



At Saint Jerome School, these are some of the ways we lived our Mission this week....December 9, 2011

Academic excellence

The first report cards are now history and I offer my congratulations and admiration to all who did their personal best. My parents always reminded me that they first looked at my conduct and effort and that there was generally a direct link to my grades.... If you did your very best this term, keep up the good work. If you know that there are areas in which you can do better, please start today to make Term 2 your personal best. I know there are still many talents yet to be shared!

We have recognized the accomplishment of our robotics team in earning a spot in the state finals and I wanted to share what I witnessed that made that success spirit of the entire team and their support of each other when the first trials didn't go as hoped.

Coming back to "the Pit", they never criticized anyone. Rather, they immediately gathered at the practice table and worked on improving together. I couldn't have been prouder of their ability to come together in such a positive, constructive way, working truly as a team. Nice job to our "nine guys and a girl!"

Faith at the center of what we do

Thank you all for your prayers and messages for Charlotte Kelly's family. It was very difficult, sad news to share and I was strengthened by your silent respect, your reverent prayer and by those of you who have written notes and made cards for Charlotte's family.

While you may not know the effect you had, Charlotte's Aunt Kathy has spoken to Mrs. Crowley and me this week to speak of the impact your prayers and continual attention to Charlotte's family needs has had on them. They wanted you to know how grateful they are and ask that you keep them in your prayers.

Please take a look at the Advent display Miss Powers and Mrs. Plevock put up outside Grade 3 and Grade 1's pictures of the Christmas story which have served as a daily reminder of the beautiful story leading us up to Christmas Day. I have noticed something in each room or hallway that shows our focus continues to be on the true reason for the season!



Faith at the center of what we do

At our Mass on the feast of the Immaculate Conception we welcomed Deacon Tim Maher to our School family. Deacon Maher shared insights into Mary's willingness to say "yes!" to all that God asked of her and challenged us to do the same. Thank you for showing us every day at school the ways you have said, "yes" to doing God's work.

Thank you to the Lego Lions Team for preparing so well for the Mass on Wednesday. Once again, you worked together beautifully!

Service as a way to build community

Miss Morrissey always finds a way to guide our service efforts towards children in need. The pajama drive was very successful and we thank all of you who were able to bring in a new pair of pajamas for those who would not have them otherwise. I hope you will feel extra warm in your own beds knowing the good you do.

The Red Cross benefited from the efforts of Ms. Rubera, Mrs. Plevock, and Patrick McCarthy, a graduate of our school in 2010 as greeters and servers at the annual Saint Jerome School drive. We thank your parents who either donated blood or helped out this important cause.

My thanks to the teachers and staff for the great job they did organizing and running Greg Healy's birthday party. The birthday party was one of the auction items at the Taste of Spring Gala and allowed Greg to invite his entire class to a party with Mr. Incredible, Batman, Elasti-Girl, Spiderman and more action figures than have ever assembled in one place! It was a great day and all the teachers told me how much fun they had with the 1st graders!

Shout outs today to... the basketball teams for their effort and team spirit. I know it has been difficult but learning to play together as a team will eventually lead you to victory. In the meantime, keep working hard, listen to your coaches and give it your best effort! We are proud of your participation no matter what the outcome is.

David Murphy is no longer our newest K-2 student! Today, Sanskruti Joshi joined the class. Sanskruti moved to Weymouth from New Jersey just this week. She is a lovely little girl and I know you will all make her feel most welcome!

I hope those of you going to the breakfast with Santa this weekend will have a great time. I wish all of you a really festive weekend with your families!



Parents: I'll leave you with this thought...

For These Precious Ones

For plump-cheeked grins
and dancing eyes;
Teddy bear hugs
wrapped in footed pajamas;
For music in giggles
and poetry in pattering feet;
For these small ones who
capture our hearts-
For the gift of children at Christmas...
And always...
Thank you, Lord!

God bless.
Mrs. Puleo