



North American Martyrs School

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WATCH FOR THESE UPCOMING DATES

Monday, April 26 - Schoenstatt meeting — 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Tuesday, April 27 - Preschool preview — 7:00 pm parish hall

Thursday, May 6 - Confirmation — 7 pm

Friday, May 14 - Mayfair — 6 - 8:30 pm — Volunteers needed

June 21 - 25 - Vacation Bible School — Volunteers needed

From our Principal

Today, April 22, is Earth Day, a day for us to “renew the face of the earth.” Every day after Mass we say the Martyrs prayer in which we ask that God with the martyrs and patrons protect our land.

We need to do our part by reducing, re-using and recycling. Reduce what you buy and consume as well as reducing what you throw away. Re-use paper: We can always use paper with one clean side in school. Buy recycled products. Help us renew the earth!

NCEA Convention Winner!

Amy Beying was a lucky winner at Universal Publishing booth. She won a handwriting book for every student K thru 8th grade in our school. Next year we will all be using a handwriting series based on our Catholic faith. Congratulations Mrs. Beying!

Martyrs PTO received a check from Runza for our night out in the amount of \$291.42. Thank you to all who participated and helped to make this such a success.

Congratulations to the new PTO Board members:

Jason and Sherry Torske
Ryan and Jen Regnier
Jesse and Angie Korus

Thank you to the out-going members:

Rick and Lori Wordekemper
Dave and Patti Schumacher
Kevin and Christy Bousquet

1000's Club

Congratulations to Luke Jones, Brittany Ohnoutka, and Connor Smith who joined the 1000's Club in English!

FEATURING THE 8TH GRADE

The 8th graders are in the middle of their “Trial Against Humanity.” Throughout World History in 7th grade and while studying US History currently, they have learned about many historical characters and events that have greatly shaped the world we live in today. History is not always kind however, and the students are conducting a trial to prove whether man is good or evil based on people and events of the past. Students are dressing up and acting as historical characters such as Martin Luther King, Jr., Josef Stalin, and Susan B. Anthony. Those who are not “witnesses” are acting as a judge, bailiff or lawyers. The project not only gives the students a chance to show their mastery of the historical material, but a chance to dress up, act like someone else, and end their study of history at Martyrs on a fun and educational note.

The eighth grade Reading class finished a poetry unit dealing with some classic poetry such as “The Highway Man”, “The Village Blacksmith” and “Annabel Lee.” Along with learning about some of the classics, the students did an outstanding job writing their own poetry. These poetry books will be on display graduation night. Please take some time to view their work. We continue to study authors and have been spending some time getting to know Edgar Allan Poe. The stories interest the students, but the study of the romantic period of literature is not quite as entertaining.



Religion classes find us learning about the vices and virtues. Much of this is a review for the students so just to add some interest we have been discussing moral dilemmas. Lively discussions have ensued as each student voices their opinion.

The eighth grade students are counting the days until May 25th: graduation from Martyrs! In the coming days, they will attend a retreat at The Holy Family Shrine on Wednesday, April 28th. May 17th will find them at Mahoney for their end of the year field trip, and on May 20th the eighth grade students will travel to Cathedral for an all city Mass with the Bishop. It will be a busy end to a wonderful year.



Congratulations to Mary Benes and Kayla Brion, 1st and 3rd place winners in the Lincoln Serra Club Vocation Essay Contest.



Mary will receive a \$600 scholarship to Pius, and Kayla will receive a \$150 scholarship to Pius. They attended an awards luncheon with their parents, and Mrs. Quinn on Friday, April 16th at Madonna.

Pre-K Vacation Bible School program June 21 - 25. Adult and youth volunteers { 7th grade and up } are needed. Preschool and Kindergarten forms are being sent home today, Totus Tuus forms will be sent at a later date. Please contact Dawn Niedergeses at 470-2678 or 712-281-0517.

Science Fair Winners !

The seventh and eighth grade students have been working on science fair topics since December and finally presented their complete projects to a group of judges on Tuesday. We had 68 creative projects that were divided into eight categories and sixteen volunteer judges to help evaluate all these experiments. The students had to perform an experiment using the scientific method, complete a report describing their experiment, construct a display, and give a presentation to a group of judges. We had many interesting topics this year including growing a plant through a maze, holding fire, making ethanol from fruit and vegetables, Technicolor shadows, and making a home-made generator.

Life Science

McKenna Leitschuck and Hannah Benes (1st)
Linh Ta (2nd)
Rachel Merrill (3rd)
Mary Benes (Honorable Mention)

Physical Science A

Avery Koelzer (1st)
Bree Ackerman and Elise Wordekemper (2nd)
Jordan Bogue and Nathan Clement (3rd)
Ryne Kortum and Matt Baier (Honorable Mention)

Chemistry

Isaac O’Gara (1st)
Kate Brakenhoff (2nd)
Madison Royse (3rd)
Dominic Mai and Johnny Nguyen (Honorable Mention)
Alex Lau and Caleb Ward (Honorable Mention)

Consumer Science A

Alyssa Bauer and Catherine Gries (1st)
Clay Simpson and Connor Schlautman (2nd)
Emma Sanderson and Kendra Peck (3rd)
Ally Thomsen (Honorable Mention)
Jeralyn Poe (Honorable Mention)

Over-all Best of Show:



Isaac O’Gara:

“Making Fuel From Fruits/Vegetables”

Carly Twehous:

“Growing a Plant in a Maze”

Mayfair is Friday **May 14th**. Many volunteers are still needed!
If you can volunteer to help please contact Deb Mazour by phone at 475-2332, or e-mail at dmazour@neb.rr.com

Plants and Animals

Carly Twehous (1st)
Aaron Heyen and Jeff Gabell (2nd)
Matthew Schilmoeller and Jared Michl (3rd)
Bailey Johnson and Nicole Timm (Honorable Mention)

Physical Science B

David Hatch and Peter Dang (1st)
Madison Schmidt (2nd)
Elizabeth Kuehl (3rd)
Thomas Crawford and Brian Puckett (Honorable Mention)

Health

Michael Leary (1st)
Tristen Soulliere (2nd)
Elena Mettler and Nicole Wenzl (3rd)
Alek Kreikemeier (Honorable Mention)

Consumer Science B

Hannah Terrell (1st)
Kayla Brion (2nd)
Molly Crawford and Stephanie Polivka (3rd)
Connor Maly and Nolan Meyer (Honorable Mention)

Thanks to our wonderful judges!

Heather Ruterbories	Cindy Kruml
Cathy Heyen	Bob Codr
Byron and Lisa Merrill	Blaine Johs
Bob Ruskamp	Phylis Jensen
Jeff Rademacker	Rich Twehous
Ron and Marcene Polivka	Michelle Singleton
Bob and Roberta Cook	

