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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.



Father Arnout

As a Catholic priest and pastor, my primary efforts in living out my vocation are to share with people the promise of Salvation and how our Lord, Jesus accomplished these eternal gifts for the human family through the Proclamation of His Gospel and through His Cross. We need to make use of His gifts of grace and mercy and cooperate fully with Him. This is shared at our parish school with students, parents, and staff alike. No matter what our age or situation in life, as Christians and Disciples, we are called to prayerfully reflect and act upon these truths. The blessing of Saint John Neumann Regional School is that our parishioners and its students have the opportunity daily to allow this eternal, divine purpose and goal of Heaven to infuse every aspect of their school life and community. Their academic pursuits and all learning, clubs and the arts, daily prayer and fun activities . . . all of these efforts, accompanied by Jesus, spark and motivate the development of these students into Disciples and Believers first, constantly growing and maturing in a relationship with our Lord, while simultaneously coupled to the important energy of educating and forming them as complete human persons.

Father Eric Arnout - - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church



Daily Themes

Sunday: Celebrating Your Parish
Monday: Celebrating Your Community
Tuesday: Celebrating Your Students
Wednesday: Celebrating the Nation
Thursday: Celebrating Vocations
Friday: Celebrating Faculty, Staff and Volunteers
Saturday: Celebrating Families



Message from our Principal **The Impact of Giving**

Help us maintain our safe, high quality education while accompanying parents in sharing the values of our Catholic-Christian beliefs and traditions. Embrace your faith, your values, and your love of our Christian society.

Tuition covers only a portion of the expense to educate each child. It costs \$8,080 to educate one child in our school, yet the tuition is \$3,407 for the first child in a family. The tuition is lessened for each additional child in a family. Our parents through their Home and School Association raise \$33,000, but it is **your** help that picks up the additional cost as do our three parishes. However, there is still a great need for your contributions.

Donations keep us going! You are a part of our mission; support us through your prayers and through your giving. The children and staff pray for you, our benefactors, at our weekly Masses.

God bless you,
Sister V. Stephanie, SSJ

Remember that SJNRS is a 501c3 nonprofit when recording your donation.

St. John Neumann Regional School Selects **2018-2019 Student Council**

The students of St. John Neumann Regional School in Palmerton Campus recently took part in the elections of the 2018 -2019 Student Council Officers and Class Representatives. Once the students returned to the new school year, students who were interested in serving as leaders of our school planned to run for office. Each candidate had to write and give a speech to his or her classmates on why he/she should be elected to Student Council. The students running for Officers presented their speeches on September 21, 2018 at a lunch assembly. Sister V. Stephanie, Principal, said how proud she was of 'all those who put their name in for consideration and who campaigned.' Voting took place on Friday, September 28th. The new active leaders are: Emma M., President; Alise H., Vice-President; Eva S., Secretary; Susan G., Treasurer.

The new Class Representatives are: Connor L. and Anna T., Grade 4; Lilly A., Luke M., and Aidan W., Grade 5; Jaclyn K. and Delia W., Grade 6; and Megan M., Grades 7/8. **Congratulations** to our new Council! Everyone looks forward to an exciting year of service and activities.

Student Reports: Alise H. + Eva S. – Grade 7



St. John Neumann Regional School **"United Nations"**

October 22nd SJNRS seventh and eighth grade students presented their United Nations reports to the school community. Each student researched a country, countries were: Canada, Costa Rica, Egypt, England, France, Greece, Ireland, Japan, Mongolia, New Guinea, and Russia. Students dressed up in the country's ethnic dress for their presentations. Tri-folds displayed items that represented their country. The students were very well prepared and articulate which lead to the smooth and easy flow of the presentations.

Student Reporters: Susan G. and Blake M.
Grade 7



SJNRS Chess Club 2018-2019

Chess is an amazing game! It was created in the 6th century with pieces like the King and Queen and others. It's easy to learn, and fun to play. St. John Neumann Regional School has a Chess Club activity after school every 'Terrific Tuesday' for an hour. Students appreciate and thank Mr. P. Kern, Sister V. Stephanie and parent aides for all that they do. A fifth-grade student Cannon commented, "The Chess Club was exciting, puzzling, and fun. It was so nice of Mr. Kern to buy new equipment for us. I really recommend joining."

Student Reports:
Kayla K. and Lauren S. Grade 6

International Pen Pals

While running for Student Council, St. John Neumann School students had an idea to communicate with students in other countries. "I've always wanted to visit Great Britain!", said sixth grader Delia. Jackie responded, "It would be fun and interesting to write with other children." A plan was formed.

Students researched and found a Catholic school in Chapman, Kent, England. The school title was Saint John Fisher's Primary School. Permission was given to reach out by their principal, Sister V. Stephanie. Sister praised the initiative the students were taking. Mrs. McCall, Mrs. Hodyl, their teachers, made the connection possible. The students sent an email and anxiously waited for a reply. Two weeks passed and a reply came! The principal of St. John Fisher School said students would be "Delighted!" to write with the students of St. John Neumann Regional School who are excited to correspond and find out what life is like for 'kids our age in England'.

Delia W. and Jackie K., Grade 6 SJNRS

Student Activities

Success ~ St. John Neumann Walk-a-thon!

What a fun day! Students, Parents, Teachers all participated in the annual **Walk-a-thon** organized and executed by parent Mr. Jim Pompa. The day began with students and family members gathered for Mass in Sacred Heart Church, followed by snack and then with fun warm up exercises. Students (grades K-3) walked through the Palmerton Park showing their SJNRS Pride on October 26th while the older students (grades 4-8) walked Delaware Avenue carrying banners and responded to the many cars that honked their support. A special stop was at the haunted mystery tree area. A pizza lunch for all was followed by the STEM presentation "Super Science & Amazing Art" *Pop Plop Zing*. "Amazing! Really Good!!", shouted students of the SJNRS third grade class when asked about the day. It is not too late to send in your financial support to Jim Pompa and help SJNRS reach the goal of \$20,000!



St. John Neumann Regional School students in grades K – 3 enjoyed a '**Spooktacular STEM Event**' in their Slatington Campus on October 31st.

- Station K presented and created the hands-on '**Flying Bats**' which demonstrated and measured the velocity at which bats can fly.
- Station 1 learned **Endothermic and Exothermic Chemical** reactions inside a large pumpkin. The children were able to feel the heat from the exothermic reaction. Everyone was mesmerized as the mixture oozed out the mouth of the pumpkin.
- Station 2 worked **Pumpkin Catapults** to measure the distance stress on the catapults that can project various items including candy pumpkins
- Station 3 challenged students to engineer the **Tallest Pumpkin Tower** using only toothpicks and candy pumpkin pieces to build their towers. Needless-to-say, students and adults had a fun and exciting morning using their critical thinking skills.

"Spooktacular!"



Noah's Ark Arrived

Noah's Ark comes alive in St. John Neumann Regional School's kindergarten! Kindergarten and first were learning the story of Noah and the Ark so to make it more meaningful, Mrs. Hartz built an ark in kindergarten. Father Arnout read and explained the story of Noah and the Ark. Mrs. Cerimele and Mrs. Hartz taught the students a song. Put all that together with animals and Noah, and you have a floating zoo. Everyone enjoyed learning the story of Noah and the Ark.

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Thanksgiving Activities

This year for Thanksgiving the sixth-grade class of SJNRS learned more about the rough living of the Pilgrims and Indians. Mrs. McCall, our teacher, started off by helping her students learn how to make homemade butter; this then expanded to students in grades 4 through 8. Grade six students then learned how to make toys like the Pilgrims and Native Americans did in 1620. Pupils had fun making lawn darts by husking corn 'by hand', then they put two feathers in the top to finish off the darts. The surplus corn went to make hacky sacks by putting corn into plastic bags, wrapped the bagged corn in a square piece of shaped fabric and close it with a rubber band. Girls also made rag dolls by putting a cotton ball in a piece of folded fabric then wrapped this in two additional pieces of fabric. Instead of sewing it they tied it together with a piece of string. They then wrote essays on what it was like to be a Pilgrim or Indian. One of the sixth-grade students named Gavin said, "It was a great learning experience, but in a fun way".

Delaney E. and Elizabeth B., Students Grade 6



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Congratulations!

Sam Arnold, recipient of The Coast Guard Foundation Scholarships. Sam is currently attending Lafayette College.



Lydia Gowin, 2017 graduate, completed the GEMS (Gains in the Education of Math and Science) Program this summer at Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey. The program is sponsored by the Army Educational Outreach Program.

Congratulations SJN alumni and former students who made Honor Roll for first marking period.

Palmerton High School



High Honors

Jacob Martinez (2015 grad)
 Madison Martinez (2015 grad)
 Natalie Matsko (2015 grad)
 Sayler Burke
 Timothy Hillanbrand (2016 grad)
 Erica Messics
 Braden Bates (2017 grad)
 Kelci Bubser (2017 grad)
 Shannon Dougherty (2018 grad)
 Madison Mahler



Marian High School

First Honors

Jamison Wheeler (2017 grad)
 Olivia Erickson (2018 grad)
 Charlotte Vinson (2018 grad)

Second Honors

Matthew Doherty (2015 grad)
 Jacob Fenstermaker (2018 grad)

Allentown Central Catholic High School

Cum Laude

Tomasz Zukowski (2015 grad)

Magna Cum Laude

Hannah Sarmir (2015 grad)

Summa Cum Laude

Caitlene Santos (2016 grad)

Alumni News!

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

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School Life in Pictures!



*From the desk of
David*

I know we have organs in our body. Our lungs help us breath. Our brain helps us think. Our heart helps us **LOVE !!**



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