

OLA BULLETIN

So much has been happening around OLA recently! From plays, to sacraments, to learning about Ancient Egypt, we're here to keep you updated with all that's going on, here at OLA.



We'll start off with our little friends down in Pre-K, who learned the rhyme "Five Green and Speckled Frogs." They learned subtraction by having their frogs jump off a log and into a pool! You can see some of their frog artwork to the left.

Ms. Saller's KA students are becoming masters at counting to 100 as they anxiously await the 100th day of school. They have explored the weather everyday and made their own weather predictions along with Punxatawny Phil on Groundhogs's Day. Following Jesus' examples, they are learning how to be kind and loving towards their families and friends. Over in KB they are talking about forgiveness in religion, comparing numbers up to 31 in math, and completing a unit test in ELA. They will also be making predictions for Groundhog Day!

Moving on up, First Grade is learning how Jesus teaches us to love God. They're getting ready to start a new math chapter titled, "Data and Graphs: Using Operation."

Our friends in Second Grade are currently preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They have learned the 10 Commandments, the Act of Contrition, and how to examine their conscience. They are ready to meet the priest in this healing sacrament. Our classmates from Our Lady of Fatima received the grace of this Sacrament on January 14, 2021 and the remainder of the second grade will be receiving the Sacrament in the near future.

The busy Third Grade just finished up a module about Animal Survival Skills. Students have been working on a science informational article about an animal of their choice and how they survive in the wild. In honor of Inauguration Day, the third graders designed their own Oval Office and shared 10 fun facts about it. Did you know there's a secret escape door for the president in case of an extreme emergency? no

In honor of MLK, students wrote their own "I Have a Dream" speeches and made "Peace Doves".

Our fourth graders were able to continue the OLA tradition of the Nativity Play. If you have not seen it yet, it is on the OLA School website. You won't be disappointed. They just finished 2-digit multiplication and are now starting division. Not only are they learning (and excelling!) in new things in math, they're also covering topics like the Commandments and Mysteries of the Rosary in Religion, plants in Science, and William Penn in Social Studies. They also participated in the Amvets poster contest. Good Luck! We're excited to see where their studies take them next!

As a STREAM project, the 5th grade students are learning about pollution and the areas most impacted. They needed to design and build a Pollution Buster that would help clean up the pollution in the areas they researched. Hopefully they take this into consideration in the future and become friends to the environment! In their Math lessons, they are multiplying and dividing fractions. In Religion, they are studying parts of the Mass.

The 6th grade just finished learning about Ancient Egypt. They studied the development of this great civilization and some of its rulers.



The students even wrote their names in hieroglyphics. They also did an amazing job creating their own "faces of Egyptian royalty". In ELA they are reading *The Giver* by Lois Lowery. In this community everyone is the same. The community has never experienced pain, sorrow, joy, or love. Is this a good way to live? Connecting their study of space exploration and *The Giver*, the students must create a community of their own. They must decide on the best way of living and create their own amazing society!

The seventh graders have been learning about real-world expenses. Now they know how to solve math problems with Sales Tax, Total Cost, Discount and Sale Price, Commission, Interest, and Percents. These computations are used on a regular basis in many areas of work and are important skills to have and understand. Good job! In social studies, they are discussing the ratification of the U.S. Constitution, the presidency of George Washington, and the emergence of political parties. In

ELA, they are reading the novel *Maniac Magee*. *Maniac Magee* is the story of a young child who at the age of three becomes an orphan when his parents are killed in a tragic accident. The book shares with the students the many challenges that Maniac must overcome in life as he searches for a family who truly loves him and can fill the emptiness he has experienced since the death of his parents. The message behind the book is the importance of being loved, and the acceptance of those who may be different than you.

Lights, camera, picture! The 8th grade has captured the past by recreating famous photographs in history. Additionally, they strolled down memory lane by illustrating the cover of their favorite book from their childhood and explaining why the book is so important to them. They also just finished their exciting studies on World War I, where they learned about the different battles and alliances that took place during the war. The eighth graders love working in the STEM lab, where they work on different experiments illustrating the concepts of energy. Students are learning about the roots of our faith while studying the early Church. In math, they are learning how to calculate the

withholding taxes that are taken out of paychecks with their “Pay Day” projects. The future is theirs, and they are engaged!

In the Art room, the students are constantly studying artists and learning new techniques. They are able to mix color directly on paper, just as Paul Gauguin and Laurel Burch. During Catholic schools week, they created artwork to donate to a project called “Little Hands, Big Hearts.” We’re excited to have our school participate and help spread joy to hospital patients.

Our Student Council has also been up to many things around the school. During Christmas time, they bought miniature Christmas trees for all the teachers to keep in their classrooms. They were in charge of giving every student a lollipop as a treat for Catholic Schools Week as well. Additionally, during Catholic Schools Week, they hosted a sock collection for the Joy of Sox organization. Our school donated 659 pairs of socks! We’re so proud!

So, as you can see, OLA has been very busy, and we plan to keep updating you through the OLA Bulletin.