



March 2017

21st Century Learning @St. Aloysius Academy



Ash Wednesday was a very special day at the Academy. After ashes were distributed during a prayer service, the day was then devoted to service. Every grade had a task from making special bags for children at shelters to assembling over 200 meals for our Food for Friends project to making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for Mother of Mercy House in Kensington. A representative from each grade then shared what they were doing to "Pay It Forward". Projects ranged from raising money for slices of pizza for the poor at Rosa's Fresh Pizza to having a bake sale to raise funds for Sister Judith's Trinity Academy in Shenandoah.

After a beautiful First Friday Mass, students read a proclamation and presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the 39 police officers of the Radnor Township Police Department represented by Lt. Block, Officer Gluck and Officer Patterson. Each officer received a St. Michael the Archangel's Prayer for Police, a sleeve of Mentos and a gift card to Dunkin' Donuts. The presentation even made the Channel 3 newscast.



Another time-honored March tradition is the Father-Son Mass and Communion Breakfast. Over 260 grandfathers, dads, uncles, alumni and brothers joined their boys for Mass in the gym followed by a delicious, catered breakfast. There was also a photo opportunity. Each member of the Class of 2017 introduced themselves and revealed where they would be attending high school and what they would be taking with them from St. Aloysius. Dominic Gentile, Class of 2008, shared anecdotes of his time at the Academy, as well as pearls of wisdom.



Congratulations to Ryan Welsh, Liam Dodds, Joseph Massaua, Kieran Sims, and Joseph Koslosky who took first place at the Pope John Paul II High School Mathletes Competition. Ryan was the only student at the competition who earned a perfect score! Joseph Massaua, Joseph Koslosky, and Liam Dodds were also recognized as high scorers in this competition. Thank you to Ethan Eichinger, Charlie Phelan, Colin Mayerhofer, Luke Guentner, and Ryan Mayerhofer for representing our school! We are very proud of all of these boys for their hard



work on the SAA Math Team this year AND thank you to Ms. Goode for absolutely outstanding and dedicated coaching.

A junior and three seniors from Pope John Paul II High School helped kindergarteners and 1st graders celebrate Dr. Seuss' 103rd birthday. They read books - Dr. Seuss' of course - and brought along an activity. Thank you, students!



In history and via literature, our 8th graders study World War I and World War II and what transpired between the two; notably the rise of Hitler and the Nazi Party. Their visit to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. greatly expanded their grasp on what took place from 1938-1945. They were also able to visit the Lincoln Memorial, and the Korean, Vietnam and World War II Memorials.

Our 4th graders were introduced to the process of dissection. Each student had an owl pellet, a tweezers and a wooden stick. As they found a bone, they compared it to bones shown on a paper to distinguish a field mouse skull or lower jaw from that of a shrew. Most of the boys could barely contain their excitement as they discovered bone after bone.

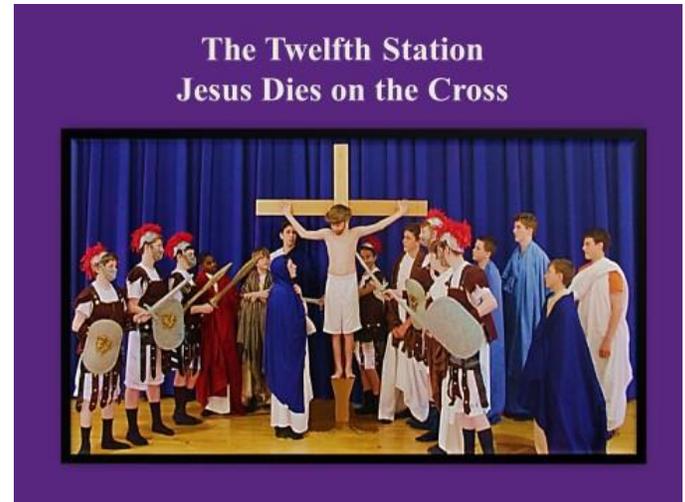


Ramona Quimby had our Kindergarteners through 3rd graders laughing loudly. They enjoyed the live stage performance at Immaculata University.

Our intermediate students – 3rd, 4th and 5th graders – ventured down to The Franklin Institute for its special *Robot Revolution Exhibit*, a collection of 40 cutting-edge robots curated from some of the most innovative global robotics companies and

universities. The boys were able to interact with many of the robots by playing a game of tic-tac-toe or watching a robot solve Rubik's Cube. They even watched robots compete in a soccer game.

One thing everyone looks forward to during Lent is the 7th graders presentation of the Stations of the Cross. Students dress and play the parts. Each Station is staged and photographed. The pictures are then dropped into a PowerPoint presentation. The boys narrate a prayerful reflection for each Station.



We give our 7th graders a day to visit a high school in March and another day in the fall. It is so important for them to experience the culture of several high schools on a regular school day. Often, the visited school will pair our student with an SAA alumni. Our students successfully enter the high school of their choice.

Our 2nd graders received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, their first Penance. Parents, grandparents, godparents and siblings were in attendance of this reverent event. The students had been preparing for this day the whole year. They really focused on the parable of the Prodigal Son from all the different viewpoints. Father McLaughlin, shared that he and his brother received their First Penance in the Mansion's chapel. God bless our Class of 2023.

