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Enclosed is an envelope for donations to SJNRS to support our students through tuition aid and laptop replacement. Thank you so much for your prayers and generosity! It is very much appreciated! God Bless! SJNRS is a 501c3 school.

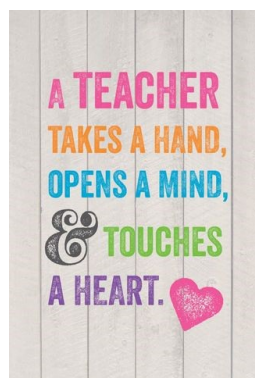
Elliena Featured on Cover of Magazine

Our very own fourth grader, Elliena Apollo, is featured on the cover of "The Paisley Magazine". The Paisley Magazine is for ponies and smaller equines. Ellie has been riding ponies for 7 years and currently owns three, Isabelle, Beetle Juice and Blue Grass Farrow. She is always practicing, especially in the summer when every weekend! She exciting being Magazine". She also the company is mom, Delia, started a Elliena EQ because is boring and white. started out by making bows. This soon grew turned into a line of "When I jump and really challenges her favorite part of she has won at least 3 Isabelle. Competitions positioning, but sometimes there are also inspections of the ponies.



she competes almost says, "It was pretty featured in The Paisley said, "it is awesome that expanding". Ellie and her new show line called most of the show clothing Their operation originally colorfully designed hair rapidly by demand and colorful garments. it feels like your flying you," says Elliena about riding. This year alone awards with pony, are mostly jumps and

Recently, Elliena got the opportunity to interview Olympian, Nona Garson who participates in the sport of equestrian. Nona Garson has her own farm, which Elliena takes lessons at. She asked Nona questions like what her favorite things were in riding such as height and also questions that other riders would be interested in. She said the best advice she got from Nona was, "Try your best and never give up." Elliena said, "It is different hearing those words from someone so experienced, so it really meant a lot."



Our new third and sixth grades teachers,
~Mrs. Sherry Sernak, 3rd Grade~
~Mrs. Anne Girard, 6th Grade~
are well adjusted and contributing to the mission of SJNRS!

We are so blessed to have the both of you!
Thank you for everything you do for SJNRS!

40 Years of Education!



40 Years and SJNRS Continues!

Sister Virginia Stephanie, SSJ

What a privilege it is to work with the parents, faculty, and pastors of SJNRS! It is the people in our local and broader Community that enable SJNRS to endure. Parishioners, educators, families and donors continue to recognize what our school stands for and what SJNRS delivers to children— Gospel Values. The teamwork of these generous, faith-filled people allows the work of our Greatest Teacher to be done. *Forty* years is a window into God's plan for the faith sharing and education of our society's future leaders. Again, I am privileged and blessed to be standing on the shoulders of so many dedicated individuals and part of God's plan for SJNRS and Catholic Education.

When considering your end of the year charitable giving, please put SJNRS on your list.

Be God's Instrument!

I expect SJNRS to be here another 40 Years!

Ribbon Cutting at Slatington Campus for 40 Years!



SJNRS in partnership with the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce held a Ribbon Cutting at the Slatington Campus for the 40th Anniversary of the School on Tuesday, December 5th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. A great crowd from the community came to celebrate and reminisce on about memories of the school while enjoying the sweet voices of our students singing

Christmas Carols. Among the people to help us celebrate were Mayor Niedermeyer and Lehigh County Executive Thomas Muller. Lehigh County Executive Muller presented SJNRS with an official Proclamation for the 40th Anniversary! Thank you to everyone who came out to this event! We look forward to seeing you in January for our other 40th Anniversary events. See details on the next page and go to <http://www.brctv13.com/news/local-news/21054-st-john-neumann-regional-school-kicks-off-anniversary> to see coverage of this event!

A Special Letter from Father Arnout

I can remember as a young boy learning about Bishop John Neumann, immigrant from Bohemia, the “little bishop” of Philadelphia and how he made many pastoral visits throughout this region of Pennsylvania. He visited and celebrated the sacraments with the first Catholic community of German immigrants in my hometown and established a parish for them in the middle of the nineteenth century. I also remember celebrating his canonization as a saint in 1977 and being very proud that this new saint served the people of America and that I knew him as a neighbor and friend.

Little did I know that at that same time a new regional school in our diocese was beginning its work under Saint John Neumann's patronage and intercession. As our school community celebrates its fortieth anniversary, I am blessed to be a pastor of a parish community that participates in the faithful work of this school. I have enjoyed becoming a part of this school community and witnessing its good work with the students in faith formation and education. Best wishes during this jubilee year and may Saint John Neumann continue to guide and protect us!

Father Eric Arnout

Pastor

Assumption BVM Parish, Slatington, Pennsylvania



Save
the Date

Join us in January for our other 40th Anniversary Events!

~**Jan. 5th:** Mass with Bishop Schlert at 8:30am Sacred Heart Parish in Palmerton with breakfast to follow.

~**Evening of Jan. 5th:** 6:30pm-8:30pm, gathering of parents past and present to enjoy each other and catch up.

~**Jan. 6th:** Alumni Gathering 2pm-4pm at PC, refreshments/tours of Campus.



Student Achievements



Amanda Gowin, Gr. 4

2nd Place, Catholic War Veterans
Post 454 Patriotic Poster Contest

Delaney Erickson, Gr. 5

3rd Place, Catholic War Veterans
Post 454 Patriotic Poster Contest

Chris Capone, Gr. 8

1st Place, CYO Spelling Bee

Chris Ross, Gr. 7

2nd Place, CYO Spelling Bee

Susan Gilsbach, Gr. 6

2nd Place, CYO Spelling Bee



Honor Roll 1st Trimester

Principal's List:

Lilly Amorim, Elliena Apollo, Colleen Gilsbach, **Grade 4**

Megan Matsko, **Grade 6**

Emma Martinez, **Grade 7**

1st Honors:

Grade 4

Canon Morrow,
Ezekial Williams,
Aidan Winas

Grade 5

Delia Winas

Grade 8

Shannon Dougherty

2nd Honors:

Grade 4

Andi Girard,
Carter Hubbell

Grade 5

Lauren Sheckler

Grade 6

Susan Gilsbach,
Blake Morrow
Aiden Sell

Grade 8

Charlotte Vinson



Neumann's Nicest:

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

William Anderson, **Grade K**

Carleen Johnson, **Grade 1**

Hailey Hard, **Grade 2**

Anna Truscott, **Grade 3**

Lydia Hessinger, **Grade 4**

Esther Williams, **Grade 5**

Blake Morrow, **Grade 6**

Alise Heisey, **Grade 7**

Jacob Fenstermaker, **Grade 8**

**\$618.01 raised for Student to
Student Donations for Hurricane
Response**



**Family Promise
Donations**



7th and 8th grade Students present their State Projects

The 7th and 8th grade students of SJNRS recently, presented their state projects to the whole school. Wow, were they exploding with knowledge! Each student chose a state that interested them to do research on and learn more about it. On each poster board that the students made they had to present certain information. This included a picture of the state flag and explanation of how it came about, state information such as the state bird, animal and flower. A map had to be drawn in the center of the poster board portraying the terrain and landscape of the area, shown with different colors. Students also presented research on famous people that have originated from that state and major events that have happened there. They did an excellent job presenting that states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Virginia, New York, Ohio, Alabama, Maine, Texas, California, Colorado, Montana, Oklahoma, Alaska and Hawaii. The states were presenting in the order of which they joined into the United States Union.



Student Wins 1st Place State Wide!

St. John Neumann Regional School congratulates Samantha Steier, 8th Grader. She won first place, at State level, in the 2017 "Americanism Essay Contest!" It is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary of Oplinger-Hower, Unit 899, in Walnutport. Her award is \$100! The title of the essay is: "How does learning about government and our America help you become a future guardian of the liberties of our country?" Sam is overjoyed to have won first place!



~Thursday, 1/11, 10:00am-1:30pm
 ~Thursday, 1/18, 4:30pm-6:30pm
 ~Sunday, 1/28, 12:00pm-2:00pm
 ~Thursday, 2/8, 10:00am-1:30pm
 ~Thursday, 2/22, 4:30pm-6:30pm

Walk-A-Thon

Walk-A-Thon was such a success this year having raised \$17,000+! Wow!! All involved did a great job. The support of our school is so unbelievable! The students had such a fun day with so many activities! Walk-A-Thon was kicked off with morning Mass at Sacred Heart Parish, which then led into the introduction of the day by Chairperson, Mr. Cornmesser. He has been heading Walk-A-Thon for many years. Thank you Mr. Cornmesser for everything you have done for SJNRS! An exercise instructor prepared students for their long walk by doing some stretches. Students walked up and down Delaware Avenue and through the park, ending just in time to meet the Lehigh Valley Phantoms Mascot, MeLvin! MeLvin's associate told everyone how important it is to exercise and get fresh air every day as well as how to eat healthy. After lunch, The Franklin Institute came to present how awesome Chemistry can be. The day ended in prayer.



Student Council

President: Caitlyn Kratzer
Vice President: Shannon Dougherty
Secretary: Emma Martinez
Treasurer: Chase Wisocky
8th Gr. Representative: Chris Capone
7th Gr. Representative: Chris Ross
6th Gr. Representatives: Olivia Handwerk, Susan Gilsbach
5th Gr. Representatives: Layne Brunner, Delia Winas
4th Gr. Representatives: Lilly Amorin, Ellie Apollo



**At SJNRS we are
ONE BIG FAMILY!!!**



Alumni News!

Send us your alumni news to be in our next publication!

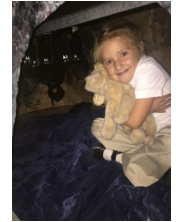
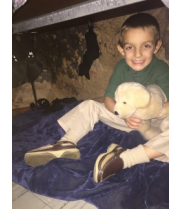
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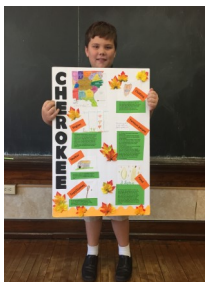
School Life in Pictures!



4th Grade Saint Project



Kindergarten created a truly phenomenal Bat Cave.



5th Grade Native American Project



2nd Grade is reading their play to 1st grade.



Story Time Social! Older pupils read/acted out stories with games for the younger ones.



100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima

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