



Newsletter for the St. Katharine of Siena School Community

THE SPIRIT

WINTER 2023



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK AT SKS

Catholic Schools Week is a special time of year when we celebrate the gift of Catholic education. As a child, I always looked forward to celebrating this week with my classmates. It is one filled with extra joy and pride in our Catholic schools and the respected tradition of preparing students academically and spiritually for the future. Here at SKS we celebrated in a variety of ways- service, prayer, academics, and of course a bit of fun! We collected winter coats and non-perishable food for those less fortunate. Students engaged in a rainbow prayer service in which we prayed for the intentions of our students and faculty. Buddies worked together on a special project to show appreciation to our teachers. Our academic abilities were put to the test in religion, spelling, and trivia bees! Finally, students enjoyed Minute to Win it and magician assemblies, watched their teachers showcase their talents, and the teacher-student basketball game made its glorious return to round out the week!

- Adria Crowley, Principal

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK WAS A MIX OF ACADEMICS AND SPECIAL EVENTS



The 2023 Annual Fund kicked off during Catholic Schools Week. Contributions are coming in and we appreciate the response from our whole community!

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CHRISTMAS AT SKS

Christmas traditions old and new brought the season to life at SKS! Our 5th-8th grade Tableau included performances by all grades, while the 8th grade enacted the story of the Nativity. Grades k-4 celebrated the season in song with a live performance for family and friends. The third annual Santa Visits made stops at several school family homes on three separate evenings, spreading cheer with Santa and his elves! Our Grotto Lighting event was festive with Christmas carols, a beautifully decorated Grotto (thanks H&S!) and a chance for our children to deliver their letters to Santa! Once they gave him their list, our students were busy finishing their own shopping at Santa's Secret Shop.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Students at SKS continue to give back to their community through projects that feed the poor, bring comfort to children in local hospitals, and share Christmas cheer with local families in need. Acts of kindness and compassion such as these are as important as academics in educating the whole child.



SKS FALL SOCIAL

Our annual Fall Social was a hit with families as they kicked off the SKS party season! Thanks to event planners Lisa DiBello, Elise Katona and Alison Morris the evening was a huge success!



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: TAYLOR GRIMLEY



Since I graduated from SKS in 2020 I have been attending Germantown Academy. I swim for the high school team as well as the GA aquatics team. My sophomore year we went undefeated in the Inter-Ac League and won Easterns. We also won the men's and women's combined championship for the first time in school history. I am also a Patriot Ambassador for the school, which allows me to give tours to prospective students and meet interesting people.

I am currently a junior at GA and was elected to be one of the swim team captains. In my first two years at GA, our team has traveled to Florida for training trips, as well as Alabama and Indiana for multiple meets. This fall I plan to compete in Greensboro, North Carolina against the best swimmers in the country at the 2022 Toyota US Open.

This fall, I committed to the University of Kentucky to continue my studies and swim career after I graduate from high school in summer of 2024.

The most important things I took from my time at SKS were friendships and life lessons. I learned how to be empathetic at SKS and how to treat people with kindness and respect. I still see my SKS friends regularly and cherish our friendships and expect to keep those friendships throughout my life.

My fondest memories were coming to school and getting to be with my friends everyday. I also loved having amazing teachers. Some of my favorites were Quigley, Heacock, and Sevag and Loftus. The SKS teachers made everyday fun and interesting. I was blessed to be a part of the special community SKS offers.

My advice to current SKS students is to have fun and enjoy it while it lasts. Don't worry too much about high school and college, but try to be in the moment and do your best one day at a time.