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## SJN Alumni Returns to SJNRS

Jamison Wheeler and Giselle Magrath, Student Reports

Saint John Neumann Regional School recently had the privilege to welcome someone very important back to Palmerton! Sergeant Major of the Army Daniel Dailey visited our school to relive his experiences here. He grew up in Palmerton and attended school at Saint John Neumann Regional and Palmerton High School.

When our school heard he was coming back, we all know something special had to be done. Many veterans and friends joined our students and faculty who gathered at an honorary assembly where SMA Dailey told everyone all about his life before and after school saying his moral compass was developed by his mother and the teachers at **SJNRS**. Everyone from fourth through eighth grade and the faculty were intrigued by all of his exciting stories and about his travels to so many new countries. It was really an honor to have someone who travelled all over to talk about how much growing up in Palmerton meant to him. It made all of us realize how lucky we are to be in such an amazing school.

Our school was lucky to have his wife, Holly, also speak with us. She inspired a lot of the girls here and made us all realize that women can do anything that men can. At the end of the assembly, it was noticeable how much of an impact SMA Dailey had on us at SJNRS. So many of the students were motivated just by his words and made us all consider going into the military. SMA Dailey really expressed that no matter where life takes you, it is important to always remember the place that got you there.

We hope he returns to us in May!



## *Trimesters Curriculum*

It seems like we just started the school year, it is hard to believe it is half way over and the first trimester is over. The faculty, students, and parents adjusted well to the new trimester curriculum which was implemented this school year 2016-2017. What are trimesters curriculum and how will it benefit our students? The Diocese of Allentown made revision to the elementary report card which includes trimesters instead of quarterly report cards this school year. The purpose of the change is to accommodate the changes in the Pennsylvania, the Diocesan expectations, and standards students need to succeed in secondary school, college, and in the work place. The trimester curriculum extends the instruction and assessment period from 9 weeks to 12 weeks extending instructional time from 45 to 60 days to provide more in depth teaching and assessment opportunities. Saint John Neumann is in compliance with these diocesan changes and expectations. In addition, our Middle States accreditation mandates that we meet rigorous and comprehensive standards in order for SJNRS provide a quality education to our students.

### *2016-2017 SJNRS Trimesters Timeline*

First Trimester		Second Trimester		Third Trimesters	
August 29	School Year Begins	November 29	Trimester Begins	March 9	Trimester Begins
October	Progress Report	January 19	Progress Reports Issued	March 15-17	COGAT Gr. 3, 5, 7
October 25	Parent Conference			March 27-31	IOWA Test Grade 2-7
October 26	Parent Conference				
November 22	Trimester End	March 8	Trimesters End	April 20	Progress Report
December 5	First Trimester Report Card	March 15	Second Trimesters Report Card	June	Gr. 8 Graduation Kinder Closing Exercises Report Card

### Saint John Neumann Open House 2016-2017

*Every 2nd Thursday of each month  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*

January 12, 2017                      March 9, 2017                      May 11, 2017  
February 9, 2017                      April 6, 2017

#### *Additional Open House Dates*

Thursday, February 23, 2017                      6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday, March 11, 2017                      10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, May 10, 2017                      5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

#### **Private Tours Available**

**610-826-2354**

**Slatington Campus Grade K- 3**  
641 W. Washington St. Slatington, PA 18080

**Palmerton Campus Grade 4-8**  
259 Lafayette Ave. Palmerton, PA 18071

**KNOWLEDGE  
WILL BRING YOU  
THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

*- Claire Jagin*



## St. John Neumann Events and Upcoming Events

### **National Catholic Schools Week January 29, 2017 to February 4, 2017**

Saturday - Sunday, Our Parish: Our Parish Liturgies ~ Student Special Participation  
Jan. 28 - Feb. 4 We begin all things in God's Name and Presence!  
~ *Students should wear uniforms to their church.* ~

**"Winter Social –Dance"** in the PC gym Saturday 6:30 – 9:00 PM  
All Students invited-Preschool through 8th grade

#### **Monday, Jan. 30 Our Community: *Open House***

*Meet and Greet* 10:00 – 1:00 ~ *Both Campuses*  
*Palmerton/Slatington* - Crazy Hat and Sock Day  
Scholastic Book Fair  
SC: Egg projects due

#### **Tuesday, Jan. 31 Our Students:**

*Palmerton Campus* - Special Persons Luncheon + Scholastic Book Fair  
Grades 4-8 students will dress as their favorite book character and  
give a summary of a story they have read.  
*Slatington Campus* - PJ Day

#### **Wednesday, Feb.1 Our Nation: Red-White-Blue Attire ~ Prayer Service**

*Who Keep Us Safe Locally – Expressions of Gratitude*

Presentation:

Dan Kunkle, Environmentalist ~ 9:00 am at SC; 1:00 pm at PC

*\*All Families and Friends are invited to attend*

#### **Thursday, Feb. 2 Our Vocations: We pray for Religious/Priestly/Parent/Single Vocations**

*Palmerton Campus* - PJ DAY

*Slatington Campus* - Special Persons Luncheon + Scholastic Book Fair

SC: winners announced for egg projects

Snow tubing at Blue Mountain Ski Area 5:00...*Join us!*

#### **Friday, Feb. 3 Families and Friends: *Join us!***

Students grs. K-8 attend 8:30 Mass ~Sacred Heart Church

Students grs. K-8 Prayer Partner activity/ lunch together;

1:15 FADS presents "The Wizard of Oz"

H&SA Ice Cream Treat

**Full day of school**

\*\*\*7:00 pm Evening performance of "The Wizard of Oz" for parents,  
families, friends, and parish members\*\*\*

**SJNRS students learn much more than reading, writing and arithmetic.**

*They learn character and integrity; they grow in understanding, compassion, and creativity.*

*Our staff provides a Christ-centered education and personal involvement  
with each student and their parents.*

**Call our Slatington Campus (K-3 grades) 610-767-2935 or our  
Palmerton Campus (4-8 grades) 610-826-2354 to arrange a personal tour of our wonderful school!**



## SJN Latest News

### "Operation SJNRS" Blasts Off Successfully With E-MISSION "MOON, MARS, & BEYOND"!

#### Mr. E. Young, SJNRS Computer Teacher

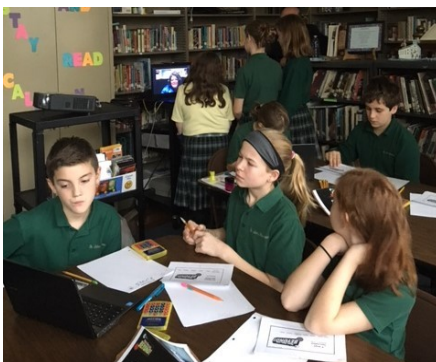
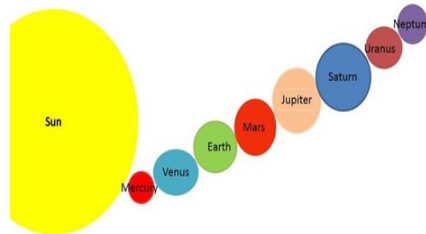
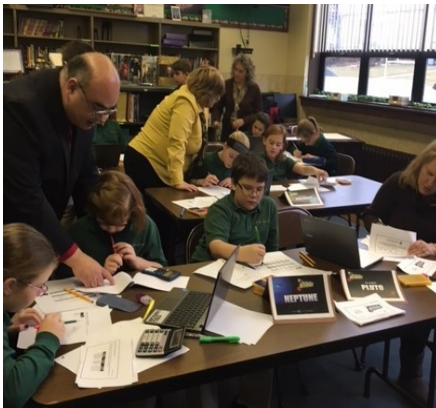
On January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 0900 hours, the fourth and fifth graders of Saint John Neumann Regional School began their eventful interactive educational experience called an "E-Mission" or "E-Lab". Please check out their website at [e-missions.net](http://e-missions.net).

The Students were broken into six teams, five of them located on different planets: Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune, Uranus, and Pluto. The last team was a Communications Team, which would receive information from all the other teams and relay it back to Earth Mission Control. Earth Mission Control was run by Commander Hutchinson of West Virginia, communicated via SKYPE, a means of live video conferencing. Commander Hutchinson introduced herself and gave the following scenario: "The year is 2080. We've lost contact with a manned spacecraft travelling between Jupiter and Pluto and we need to mount a rescue operation to find and save them. Your task is to track when the spacecraft was in your vicinity, plot their trajectory from your perspective, using your space charts, and to determine the current projected location. Additionally, the rescue craft must be supplied with enough air, water, and food to ensure the survival for the full round trip back home." Videos and pictures were transmitted to clearly communicate what was expected throughout and to immerse pupils in this situation, these were projected onto a wall so that all could clearly see and hear what was going on. Commander Hutchinson also emphasized how to communicate to her properly by calling her "Commander Hutchinson" or "Earth Mission Control" and using "Over" to end their line of communication. The six teams got to work. Cargo specialists from each planet calculated what was needed for the round trip for each supply. Decoders decrypted encoded messages which transmitted when and where the missing spacecraft entered and exited their systems or other unidentified objects travelling through their planetary systems. Plotters used this information to calculate on a Cartesian (X, Y) Coordinate System space chart. All this information was then relayed to and from the Communications Team to "Earth Mission Control" where Commander Hutchinson would check their work and see if correction were needed.

Finally, all teams would come together for a final conference to put the puzzle together, joining the plotted trajectories to and from their planetary systems, to locate the spacecraft's current location.

Commander Hutchinson sent out the rescue craft, and declared the mission a complete success once the craft was rescued. The astronaut survivors viewed their new supplies in Zero Gravity.

All in all, a job well done! Students were truly engaged, communicated well, and learned practical uses for various math problems in a fun, educational way. Cooperative learning, math skills and technology created a fun and amazing lesson!



#### Team Members for Operation SJNRS:

##### Jupiter

Aiden Sell, Elizabeth Burkit, Olivia Handwerk

##### Saturn

Bryson Walters, Delaney Erickson, Eva Schisler

##### Uranus

Dominic Bojko, Jaclyn Kokosky, Mikell Kulp

##### Neptune

Gavin Kress, Lauren Sheckler, Elsie Heckman

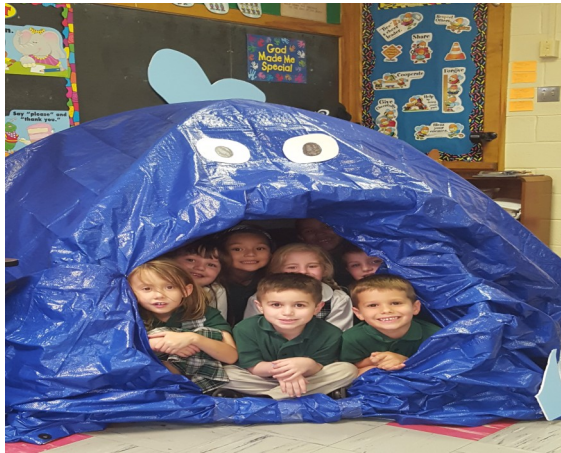
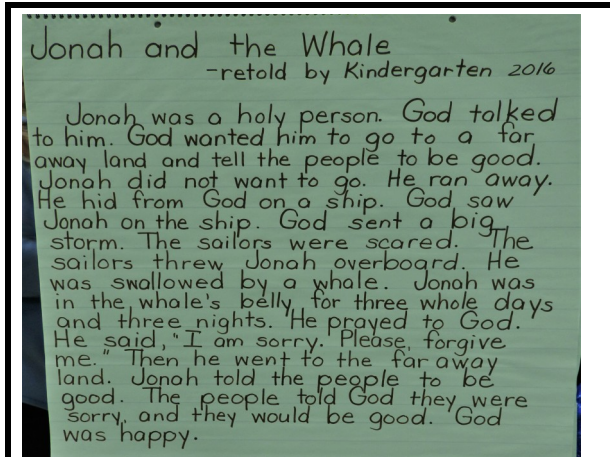
##### Pluto

Layne Brunner, Ada Finsel, Sophie Cerimele

##### Communications Specialists:

Megan Matsko, Susan Gilsbach, Delia Winas

### SJNR Teachers' Note



Grade 4 Charlotte Web Project

### 2016-2017 Students' Achievements



Student Council Induction



Jackie K. 3rd Place Catholic War Veterans Patriotic Poster Contest

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Congratulations to our SJN students who made their First Penance on December 12, 2016.

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SJNRS students collected Toys for Tots during Breakfast with Santa for the Marine Corps Reserve and Mittens and Socks for the local charities. The students also contributed to the Heifer project International through "Dress Down" donations.

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Congratulations to our students who participated in the Cantada on November 27, 2016 at Zion UCC in Lehigh. The Cantada was directed by SJN music teacher Brad Cressley.

### *SJN Holiday Happenings*

SJNRS had a Christmas Tree in Palmerton Park.

SJN students participated and enjoyed Christmas Caroling around Palmerton, visited Fr. Champion before heading to Palmerton Hospital.

New at SJN-students, families, and friends enjoyed a Winter Art Show. The show showcased our talented students art works.

Families and friends enjoyed the Annual Christmas Show. This year's theme is Christmas Sing-a-long.

## Home and School Association (H.S.A.)

### *Upcoming Events*

February 10, 2017	Family Fun Night at Palmerton Campus 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
February 25 –26, 2017	Annual Basket Social at Palmerton Campus
March 25, 2017	Family Night at Phantoms Hockey Game 7:05 pm PPL Center
May 19, 2017	Fore the Students Golf Tournament

### *H.S.A. Meeting*

February 8, 2017	6:00 pm at Palmerton Campus
March 8, 2017	6:00 pm at Palmerton Campus



### *A Special Thank You*

To Mr. Cornmesser, to Mrs. Mcgrath, and crew for organizing the Walk-a-Thon

To Mrs. Bates and crew for organizing the Breakfast with Santa

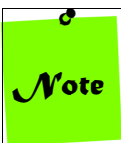
To Mrs. Kornafel for taking over the Lottery Calendar fundraising

To Mrs. Magrath for doing the Wreath Fundraising

To all the parents who helped at the Santa's Workshop

To the Kulp Family and Cheryl Donovan for helping Mrs. Ross after the Christmas Program

To Mrs. Catherine Moyer for taking over the Fore Students Golf tournament. Volunteers are needed to assist in many areas. Please contact Mrs. Moyer at [catmoyer@hushmail.com](mailto:catmoyer@hushmail.com)



Family envelope will be coming home each Friday. Please sign, date, and return Monday or next school day if we are closed.



***Coming this Summer***  
***SJNRS 2nd Annual Poker Run***  
***June 24, 2017***  
***Join Us!***



**Family Activity Fun Time**



## School Year 2016-2017 Memories



National Shrine in Washington



Blessing of Toys - Feast of Saint Francis



Walk - a-Thon



Franciscan Monastery Field Trip



Franklin Institute Science Show



Confirmation



Thanksgiving Dinner



Christmas Show



Breakfast with Santa

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