

Third Grade News May 12th

Classroom News

Mother's Day Tea

Thank you so much for joining us for our celebration of Mother's Day. The kids worked very hard and were very excited to share why their moms are the best. Thank you for sharing your children with me each day.

Curriculum Focus for Next Week

Religion

Prayer

- Practice praying using the 4 forms of prayer
- Writing to God - prayers in a written form

Reading

Summarizing

- Read, think and react
- Paraphrase and respond to information from the text
- Thinking about, within and beyond the text

Writing

Solar System

- Planets in our Solar System
- What are some characteristics of each planet?
- What makes a planet a planet?

Persuasive Writing

- Should Pluto still be a planet?
- Should we build a moon base?

Math

Perimeter

- Understanding Perimeter
- Tools used to measure Perimeter
- Perimeter of Common Shapes
- Different Shapes with the same perimeter

Science/Social Studies

Bridges

- Identify the bridges of Portland and their styles
- Building a beam bridge
- Modify beam bridges to make them stronger
- Building an arch bridge
- Modify arch bridges to make them stronger

School News

Speech Festival

Annually, Cathedral hosts a speech festival in June. We will continue this tradition with each class performing a group chorale piece on June 8th. Parents are invited to watch the chorale performances (in the afternoon, times are TBD).

Along with this, students kindergarten through 8th grade, will participate individually in the classroom. Pre-kindergarten students can choose whether they would like to participate in their classroom. Start thinking about a piece your student can memorize- a poem, part of a favorite story, part of a speech... From this, 3 students will be selected to share their piece in front of the whole school on June 8th. Student's individual selections are due by May 12th and will be presented to the classroom during the week of May 22nd. More information will be coming soon!

Mac Attack!

Second and sixth grades will host May's spotlight on service. The Mac Attack service project provides boxed macaroni and cheese to the Portland Sunshine Division. This two-week service project will begin on May 15th and end on May 26th. This was started at St. John Fisher several years ago and has become a competition between St. John Fisher, ourselves and a few other west side schools. Please help us with this battle against hunger by bringing in boxes of Mac and Cheese to your child's classroom starting May 15th.

Family Mass

Sunday June 4th the 3rd graders will have the opportunity to lead our St. Mary's community in the Family Mass along with the 7th graders. Please fill out the form below to indicate if you child would like to participate and what role they would like to have in the Mass. I will do my best to honor each family's choice.

Upcoming Events

5/15-5/25 - Mac Attack

5/17 - Rosary

5/19 - Grotto Field Trip

5/25 - Providence Party