

White Team
St. Ignatius
190 Points

Red Team
St. George
190 Points

Black Team
St. Catherine
195 Points

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The St. Bartholomew School

May Crowning & Candle Lighting

By Ashley Federowicz

The May Crowning and the Candle Lighting Ceremony took place on May 11, 2018. On this day the second graders were all dressed up in their First Communion outfits, and the eighth graders wore their graduation finery of white dresses for the ladies and blazers for the gentlemen. The service started at the carpool lines. The eighth graders went first to the Church, followed by the second graders, and then the Pre-K through 7th grade students. In the Church all of the students gave their flowers to the eighth graders to offer to Mary. Once everyone was seated, everybody rose and sang to praise Mary. Father Mark delivered the homily



addressing the grandparents, parents, teachers and students. He spoke about Mary and all of the wonderful things that she had done for us and for God. After the lovely words came the candle lighting. Here the torch of leadership was passed from the eighth graders to the seventh graders. Each eighth grader would light a seventh grader's candle to represent that they are the new

leaders of St. Bartholomew School for next year. Fr. Mark remarked that the students were already helping each other and working together as a candle extinguished and a fellow student would relight it. St. Bart's is a loving community committed to serving each other. Finally, the seventh graders processed out followed by the student body and faculty.

National Day of Prayer

By Helen Rabley

The National Day of Prayer is a time when Saint Bartholomew's students and teachers go outside to pray along with the rest of the United States of America. We prayed a simple and beautiful decade of the Rosary. Each teacher prayed one Hail Mary, one Our Father, or one Glory Be. The flag was raised for the National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. English said a few encouraging words during this time. Mrs. Constable-Allen led the student body in singing "Let Peace Begin With Me". Jackie Federowicz, from 7th grade, said "It was really nice seeing the community together."

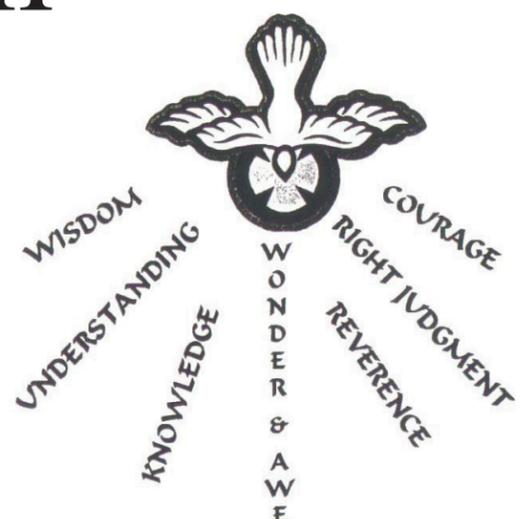
8th Grade Confirmation

By Luke Bowen

On April 22, the Eighth Graders from St. Bart's and the parish came together to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Mario Dorsonville was the principle celebrant of the mass, and was assisted by Father Mark and Father

Tim. The Eighth Graders prepared to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit for nine months. In November the eighth graders did a project on the saint that each chose for their Confirmation name. They did a fabulous presentation to

the whole school while dressed as the saint during the All Saints' Day mass. The St. Bart's community has new adult members of the church and they shine with the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Congratulations to the newly Confirmed!



The Renaissance Fair

By Zoe Brown and Alex Zimmerman

Have you ever wanted to go back in time to the renaissance or meet anyone from there like William Shakespeare or Leonardo Da Vinci? Well the sixth graders gave us that chance. During the third quarter the sixth grade has been learning about the Renaissance. Each person chose one person to learn about. Almost every class attended the fair. During the fair there were games, chickens, live music, and presentations for everyone to experience. All of the games were Renaissance themed, such as archery, bean bag toss, and a hool-a-hoop game. When the sixth graders were not presenting they were helping out with the games. This is the first year that chickens joined it! Seventh grader, Caitlin McLearn, exclaimed, "They are so cute and fluffy!" This has been a tradition for the sixth graders for many years and will be for now on.

Father-Daughter Dance

By Jackie Federowicz

Through the church hall doors loud music, laughing, and the click of the photographer's camera taking pictures could be heard during the Father-Daughter Dance which took place on April 14 in the church hall at St. Bart's. Mr. Hall, the DJ, took song requests and flashed colorful lights all around the room. Along the walls were tables with drinks, snacks, pizza, and cake. Tables dotted the back half of the Church Hall where the dads sat and talked. In one corner, a photo area was set up so attendees could take pictures with their dad and friends to remember the night. The front half of the Church Hall was crowded with girls dancing to the music. Finally, when a slow song played, all the dads got up and danced with their daughters. This is yet another St. Bart's tradition that is cherished every year.

Teacher Interview: Mr. Bartl

By Jackie Federowicz

Everyone loves Mr. Bartl and the St. Bartholomew community is celebrating his 35 years of service at the school. For this issue's Teacher Interview, we interviewed Mr. Bartl, the Upper School Math Teacher. Mr. Bartl has been teaching at St. Bartholomew School for 35 years. He went to a Catholic elementary school called The Holy Family. Mr. Bartl went to a public high school and for college he attended the State University of New York. Growing up, Mr. Bartl had dogs for pets and loved to play baseball. Since college, Mr. Bartl has wanted to become a teacher. He used to teach music, but he travelled a lot and wanted a stationary job and that's how he came to St. Bartholomew's. A math teacher was needed at St. Bart's and Mr. Bartl took that opportunity and here he is now at St. Bart's. On occasion in math class with Mr. Bartl, the class gets to play one of Mr. Bartl's famous games, either Fishbowl, Basket Toss, or a Word game. In the game Fishbowl, students are with their "team" or those sitting at your table. Your team is given a math problem and you work with your team to find the solution. At the end, Mr. Bartl chooses names in the class from a bag. If your name was picked, you tell him your answer. If your answer is correct, you pick a slip of paper with your reward typed on it out of the Fishbowl and you receive that reward at the end of class.

Some of the rewards are a piece of candy or a prize of your choice, for example.

In Basket Toss, you are with your teams and are given a math problem to find the answer. Once everyone finishes, Mr. Bartl chooses a member from each team to reveal the answer. If your answer is correct, you and your team get to shoot a squishy ball into the makeshift basket trash can. You get points if your team members make baskets. The team with the most points wins.

When playing a Word game, you answer a math equation with your team. When called on, you tell Mr. Bartl your answer. If it's correct you get to guess a letter in a hidden word chosen by Mr. Bartl. As ev-

eryone gets deeper in the game and more letters are guessed and entered into the spaces where the letters of the word should go, the word is guessed until the correct one is guessed. The team with the correct guess wins.

Mr. Bartl's favorite games of these are Fishbowl and a Word Game. His favorite thing about St. Bart's is the sense of community; he says, "Everyone is close." Some of Mr. Bartl's hobbies conclude of music, reading, doing math, and watching golf on TV. One of Mr. Bartl's abilities is being "Extraordinarily ordinary", he says. We will all miss Mr. Bartl, but we congratulate him for his career at St. Bartholomew School.

Field Day: Spirit was the Winner, Rain *and* Shine

By Caitlin McLearn

This year, St. Bartholomew had its annual field day indoors due to rain. Although the event was inside, it was just as much fun. Luke Bowen said, "It was different and just as fun as always!" Throughout the day, students participated in events such as sack race, hula hoop contests, and 25 yard dash time trials, to earn 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place ribbons. At the end of the day, each student also received a popsicle, which was enjoyed at the awards and points cere-

mony. The current standings are; Black Team in first with 195 points and Red Team and the white team are tied with a close 190 Points. A final thanks went out to all of the volunteers who made the day possible, and a special thanks to Mrs. Castiello, the organizer who had to put in double the work to change the event from outdoors to indoors at the last second. Unfortunately, the color race, a competitive relay race between the three house teams, was

postponed until Wednesday, the 30th of May. The race was held under dark skies and in moist conditions, but the cheers of all three houses brightened the campus. All the runners showed valiant effort and some even slid

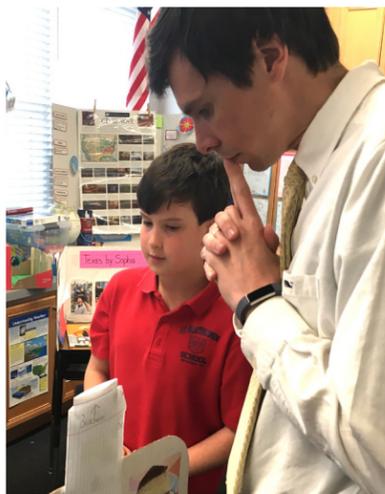
to pass the baton to their relay partners. In the end, the Black House was the top of the standings followed by the Red House and the White House! Field day was so much fun, and we cannot wait until next year!



Celebration of States

By Anthony Castiello

Every year, the 4th Graders work all year long on a state report. At the end of the year, they present their wonderful projects to the rest of the school. This year, fifteen students shared fifteen detailed reports on different states. Students from all classes came to the 4th Grade and appreciated their work. The State Report reveals what the capital of the state is, a detailed map, a travel brochure, and an illustrated flag. The project also contains the history of the state, famous people, what the state is known for, its famous



landforms, modes of transportation, its motto, famous food. All the state reports were descriptive, educational, and interesting, and delicious! We even learned from fourth grader, Lucas Gallo, that "Boston Creme Pie is actually cake." We can't wait for next year's participants.

Thank You Parents!

Dear Bobcat Times Parents,

As a group, the Bobcat Times writers would like to thank you for supplying our meetings with wonderful breakfasts and for waking up early to support us. We truly appreciate everything that you have done for us and we could not have done this without you.

Sincerely,
Caitlin McLearn
Bobcat Times Editor

Congratulations Class of 2018! May God Bless You!

- GESINA CATHARINA CARTER - *Walt Whitman High School*
- LAUREN NICOLE CHAMBERLIN - *St. John's College High School*
- JOSHUA MENDOZ DEAUSEN - *Churchill High School*
- ARIELLE EAST FAUSNAUGH - *Walt Whitman High School*
- TYLER CHASE HARMON - *St. John's College High School*
- MADELINE KARIN HAVERBACK - *St. John's College High School*
- SAMUEL DAVID HENRY - *Our Lady of Good Counsel High School*
- GABRIELLE KING HUGHES - *Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart*
- ALYSSA RENEE JOHNSON - *Annapolis Area Christian School*
- CAMILLA NICOLE KARNs - *Academy of the Holy Cross*
- KEVIN PATRICK KIERNAN - *Gonzaga College High School*
- DANIEL KRONICK NAKSHIN - *St. Anselm's Abbey School*
- DEVIN CLAIRE RYAN - *St. John's College High School*
- JENNIFER JOELLE SHANKLIN - *St. John's College High School*
- MAYA BROOKS SOLOMON - *Holton-Arms School*
- KYRA NYRVANA VELASQUEZ - *Undecided*
- MICHAEL BEVILLE WARD - *Walt Whitman High School*

Ask Bobby the Bobcat

By Caitlin McLearn

Q: How can I avoid the summer slump and finish my summer work?

A: The best way to avoid the summer slump is to spread your work out. Spreading out your work allows for less work at the last minute and helps prevent procrastination. Doing a small amount each day, keeps your skills sharp and makes you an efficient learner. This also eases the transition back to school in the fall.

Q: What is the best way to clean out my desk and locker?

A: To successfully clear out your desk or locker, first you should take all of your things out and sort them by category into bags to take home. When you are finished with that, use a wipe to clean your locker or desk. Lastly, if you have a locker, then remove locker shelves and don't forget to take your lock home!

St. Bart's Word Search

- FIELD DAY
- FIELD TRIPS
- FIRST COMMUNION
- FUN
- GEOGRAPHY BEE
- MAY CROWNING
- SEDER MEAL
- SPRING BREAK
- WILLY WONKA

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