



St. Casimir Catholic School

NEWSLETTER

Fall 2018



Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that another school year is upon us. We literally "Rolled out the Red Carpet" for our students on the first day of school and they danced and skipped into school to cheers and music. This energy can still be felt in our classrooms and I am excited to share with you the wonderful things this new school year has in store for our students.

First, the Archdiocese of Baltimore has dubbed this school year as the "Year of Service." Although every year is filled with service opportunities for our students, we plan to strive even harder to increase the involvement of our families in projects that promote empathy, understanding and compassion for others. A few of our recent projects are highlighted in this issue.

Second, our Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (S.T.E.M) based curriculum is being fully integrated into our classes. Students in all grades are improving their problem solving skills through hands on experiments, collaborative work, calculations and research. This is exciting as we make our way to becoming a STEM Certified School.

Third, I am pleased to share with you that we will have even more middle school students participating in enrichment programming. Programs such as The Stock Market Games, Model United Nations and National History Competition give students the opportunity to compete while building teamwork, sharpening their interpersonal skills and strengthening their knowledge.

We are working hard to "Rise Above" in all areas. It is your generous contributions that have helped us elevate our rigorous curriculum and extra-curricular activities to prepare our students to excel in High School and beyond. Most importantly, donor support has helped many students share in the blessing of a "St. Casimir Education" when they may have otherwise been unable to attend. Thank you on behalf of our entire St. Casimir Family!

St. Casimir, pray for us!

Peace and blessings,
Noreen Heffner
Principal



Compassion for others in all things large and small is an important part of student life at St. Casimir School. Every year our students make an impact on the lives of many with daily prayers for special intentions, classroom projects, and service field trips. Even though it is just the end of October we have already been able to accomplish much by sharing our gifts with the community.



Our 3rd-5th grade students have visited Future Care which is a long term care facility in Baltimore. They spend time with the patients doing crafts, reading, and just visiting with them. They have already visited the patients twice and plan to go every month until the end of the school year.



Students in every grade showed their support for all First Responders at the Blue Mass celebrated by Archbishop Lori. Students lined the street and greeted First Responders with cheers, signs and cards as they exited church. We received many letters and emails of gratitude for the warm and heartfelt reception our students gave.



Thousands of people run in the Baltimore Marathon and most for a cause. Our students, families and teachers set up a table at mile 15 and gave out Gatorade, water, oranges and snacks to the VERY grateful runners that passed.

We have many more service projects scheduled for the rest of the year. Teachers will make over 100 meals for Beans and Bread shelter, families will donate toys and warm clothes at Christmas for families in need, students will make blankets for the homeless, our littlest children will make cards for the home-bound at Easter and sing for the Seniors at the Hatton Senior Center, and the list goes on and on. We are blessed to be able to share our gifts and talents to help others in our community.

I lived at 2821 O'Donnell Street. My father had a tavern at this site, presently Portside Tavern. When I was in the 4th & 5th grade I would go home for lunch and bring Sister Ligouria a hamburger which she requested.

-Eugene Wolski MD '51

My most memorable moment was being an altar boy at a funeral and I accidentally set my hair on fire with the candle I was holding! I also remember Sister Anne Marie giving me milk every day even though my family could not pay for it. Also the school let me attend even though my family couldn't afford it. So very thankful for that!!!

-Mr. Brian Ford '76

Alumni Corner Memory Lane

I loved watching the new school being built. We were the first class to graduate from the new school which was really special.

-Janet Biedronski '56

You are an important part of our Family! Please visit our website at www.stcasimirschool.us/alumni and let us know what is new with you! We would love to hear from you.

Super Star Students



St. Casimir 3rd graders Marrleigh O'Connell and Rex Lears have been invited to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum: Pathways to STEM. "This is a unique learning experience for bright, forward-thinking elementary school students who will evolve into the next generation of innovators, engineers, doctors, software developers, and scientists."

Aifric and Owen Barron with their Dad Mr. Ian Barron are avid hikers. This summer they hiked 2,910 miles on the Appalachian Trail in 99 days and 38 minutes! They now hold the record for the fastest kids to complete the trail. Off the trail these students are also superstars academically - consistently exceeding all expectations. Owen is also a Knott Scholar and a recipient of the Knott Scholarship giving him full tuition for the rest of his time here at St. Casimir!





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