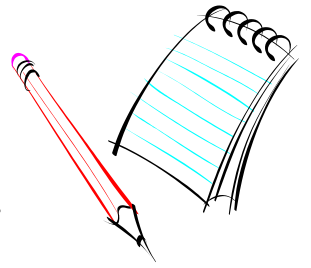




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What's Your Vocation?

By: Olivia and Nicolasa

The 5th graders went to Vocation day in Kansas City on Wednesday October 8th. They met Arch Bishop Nauman, and the girls had a sister talk and the boys had a brother talk. At the beginning they all went to church and received tags that showed which group they were in. When they divided into groups and were getting their tags they were eating breakfast. Breakfast was glazed donuts and milk. After breakfast they attended church and that's when they met Arch Bishop Nauman. Then the kids were divided into smaller groups for various activities with lunch included. Over all it was a good day.



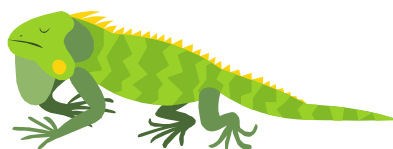
Fifth Graders Received their rosaries on Oct. 9, 2008.





The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

The Liturgy and the Blessing of the Animals



BUMP! SET! SPIKE!

Maddie and Sierra

The CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) Volleyball teams at Saint John did great this season. The fifth graders took home second place in the post season tournament held in October. Sadly, the sixth graders lost their first game. It was close in all three games. The 3rd 4th grade team did not play in a tournament but had a good season. To rap-up the season most of the teams will have some sort of party!



Teachers vs. 6th Graders Marlee, Sadie, & Morgan

Sore throats from yelling. Teachers dropping. Skin skidding the gym floor. The annual 6th grade vs. teacher's volleyball match, something everybody was waiting for, was held after school on October 10, 2008. Because the teachers had never lost, there was a lot of pressure on the 6th graders.

Teachers and 6th graders made competitive posters, and talked "trash" all week. Everyone was pumped, but nervous at the same time, at least the sixth graders were. At the beginning of the game, the sixth graders, even some of the teachers, were certain that they would win. Once the game had started, everyone was chanting with excitement. There were some great volleys every now and then, and some very obvious drops on both sides. "I think it's fun for the kids to see the teachers in a different atmosphere," said Mrs. Broadwell.



Sixth Grade field trip to Channel 6



6th Graders Go To Science City

By Joo-Young and Ryal

St. John's 6th Grade visited Science City in Union Station. Mrs. McD and some very generous parents gave up their time to take the 6th graders on Tuesday, October 21, 2008. They got to spend their whole day learning about science in a fun way. The bike was one of the most popular activities. It was on a cable wire balanced only by bricks. "It was fun and really cool. It was like a big playground," said Mary.



Halloween Winners

As you remember we had you send in your original joke, drawing, or song! These our some of our favorites! Enjoy!



By: Hannah



By: Paige

The Halloween Song

By Anastasia W.

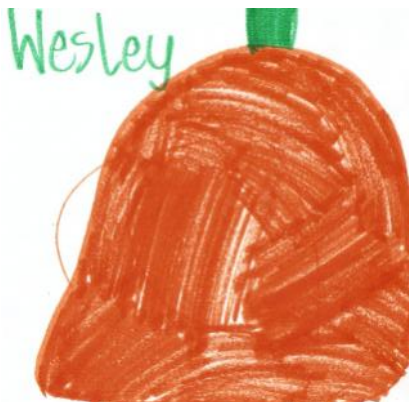
I woke up this morning,
something wasn't
right! The scene and
tingle of the day gave
me such a fright! At
night I noticed the
spirits up and trick-or-
treaters out. Ghosts
and goblins I noticed.
It's Halloween night...
Lets go!



By: Marlee



By: a Student



By: Wesley



By: Gretchen

Halloween Winners



By: Olivia



By: Michaela



By: Bryce

Halloween Parties!



By: Olivia



Oktoberfest

Marlee, and Sadie Keller

Sauerkraut, wiener schnitzel, bierocks, German potato salad and more! As unappetizing as that may sound, it was a big hit to the St. John parishioners in September. For almost 10 years, the Oktoberfest has been a fun way to raise money for the church and school .Every year, Over 200 people cram into the church, blacktop, and grass area. There are inflatable rides, desserts, authentic German dancing and food. The Oktoberfest was founded by the partnership of Father John and Tim Keller, father of Sadie Keller. Like the Mexican Fiesta , the Oktoberfest has been a way to express the foreign part of many of our parishioners. The night starts out with the polka mass, and ends with the "Chicken Dance". The polka band plays in the tent for the duration of the night, while the parents dance and socialize. The kids are satisfied with the games, the moonwalk, and the delicious cotton candy. Hopefully this tradition continues.





Book Fair



ELECTION DAY '08



Happy Bear Personal Safety Program





Do you have a question?

Or do you simply want advice?

Well, you have come to the right place!

The Ask Elmo Advice

Column! Elmo will

answer your questions with a SMILE!!

Dear Elmo,

My friend and I like Hannah Montana and High School Musical 3 songs. What song should we do in the Talent Show? We need to know!

-Dance Lover

Dear Dance Lover,

Listen to the soundtracks. Find a song you both love that has a steady beat. Have fun at the Talent Show!

-Elmo

Dear Elmo,

I have a bullying problem and the person keeps getting in my space. What should I do?

-Space Wanter

Dear Space Wanter,

Nicely tell them and look them in the eyes that you need personal

space. If it continues tell a teacher

-Elmo

Dear Elmo,

I have someone at Alleluia Singers that when I ask her a question she rolls her eyes. What should I do?

-Alleluia Singer

Dear Alleluia Singer,

First tell them that you noticed that the person rolled their eyes. Ask them to stop. If they don't stop tell a teacher

-Elmo



The One Room Schoolhouse

By: Nicolasa & Olivia

On October 15, 2008 the 4th graders went to the one room schoolhouse at the National Agriculture Hall of Fame in Bonner Springs. Emily and Gretchen said, “The teacher was so nice and the tour was so fun, but most of all it was fun to learn what it was like to be there back then.” Some of the 4th graders said that the tour was fun because it showed how life was in the early 1900's, so they compared it to life right now. They also said milking a cow, picking corn from the fields, putting food in the chicken's pen, and putting eggs in holders was fun. Hannah and John won the math challenges, but they also said the tour was fun and that school was the hardest thing. They agreed that the teacher was really nice. ”The teacher actually smiled and laughed,” Mrs. Powell explained.



6th Grade Story



Where Dreams Come True
By Morgan

This summer, I went on the best trip of my life. Disney World! The only downside was the long hours in the car and waiting impatiently with anticipation for DisneyWorld. After two long days in the car, we unpacked our stuff into our room, which consisted of hidden Mickey heads all over. On the first day, in Magic Kingdom, we went on some of the coolest rides like: Space Mountain, Splash Mountain, Big Thunder Mountain, and Haunted Mansion. We then finished the busy day off with just about the coolest parade I have ever seen and a fireworks show over Cinderella's castle. The second day, we went to MGM Studios where we went on one of my favorite rides, Tower of Terror, watched the Muppets 3-D, watched an outdoor High School Musical show, and watched, without a doubt, the coolest light show ever, called Fantasmic! At Animal Kingdom, on the next day, we went on a scary dinosaur ride, a really cool safari ride, and rode on Expedition Everest. Later that day, we finished up a few more things at MGM, and then went to Epcot for dinner and fireworks. Our last day at the parks we went back to Magic Kingdom and we got our hair, make-up and nails done at Bibitty Bobitty Boutique (the boys were not included in this activity). After that we rode a few more rides, ate at Cinderella's castle, and headed back to our hotel for the last night. We grabbed some Mickey Mouse shaped waffles, headed for Lawrence, and got in the car, but this time we had nice Florida tans and were filled with a big feeling of magic from the place "where dreams come true."

The 2008 Auction By Nicolasa, Maddie, and Clare

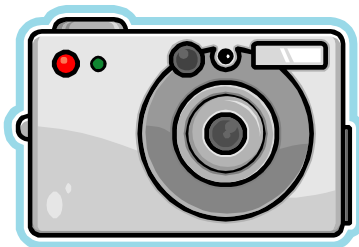
On November 14th school was out. The auction was on Nov. 14th and Nov. 15th. Nov. 14th was the family night auction. There was a craft room, mini golf, story telling, dancing, and a DJ. All children received grab bags. Grab bags had goodies in them. The 15th was the parents' night with a real auctioneer. 4th, 5th, and 6th graders needed to ask their parents to sign them up for the lock-in, but only 20 kids can do it. The preschoolers, kindergartens, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders made classroom projects. They were auctioned off on Saturday the 15th. Hope you came and had fun. THANK YOU FOR HELPING THE SCHOOL! We raised around \$155,000!



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