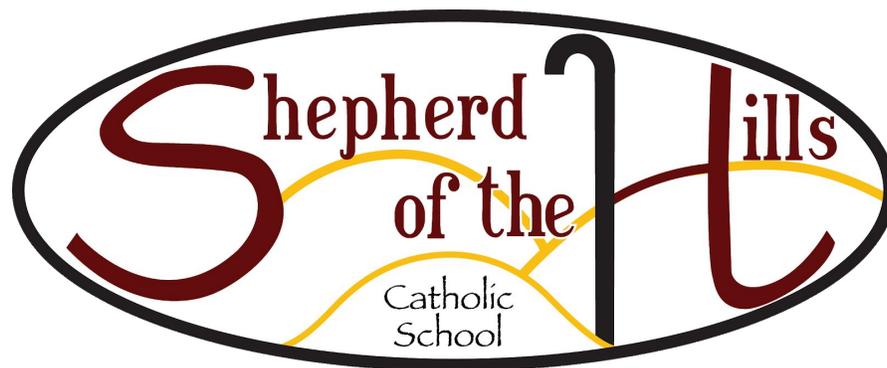


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Final Issue



20-21 Theme: + Faith over Fear +

Mission Statement: Walking the path of Christ with love and service through a Catholic education.

Art

It's hard to believe that the school year is already coming to an end! In art class, we just finished up creating "Wonderful World" themed artworks, which we assembled into a large mural to hang as decoration for the spring music concert. Students in grades 7 and 8 did an awesome job helping to assemble and hang the mural!

In addition to creating the mural, students in all grades also worked on planting seeds, and then transplanting their tiny plants into clay pots for our Mother's Day painted clay pot project. The students enjoyed learning about how to plant seeds, caring for them and watching them grow! They were so excited to design and create a pot especially for mom!

With the school year coming to a close, I must say that I am so proud of all of our students, and all of the amazing artwork they created this past year! We created a wide variety of different types of art- paintings and collages, paper weavings and sculptures, sewing projects, plaster and clay sculptures, printmaking projects... and the list goes on! I hope you all have an amazing summer, and I look forward to all of the exciting projects we will create next year!



Phy. Ed.

In Phy. Ed we have been trying to work with the weather, when it comes to getting outside as much as possible! The 3K/4K and 5K students did a t-ball and baseball unit to learn a lot about the skills, game, and rules. 1st-8th did a kickball unit to round out the outdoor units, and they are rotating back to some of their favorite units during this big fitness testing time.

All students have almost completed their Spring fitness tests: pacer, curl ups, pullups, pushups, sit-and-reach, and mile or 1/2 mile run. Grades 4th-8th receive grades based on their improvement since the beginning of the school year and where they land with the standards for healthy fitness zones.

I have been so impressed with the drive of many of our middle schoolers to beat their scores as well as others in the school. The students in grades 5K-3rd do not necessarily receive grades on their performance yet, but they are excited to do the tests and strengthen those muscles for every test. Hopefully we are setting ourselves up for a healthy, fitness-filled summer!



1/2 Mile & Mile Test 5/24

Technology

It has been a crazy year, that is for sure. I am really glad we made it in school the entire year. I am really happy that even if we didn't we prepared our students for being able to learn virtually.

At the end of the year the 8th grade has been working on their Graduation PowerPoint Presentations that will be viewable after Graduation. 7th grade created websites, wrote business letters, and discussed Internet Safety and plagiarism issues. 6th grade created brochures, worked with a spreadsheet, discussed Internet Safety, and is currently writing a research paper. 4th and 5th grade did all things Windows 10 including functions and settings. Currently they are working with Microsoft PowerPoint. The 3rd grade just finished writing and publishing their own book using Microsoft Word. 1st and 2nd grade has done various activities to help with their writing skills. Kindergarten is doing well progressing with their basic technology skills. They just learned their new individual logins to the lab computers, so they are ready for first grade.



New SMART Board



Spanish

An introduction from Sister Katie: Hola! Soy Hna. Katie y estoy muy contenta para conocer los alumnos y profesores en Shepherd of the Hills School. Felicidades y muchas gracias por la oportunidad.

Hi I'm Sister Katie and I'm happy to be here getting to know the students and staff. Congratulations on a wonderful and welcoming staff and students.

K5, First and Second grade are reviewing their alphabet in Spanish , the color words, numbers, days of the week and simple sentences like Hello I'm _____. How are you. What is your name. We also know the Sign of the Cross in Spanish and say it every day. We are beginning the Our Father.

Third, Fourth and Fifth grades finished a unit on food, and were able to make a menu and present it to the class. All in Spanish.

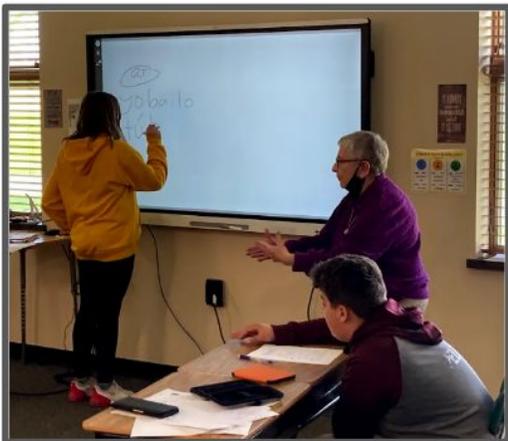
The sixth, seventh and eighth grades have been working on their conversational Spanish by reading and writing dialogs. Also writing short compositions using the vocabulary learned and the verb conjugations in the present tense.

It has been a good experience, and I have enjoyed getting to know the staff and students.

The time here has been short but it will leave lasting memories.

Thank You.

Sister Katie



Music

I am SO proud of ALL our talented Shepherd of the Hills students, for their amazing performances in our 2021 virtual Spring Concert.

The majority of our Third Trimester in Music was spent on learning, rehearsing, and refining their concert songs, which concluded in their performance recordings on May 3rd & 4th.

I observed and heard them greatly excel in their individual singing abilities, performance presence, and levels of confidence.

Over the summer, I hope they continue to express themselves through singing!

