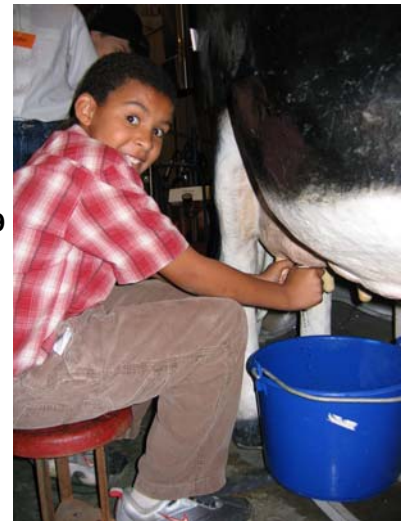
Students enjoyed the Lawrence High School Homecoming parade.



ONE ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE

By Lexi

All kids at one point need to experience a time in 1919 just like the two fourth grade classes, American and Qantas. The students took a little spin on October 18 to The National Agricultural Hall of Fame to visit Island Creek School in Bonner Springs, Kansas. When they stepped off the bus they came face to face with their teacher, Miss McCloony. Their real teachers separated them into classes. One half toured the Hall of Fame and the other half experienced a school day in the year 1919. In the schoolhouse they learned the proper way to sit, stand, write, speak, and so much more.



During the museum tour the students learned the ways people survived in 1919. Some things they did were using wagons, trains, and sewing machines. They learned about blacksmiths, and workers who shucked corn and milked cows. The houses people lived in were not too big and not too small. The Mamas stayed home to cook, clean, sew, sweep, and take care of the new infant. Half way through the day the classes switched places. The fourth graders really experienced a day in 1919.

