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Christ the King



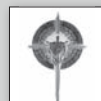
Immaculate
Heart of Mary



St. Joan of Arc



St. Lawrence



St. Luke



St. Matthew



St. Pius X



St. Simon



St. Thomas
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Welcome to the 2018-2019 Winter issue of North Deanery News! In the pages that follow, you will read about the exciting academic and extracurricular programs and accomplishments happening daily in many of our North Deanery grade and middle schools. As your North Deanery high school, Bishop Chatard shares in this excitement and is pleased to join in celebrating these efforts!

While each parish and school community is unique, we all participate in a shared mission: to prepare our students academically, socially and spiritually to excel in school and in life. The highlights submitted by our North Deanery principals for this issue of North Deanery News illustrate that our schools are on the right track.



Pictured beginning bottom left: Lottie Ogorek (St. Pius X), Lainey Scroggins (St. Matthew), Kim Bowers (IHM), Sydney Roney (SJOA), Kahlen Roney (STA), Katie Grote (CKS), Sarah Fillenwarth (CKS), Sophia Duray (Westfield), Anthony Cuevas (St. Philip Neri), Jaeden Crawford (CKS) and Paige Zehner (St. Simon). School in parenthesis following each name denotes middle school attended.

NATIONAL ART PROGRAM recognizes Trojans for excellence

Eleven Bishop Chatard students have been recognized for their talent and creativity in art and photography by the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards program. These students, who collectively received 13 awards, will be celebrated along with other regional winners at the Visions & Voices Scholastic Awards Ceremony on March 17 at Butler University's Clowes Memorial Hall.

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards is the nation's largest and longest-running recognition program for creative teenagers in the visual and literary arts. Students in grades 7 – 12 may apply in 29 categories to earn scholarships and have their work exhibited and published. This year, nearly 350,000 entries were submitted nationwide.

BCHS students from the AP Art Studio and Advanced Photography classes received one Gold Key Award, two Silver Key Awards and 10 Honorable Mentions. All will be recognized on March 17.

Senior Kahlen Roney was awarded a Gold Key, the program's highest honor, for his artwork titled "Memory Lane." Juniors Katie Grote and Lottie Ogorek won Silver Keys for their creative works, while seniors Lainey Scroggins, Sydney Roney, Sarah Fillenwarth, Anthony Cuevas and Jaeden Crawford, along with juniors Kim Bowers, Sophia Duray and Paige Zehner received Honorable Mentions.



All Gold and Silver Key honorees are being featured in the Visions & Voices Exhibition running through March 17 at Clowes Hall and the Schrott Center for the Arts.

Senior Kahlen Roney's work "Memory Lane" received a Gold Key Award. (left)



ST. SIMON



ST. MATTHEW



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE on display at Spell Bowl 2019!

The house was packed and only a few points separated the teams, but this was no athletic contest. It was Spell Bowl 2019, and the best spellers from all nine North Deanery grade and middle schools were at Bishop Chatard on Feb. 5 to compete.

Fourth through eighth grade students from Christ the King, Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Joan of Arc, St. Lawrence, St. Luke, St. Matthew, St. Pius X, St. Simon and St. Thomas Aquinas lined up to test their academic strength. Words like "hieroglyphic" and "symmetry" and proper names including "Zimbabwe" and "Okeechobee Lake" were among the words students were asked to spell.

Like other teams at their schools, Spell Bowl teammates had to deal with weather delays – the event was originally scheduled during Catholic Schools Week on Jan. 30, a day that began with many schools cancelling classes and went down in history as one of Indianapolis' coldest days on record – and some had to overcome pregame jitters. In the end, all participants did an impressive job and demonstrated the outstanding academic education offered at all of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis North Deanery schools.

Congratulations to St. Simon, this year's Spell Bowl champion; St. Matthew, 1st Runner Up; and IHM, 2nd Runner Up.

To find out more about getting involved in Spell Bowl competitions at your school, contact your principal.



THE LIVES OF SAINTS

celebrated at St. Simon

During the week of October 28th, St. Simon the Apostle students, staff and parents celebrated the Feast of St. Simon, All Saints Day and All Souls Day. The festivities began honoring our patron saint, St. Simon the Apostle. Father John and Father Santhosh started the day by blessing every classroom, followed by an all-school procession to Mass. During Mass, students learned not only about St. Simon, but also about the rich history of St. Simon the Apostle parish and school.

Following Mass, students prayed the Rosary as they processed throughout the parish and school hallways (rain altered the previously planned outdoor Rosary.) At the conclusion of the Rosary, students and staff joined one another in the gym for special musical performances by the band, choir and theater group. Faculty and staff, who are alumni of St. Simon, (including Father John!) were recognized and shared fond memories of their time as a St. Simon student. A picnic lunch was enjoyed after the concert! Special thanks to the 8th grade Leadership team who helped plan the inaugural, daylong festivities celebrating St. Simon the Apostle!

On November 1st, 4th grade students culminated their saints project by dressing up as a saint they had researched and leading a procession into the school Mass. The students shared information about the holy lives of each saint with the congregation, and participated in the Litany of the Saints. This is a long-standing, 4th grade tradition for St. Simon the Apostle School students.

On November 2nd, students celebrated All Souls Day. Students and staff created a memorial altar with pictures and mementos of deceased loved one. A special, candlelight procession into Mass helped commemorate our faithfully departed.

This special week, which included three school Masses, was a wonderful way to celebrate our patron saint, the holy lives of saints, and our faithfully departed.



ST. SIMON SCHOOL ALUMNI



ST. MATTHEW STUDENTS

are engaged in their community



St. Matthew 3rd grade students volunteered at St. Vincent dePaul on December 11. Students helped sort fruits, vegetables and canned goods. They also helped customers bag their groceries. Working at St. Vincent DePaul is an annual tradition for our 3rd graders!



The Joseph Maley Friends Puppet Troupe brings compassion to life through child-sized puppets. St. Matthew 8th graders who are in the puppet troupe perform not only for St. Matthew students during disABILITY Awareness Week, they share their talents and this important message with other schools throughout the year.



St. Matthew's Robotics teams not only participated in their first-ever tournament in the group's 16-month history, they also hosted a tournament for the North Deanery on Dec. 10. Eleven different robot teams from St. Matthew, IHM, CKS, St. Luke and St. Joan of Arc participated. Bishop Chatard Robotics Team members Ethan Bowers (SMS Class of 2017) and Evan Li, an exchange student who St. Matthew Assistant Principal Mrs. Keiser is hosting, served as referees. Mr. Aaron Rues serves as the SMS Robotics Team moderator and organized the tournament.



STA ANSWERS POPE'S CALL

to care for our common home

St. Thomas Aquinas School was recognized as a Master's Level Thriving School based on the number of sustainability projects that we have completed. A student-led project has reduced lunch waste by collecting waste food for the school chickens, composting, and recycling milk cartons.

Students at STA are encouraged to walk or bike to school, either independently or with organized "Walking School Buses." The school celebrated the Season of Creation (Sept. 1 through Oct. 4) by focusing on water. Students made presentations on water issues and participated in a Penny War, raising over \$1,500 to purchase water filters for our sister parish in Haiti.

Students have combined the call to care for creation with civics by writing letters to our elected officials. Through all these actions and more, STA students are living the call from Pope Francis in *Laudato Si'* to care for our common home.

ST. PIUS X SHINES SPOTLIGHT on the Arts

St. Pius X opened the 2018-2019 school year with a renovation and two new programs, which contribute to the enhancement of the Arts at the school. Developing the Arts program at SPX is a project that has been underway since 2017, when the PTO was organizing the biannual fundraiser. At the fundraiser, which took place last school year, the PTO approached the school with a Fund-A-Need idea to help bring more of a focus onto the Arts.

The first step in doing this involved a complete renovation of the school cafeteria and stage, Ross Hall. The renovation included painting the walls, sanding and refinishing the stage, adding a new curtain, and more. All of these additions, plus the new sound system installed the year before, made the school Christmas play that much better.

With the new renovations came two wonderful new programs to SPX: a school band and a musical production. Mr. Schafer, SPX music teacher, gave students in grades 5-8 the opportunity to sign up and participate in the school band. Excited to participate, these students committed to meet once a week as a regular class period to learn their instruments and play together as an ensemble. After getting their instruments in late September, the band was already performing at the school Christmas play in December. SPX looks forward to hearing the school band at more functions in the future.

Also, with the money raised by PTO's Fund-A-Need, St. Pius X, with the help of the Summer Stock Stage series, will be putting on a production of The Wizard of Oz at Marian University this Spring. Students finished auditions before Christmas break and are now participating in rehearsals after school to prepare for the upcoming show.

Many great things are happening at St. Pius X this year to help celebrate the Arts.





SJOA HONORS its rich Catholic heritage

St. Joan of Arc held two special events in celebration of our Catholic identity. On Dec. 14, Spanish teacher Alex DeCoursey led students in a traditional Latino procession called Las Posadas - in English, "The Inns." Students dressed in costumes playing the parts of Mary, Joseph, and angels processed from classroom to classroom. At each room, they were told there was "no room in the inn" for them. The event culminated in all-school festivities in the gym.

After we returned from Christmas break, 5th grade teacher Kate Lee organized an Epiphany procession to commemorate the Magi's pilgrimage to the Christ Child, complete with gold, frankincense, and myrrh. One student carried the cross while others held candles and sang "We Three Kings" as they processed from the school to the church. Once in the church, students knelt in prayer before statues of the Holy Family and the three kings.

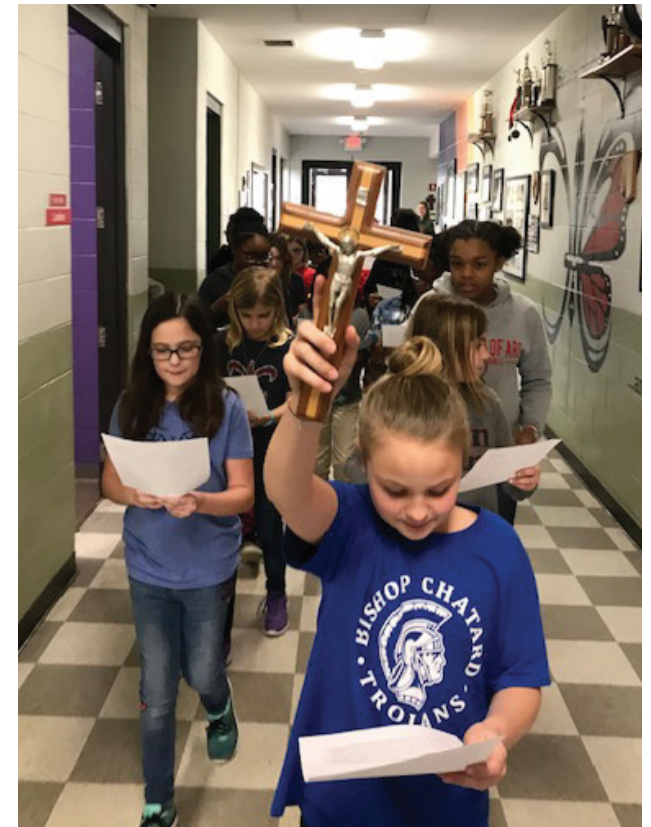
Both events were a wonderful way to honor our rich Catholic heritage.

CKS STUDENTS strive to be protectors and leaders

Christ the King's 2018-2019 school year theme is "Growing Innovative Leaders Guided by Catholic Values." Our innovative students have been stepping into leadership roles in many different ways. First, a 6th grade student planned and implemented a donation to the Tyler Trent Endowment and was able to raise over \$2,500 in one day. This will be matched, so the overall donation will be over \$5,000. We are so proud of this special protector who put his faith in action by putting others first and showed that no matter how old you are, you can make a difference! He is a great role model for everyone in our community.

Another group of our innovative student leaders recently received a huge honor from the city of Indianapolis. Our A.R.K. (Action, Responsibility, Knowledge) Society students accepted a Thriving Schools Challenge Master Certification award at a ceremony at the Indiana State Museum. We earned this honor due to the A.R.K. Society's implementation of a new lunch recycling and composting program. We received a grant that will pay for our extra compost to be picked up for the rest of the year. We were also commended on the establishment of our Saints Isidore & Maria Garden.

It has been great to see our students truly live our theme this year. We are looking forward to where they will lead us next! You can find out more about these students by reading our [180 Days of Learning Blog](#).





ST. LUKE STUDENTS HOST 'Christmas Around the World' Culture Fair

St. Luke Catholic School hosted a day-long Christmas Around the World Culture Fair on the Thursday before Christmas Break.

The goal of the Culture Fair was to provide an enrichment opportunity using research, writing, technology and creativity to learn more about God's world and His people everywhere. Each grade level had been learning about a different country throughout the first semester and this provided an opportunity to share and showcase what they had learned.

Families were invited to join students and staff for the entire day which began with an all-school International Mass highlighting different dress, cultures and customs. Parents were then invited to gather and enjoy refreshments while the children prepared in their rooms to host their guests.

Children wore costumes, and they decorated their rooms and hallways in their countries' colors and led their guests in activities leading from educational craft making, food creation and tasting, to dancing. Students took turns hosting and visiting classrooms throughout the morning so all could get an opportunity to learn from each other. The day concluded with presentations by the students to the entire student body. Some students had learned facts to share, some songs to sing.

As always St. Luke Catholic School continues to strive to be #stlukestrong in all we do through demonstration of our pillars. Studying about different cultures, attending Mass together, sharing what we'd learned and joining together in this day provided several examples of our Empathy, Integrity, Faith, Commitment and Enthusiasm.



2019 Camps

REGISTRATION

for 2019 Summer Camp
is now underway!

What better way to fight the winter chill than to start planning your family's summer fun?

Registration for Bishop Chatard 2019 Summer Camp is now open. BCHS is offering a variety of camps that encourage grade and middle school students to explore new interests, challenge their imaginations and hone current skills. Athletic and enrichment camps appeal to students interested in theatre, technology, music, sports, community service, art and more. Half and full-day camps are available, or your child may bring a lunch and experience different camps in our morning and afternoon sessions.

Our camp webpage provides details about camp dates, age ranges, cost, available discounts and access to our camp registration page. Some camps fill quickly!

BCHS ATHLETIC CAMPS

- Baseball Camp
- Basketball Camp (boys & girls camps)
- Cheerleading Camp
- Football Camp
- Lacrosse Camp (boys & girls camps)
- Softball Camp
- Soccer Camp (boys & girls camps)
- Volleyball Camp (boys & girls camps)
- Wrestling Camp

BCHS ENRICHMENT CAMPS

- Art of Harry Potter Camp
- Creating with Clay Camp (2-week camp)
- Cooking Camp Level 1
- Cooking Camp Level 2
- Creative Writing Camp
- Everyone Can Code Camp
- Improv Comedy Camp
- IntenCity (service) Camp (5th - 8th grade)
- IntenCity Jr. (service) Camp (1st - 4th grade)
- Pop Art Camp
- Robotics Skills Camp
- Introduction to Robotics (Robotics) Camp
- Theatre Camp



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