

Newsy News

Conn-Area Catholic School



Father Joseph Bonafed Celebrates School Mass



The students at Conn-Area Catholic may be in a new school building at the Geibel campus this year, but celebrating the bi-weekly school Masses will still be in the Immaculate Conception Church on Crawford Avenue.

Riding the bus to church and back to school is new for us.



Father Joseph Bonafed was the celebrant for the opening school Mass on September 9th. Father Dennis Bogusz and Msgr. Edward McCullough will also celebrate Mass with the students throughout the year on a rotating basis.

As usual, the job of cantor, lector, and servers will be the responsibility of the students. Each grade will be in charge of a Mass. Check the schedule on our home page under the events column for dates and join us for these 9:30 a.m. Masses.

What is Respect?

Music Mass @ Immaculate Conception Church

Gym We love our gym!

First Grade *Same but Different*

Fourth Grade "Feels Like Home"



We Love Our Gym

W- wonderful

E- exciting

L- lots of fun

O- outstanding

V- very big

E- enjoyable

O- over the top

U- unbelievable

R- rock'in

G- great

Y- yikes

M- marvelous



Gym



Gym classes are Monday and Thursday. All students are required to wear gym shoes. Students in grades 1-6 are required gym shoes and the school gym uniform.

Same But Different

More than “Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic” . . .

New Building, Same School. The **Same** but **Different**. The first graders have made many adjustments so far this year, but they are handling it greatly: lunch, recess, gym, and first grade work.

They have begun all of their new books and subjects. They have been reviewing skills from last year and are already learning new ones. First grade is more than “Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.” The first graders learn Spanish once a week; they go to the computer room for classes three times a week, and have gym class twice a week. Religion class is everyday, but we are reminded of God’s Presence all day. First grade is a very busy time: so much to learn, so much to do.



Recess



Reading



Lunch



Uniforms



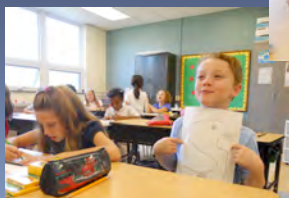
Writing



Arithmetic



The feeling at “home” – Conn-Area Catholic



It is so hard to believe that fall is here already. It is even harder to believe that this is only my second year at Conn-Area. The feeling of “home” is what I feel every morning, as I walk through the doors of Conn-Area Catholic. Our new school is so very beautiful and is also so very conducive to learning. It is still a pleasure to be a part of this school and a member of this warm Christian family.

We have several new students in fourth grade this year, each one adding to the uniqueness of our room. As of now, 13 is the magic number of students in fourth grade. Don't let the number 13 “freak you out”, because 13 is a very lucky number in my family. I am certain this year with 13 children will be a great one.

The students were given an assignment book in which to write each assignment. As I know you are aware, it has to be signed in the evening and brought back to school. This procedure, along with others, is to help the children become organized and accountable but difficult in the beginning. They are becoming better accustomed to the procedures, and the positive and negative consequences relating to them. They are less and less forgetting their assignment books and their assignments and are quite proud of themselves when everything is completed and signed.

The students will be divided into two groups according to ability in math this year. It is important that they meet success and not be discouraged. This will hopefully benefit all of the students. If the grouping does not seem to be in the children's best interest, we will return to one group.

I am also going to read the novel *Stone Fox* to the class, in addition to the regular reading class material. My objective in doing so is to improve their listening skills. They will also be responsible to identify the various parts of a plot, setting, and characters and their characteristics. After we finish the novel, I am hoping to show them the movie version. It is a very good story and one I believe they will enjoy.

Soon our fourth graders will be taking part in Mass. They have already helped the kindergarten students getting on and off the bus and have sat beside them during Mass. I am very proud of the way they treat the little ones. We will also be looking forward to our first party in October, after which the year really seems to fly!



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