

# St. John School News

## Message from Mrs. Kosmerchock, Principal: Faith through this time!

It seems strange to be at school with no children around – the laughter, the learning, and the sharing – but at this time it is necessary to help our state, country and the world conquer this virus and win! I know that the coronavirus pandemic is confusing and frightening for hundreds of millions of people. That is not surprising, for the unknown is scary. The situation has to change drastically to stop the spread, which is why the Governor has closed schools.

I know that at times like this I know that people of faith question their faith, their belief in God. Here are a few thoughts I have had:

First of all try to resist panic. This is not to say there is no reason to be concerned, or that we should ignore the sound advice of medical professionals and public health experts. But remember panic and fear are not from God. Calm and hope are. And I believe it is possible to respond to a crisis seriously and deliberately while maintaining an inner sense of calm and hope.

Think of it this way, there are two forces in our lives – one that draws us toward God and the other away from God. The one that draws us away is the “evil one”. He causes us anxiety, saddens and sets up obstacles. These lies lead to panic. Trust what medical experts tell you, not those who fear monger. That is why they call Satan the “Prince of Lies.”

Panic, by confusing and frightening you, pulls you away from the help God wants to give you.

It is not coming from God. What is coming from God”? God gives us courage and strength, consolations, inspirations and tranquility. So trust in the calm and hope you feel it. That is the voice I am asking you to listen to God’s voice.

“Do not be afraid!,” Jesus said many times.

Remember that even though schools, restaurants, businesses, and so much more have been cancelled, Love has not been!

Do not close your hearts to those that need help. Pray for people in our community, state, country and the world. Remember that we are in this together! We are a community! A family!

Trust that God is with you. You may feel alone, but you are not. We don’t know why this is happening, but we do know God is with us. We need to believe that he knows our fears and He will calm them. Trust in Him and with God’s help we will move through this time together.

May each of you be safe, and know that through all things the Lord is our strength in times of trouble. If you need anything, call and we will help!

Blessings,

*Mrs. Kosmerchock, Principal*



## Classroom News

**Mrs. Wagner's 4-year-old class:** Oh...how we are loving the warm sunshine and the fresh air! As we finish up our unit on "Growing Up Healthy," we have learned how important it is to be outside and how important exercise is for our health! April has arrived and we will be learning about "Nature All Around Us." Our students will be encouraged to be curious about their environment by watching plant growth, and observing changes they see in the sky,

### Mrs. Cavin 3-year-old class

We had a great time with our unit, Let's Move! We learned about different ways animals, people, weather, and even music move. We did some stretching, dancing, and moving to different tempos of music. We also painted while listening to classical music, and talked about how the music made us feel. We are looking forward to spring, and our next unit, Growing and Changing. When we return from our break, we will be learning about how we have changed this year, as well as how much we have changed and grown since we were born. We will be learning about the life cycles of different animals and plants. We will also be planting flowers, and watching them grow from seeds. During Jesus time, we have been learning about the many miracles of Jesus. We are looking forward to celebrating Easter when we return.

### Kindergarten Happenings

#### Mrs. Stottlemyer

The kindergarteners are ready for Spring, but their teacher is not ready for rainy recess days! We have been talking about Spring animals such as ducks who are ready to come back from their Winter homes. We are also talking and experimenting with seeds. We are learning about the lifecycle of a plant and the parts of a plant. I do not have a green thumb, but some of my students sure do! In March we talked about Lent and what Lent is and means. Now we are ready for Easter and celebrate our Lord's amazing love for us.



weather, and seasons. The BIG idea(s) in April will include: *I can plant a seed and watch it grow, I see how the sky is different during the day and night, The weather affects what I wear and do each day, and I notice how the seasons change.* For Jesus Time, we will have a Praise Parade for Jesus, decorate sand crosses, and then put them in our origami Easter baskets for our Easter celebration - *Come along and celebrate, Jesus is alive!*

### First Grade News

#### Mrs. Jan McGhee

Easter blessings from first grade! Jesus' resurrection is the assurance we all have of a wonderful life in heaven following our earthly journey.

### Second Grade News

#### Mrs. Cheryl Yoder

The warmer weather has our class excited for spring days and playing outside without their winter gear. When we return from the extended break we will be creating small resurrection gardens to celebrate the return of Jesus. Easter is such a wonderful time to help students really reflect on all the joys and blessings in our lives. We look forward to everyone returning to school happy and healthy, so we can continue on this blessed journey together.

### Third Grade Classroom

#### Mrs. Tiffany Scheurich

We have been very busy in 3rd grade! We have learned our multiplication facts 0-12! We have been able to complete timed tests in less than 3 minutes for facts 0-8! We even had a competition against 4th grade on our multiplication facts! In religion, we have learned about the Means of Grace. Pastor Mews even came in to talk to us about The Lord's Supper! It was very interesting! We wrote acrostic poems in writing class! We picked out a friend's name and wrote a poem using the letters in their name! We even learned how to use Word Art to make our poems look creative! We also started a research paper on whales to go with our story "Symphony of Whales". In social studies, we

learned all about maps and even created a globe from paper mache as well as a map of Ohio out of salt dough! We started learning about different communities! In science, we finished our natural resource chapter and started to learn about life science! Finally, in math, we have learned about fractions as well as how to calculate area and perimeter!

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#### **Fourth Grade Classroom**

##### **Miss Carli Rossow**

Wow! March just flew away and now we're headed into April. We are so excited to get out into the sunshine and soak up some warmer weather! God is so good and given us so many blessings! We are continually reminded of His great love for us and we are eagerly waiting Easter when we can celebrate that Jesus is ALIVE and our sins are forgiven! We have worked really hard in the world of LONG DIVISION... and we're gearing up for... fractions! We've learned about the early settlers of Ohio and how our state was once the gateway to the west full of canals and lots of railroads. We'll be headed to the Providence Metropark in May to check out one of last functional locks as we take a canal ride, and maybe they'll let us help grind some corn into cornmeal at the Ludwig Mill. We've started discussing Ohio's role during the Civil War and the abolitionist movement. Hmm... Was Ohio part of the Union, the Confederacy, or was it a Border State? Verbs have come and gone and we're ready for Adjectives, Adverbs, Prepositions, and more. Do you remember that song that goes Lolly, lolly, lolly get your adverbs here? We're wondering what it's all about.

##### **Fifth Grade – Miss Mews**

Rainy. Soggy. Sunny. Warm. Bright. Is spring finally on its way? These might be some adjectives you would use to describe the days ahead. Students in 5th and 6th grade have been writing various forms of essays and letters and have been encouraged to add some descriptive adjectives as well. The 6th grade class took part in the Great Mail Race, sending letters to other 6th grade classes across all 50 states. The 5th grade class has been learning how to write essays with descriptive and supportive sentences. The 7th grade students have been reading poetry and deciphering figurative language and what it means. As the warmer weather approaches, hopefully P.E. for 5th-8th grade will be

outside more. We pray you will find some time outside too!

#### **Ms. Santo's Classes**

Welcome to spring! Fitting that it's finally here as most of my science classes have been learning about plants and photosynthesis. 5th graders were beginning to work with fractions: simplifying them and comparing them. After the extended break, they will be adding and subtracting them. 7th graders are working on angles and their relationships. 6th graders will be returning to equations! Yay for algebra: my favorite branch of mathematics. I hope everyone had a nice and blessed extended break.

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#### **Seventh & Eighth Grade – Mrs. Phillips**

Spring is finally here! We've been getting tired of seeing snow and having to wear our thick coats to school. It feels nice having to wear a sweatshirt to school now. No more snow boots! In social studies, both classes (7th/8th & 5th/6th) are learning about how a young United States faced several challenges both foreign and domestic. In math, we are diving into volume and surface area. We know there's going to be a lot of memorization for formulas of all sorts of shapes! After this chapter in math, there's only one more left! Will Mrs. Phillips give us a break after? In ELA, we've been learning about different types of essays and which essay would best fit a scenario and why. We've been relearning what makes up an essay and how to write one using descriptive words and citing resources. It's going to be a long journey. In reading, the 8th graders have been finishing up non-fiction books and essays while answering the question, "How much information is enough?"

### **“THE BIG BAD MUSICAL”**

All K – 8 students will be participating in the spring musical April 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

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