

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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St. Rita Catholic School students have a unique way of celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month in September. **Nacho Bowl**, a thirteen-year-old tradition, originally began as “Euro Bowl,” a soccer tournament for the school to learn about different countries in Europe. Señora Margaret Perera, St. Rita Spanish teacher for over 25 years, rebranded it as “Nacho Bowl” and brought the focus onto Spanish speaking countries.

Nacho Bowl festivities take place on Friday afternoon, after a long week of standardized testing. Each grade learns about a Hispanic country during Spanish class and represents that country in the Nacho Bowl. Students from preschool all the way through 4th grade open the event with a soccer shoot-out before the main event, an indoor soccer match between 5th and 6th grade. As hosts, the 7th and 8th grade students prepare and serve nachos and drinks, act as coaches, referees, and give play-by-play calls of the action. Parents and family members are invited to the party and enjoy nachos while cheering on their students.



St. Rita Catholic School

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN THE CATHOLIC TRADITION

NACHO BOWL!





SAINT MARIA GORETTI
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CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Saint Maria
Goretti
Catholic School
students
celebrate the
First Day of
School. The
school
community
welcomes a
new principal
this year, Mrs.
Laura Behee.





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Saint Maria Goretti Catholic School 8th graders kicked off the new school year with a retreat at beautiful Camp Thurman.



Saint Maria Goretti Catholic School alum, Sam Hoffer, completed a new school sign as Phase I of his Eagle Scout Project.



What's the latest playground craze at Immaculate Conception Catholic School in Denton?

It's the **Gaga Pit!**

Thanks to the ICCS Dad's Club, students now have a wonderful addition to their quest for fun and fitness.

Gaga is a fast paced, high energy sport played in an octagonal pit. The more players the better! Dubbed a kinder, gentler version of dodge ball, the new game fits right in our school mission of developing the whole child!



What better way to get books into the hands of students while helping our library than the annual **Quarter Book Sale** at Immaculate Conception Catholic School. It's a simple concept that creates great excitement among students, staff, and families alike.



Donations are made throughout the year. Then each September, the books are put out for a week so that school and parish alike can take advantage of the bargains galore! When it's over, the library has some extra funds to help support the purchase of new book. Win-Win!!

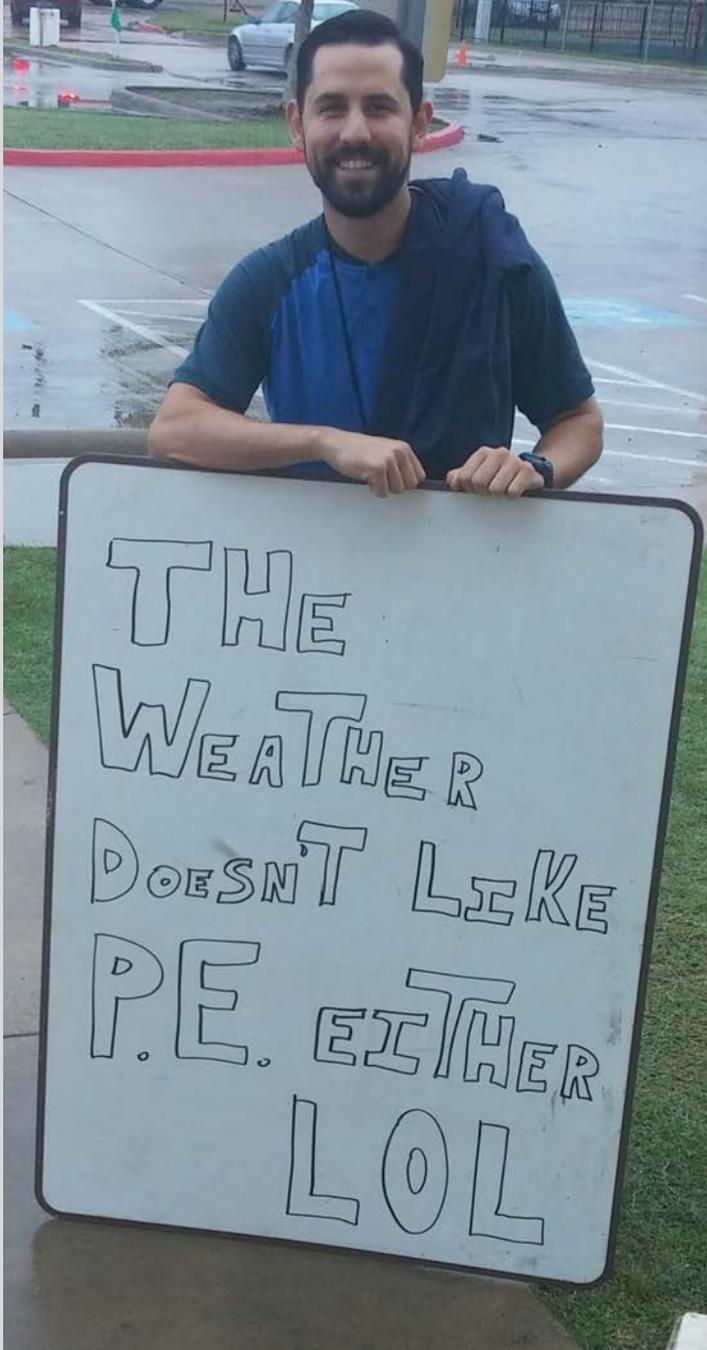


After winning the top award in the entire state of Texas for educational institutions from Keep Texas Beautiful, Immaculate Conception Catholic School students, families and staff aren't sitting back. They are heading to new endeavors this year joining the **Denton Sustainable Schools Initiative**.



A perfect way to continue their school mission of stewardship of God's creation, Denton Sustainable Schools encourages students, families, faculty, and staff to improve our environment, create economic value, and support and strengthen sustainable communities through the implementation of comprehensive sustainability education. They work with participating schools to expand educational opportunities in several focus areas: Water, Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management, Land Use and Open/Natural Space, Transportation, Material Resource Management, and Local Food Production. With so many stewardship programs already in place at Our Lady's School, this next step is a natural bridge to highlighting how we can continue to care for God's world, according to ICCS Master Gardener and Sustainability Coordinator Tina Jezek.





PE Coach Bullard keeps morning drop-off fun and interesting with his message board and smiling face.



School Store volunteers organize and sell used uniforms throughout the school year. Volunteers Kim Chiappetta, Jolene Rusell and Joan Orlovski are pictured here.



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Hardworking dads make our **Back to School Dinner** a community-builder success! Po' Melvins Family Restaurant provided complimentary food for our event - that's food for over 400! Pictured: Michael Short, Daniel Smith, Adam Pick, Rich Farry, Michael Delgado and Jeffery Tessier.



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St. John the Apostle Catholic School



Our students love visiting with Father Jack and Father Jonathan in their classrooms and after church.

Thank you for sharing your spiritual wisdom with our students.



Congratulations to our 2018-2019 Monsignor B. King National Junior Honor Society members: Hampton

H., Sierra P., and Alex A!

Keira M. was named as the president and treasurer of the chapter. Great job, everyone!



8th grade students learned about the different parts of the brain, their preferred learning style, and if they are right or left brain dominant. They will be using the information they learned to compose their first 5 paragraph essay of the year!



St. John the Apostle Catholic School



Mrs. Keifer's 3rd grade students enjoyed seeing the fruits of their labor by inspecting a corn cob grown from the seeds planted when the Texas Farm Bureau visited campus last spring. The cob came off of its stalk before being ripe, so it was not edible, but it was interesting to see the early stages of growth in the ear of corn.

Mrs. Smith attended a gallery night to see former student, Mercedes R.'s work. In the background is a portrait Mercedes painted of her sister, Gabriela!





ST. JOSEPH

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



First day of school!





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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Eighth graders have their **Pinning Ceremony** as part of the start of the new school year.



Mass Buddy Day!
Kindergartners attend Mass for the first time with their fellow Knights.



St. Martin de
Porres Catholic
School



Popsicles in the Park welcome party
for new St. Martin de Porres families.



St. Martin de
Porres's
**Justice/Virtue
Award**
recipients with
Father Stephen
Hauck.



First day pictures, and the
Welcome Committee's First
Day Donuts and Coffee.





SAINT ANDREW CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Andrew Catholic School is excited about **enrichment classes** for our 7th and 8th grade students, including:

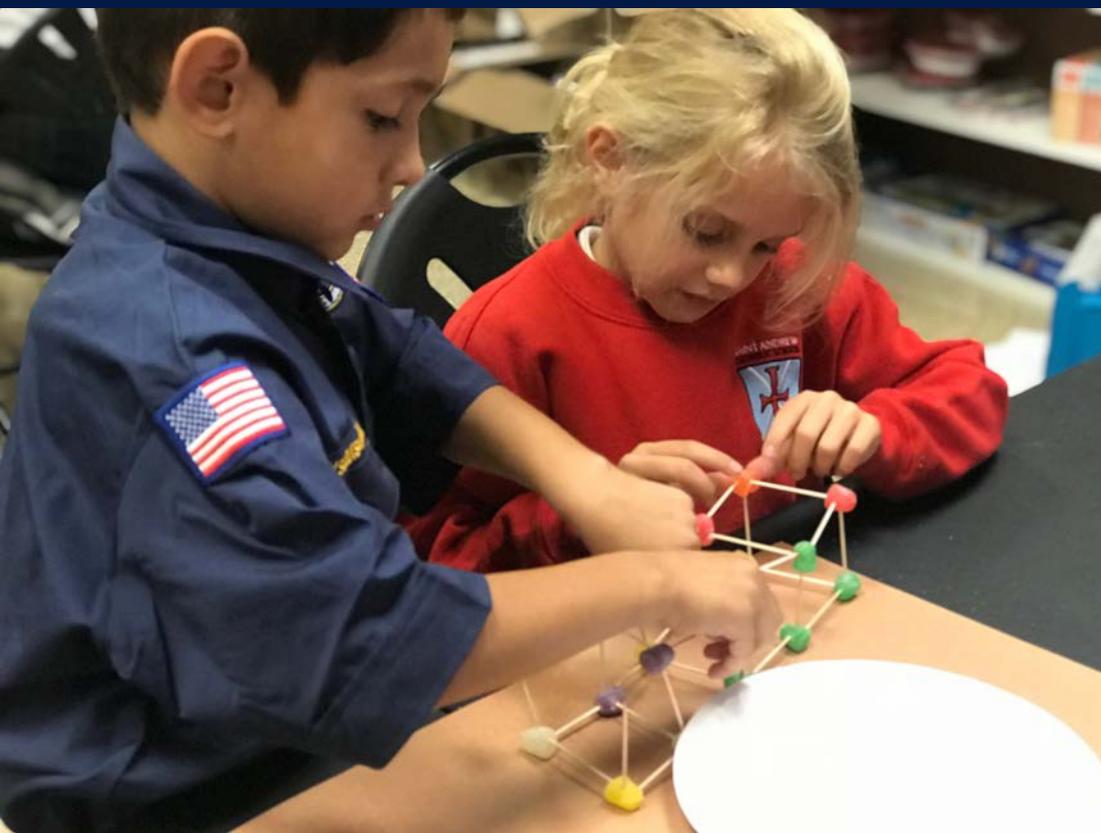


Teen Chef, Nerd Herd (coding), Calligraphy, Wildcat News, Show Choir, Country & Culture, Lord's Acre (environmental science), Wildcat Wordsmith Society, and Inside the Lyrics.





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Enrichment is an important part of SAS. Study Groups in the **Ignite Lab** provide a cross-curricular, multi-disciplinary, challenging learning environment.

Grade levels are involved in different Independent Study projects like: Create a Culture, Survival, Architectural, Forensic Science, and Engineering. These projects help to train students' brains through deductive reasoning. Students are able to choose subjects they are interested in to study and explore.





SAINT ANDREW CATHOLIC SCHOOL



SAS Wildcat
volleyball is under
way!



SAS students and teachers are enjoying the new JTouch interactive whiteboards purchased through the SAS Auction Fund-a-Project.

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