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## Educational Alliance Grant

St. John Neumann Regional School has received a \$500 ExxonMobil Educational Alliance grant! This is the third year SJN received a grant from ExxonMobil. This gift will be used to provide supplies for our school's science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) club. The STEM Club meets every Thursday in May. The students are given a project and the focus of the each project is based on structure and creativity to challenge and engage each students' critical thinking skills and team work. This award was made possible by CrossAmerica Partners and ExxonMobil.



## SJNRS announces Free Tuition!

St. John Neumann Regional School is excited to announce that we had received a generous donation from an anonymous couple who believe strongly in a Catholic-Christian education here at SJNRS. They offered to pay tuition for 10 Kindergarten students! That means 10 Kindergarteners were able to get FREE Tuition! We are so very thankful for this wonderful donation.



## Saint John Neumann Students Participate in the Science Fair

Every year, our students prepare to participate in the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Competition, popularly known as PJAS to our students in Easton. The preparation did not take days or weeks, but months!! How did they prepare? The students get to do a science experiment of their interest. Through experimentation, they learned to formulate problems, hypothesize, write a procedure, analyze, and come up with a conclusion – think their done? Not yet! They present their project in front of judges in a timed oral presentation and answer questions the judges ask. The judges then score each student according to their performance. Their teacher, Mrs. McLaughlin, tirelessly guided and prepared our students for the competition.

**Below are the students that competed in addition to the category they choose and the results:**

* Lydia Gowin, grade 8	1st place	Hearing Aid Batteries	Physics
Shannon Dougherty, grade 7	2nd place	What Substances Made Cardboard Hydrophobic?	Biochemistry
Caitlyn Kratzer, grade 7	2nd place	Growing Plants	Ecology
Carl Moyer, grade 7	2nd place	What Materials Can Block Wifi Signal?	Engineering
Charlotte Vinson, grade 7	2nd place	Testing the Ozone	Chemistry

**Lydia Gowin**, who took **1st place** got to present her project at the PJAS Statewide competition which was held at Penn State University in State College on May 14-16, 2017. The second place winners will work as her technicians during the competition. At the Statewide competition, Lydia also received first place! Congratulations!!



**PJAS Team**

**Front Row:** Carl Moyer

**Back Row** (left to right): Shannon Dougherty, Lydia Gowin, Charlotte Vinson and Caitlyn Kratzer

## E-Missions E-Labs

### **"Moon, Mars, and Beyond" At Palmerton Campus!**

In January 2017, fourth and fifth grade students participated in Moon, Mars, and Beyond E-learning program called E-Missions. This program is developed by Challenger Learning Center that links to classrooms anywhere in the world. The E-Mission is a live event conducted via video conference, where the students are given a mission to solve. The class will assemble as an emergency response team, work together as a team to respond to the situation until they solve the problem. The students learn the use of various math problems, team work, critical thinking, and communication skills. SJN participated in another E-Mission, this time not just in our Palmerton campus, but our Slatington campus also joined in on the fun. Mr. Earl Young, Computer Teacher, described their new missions.

### **"Want To Be An Astronaut" At Slatington Campus!**

SJNRS Slatington Campus did a new E-Lab called "Want To Be An Astronaut?!", which focused on the differences of life in outer space versus Earth, for the younger 2nd and 3rd grade students.



### **"DNA Crime Lab Investigation" At Palmerton Campus!**

Following the successful launch of our latest E-Lab, by the 4th and 5th graders, SJNRS Palmerton Campus enthusiastically signed up for another E-Lab with an emphasis on science and logical deductive reasoning called "DNA Crime Lab Investigation" for the older 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.

The three classes thoroughly studied and organized pre-mission data led by Homeroom Teacher Donna McLaughlin, such as evidence presented at the scene of the crime, and witnesses' testimonies. Their scenario: two children, Isabelle Noche and Mark Matthews, were abducted. The teams were to use the evidence at the scene of the crime and eyewitness accounts to narrow the list of twelve main suspects, devise a hypothesis on what transpired at the scene, and ultimately, identify the kidnapper(s) of the two victims.







## Student Achievements



### Jaclyn Kokosky and Susan Gilsbach

Performance in the CYO Spelling  
Bee grades 2-5

**Ethan Mendes, Ruby Walters,  
Lauren Sheckler, Delia Winas**  
Marian High School Coloring  
Contest Winner

**Hailey Hard**  
Allentown Central Catholic High  
School Poetry Contest

**Jamison Wheeler**  
Bishop's Scholarship Award

**Lydia Gowin**  
2017 Chess Champion

### Honor Roll 3rd Trimester

#### *Principal's List:*

Delia Winas, grade 4  
Megan Matsko, grade 5  
Emma Martinez, grade 6

#### *1st Honors:*

**Grade 4**  
Lauren Sheckler

**Grade 5**  
Susan Gilsbach,  
Aiden Sell

**Grade 7**  
Shannon Dougherty

**Grade 8**  
Jamison Wheeler

#### *2nd Honors:*

**Grade 4** Elizabeth Burkit

**Grade 5** Sophia Cerimele, Ada Finsel,  
Olivia Handwerk

**Grade 6** Chase Wisocky

**Grade 7** Charlotte Vinson, John "Carl" Moyer

**Grade 8** Kelci Bubser, Giselle Magrath,  
Lydia Gowin

**Congratulations!**

### *Neumann's Nicest:*

*Each trimester, SJNRS gives awards to students who exhibit the beatitudes.*

Seth Pompa, grade K  
Sophie Eckert, grade 1  
Connor Lawless, grade 2

Lilly Amorim, grade 3  
Elizabeth Burkit, grade 4  
Eva Schisler, grade 5

Chris Ross, grade 6  
Caitlyn Kratzer, grade 7  
Giselle Magrath, grade 8

### **CYO District 5 Art/Craft/Photography Winners 2017**

ART K  
3rd-Seth Pompa

ART 1-2 Grade  
1st-Benjamin Cornmesser  
2nd-Catherine Herr

ART 3-4 Grade  
2nd-Layne Brunner  
3rd-Lilly Amorim  
HM-Madison Torner

ART 5-6 Grade  
1st-David Donovan  
2nd-Eva Schisler

ART 7-8 Grade  
1st- Olivia Erickson  
3rd-Alex Kokosky

Craft K  
2nd-Alexis Berger  
3rd-Carleen Johnson

Craft 3-4 Grade  
2nd-Delaney Erickson

Craft 5-6 Grade  
1st-Sophia Cerimele  
3rd-Abigail Torner



### 4H Chick Hatching Project

This year is the second year that Mrs. Hodyl's fifth grade will participate in the 4H Chick Hatching Project. The chick eggs are delivered to the Palmerton campus.

They are placed in a controlled incubator until they hatch. Once the eggs hatch, students from Slatinton campus and children from the local day cares go to Palmerton for a Chick Hatching Event, where the older students read them stories about chicks. This is not only a great hands on learning experience, but it also shows responsibility in taking care of God's creatures.



### SJNRS Fine Arts and Drama Society

#### *Living Station Performance*

Written by: Caityln Kratzer and Kelci Bubser

Wednesday, April 5th, Friday, April 7th, and Monday, April 10th, the students of St. John Neumann Regional School put on a presentation of what Jesus went through to save everyone from sin. Mrs. Diana Koma, the director of this amazing presentation, along with Mrs. Georgia Hodyl, took time after school every Thursday to work and practice with the students. The practices, which started in February, proved to be well worth it in the end.

"Living Stations" is not a show, it is a representation of the Catholic faith. The students truly believe in the message they are reenacting. "Stations" help many people, young and old to better understand what Jesus went through.



 Welcome   
 To Our School 

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## Home and School Association (HSA)

### 2017-2018 Officers

AnnMarie Ross, President

Natalie Bojko, Secretary

Julie Kornafel, Vice President

Amy Zuccarelli, Treasurer

Dear Friends,

What a wonderful and exciting year we have had here at SJNRS!

Our children have grown not just academically, but in their knowledge of God and awareness of gifts God has blessed them with. There has been much growth in students' social skills and their realization that they are an intricate part of the 'SJNRS Family'.

Thank you to all who willingly volunteered throughout the year to make possible the many activities our students have been involved in. Fundraising is essential to our continuation as a viable instrument for teaching and directing children in life. Our H&SA Officers have been tireless leaders and I know you are grateful, too.

Congratulations to the families of our eighth-grade graduates. I am sad to see the graduates leave, but excited to see where the future will take them.

Congratulations to Our Graduates:

Braden Bates, Kelci Bubser, Lydia Gowin, Giselle Magrath, and Jamison Wheeler!!

God bless you,  
Sister

## Congratulations Class of 2017!!!



### **Alumni News!**

- Camaryn Wheeler will be going to Moravian College.
- Katarzyna Zukowski will be going to Delaware Valley University.
- Preston Rupp will be going to Lehigh Carbon Community College.
- Dennis Lupin will be going to DeSales University
- Wyatt Trantham will be going to the U.S. Naval Academy.
- Johanna Matsko will be going to Misericordia University

Send us your alumni news to be in our next publication!  
- sjnrsadvancement@gmail.com -

### **Coming Events** **Mark your Calendars**

- ⇒ **Aug. 17th** - "K" Orientation, SC
- ⇒ **Aug. 22nd** - "K" Parent Meeting, SC
- ⇒ **Sept. 12-13th** - Meet the Teacher Night
- ⇒ **Oct. 4th** - 'Officer Phil'
- ⇒ **Oct. 27th** - Walk-a-thon PC





## Campus Life



Easter Egg Hunt



E-Mission



Wax Museum Presentations



Strategic thinking, tactical moves... Checkmate!  
Who will be the next CHAMPION?



Academic Bowl Team



E-Mission

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