



Holy Rosary 8th Graders take 1st at Middle School Knowledge Bowl



Left to Right: Mackenzie Klemm, Riley Zurn, Elise Leff, Ethan Quitberg, Levi Wyckoff, Easton Kemper

The 2023 Middle School Knowledge Bowl season wrapped up Monday, November 27 with a WIN. Competing against 20 other teams, Holy Rosary’s 8th grade Red Team consisting of Mackenzie Klemm, Riley Zurn, Elise Leff, Ethan Quitberg, Levi Wyckoff, and Easton Kemper took first place overall.

This year, Holy Rosary Middle School saw 18, 7th and 8th graders participate in the Knowledge Bowl, sending three teams of six to each of our three competitions. Over the course of the season, we competed against 52 teams comprised of over 300 students. Thanks to our student’s dedication and our awesome parent drivers, we placed second in our first meet, fourth in our second and FIRST in our last meet. It was a spectacular year. –Mrs. Jensen



Thanks to everyone who participated in our Halloween Parade! Our students wore all sorts of costumes, from their favorite princesses to blow up versions of their favorite characters. Even the staff got in on the fun—as scrabble letters—spelling out:

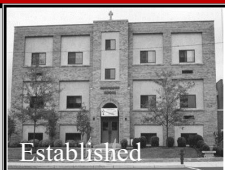
Jesus Loves You & So Do We



It's just around the corner...

Holy Rosary School’s annual Christmas

Program will take place **Wednesday, December 13 at 1pm**. Under the watchful eye of music teacher Carrie Jirava, students have been working hard on two productions. “Camel Lot” will be performed by Grades 1-8 and “Someone Has a Birthday,” will be performed by students in PreK/K. Everyone is welcome!



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Holy Rosary Parish School Mission Statement

Holy Rosary School Community is rooted in the Word and energized with the Spirit of Jesus Christ. We cultivate our community to live as Jesus taught within the Catholic Tradition. We strive to build gospel values and promote academic excellence.

PATRIOT'S PEN

2023-2024 Theme: "How are you inspired by America?"

Seventh and eighth grade students participated in the annual VFW Patriot's Pen contest. The essay contest encourages young minds to examine America's history, along with their own experiences in modern American society by writing a 300- to 400-word essay responding to the theme, "How Are You Inspired by America?"

Winners will present their essays at the VFW banquet on November 28, and first place winners advance to the state contest. Among our Eighth Graders, 1st place went to Paisley Pipek, 2nd place to Mackenzie Klemm, 3rd place to Luke Tobkin. Among our Seventh Graders, 1st place went to Mason Kemper, 2nd place to Averi Coley and 3rd place to Parker Deraney. Congratulations! -Mrs. Lorentz



Above, left to right: Luke Tobkin, Mackenzie Klemm, Paisley Pipek



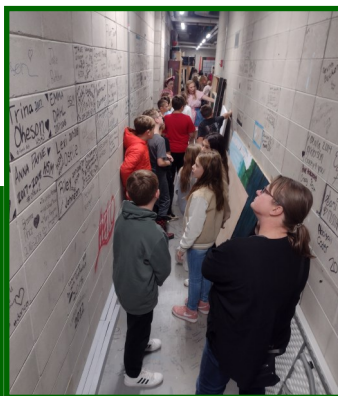
Above, left to right: Parker Deraney, Averi Coley, Mason Kemper

Bad Weather Policy

All children are expected to go outside for noon recess. Your child can stay *inside* only if the school is provided with a **doctor's excuse**. In colder weather, the time is shortened and in extreme cold or wet weather children stay inside. When the temperature/wind chill reaches 10 below zero all students may be required to stay inside. **Also, in the event that school is cancelled due to bad weather, you will receive a phone call, text, and email from the Holy Rosary "School Messenger" Parent Contact System.** Also, please listen to KDLM or KRCQ radio stations, or WDAY TV. **If Detroit Lakes Public Schools are cancelled, Holy Rosary School and Preschool are also cancelled, as we bus together.**

Behind the Scenes of Guys and Dolls

5th Grade students toured the catwalk, set, costume closet, hair and makeup room, and prop tables with other fifth graders from town at the annual "Behind the Scenes" event at the DLMS. The cast of Guys and Dolls answered a variety of audience questions, and student volunteers were even able to get up on stage and perform with the crew! We are blessed to be able to learn about theater and everything it takes to make a production happen. It was a treat to see Holy Rosary graduates such as Lucas Lundberg, Adrianna & Leah Flugel, and Peyton Lorentz involved in the play; Leah was our tour guide! HRS fifth graders all reported that in the future, they may be interested in building sets for shows, running tech for productions, or acting in the spotlight.—Mrs. Defries



Middle School Quarter 1 Academic Excellence

Academic Excellence is a GPA of 3.20 – 4.00

*Denotes a 4.0

Grade 6

Reyna Aligada
Holten Anderson
Ramsey Badurek
Jack Collmann
Braxten Foltz
Ian Foltz
Jayden Kemper
Evi Loeffen
Madelyn Lorentz
Adelynn Morrison
Owen Quitberg
Alice Schindler
Kael Schmitz
Sophia Simison
Alayna Swenson Wang
Joseph Thomas
Eagen Wahl

Grade 7

Reagan Badurek
Averi Coley
Parker Deraney
Kaislyn Drewes
Rowan Hill
Mason Kemper
Sloane Marquis
Jax Nygaard
Emily Schindler
Elliot Wahl
Ashlyn Wolf

Grade 8

Colin Becker
Easton Kemper
Mackenzie Klemm*
Ella Larson
Isaac Lasecki
Elise Leff*
Paisley Pipek
Ethan Quitberg
Luke Tobkin
Levi Wyckoff
Riley Zurn*

Halloween Songwriting Contest

HRS 4th and 5th grade students participated in Mrs. Jirava's annual Halloween songwriting contest. Students worked alone or in groups to turn a familiar tune into a song with Halloween lyrics. The contest was judged by the 8th grade class. There was one winner per grade and then an overall Grand Prize winner. It was a tough choice, but this year Leah Collmann, Oliver Larson and Ben Wilke won in 4th grade for their Halloween rendition of "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." Great composing, everyone, and congratulations to our winners! -Mrs. Jirava



Halloween Glow In The Dark Day



As a special Halloween treat, the music room was transformed into a glow in the dark wonderland! All classes participated in glow in the dark activities such as a glow stick dances, glow stick drumming, finger light painting, finger light games, and light up beach ball games. It was especially exciting to see how our clothes glowed in the dark with the blue lights! It was a great day!



Holy Rosary School Calendar 2023-2024

December

- 8 Feast of Immaculate Conception—9:00am mass
 13 Christmas Program - 1:00 pm
 Dec. 22–Jan. 1 NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break

January 2023

- 2 NO SCHOOL - Teacher Inservice
 3 School Resumes
 12 NO SCHOOL - Teacher Inservice
 15 NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Day
 19 End of 2nd Quarter
 Jan. 28–Feb. 2 - Catholic Schools Week

February

- 8 Giving Hearts Day
 16 NO SCHOOL
 19 NO SCHOOL - President's Day

March

- 8 NO SCHOOL - Parent Teacher Conferences
 14 Science Fair—Grades 5-8
 22 End of 3rd Quarter
 27 Lenten Retreat Day
 28–Apr. 1 NO SCHOOL Easter Break

April

- 26 Spring Interlude

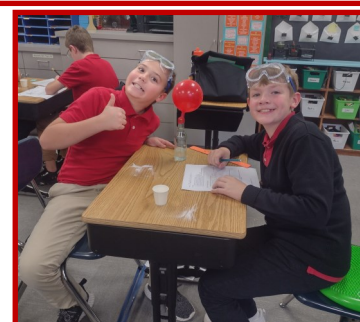
May

- 6 Crowning of Mary - 8:20am
 15 Spring Music/Band Concert—6pm
 17 Track & Field Day - Noon
 20 Year End Awards Gr. K - 2 - 2:00pm
 21 Year End Awards Gr. 6 - 8 - 2:00pm
 22 Year End Awards Gr. 3 - 5 - 2:00pm
 22 Closing Mass & 8th Gr. Graduation
 23 Final Day of School
 26 Teacher Inservice



2023-2024 Popcorn Fridays

- Friday, Dec. 15
 Friday, Jan. 19
 Friday, Feb. 23
 Friday, March 22
 Friday, April 19
 Friday, May 10



Science MATTERS
 Fifth Grade has been studying atoms, molecules, and states of matter for weeks now, and to emphasize interactions and reactions with matter, they've gone hands on with a simple experiment. Students were able to see a chemical reaction in real time.
 –Mrs. Defries

November's Children of God Spotlight



Ivy Smith



Andrew Loreth

November's 5th grade Spotlight students are Ivy Smith and Andrew Loreth. Miss Smith is a fierce academic perseverant; her work ethic and strong sense of independence are admirable. She shows peace, patience, love, kindness, and goodness each day. Mr. Loreth spots our class with positivity and laughter; our conversations would often be gray without him! Andrew is packed with goodness, joy, and faithfulness. Thank you, Ivy and Andrew, for being such brilliant, hard-working, fun students at Holy Rosary! You are noticed, you matter, and we love you. –Mrs. Defries