

# THE GOOD NEWS

*In Our Catholic Schools*



## DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



The mission of Catholic education in the schools of the Diocese of Fort Worth is to open the doors so that our students can see further than the walls that otherwise would enclose them in darkness. What does seeing deep into eternity really look like? It involves being able to recognize, to appropriate, and to cherish the eternal and transcendental goods of Truth, Beauty, and Goodness. These three transcendental goods depend upon each other within the envelope of eternity.



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# OPENING DOORS TO TRUTH, BEAUTY AND GOODNESS



Special collection to support the  
**Catholic School  
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**JANUARY 26-27, 2019**

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**Catholic Schools**  
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

# Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2019

January 27 - February 2

#CSW19





**SAINT MARIA GORETTI**

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**CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL**



SMG Students collected toys for the Sisters of Saint Mary of Namur Annual Toy Drive.



Congratulations to SMG Second Grader, Maddy Lester who won 4th Place in the Texas Reading Bee!



SMG Robotics Team, the Robotastik 4, earned the second highest score and advanced to the North Texas Regional 2nd Round Qualifier during competition at NCHS. Team members: Kate Sanchez, Tu Nguyen, Molly Breclas, and Elizabeth Hyde.



Ten St. Maria Goretti students from Fourth through Eighth Grade qualified for, and participated in, the 2019 *National Geographic* Geography Bee.



Geography Bee winners:  
2nd place -  
Jocelyn  
Geller, 6th grade;  
1st place- Callan  
Coffey, 5th  
grade; 3rd place-  
Isabella  
Logan, 8th grade.



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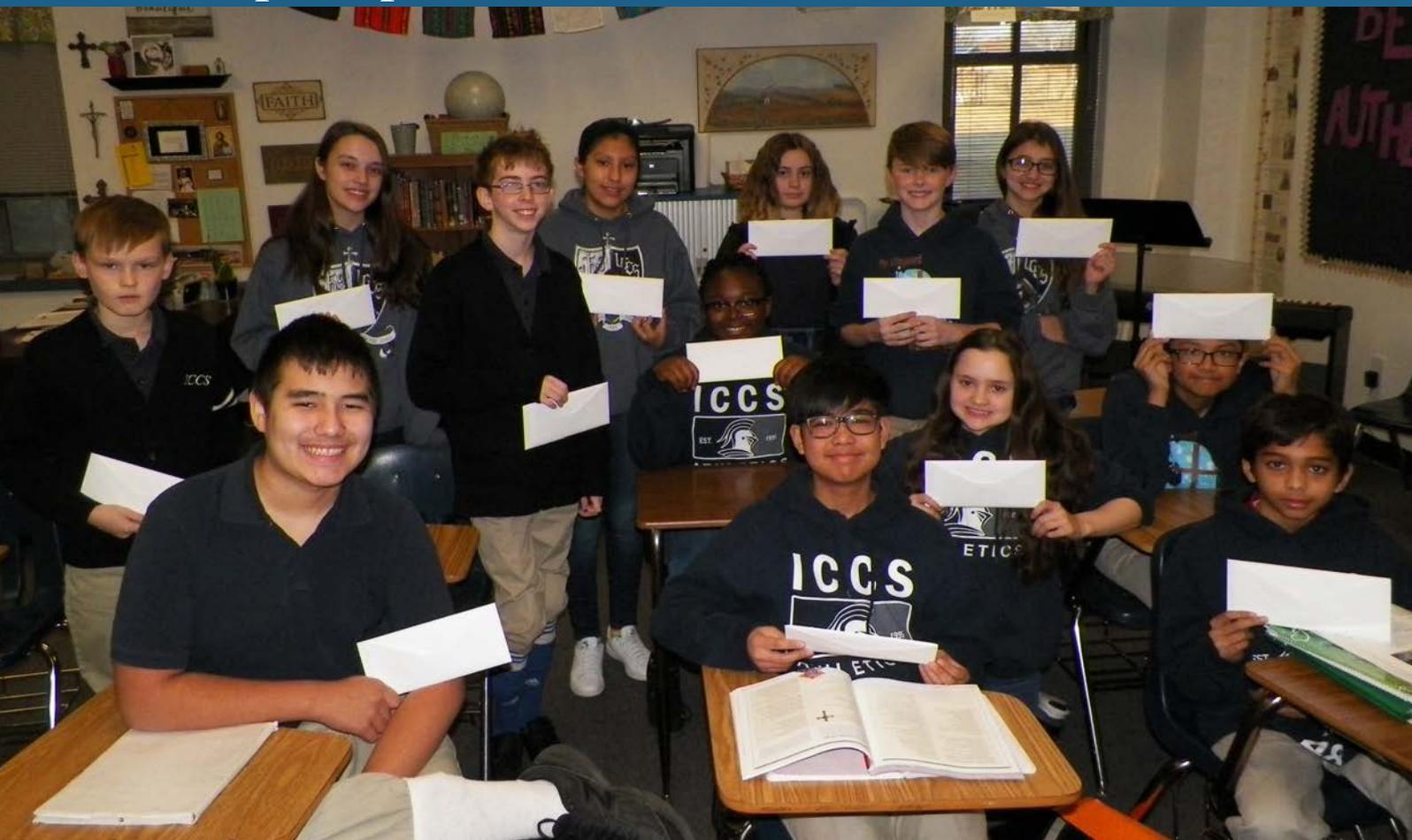
St. Maria Goretti  
6th through 8th  
Grades had a blast  
at their Christmas  
Dance!

An SMG  
tradition!  
Students  
shop and  
volunteers  
wrap at the  
Annual  
Christmas  
Store!



**Duke Scholars:** Catholic Schools are about Academic Excellence as represented by 13 of the 19 seventh grade students at Immaculate Conception Catholic School achieving the distinguished Duke Scholar designation. The Duke Talent Identification Program recognizes students who have scored in the 95th percentile or above in the nation in standardized tests. These students qualify to take the ACT or SAT college-level entrance exam. Congrats!

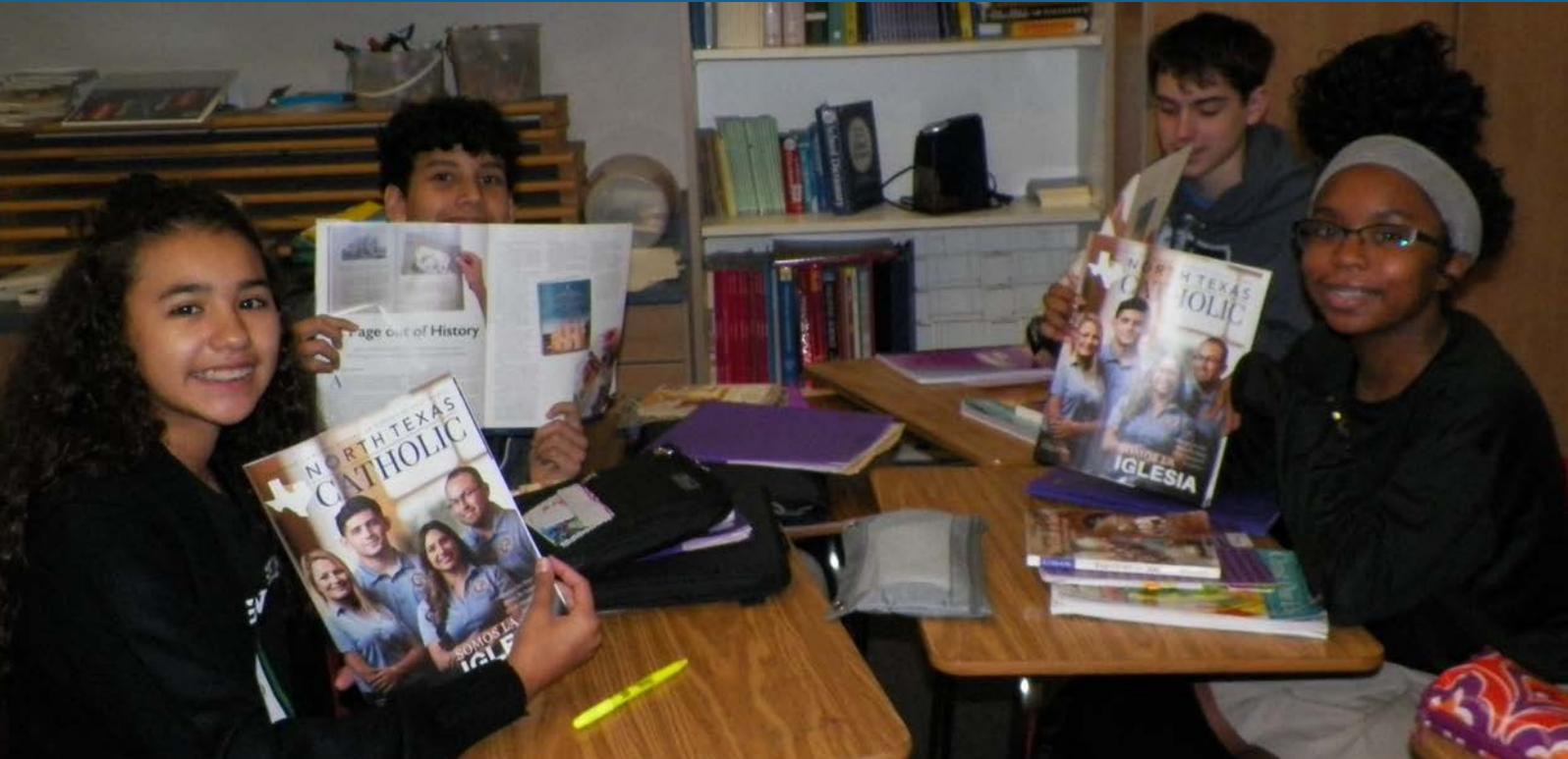
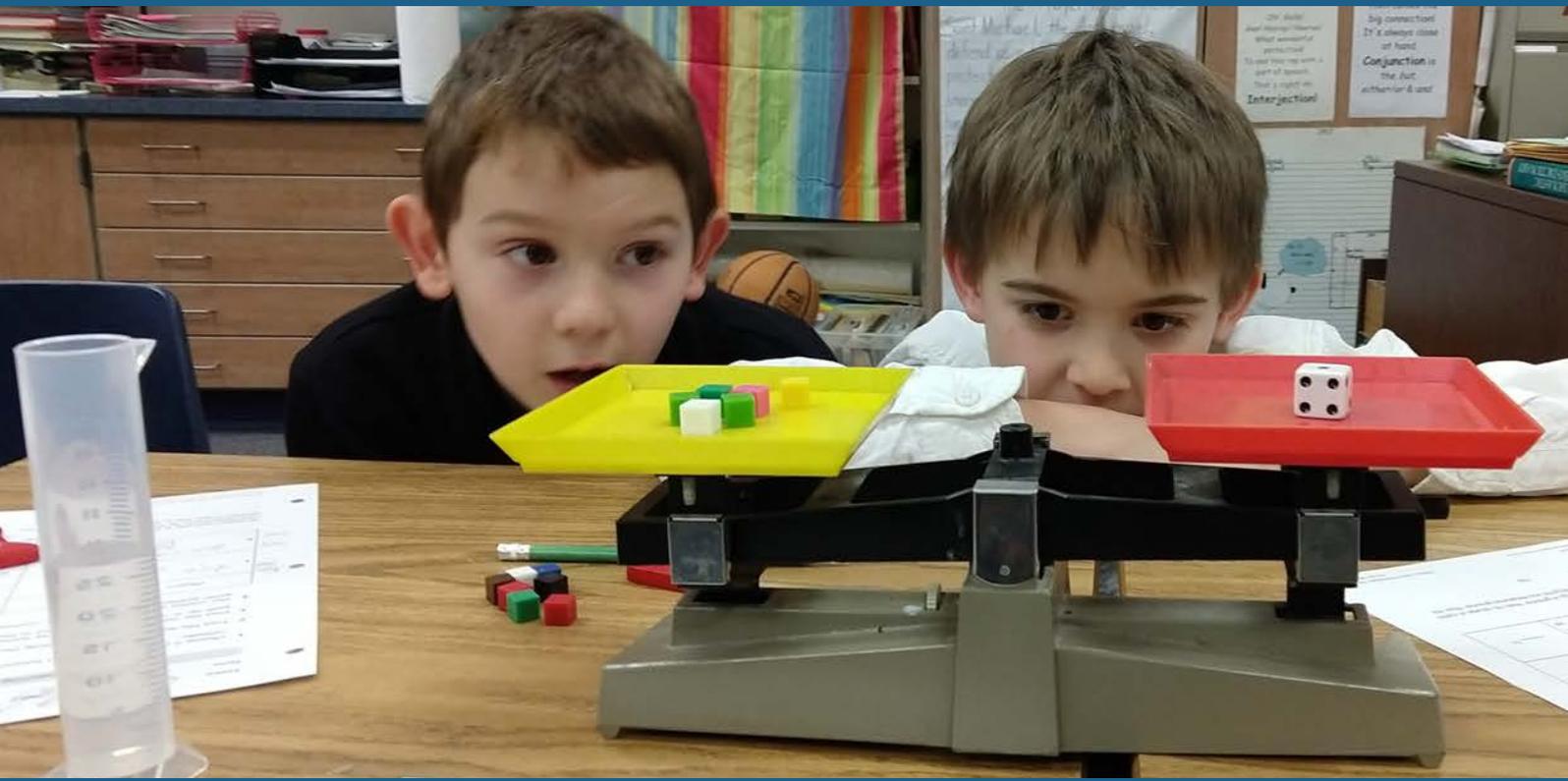
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(Top) **Discovery** : Studying mass & volume is pretty exacting for ICCS 3rd graders.

(Bottom) **Keeping Current with the North Texas Catholic**: Catholic Schools are about developing critical thinking skills through the lens of faith. ICCS 8th grade religion students stay updated on current events utilizing our own diocesan magazine.



**Accreditation:** It's a special year of preparation at Immaculate Conception Catholic School in Denton as the school puts the finishing touches on documentation required for renewal of the school's accreditation during a visit by an accreditation team March 5-8. The accreditation process takes place every seven years for each of our Catholic Schools as regulated through the Texas Conference of Catholic Bishops Education Department as recognized by the Texas Education Agency. <https://txcatholic.org/education-department/>



**Beta Club Service:** ICCS Beta Club students helped recently to reorganize our volunteer room and teacher workroom areas. They will be heading to the TEXAS JUNIOR BETA CLUB CONVENTION JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 1, 2019



**Library Grant Donation:** Dr. Jacob Blosser, Professor of History at Texas Woman's University, and the TWU collegiate honor society, Phi Alpha Theta, for their donation of \$250 to Immaculate Conception Catholic School Library! For the past seven years, the TWU chapter has been fortunate to have been named a Best Chapter among schools of its size. The \$250 is a grant from that recognition. The money is being used to purchase history-themed books for the library. "As a parent of two ICCS students, I believe very strongly in your mission and ministry," Dr. Blosser said. "I am thrilled that our Phi Alpha Theta chapter can contribute, in a very small way, to your continued success." We are truly blessed by all of the wonderful folks who keep ICCS strong!!! THANK YOU!



**Mock Trial:** ICCS 6th graders got a glimpse of some real-life application during a Mock Trial headed by local attorney, and ICCS Dad, Kevin Hinzman titled, “To Catch A Thief!”. The format included judge, jury, defense, and prosecuting attorneys.



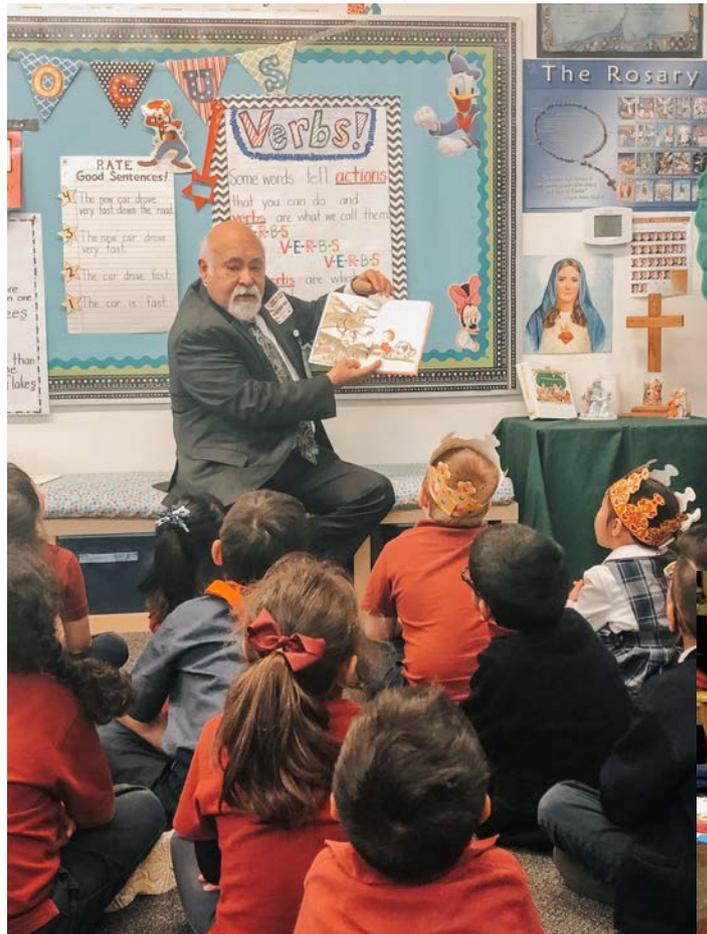
### **Serving the Homeless:**

Catholic Schools are about serving the poor and vulnerable. Thanks to Catholic Charities for their continued bridging and education service to all of our Catholic Schools. Debi Holton, School Relations, poses with ICCS students with the latest collection for the homeless.



# St. John the Apostle Catholic School

First graders had a special guest reader, NRH Council member Tito Rodriguez! Thank you for your visit, Mr. Rodriguez.



Kindergarten began studying the Polynesian islands and their culture in their weekly art class. The students created their own version of a medicine stick.





# St. John the Apostle Catholic School

Congratulations to all the upper school students who participated in the final competition of the *National Geographic* Geography Bee. Alicia R. took third place, Addy R. second, and the school champion is Genevieve V.



**Congratulations** to the following students who received awards at the Diocesan Science Fair: **Alex A:** Outstanding Achievement in Environmental, Earth, and Planetary Science; **Tashi G:** Outstanding Achievement in Plant Science; **Alekzander D:** Outstanding Achievement in Engineering: Electrical and Mechanical; **Kate F:** Outstanding Achievement in Cellular and Molecular Biology; **Ryane R:** Outstanding Achievement in Medicine and Health; **Nathaniel F:** *Science Fair Grand Champion* and Outstanding Achievement in Physics and Astronomy.





# St. John the Apostle Catholic School



Each week at St. John the Apostle Catholic School, a class receives the Vocations Chalice after Mass to keep on their classroom prayer table. PreK received the Chalice, and prayed for an increase in vocations and religious life, especially within our diocese.



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Congratulations to the Knight Robotics Team who performed well in their latest competition.



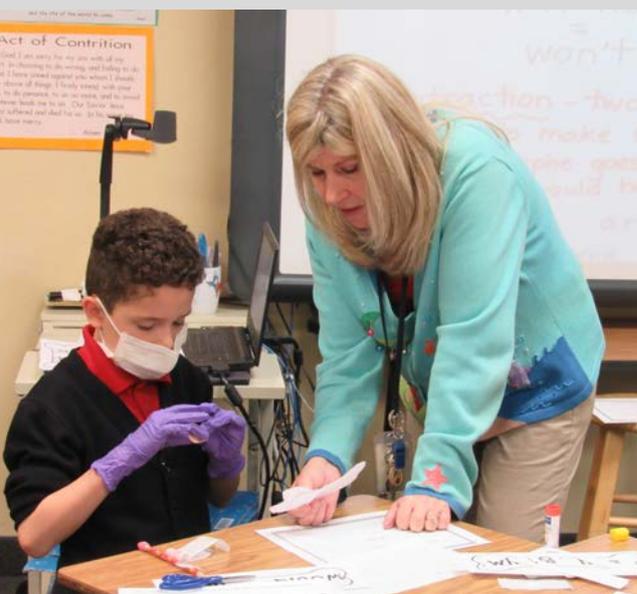
TEK Students are expected to perform skills and strategies based on the basic rules of basketball.

OBJ OF Learning: Students will learn and demonstrate the technique of basketball by performing on the court: pass, bounce, step-around, and shoot.

Prerequisite of Learning: Given the technique of basketball skills, students will understand the principle of basketball (overhead pass, chest pass, etc.).

Agenda: 1. Warm-up  
2. Skill drill  
3. Game play

The second graders learned their grammar by performing 'contraction surgery' in class.





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Thank you to Mrs. Hess's Third Grade for their beautiful Epiphany Prayer Service. And thank you to everyone who donated baby items to the Gabriel Project, which supports expectant mothers.





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Congratulations to Josephine Vu for taking 1st place in the Diocesan Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay contest.

Have you seen the new modular seating in the library? A very special thank you to the Aos Family for the donation of the reading rug!





Nolan Catholic High School recently broke ground on its \$43 million campus improvement project, *'Expanding the Experience.'*

Pictured at the groundbreaking: NCHS President Leah Rios, Most Reverend Michael F. Olson, Bishop of Fort Worth, and Student Body President Caroline Seyer.





2019 TAPPS State Champions!

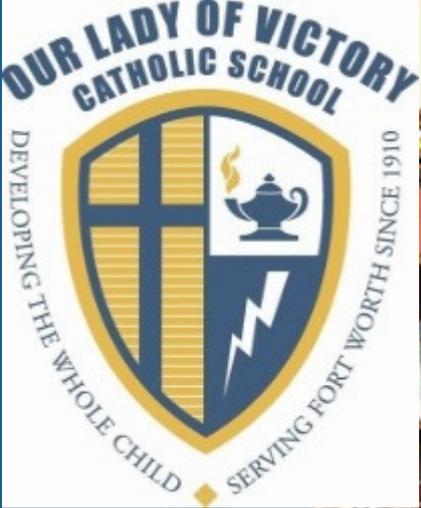
Individual honors:

Grace Wagner: Honorable Mention All State Team

Mia Thompson: Best Leaps, All State Team; 2nd Team, All State

Miranda Uranga: 1st Team, All State, Leap Company

Isabella Toye: Leap Company



## Coming Back Home

Conor Gillen teaches History and ELA at Our Lady of Victory Catholic School and he is also an OLV alumni. At a glance, there is nothing special about that. What makes it special is that Conor is not alone. Six members of the OLV faculty and staff are OLV alumni starting with the Principal, Linda Martinez Kuntz. Mrs. Kuntz has been a member of the OLV faculty for 25 years. Not only did she attend OLV, but so did her children. The other alumni members of the OLV faculty and staff include: Jaclyn Hinojosa Cerda (2nd & 3rd Grade), Brian Mills (Middle School Math and Science), Ruthie Sanchez Gomez (Technology), and Gabby Renteria (After School Care). Mrs. Cerda and Mrs. Gomez both have children at OLV.

When asked why they came back, all of them had similar responses. “Being back at OLV is like coming home, being fortunate enough to have the opportunity to share what they’ve learned with the next generation of OLV Chargers.”



# HOLY FAMILY

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## CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Congratulations!**

Congratulations to fourth grader Kaitlyn Szostek who won the spelling bee!



February 23, at Ridglea Country Club we will host our annual *Pot O' Gold* fundraiser, auction and dinner. This event allows us to join as a community to celebrate the school and raise money. This year our goal is to purchase a cover for our multi-use sport court that was installed in the fall. Please join us for this exciting event! Tickets are available for purchase through our website. See you there!

Every quarter we recognize one student who shows Christ-like behavior. Congratulations to our Christ Bearer award recipient, fifth grader, David Granado.

He is an example of a servant leader for his peers, quietly going about the business of school while being kind and helpful to others. David is a consistent model of the mission of our school, “LEARN, SERVE, AND LEAD.”



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Every year, the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo hires day laborers to work 12-hour shifts, 7 days per week. Many of the day laborers are experiencing homelessness. We collected enough snacks to create 225 sack lunches for the workers. Great Job National Junior Honor Society!



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