

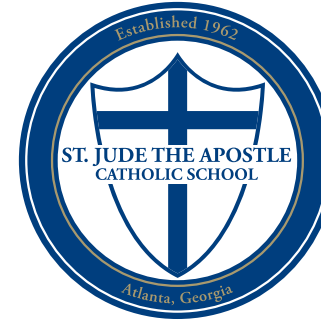


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# THE campus chronicle

A bi-annual publication providing the latest updates from St. Jude The Apostle Catholic School.

## UPCOMING dates

**Wednesday, Aug. 9**  
 First Day Noon Dismissal

**Sunday, Aug. 27**  
 Major Donor Dinner

**Thursday, Aug. 31**  
 Screenagers Movie

**Friday, Sept. 1**  
 Noon Dismissal

**Monday/Tuesday, Sept. 4/5**  
 Student Holidays

**Saturday, Sept. 16**  
 Chastain Night

**Wednesday, Sept. 27 - Oct. 1**  
 Circus of the Kids Performances

**Friday, Oct. 6**  
 Noon Dismissal,  
 Teacher In-service

**Monday, Oct. 9**  
 Columbus Day Holiday

**Thursday, Oct. 26**  
 Noon Dismissal, Conferences

**Friday, Oct. 27**  
 Student Holiday for Conferences

**Sunday, Oct. 29**  
 Open House for 2018-2019  
 school year

**Monday, Oct. 30**  
 Online applications open for  
 2018-2019 school year  
 (closes February 5, 2018)

**Mon. - Fri., Nov. 20 - 24**  
 Thanksgiving Holidays

**Wednesday, Nov. 29-Dec. 2**  
 Charlie Brown Christmas play

**Thursday, Dec. 21**  
 Noon Dismissal



## Catholic Schools

COMMUNITIES OF FAITH, KNOWLEDGE, AND SERVICE

For our Catholic Schools Week service project, our students worked together to pack more than 11,600 meals for Rise Against Hunger, an international relief organization that coordinates the distribution of food and other life-saving aid around the world. **Our students packed enough meals to feed almost 70,000 people**, primarily in schools and orphanages. We recently learned that our meals were sent to Swaziland to be distributed by relief partner, Islamic Relief.

The special week concluded with a Mass recognizing our alumni, and a parent reception following the Mass.



Alumni luncheon, St. Jude School Class of 2013.





We celebrated our 2nd grade First Communicants during a special school Mass on May 22.



“  
MAY YOU ALWAYS KNOW  
THE PEACE OF JESUS,  
THE LIGHT OF HIS LOVE,  
AND THE JOY OF HIS LIFE  
WITHIN YOU.  
”

## Seder Meal

APRIL 12, 2017

As a culmination to their study of the Book of Exodus, the 6th grade classes participated in a traditional Seder meal during Holy Week. They learned, among other things, that the Catholic Holy Thursday liturgy commemorates the Passover feast when Jesus broke bread with His Apostles and gave them wine saying,

**“this is My Body..., this is My Blood,”**  
thus instituting the Holy Eucharist.



Our wonderful PTA planned an informative and exciting Career Week, organizing a slate of attention-grabbing volunteers to come and share their careers with our students. Our professionals included a pediatric cardiologist, metallurgical engineer, neonatologist, architect, anesthesiologist, Navy nurse, representative from Great Pyrenees Dog Rescue, human resources manager, technology professional, and even an astronaut!



### MY MOUTH IS A VOLCANO

In May we welcomed the Stars Within Reach production of “My Mouth is a Volcano,” based on the award-winning book by Julia Cook. “My Mouth is a Volcano” teaches children the value of respecting others by listening and waiting for their turn to speak. School counselor Lauren Aragon uses this book in guidance lessons with our students.



# MEDIA FESTIVAL 2017



## I Need a Vacation!

"Schoolwork, choir rehearsal, track practice, plus my paper route?" How can I possibly get all of this done? **I NEED A VACATION!** Our 1st grade performers charmed us all with song and dance, relating many fabulous ways for a satisfying escape.



Below left: Mateo (2nd place)  
Middle: Jilli (1st place)  
Right: Gabriella (3rd place)

### ORATORICAL

If public speaking is everyone's number one fear, then our 6th through 8th graders are fearless! Modern Woodmen of America sponsors a yearly oratorical competition wherein the students research, write, edit, and present speeches on an assigned topic. Past topics have included *Most Important Invention*, *A Memorable News Story*, *Hunger in America*, *Inspiring People*, *My Personal Hero*, and *Interesting Landmarks*.



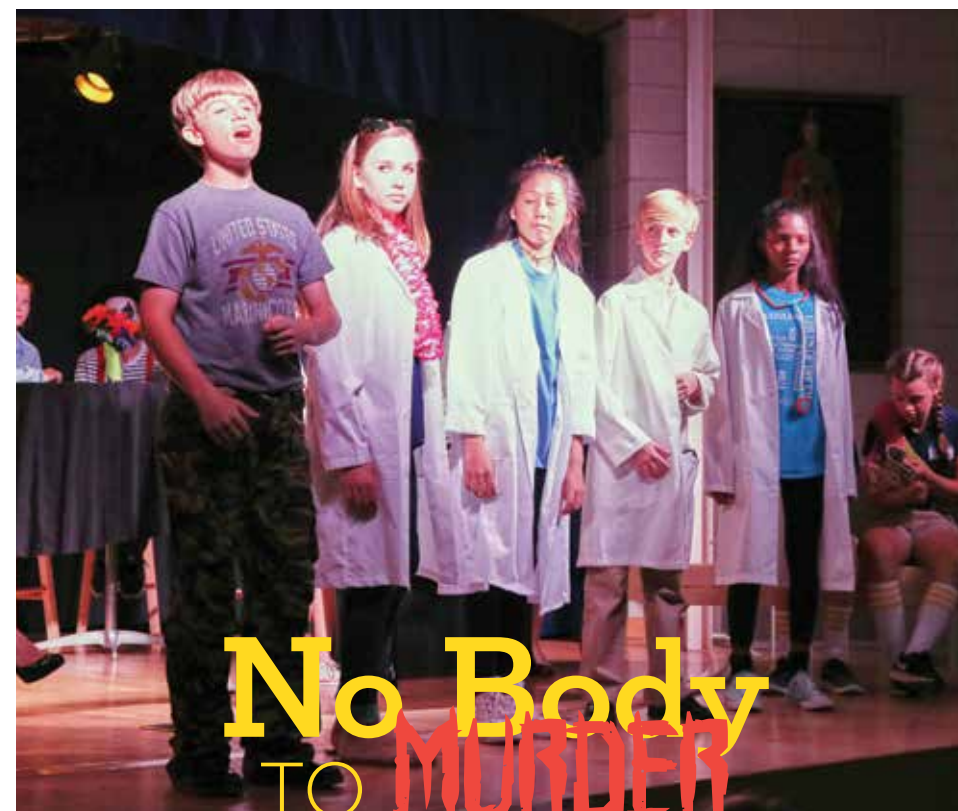
### MEDIA FESTIVAL

Seventeen projects, created by students from 1st through 7th grades, were submitted to this year's Georgia Student Media Festival (GSMF). The projects had already been judged at the school and local level and included live action, sequential stills, and animation. Every single one of the 17 projects that advanced to the state competition received an award. Four received perfect scores, earning Blue Excellence "Best in Show;" seven received Blue Excellence, three received Gold Excellence; and three received Silver Excellence. We are so proud of all 51 students who participated in this year's festival!

### BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

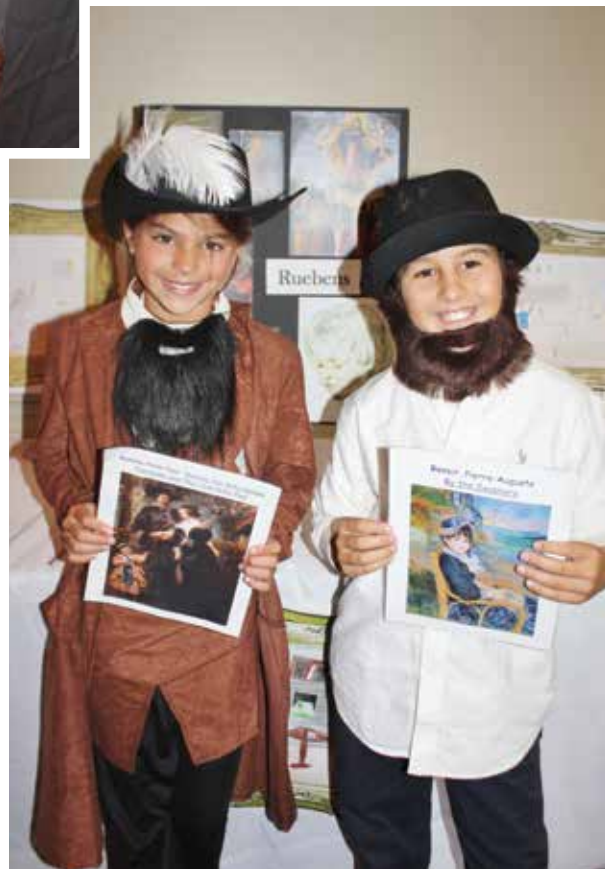
On May 4, numerous teams representing schools from the Archdiocese of Atlanta gathered at St. John the Evangelist School for the 15th annual Battle of the Books competition. St. Jude was well represented by four teams, one from each grade 3 - 6. After two grueling hours of preliminary elimination rounds, our 3rd, 5th and 6th grade teams advanced to the finals. Congratulations to all, but especially to our 3rd grade team for winning the competition and becoming the 2017 Battle of the Books champions!

From left: Flannery, Carder, Emily, and Izzy



The Middle School thespians delighted us with a two-night showing of "No Body to Murder," a clever farce that entertained our audiences and had them laughing all night.





## Living Museum

Third grade teachers, Mrs. Sandy Kiphart and Mrs. Cheryl Gentile, led a study of the novel, *From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*, a story about two children who run away from home and hide at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. After completing the novel, the students researched and portrayed artists whose work is in the Met. At "The Metropolitan Art Museum of St. Jude," our "living artists" were frozen in place until a visitor pushed a button at the artists' feet, causing them to come to life and give a brief biography of themselves as well as of one of their famous paintings, also on display.

## INVENTION CONVENTION



When it comes to thinking "outside the box," our 4th graders are geniuses! At this year's "Invention Convention" we saw creations that included Cart Clips, Snapping Sheets, E-Z Paste, and The Super Spout to name a few! Get ready to invest Sharks! One of these inventions may REALLY be "the best thing since sliced bread!"



MAY 12, 2017

## GRANDPARENT'S day

St. Jude School loves our grandparents! On May 12 we welcomed over **550 grandparents** in celebration of Grandparents' Day, to honor and thank them for all they do for us. Many of the grandparents with extended family around the country assert that St. Jude's Grandparent's Day is the best they've ever attended! Of course it is; it stands to reason that the school with the **best grandparents** would have the **best Grandparent's Day!!**

