



## **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

Established in 1957 by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur and grounded in the proud tradition of Catholic education, the Saint Jerome School community inspires students to achieve *academic excellence*, keep *faith at the center of all they do* and promote good citizenship through *acts of Christian service* within our community and beyond.

### **How We Lived the Mission This Week September 16, 2016**

#### **To all in the Saint Jerome School community...**

We have settled in for another year of excellence in academics, faith at the center of all we do and finding ways to meet needs greater than our own through Christian service.

We will again work to keep you informed of all the ways we live the mission of our school throughout the year.

#### **Academic Excellence**

Much work was done over the summer by all classes. Thanks to our parents as partners, we believe there was a benefit to this work in starting the year off well. The teachers have expressed delight at the quality of many students' work.

#### **This week...**

**K-2** did great work with FUNdations strips and working on their Math review. They have been working hard, practicing their prayers from the sign of the cross to Angel of God. They have also learned their first letter with a key word and sound (t-top-/t/) They have been learning about the special names of the lines we use when writing, and practicing making patterns (ABAB). Lastly, they wrote what their hopes and dreams are for Kindergarten.

**Grade 3** students have been learning the geography of the Holy Land at the time Jesus lived through quality map making now displayed in the room.

Ms. McGuire and fellow students have been finding out many special qualities of their peers through "I am Unique" compositions.

The class is involved in the first exciting trade book adventure of the year, "Abel's Island", the story of a fancy and rich mouse who becomes stranded alone on an island and must learn to develop his talents and courage.

Grade 1 is doing great things with part-part-whole tiles learning fractions.

Grade 2 "wowed" me with their energy and enthusiasm for their new song about the love Jesus has for them

Grade 3 has been memorizing a beautiful poem stanza by stanza and will soon be ready for a public presentation

Grade 4 is working to meet the challenge of 20 more points on their multiplication tables. I'm confident they can do it.

Grade 5 has been working on the water cycle this week in science. They made a mini-model of the water cycle on Monday (didn't work as perfectly as they hoped, but they did get some condensation from the melted ice). They also learned the Water Cycle Song.

The Middle school kids are adjusting to new teachers and establishing organizational skills.

Non-fiction reading journals and class presentations have been very interesting!

Perfect homework grades for Mrs. Connolly for Gianna, Molly, Emily, Ciaran, Aisling, Vanessa, Laudie, Vihanga, Nicholas, Max, Mary, Joan, Amelia, Dominique, Grace, Lucy, John, Epo, Ben, Jared, Alex, Lilah, Elizabeth. Congratulations to these diligent students

### **Faith at the Center of All We Do**

Bishop Dooher and Father Huy have been a regular presence each morning at our morning prayer assembly. We are SO blessed to have them!

Thank you to Grade 8 for planning our first Mass. It is nice to know we have such willing participants as leaders in our school.

The Joy was palpable as we celebrated the canonization of Mother Teresa of Calcutta in Rome. A modern day saint whose example is truly inspirational.

Thank you to Grade 8 for leading our morning prayer and assembly.

Thank you to Grade 5 for being so very welcoming to their new classmates, Keren and Kaitlyn.

Thank you to Juliana for her stunning connection between Dot Day and our Catholic faith.

### **Service as a Way to Build God's Community**

Recognition is given to **Alex Galicki and Cassie Foley** for sharing their artistic talent with the little folks in K-0.

Gratitude to **Rita Pumphrey** for setting up the morning activities for k-0 every morning.

Rockstars....**Charlotte and Maddi Hannan** came in on their own time to help get the library ready for us to use this year. They did a great job!

### **Shout outs**

**The Appreciation Tree**-On our second floor there is a tree where we will hang the names of anyone who deserves a compliment or special mention. This week we are putting up the names of Ms June Foley, Mr. Hannan and Mr. Puleo for being our chefs at the Block Party and Arianna Dobbins for always paying attention and being respectful.

Woo-hoo to all staff, parents and families who attended the Block Party

Couldn't do it without our wonderful custodians

Two thumbs up for Mrs. King for getting our new lunch program up and running

To all the parents who attended Open House and heard all that the teachers have in store for the coming year

### **Box Top Rock Stars**

Connor McCloskey

Jackson Pazdyk

My mom

Caitlyn Delaney

More to come next week. Always feel free to share a shout-out for anyone in our school community who deserves a BIG high-five!

GO PATS!!!!

