

NEWSY NEWS

Conn-Area Catholic School

Girls Volleyball



Ten Years of Service



Three of a Kind



There is a Time for Everything

and a season for every activity under the heavens.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

We often hear or say it ourselves, “where did the time go?” So true for this school year. One thing for sure is that the children and the teachers have had the time and opportunities to experience every activity under the heavens. You name it, someone in the school has done it. Prayer services, service projects, planting food and flowers, sports, tests, concerts, art shows, musicals, stuffed pet contest, crazy hat day, marathon, parades, ice cream treats, Liturgies, reading club, library, leadership jobs, physical education, field trips, volcanos, fire drills, championships, Studenttreasures, pet care, egg incubation, recess, and wax museum, even saying Good Bye. We will miss you sixth grade. God Bless and don't forget who you spent all that precious time with at Conn-Area Catholic.



In April, the sixth graders went on a field trip to the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh located on Chatham University's campus. This trip tied in with a memoir the students had read earlier this year in literature, *Four Perfect Pebbles*, which was about one family's experience during the Holocaust.

First, students listened to a guest speaker, Lynn Ravas, who told the story of her father, Fred, who had been a Jewish child living in Germany in the 1930's. Fred was an orphan in the town of Dinslaken when Kristallnacht occurred. No longer able to stay in Germany, he was moved to an orphanage in the Netherlands. Luckily, Fred was adopted by an American couple and grew up in New York City. Ms. Ravas's moving narrative demonstrated how one act of kindness can change someone's life.

Next, the students were able to explore the Holocaust Center's exhibit. This included artwork from before WWII and Holocaust artifacts. Many pieces of art on display commemorated the victims of the Holocaust. One section of the exhibit described antisemitism and how Pittsburgh was responding. A student's winning project from the Waldman International Arts and Writing competition was on display, as well. Perhaps the most memorable piece was a Torah which had been saved from a German synagogue during Kristallnacht.

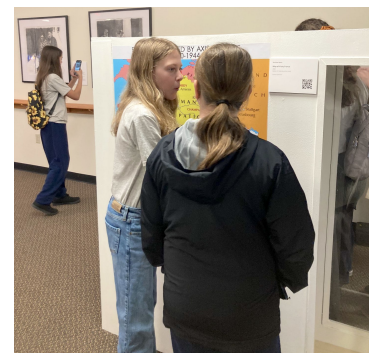
Overall, this was a very educational and moving experience.



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Kindergarten

Kindergarten originated in the early 19th century. The word kindergarten comes from the German words child and garden. It is a place where the teacher is the gardener and the children are the plants. I like to say they are the flowers. The school is the garden where the children blossom and grow into individual life long learners. This school year the master gardener (Mrs. Solan) was able to bless our school with two gardeners. When you have many plants to grow you need more gardeners. And, boy did they grow spiritually, socially, physically, and emotionally. Take a look at some of these little flowers.



Wow, another fun packed year of learning is almost over!

The third grade has grown academically and spiritually over this year together. We have participated in Masses and prayer services, received sacraments and attended Eucharistic Adoration. The class has been participating in a program called 33 days to Eucharistic Concentration. We have been learning a lot about the importance and meaning of receiving the Eucharist.

The class has participated in STREAM projects, taken responsibility for school wide jobs, learned to answer questions in complete sentences, and read independently many books with Accelerated Reader.

At this point in the school year, we have started a chapter book as a part of our language arts program. The class is reading *The Boxcar Children* independently. Then the children work together in book clubs to discuss and complete activities that pertain to their book.

It has been a great year of learning and growing together!

