



Saint Joseph Catholic School Newsletter

WINTER 2015

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Waste Me Not Art Show
- Kindergarten Feeds the Hungry
- DAR Essay Contest Winner is from SJCS
- Honor Roll - Second Trimester

Spanish Club Performs at the FIT International Festival



Waste Me Not Art Show



In November, Several of our 4th and 8th graders participated in Recycle Brevard's Waste Me Not Art Show in Viera. All of the art was created using recycled materials. The following students had work in the show:

8th Grade

Kathryn Carrick
Ariyana Kermani
Madison Klein
Tayler Violette
Ben Yost

4th Grade

Emily Cato
Zoey Cook
Lauren Foster
Madeline Pesl
Barrett Plymale
Cailé Shields
Jaime Vargas
Breanna Violette

Waste Me Not Art Show Results



Eighth graders who opted to submit their work created a variety of work from recycled (up cycled) trash! Fourth graders who chose to have work entered submitted altered book projects. Maddie Klein's Book Tower won second place in her category. Her work was then placed in an exhibit of recycled art at the Brevard Zoo. Congratulations Maddie!

Kindergarten Helps Feed the Hungry



They collected 370 cans of food for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.



On December 17, 2015, they traveled to St. Vincent de Paul on Palm Bay Rd with their buckets that say "I can help others" written on them.



They had a bucket brigade to bring in all of their collected cans to restock the shelves.

Essay Contest Winner



Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter Commodore, John Barry, has chosen Ariyana Kermani as its 1st place winner in our American History Essay Contest for her essay, "A Colonial Family's Reaction to the Stamp Act."

Her essay has been submitted to District where it will be judged with other Grade 8 students.

Congratulations to Ariyana and sincere thanks to all the students who participated.

Joan MacDonald, Education Chairperson
DAR Chapter Commodore John Barry

Her winning essay follows...

It is October 15, 1765, and my family is gathering in the parlor to discuss the recent enactment of the king's newest decree. It states that documents are to be made or printed on paper that is stamped or embossed. We are forced to follow the law by King George III's soldiers. Mother told me that the law is called the Stamp Act. Father insists it is unfair and unreasonable. Every time the topic comes up they scowl at the very sound of the words. My older sister, Lilly, is now sixteen so Mom and Dad tell her everything upfront. As for me since I am their only son they have to tell me the truth because one day I am to be head of our house.

Mother sees me as I walk by submerged in thought.

"Nathan, what is the matter?" Mother inquires.

Her question drags me out of thought.

"Oh, nothing. I was just thinking," I reply in a calm voice so I do not bring unease upon her.

Father enters the room with Lilly at his side. He looks stern and calm, but there is something else. There is anger and outrage in his eyes.

"We have gathered the men," he announces as if directed exclusively towards Mother.

"Mother, what is going on?" I ask. "Please tell me."

She looks towards Father. He nods at her as if signaling “yes.” Mother turns to me and envelopes me in a big hug.

“Sweetheart, it is time to revolt against the Stamp Act, the king, and even Parliament,” she explains. “We are going to drive them away and make them repeal that infernal law. It has brought nothing but grief. Children and young adults cannot finish school because they cannot afford to buy stamps, and people are being killed for forging one, no matter if they could afford a stamp or not. We have to stop this.”

I stare at her my eyes peeking into her heart and soul. I see Mother is just as angry as Father.

“What are you planning on doing?” I ponder aloud.

“We are going to round up as many men and women as we can and revolt,” Lilly explains in her usual confident tone.

I ask if I could come but Father and Mother refuse to let me. As they exit, I run towards the alcove, but I do not stop there. I ran all the way to the back door and out into the field. I scurried into the woods and ran along the tree line until I saw my family leading a group of protestors toward the stamp office. I made a brave decision and ran to them. They were shocked to see me.

“What are you doing here?” Father, Mother, and Lilly asked all at the same time.

“The real question is why and what you are doing,” I replied smartly. “We never finished our discussion.”

“We are going to split into groups and get this law repealed. Half of us are going to destroy the stamp office by burning it down, and the others are going to make an effigy and burn it along with the stamp papers we have collected,” Father explains.

As we walk towards the town square, I watch as half of the men and women split from the group and head towards the stamp office by, torches in hand. Then suddenly I witness them throw the torches and flames at the building setting it ablaze. A man emerges from the smoke coughing and wheezing. He is covered in ashes and I see that he can barely stand. Just then, I turn forward and see that my father is harassing one of the officials. He is throwing harsh words at him, hurting his ego one word at a time. Soon the verbal harassment turns to pushing and shoving and eventually an all-out brawl.

As my father fights, we all move past him and head towards the center of town. I see the women bring up a huge straw doll that looks exactly like one of the officials in charge of distributing stamps. I assume they made it. Mother grabs the effigy and ties a rope around its neck. Then she shoves a pole up its back and drives the bottom into the ground. As the pole rises the rope around the effigy’s neck tightens and once the pole stands as straight as possible it looks like the effigy’s head is about to pop off. I turn around and see Lilly carrying a torch towards the square. She throws it and the effigy bursts into flames.

Today is now February 18, 1766 and I am now sixteen and old enough to lead my own revolts against the Stamp Act.

It has been one month since my sixteenth birthday, and the Stamp Act has been repealed. To think this all started with the discussion my family had in the parlor that fateful day.

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“Stamp Act” 12 Oct. 2015.<<http://www.thelandofthebrave.info/stamp-act.htm>>

“Stamp Act Repealed” 15 Oct. 2015.

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Mission Statement

Saint Joseph Catholic School offers pre-kindergarten through eighth grade students the high academic standards and curriculum of the Diocese of Orlando. We recognize each student as a unique individual created in the image of God. Our community welcomes, educates, and challenges children to become lifelong learners and followers of Jesus Christ.

Honor Roll - Second Trimester

Principal's Award

Awarded to a student who has achieved a grade of 94 or higher in all subjects. Students must have a "P" or "DP" in Music, Art and PE (and Spanish if applicable). In addition, for each subject, the student may have no 3's for any Behaviors of Learners.

Sabrina Barella
Kathryn Carrick
Anthony Dambek
James Davis
Michaela Gardunia
Kamryn Gies
Kathryn Johnson
Ariyana Kermani
Melodie Nasr
Madeline Pesl
Colby Sandberg
Joseph Stokes
Emma Turba
Benjamin Yost

First Honors

Awarded to a student who has achieved a grade of 90 or higher in all subjects. Students must have a "P" or "DP" in Music, Art and PE (and Spanish if applicable). In addition, for each subject, the student may have no 3's for any Behaviors of Learners.

William Almeter
Jada Brown
Zoey Cook
Kyler Helsel
Armon Kermani
Alicia Marrone
Mason McCormack
Nora Nolan
Alexander Stiegler
Addyson Turba
Jaime Vargas

Second Honors

Awarded to a student who has achieved a grade of 85 or higher in all subjects. Students must have a "P" or "DP" in Music, Art and PE (and Spanish if applicable). In addition, for each subject, the student may have no 3's for any Behaviors of Learners.

Zakaria Ahmed
Sophia Arteaga
Julian Boné
Tanner Campbell
Isabella Catalano
Adrianna Cato
Emily Cato
Bailey Cowden
Lauren Foster
Isabell Fuentes
Keara Hernandez
Connor Hinman
Lintonia Kapas
Kimberly Lepri
Kimara Longchamp
Andrew Martiney
Emma Martiney
Elizabeth McLachlan
Alexandra Merceron
Israel Peña-Rincón
Christopher Perry
Abigail Sadoff
Cailé Shields
Kaylee Strooband
Austin Tippmann
Dylan Tippmann
Kennedy Turey
Andrew Turner
Breanna Violette
Bryson Wiley
Grayson Wiley
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