



## **At Saint Jerome School, these are some of the ways we lived our Mission this week....October 14, 2011**

### **Academic excellence**

The new Senteos devices have arrived! These clicker-type hand held responders can be used with the SMART boards to pre-test, review and assess topics taught in the classroom. Mrs. DiVito is programming them for the classes and pre-viewing their capabilities now in Grade 4. We will have training for the rest of the teachers before Halloween. Get ready for a new way of testing your learning!

Miss Kreckie shares that Grade 6 is doing a great job solving algebraic equations. The students have worked very hard to achieve a high level of success and she is proud of the outcomes.

Grade 7 and 8 have been spending part of their Social Studies time each week learning about past presidents of the United States. This is week 5 and they have just completed their test on James Monroe.

Many of our classes have done writing exercises in preparation for our Grandparents Celebration. These pieces include poems, anagrams, essays and a timeline. All classes have done terrific work on your songs for the celebration I know your grandparents and "like grandparents" will enjoy their day because of the effort you and your teachers have put into the preparation. Thank you for using your many skills to honor these special people in your lives.

### **Faith at the center of what we do**

The Saint Jerome parish/school community was well represented at the annual Walk for Life. The Clogstons, the McGurrans and the Gallaghers made banners and walked to call attention to how much we should love every life God makes. We are grateful for their example.

We offer our thanks to Bishop Dooher and Deacon Charlie for their part in our celebration of the Eucharist on First Friday and an extra special thanks to Ms. Nowelle, our choir (including Grade 7) and to Jenna Moloney for the beautiful job she did playing the bells! It literally brought tears to my eyes to hear and see your energy and talents enriching our Mass.



## **Community through service**

The word service means to offer support through acts of kindness and generosity. There are so many people, students, parents and staff, who are always finding ways to make our school a better place...

Thanks to all of you who have been bringing in cereal, coffee and juice for the food pantry, toothbrushes for Costanza and a variety of items for the orphanage. We are blessed in many ways and giving to these causes is a way to show how grateful we are to have people who love us, a warm home, food in our bellies and medical care whenever we need it.

Cameron Sullivan... our thanks to you for all the help you provide our littlest ones in Extended Day. You make more of an impression than you can imagine, so keep up the good work. Another shout out to Kelly Kane for sticking behind to help Ms. Rubera with Youth Ministry preparations and classroom tasks.

October means it is time to be winding down the gardening season. We are all grateful to Mrs. Donnellan, Katie and Molly for the hours of work they put in through three seasons to make sure our flowers are planted and watered and the veggies are picked and enjoyed (and the salsa recipe is shared!). Keep watching for new additions to our gardens before they go to sleep for the winter!

A special thank you to Mrs. McCarthy and all the families and staff who have donated items and helped out in any way to make our spaghetti supper a wonderful night. Maybe we can open our own Italian restaurant!

As always, your teachers are sharing with me every day and I am aware of all the good that is happening in our school. Thank you for the effort you put into being good kids and thank you for all the ways you find to live the Mission!

Hope to see you all at the Spaghetti Dinner Saturday night!

Mrs. Puleo