

SJS Eagle Wrap-Up!

SJS ELEMENTARY

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October at St. Johns is filled with Pumpkins, Grandparents, and Awesome Test Scores!

October is in full swing here at St. John's! Over the last few weeks we had a few awesome field trips to go check out fall crops- 1st and 2nd grade went to Lookout Farms to apple pick, and Pre-K and Kindergarten went pumpkin picking at Langwater Farm.



Our Eighth Grade Students also helped run the Superhero party with Mr. Hall and Ms. McGrath. Pre-K through Third Grade students were able to be a superhero for an afternoon with some help from their Eighth Grade friends. They soared through an obstacle course, bounced in a bouncy house, and ate lots of *super* goodies.

The Eighth Graders managed to raise over \$1300 for their class trip this spring. Talk about a success!

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AWARENESS MONTH

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This month student council members are selling bracelets and stickers for \$2 each to help raise money for Breast Cancer Patients. Students are encouraged to bring in money to help support the cause.



Student Spotlight: Libby Watts

Each month for the rest of the year we want to spotlight a student from our community who shows off our mission statement, "Follow Jesus, Strive for Excellence". This month's student is Libby Watts! Libby is a member of our student council, basketball team, drama department, and the Canton Dolphins Swim Team. She excels academically, but more importantly, she is a kind and compassionate student inside and outside the classroom.

Grandparents day was a success!



This year's Grandparents day, as it has always been, was a HUGE success!

Students Teddy Erhard and Luke Johnson wrote heartfelt speeches about their time here at SJS. They did a fantastic job sharing their experiences with everyone's grandparents!

Preschool through Third Grade students performed first, singing "Spread the Love Around" from *Sister Act Jr.*

Later on in the day students from Fourth to Eighth Grade performed a rendition of "The Lion Sleeps Tonight".

This last quarter students have spent a lot of time focusing on singing in voice parts and learning to read music, and this was a perfect way to debut all their hard work over the last few months!

The music department is excited to further show off their growing music skills.

Dates to Look Out For...

NOVEMBER 1	ALL-SCHOOL MASS END OF FIRST QUARTER
NOVEMBER 2	TRIVIA NIGHT AT ST. OSCAR ROMERO
NOVEMBER 8	PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES (NO SCHOOL)
NOVEMBER 11	VETERAN'S DAY (NO SCHOOL)
NOVEMBER 20	HALF DAY
NOVEMBER 22-23	ANNIE PERFORMANCES
NOVEMBER 27	HALF DAY
NOVEMBER 28-29	THANKSGIVING BREAK



Middle school students are once again visiting Cornerstone to spend time with the residents there.

They make crafts, help prepare food, and, most importantly, build relationships that they will carry with them for the rest of their lives.

This is a community service project that every middle schooler at St. John's speaks highly of, and we look forward to continuing the tradition this year.

Seventh Grade Students Visited Cornerstone!



Eighth Grade Students have been hard at work preparing their Class Gift with Mr. Hall! They have been filling in a previously unused area to become a space where members of our community can gather.

The Eighth Graders spiffed up the space, named *Eagle's Landing*, with wood chips and picnic tables. It is the perfect spot to sit in the sun and catch up with friends. Great job Grade Eight!



Last Friday, Students Gathered in the Gym to finish off their week with a *Groovy* Dance party!



Our Annual Pumpkin Patch was a success! Thank you to all our parent volunteers for helping to pull it off!





Meet Mrs. Dembrowsky!
What is your favorite memory of being in school?
 My fifth grade teacher, Mr. Kelly, would make up stories and made me love to read.
Your go-to after school snack?
 Yorgurt and granola.
Your favorite part of your job?
 Seeing my students smile or experience a lightbulb-moment.
Who are you currently listening to?
 Cody Johnson, Jelly Roll, and Post Malone.
What are you most looking forward to this year?
 Getting to meet my preschool students and the rest of St. John's School!



Meet Miss. Branco!
What is your favorite memory of being in school?
 My favorite subjects were Social Studies and History- and I LOVED reading historical fiction novels.
Your go-to after school snack?
 Pretzel thins and hummus
Your favorite part of your job?
 I love small group work where I can help a Kindergarten student have their lightbulb moment.
Who are you currently listening to?
 Luke Holmas, Chris Stapleton, Cane Brown, and Zach Bryan
What are you most looking forward to this year?
 It's a tie between the Christmas Concert where the Kindergarteners perform the Nativity Scene and the 100th Day of School! Both are so fun.



Meet Mrs. Hart!
What is your favorite memory of being in school?
 The St. John School Carnival!
Your go-to after school snack?
 A granny smith apple
Your favorite part of your job?
 When my past students come to visit me.
Who are you currently listening to?
 Barry Manilow, of course!
What are you most looking forward to this year?
 Our new math curriculum!



Meet Nurse Kiley!
What is your favorite memory of being in school?
 Being in theater! My favorite was Guys and Dolls.
Your go-to after school snack?
 Cheetos
Your favorite part of your job?
 Getting to meet everyone and creating a bond with the school community.
Who are you currently listening to?
 Taylor Swift
What are you most looking forward to this fall?
 I am going to see my brothers who are stationed in Texas for Thanksgiving!

Every Tuesday this School Year we highlight one of our dedicated staff members. Here's everyone that we have highlighted so far this year!
 Follow us on Facebook so you can catch every highlight!



Meet Mrs. Bowers!
What is your favorite memory of being in school?
 My sixth grade teacher gave me new books to read that she knew would interest me.
Your go-to after school snack?
 A chocolate protein shake
Your favorite part of your job?
 Working with the students and seeing their eyes light up when they finally understand a complicated idea
Who are you currently listening to?
 80s New Wave and Punk Music
What are you most looking forward to this year?
 The Christmas Concert! It always gets me in the mood for Christmas!



Meet Mrs. Fleming!
What is your favorite memory of being in school?
 A favorite memory from being in school was reading books on different subjects. I still love to read.
Your go-to after school snack?
 My go-to after school snack is a protein bar.
Your favorite part of your job?
 My favorite part of my job is teaching Second Step to all the grades.
Who are you currently listening to?
 Country playlists!
What are you most looking forward to this year?
 This school year I'm most excited about all the fun holiday activities.



Meet Mrs. Gilchrist!
What is your favorite memory of being in school?
 I adored reading books by Beverly Cleary!
Your go-to after school snack?
 Cheese and Crackers
Your favorite part of your job?
 I love hearing the kids laugh.
Who are you currently listening to?
 Zach Bryan, Noah Kahan, and Megan Moroney!
What are you most looking forward to this year?
 I'm super excited for the Christmas Concert, but I am more than anything excited to watch the Pre-K students grow!



Meet Mrs. Czarnecki!
What is your favorite memory of being in school?
 I loved competing on sports teams - not just because of the sport itself, but due to the lasting friendships I made.
Your go-to after school snack?
 Beef jerkey, a cheese stick, and iced coffee
Your favorite part of your job?
 Getting to know each student's personality- I have so much fun!
Who are you currently listening to?
 Kasey Musgraves & Zach Bryan
What are you most looking forward to this year?
 I am most looking forward to establishing new connections with students, collaborating with teachers, and continuing to see students progress with their speech and language goals.



Club 99: St. John's Students Continue to Strive for Excellence

Our MAP testing results are back, and we are not surprised in the least at how well our students performed!

Every grade and subject matter scored at or above the 82nd percentile. The vast majority scored at or above the 90th percentile, a majority scored at or above the 95th percentile, and one, Seventh Grade Language Usage, scored in the 99th percentile.

Being put simply, this means that at a base level, students were scoring from the top 18% all the way up to the top 1%. These averages are created through comparisons with grades throughout the country.

It reflects not just how St. John's is as an institution, with help from staff and teachers, but also the rigorous efforts that students take in their academic success, as well as their families at home that help them in achieving their goals.

We also want to take a moment to highlight individual students who scored in the 99th percentile!

- Peter C and Aaron S – K Reading**
- Josiah R and Will W – G1 Math**
- Brendan A and Zoe B– G2 Reading AND G2 LU**
- Halle C – G2 Reading**
- Aria H – G2 LU**
- Addison D and Carson D– G3 Reading**
- Alena H – G3 LU**
- Danny O – G5 LU**
- Grace N L – Grade 6 Language Usage**
- Anthony P – Grade 6 Language Usage AND Grade 6 Math**
- Nathan P – Grade 6 Math**
- Nicholas C and Cyril K – Grade 7 Math**
- Juliana N – Grade 7 Language Usage**
- James R – Grade 7 Math AND Grade 7 Language Usage**
- Owen C – Grade 8 Reading**

We also had incredible areas of growth!

- Grade 7 scored in the 99th percentile of language usage!**
- Our Grade 3 class did a double in growth. They scored in the 99th percentile in growth on the Reading and Language Usage assessments.**
- Our Grade 6 class scored in the 99th percentile in growth on the Math assessment.**

Thank you for reading!

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