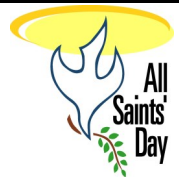


BULLDOG SPIRIT



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Fall Fun

By Tillar Lewis & Mollie Angel



First graders Sarai Flanagan and Bliss Woodson hold pumpkins they decorated at the Schaefer's Corn Maze.

The Kindergarten and First Grade classes took a field trip on October 9 to Schaefer's Corn Maze located near Mayflower, Arkansas.

The children took part in seasonal activities such as hayrides, tractor rides, pumpkin decorating, and exploring the corn maze.

The Schaefer's Corn Maze is ten years old and has expanded over the years to include a kitchen, a brand new barn, a picnic area, a playground and a corn pit. It's located 6-8 miles off of Dave Ward Drive and 8-10 miles from the interstate highway.

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Diocesan School Board Tours Campus



Development Director Nicole Rappold (center) briefs the Diocese of Little Rock School Board and others at the Middle School entrance before the St. Joseph Ambassadors take them on a tour.

The Arkansas Catholic Schools Board of Directors, which normally conducts its meetings in Little Rock, gathered at St. Joseph School on October 15.

Before the Board convened it was given a tour of our campus by St. Joseph Student Ambassadors and their sponsor, Development Director Nicole Rappold.

The Board of Directors includes Mr. Chuck Toomer, Ms. Debbie Villager, Mr. Jay Kutchka, Mr. Mike Sartain, Mr. Greg Barborek, Father Jason Tyler, Father Tom Elliott, and Dr. George Schaefer. Diocesan Schools Superintendent Vernell Bowen and Associate Superintendent Theresa Hall also took the tour.

Our Student Ambassadors are senior Holly Rega, junior Brianna Covington, freshman Emily Hambuchen, 8th graders Kyle Hartman and Aaryanna Janowiecki and 7th graders Elizabeth Chandler, Caitlyn Simon and Abbie Flake. (Related photo on page 5)



Middle School Shows Spirit

The 4th-6th grades displayed a lot of enthusiasm at St. Joseph's first pep rally October 24. It was a prelude to the Purple and Gold basketball games which start October 30.

Members of the Bulldog Band are performing at left while 4th graders celebrate winning a Spirit Stick.

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Third Graders Win Coloring Contest
By Emma Kordsmeier



Third graders Ian Murphy and Max Longing were the proud winners of a coloring contest sponsored by the University of Central Arkansas and Little Rock Radio Station B98.5. They each were chosen to receive free tickets to the October 5th performance of "The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley" at University's Reynolds Performance Hall.

Forty-one third grade classrooms in Falkner County summited entries into the contest. Two winners of each class were selected. The contest was judged by the radio's station morning drive time hosts, Lisa Fischer and Jeff Matthews.

Third Grade Art Shown At ArtsFest By Connor Harrell



Abbey Brewer



Matthew Seiter



Bethany Woodson



Kaddee Pham

The Eighth Annual Conway ArtsFest ran from September 26-October 5. It was sponsored by the Conway Alliance for the Arts. The theme this year was Art Everywhere. An exhibition of student art from Conway area schools was displayed in the American Management Company lobby.

Art teacher Shannon Chamoun had her third grade class create folk art from the country of Panama and its Kuna Indians. The children made "molass," which are layers of brightly colored fabric forming animals or geometric shapes. A wall of them was displayed at the exhibit.

Readers Rewarded

Many Elementary and Middle School students took part in this year's Summer Reading Program entitled "Bulldogs Fetch A Good Book and Read."

Nearly 50 of them had their names drawn to receive a free pencils and posters. The Grand Prize Winners, pictured left, also received Bulldog t-shirts.



Lily Vaughn

Chloe Skinner

PTO Conducts Successful Raffle By Wyatt Zinno



The St. Joseph PTO held its Semi-Annual Bake Raffle on October 8th. Faculty and parents provided baked goods and specialty items to raise money for teachers' needs. About \$4,000 was made, which will be evenly distributed among the teachers.

Middle School students Olivia and Emma Pasierb, along with little sister Anna Cate, accept a certificate for their parents who won a free admission to the Schaefer's Corn Maze along with a scenic hayride for 25 people. First Grader Caleb Grigg's mom, Andrea, won a Christmas apron made by her son's class along with caramel apple cheese bars baked by teacher Courtney Pope. Third Grade teacher Amy Evens drew the winning ticket for "thermally neutral carbohydrate disks with avena sativa inclusions" (also known as *No Bake Cookies*) prepared by high school science teacher Jim Belote. Sixth grade teacher Steve Massa took home a jar of beef jerky made from a vintage recipe from the family of Counselor Richard Walter.

Chess Team Nears Decade of Existence By Micah Salvo and Brittney Evans



(left) Coach John Johnson gives instructions to chess players Thomas and Carolina Ferrer. (right) Julianna Ferrer and Blake Wilson study each other's moves.

The 2014-2015 St Joseph Chess Team consists of 10 members from K-8th grade. This year, practice is every Tuesday from 3:30– 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the Elementary School. Chess season normally runs from October to late April or early May. The team completes in the Little Rock School District (LRSD) Chess League. The League schedules five regular Tournaments and a Championship Tournament. There's also our annual Southern Scholastic Bob Nabholz Memorial Tournament played in the Spring. The team expects to play in seven tournaments this school year.

This marks the ninth year Mr. John Johnson has coached the Chess Team. It began as a collaborative effort by Principals Susie Freyaldenhoven and Joe Mallett, Coach Johnson and a group of supportive parents who wanted to learn the game and saw the educational benefits of such a program. "It's been my pleasure to teach and mentor all the students through the years," Coach Johnson said. "I've watched them grow and mature confident in themselves. Knowing that I've played a small part in that makes it all worth while." Mr. Gabriel Ferrer serves as Assistant Coach.

Little Dribblers Return Home

By Tristin Harper



Coach Laura Hiegel Williams shows a girl how to hold a basketball.

"Little Dribblers" is an athletic program aimed at developing basketball handling skills at the elementary school level. It was first started by Ms. Laura Hiegel Williams in 2006. "I saw an article in the newspaper about kids in Greenbrier doing this," Ms. Williams said. "Because I've had children that age I thought I should start a program like it here at Saint Joseph."

Ms. Williams has a basketball background. She played for St. Joseph under Coaches Kathryn Mourot and Chris Kordsmeier and went on to play at UCA. Her "Little Dribblers" program starts with the basic ball handling skills she learned from Coach Kordsmeier known as "Kings Drills." She also focuses on jump shots, proper shooting, confidence, fine motor skills, listening skills, speed, dribbling stance, triple threat, dribbling with a defender, and school spirit. The children practice every Thursday afternoon at the Bob Nabholz Youth Center. They perform during the half times of Junior Girls games.

This is the first year to bring back "Little Dribblers" after a two or three year absence. "I took a break from it due to the loss of my mother in 2011," Ms. Williams said. "Then I had a baby the next year."

The first performance of the group will be on November 3rd. Additional performances will take place on 6th, 13th and 24th of the month.



Police Explain Their Duties

By Peter Woodson



(upper left) Officer Richard Shumate and his K-9 dog, Dax. (upper right) Detective Bradley Fornash speaks to the students. (bottom left) Officer Dean Julian (bottom right) Detective Fornash

Members of the Conway Police Department came to St. Joseph Elementary School the week of October 13 to allow students to meet them "up close and personal in a non-intimidating environment," Public Information Officer Latresha Woodruff said. "We want them to know that we not only make arrests, but that we also come to the aid of adults and children like themselves."

One of the police department goals is to teach children that its officers are their friends and that they're people to be trusted. The police officers talked to the students about strangers, good guys and bad guys, and when to call 911. They also let them crawl through their police units, check out the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) bus, and meet the K-9 officer and his dog.

The hope on such visits is that the children learn valuable safety information and that they're comfortable with approaching and talking to police officers.

POLICE LINE DO NOT CROSS

Fourth Grade Visits Archeological Site by Micah Salvo



A Park Ranger explains how the mounds came to be.



Students discover how hard it was to pick cotton.



Class works a cotton machine which separates seeds from the cotton.



Marleigh Thessing, Mary Dayer, Chloe Skinner, Myra Mangum and Caroline Snyder at the Ox-Bow Lake now known as Mound Lake. The Plum Bayou people once hunted and fished here.



Sophia Lemley, Lillie Moix, Kendall Fillippino and Clay Shearer hold pieces of cotton they've picked.



Jackson Tucker, Scott Massa, Jake Hill and Olivia Williams at Mound Lake which once was part of the Arkansas River that is now four miles away.

Teachers Melanie Kordsmeier and Nicole Gooch took their 4th Graders to the Toltec Mounds Archeological State Park near Scott, Arkansas on October 17. "The trip was part of our Arkansas history study," Ms. Kordsmeier said. "We studied and finished our learning on Arkansas History, and that's where we decided to go."

The classes went to the park's agricultural museum first. That's where they learned about the cotton industry and the plantation system, including how cotton was picked and sorted.

The Toltec Mounds were next. The mounds were used for different rituals and ceremonies many centuries ago. They're called the Toltec Mounds because it was first thought they were built by the Toltec Indians of Mexico. Archaeologists later learned they were actually made by Native Americans known as the Plum Bayou people.

These mounds are preserved and

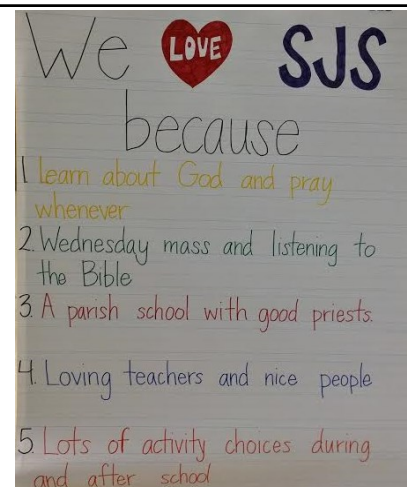
protected today because they contain ancient artifacts and burial relics.

There were well over a dozen of these mounds around the area in the distant past, but several were destroyed by modern-day farmers while plowing under their land for growing. It was privately-owned and heavily farmed land at the time and the farmers didn't realize the historical value of the mounds. A few remain today which were saved after the land was purchased by the state and turned into a park in 1980.

"When you first drive up to Toltec and see what's there you think 'This is it?'" Ms. Kordsmeier said. "Once the Ranger explains the significance of what took place there, it's much more impressive."

The students loved Toltec and the agricultural museum. They even got to make an old-timey toy like children back then might have played with years ago.

"I liked that you got to learn all about the Indians and how they lived back then.," Chloe Skinner said. "In the museum you got to see how they made cotton and how people survived."



Ms Kordsmeier's class expressed these thoughts which greeted the Diocesan School Board on October 15.



Middle School Profiles

By Emma Kordsmeier and Tristin Harper



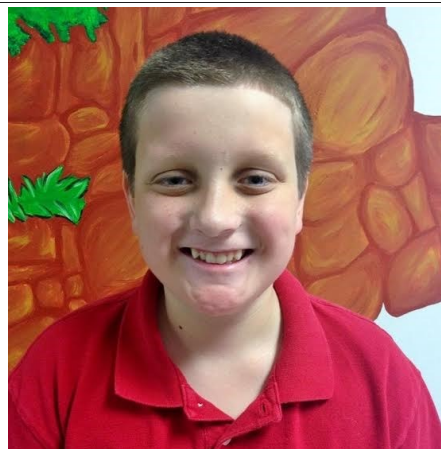
Logan Bruich

~Logan

1. Halloween
2. Suckers
3. Saint Luke
4. Writing reports.

~Jake

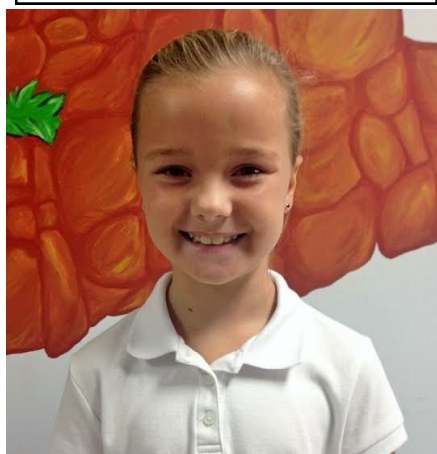
1. Halloween
2. Kit Kats
3. St. Francis of Assisi
4. Presentations



Jake Luyet

~Tyler

1. Leaves
2. I really don't know.
3. St. Francis
4. Texting



Ruby Jones

~Ruby

1. Halloween
2. Kit Kats
3. St. Theresa
4. Making presentations.



Tyler Van Dyke



Elementary School Profiles

By Emma Kordsmeier and Tristin Harper



Sarai Flanagin

~Sarai

1. That we get to jump in leaves.
2. Suckers
3. Father John
4. Recess

~Cooper

1. Halloween
2. Skittles
3. St. Mark
4. Play games.



Cooper Berger

~Dylan

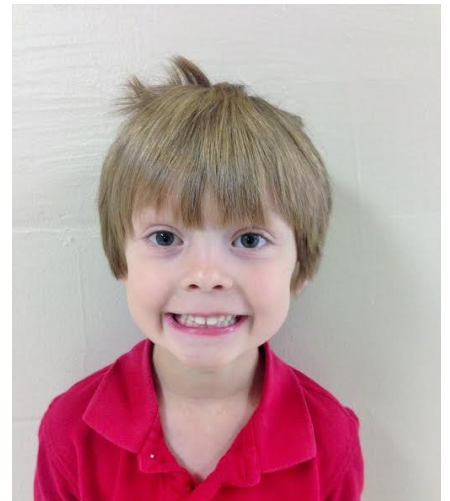
1. Halloween
2. Smarty's
3. I don't know.
4. Play games

~Cherokee

1. Leaves
2. Licorice
3. St. Mary
4. I have no idea.



Cherokee Jones



Dylan Kelly



Ashlee Hill, Annabelle Trusty, and Adrian Paz enjoy the John Deere tractor ride.



Ava Jackson and Hailey Snyder pose in the pumpkin cutouts.

Fire Safety Promoted by Tristin Harper



The Conway Fire Department came to the Elementary School this month to promote fire safety. Firefighter Kenny Wiedower talked to 3rd graders about crawling low in smoke, having a meeting place to go to in the event of a fire, and how to stop, drop, and roll if your clothes catch on fire.

Being All They Can Be To Be Drug Free



These 2nd Graders put a "sock on drugs" during Red Ribbon Week by wearing wacky socks, ties, and caps or cowboy clothes.

Students Explore Science By Emma Kordsmeier



(Left) Fifth grader Emily Berumen displays an animal cell model she created in Ms. Jessica Weakley's science class. Her students studied the organelles that comprise animal and plant cells. (Right) Fifth graders Anna Rappold and Olivia Pasierb worked together to create a food web. Ms Weakley's students later learned how adding and removing organisms changed the dynamic of the entire food web.

Historic Cookies Baked



Fourth Grade teachers Nicole Gooch and Melanie Kordsmeier recently wrapped up their study of Arkansas History by making sugar cookies molded in the shapes of Arkansas' state symbols. The cookie cutters were provided by Ms. Monica Lieblong.

*Featured Cutest
Friends
By: Melissa and Elizabeth
Hambuchen*



