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nurturing the formation of saints and scholars

In the future, when talking about “the great eclipse of 2017,” St. Jude students will have a plethora of memories to recall. Our afternoon started with an original STREAM play about the eclipse (incorporating science, technology, and religion) while enjoying a snack of Sun Chips. Following the play, each student donned their NASA approved eclipse viewing glasses and went outside where we stood, sat, or laid on the ground, waiting for the celestial event. After viewing the phenomenon, students returned to their classrooms for another suitable snack – MOON PIES – which celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2017! Thanks to all the parents and family members who joined us for the once in a lifetime experience!



Eclipse: 2017

Our Living Saints

Following a brief study of many of the saints, our 3rd graders researched the life of their patron saint, wrote a paper, and created a saint doll. Then, in a cross-curricular effort combining technology, religion, and writing, they gave a presentation to the class on their saint using the Seesaw app. To culminate the lesson, they dressed as their patron saint for our All Saints Day school Mass on November 1.



Blessing of the Pets and St. Francis Day

Every year on October 4, students bring their pets to school where the day begins with an outdoor prayer service followed by a “blessing of the pets.” Later in the day, students in K – 7 added plants to their respective class gardens, while 8th graders spruced up the common areas in the neighborhood bordering the school. These activities communicate the importance of caring for God’s creatures and of being good curators of the earth we all share.





There were no dancing bears or tightrope walkers, but there were plenty of tantalizing trapeze acts and agile acrobats when the circus came to our school in September.

Tallahassee, Florida-based CIRCUS OF THE KIDS, the unique educational program that teaches circus arts to school children, worked its magic once again at St. Jude, turning over 120 of our lucky 6th, 7th, and 8th graders into accomplished circus stars.

CIRCUS OF THE KIDS takes untrained youngsters and turns them into skilled circus performers inside of a 3-week timeframe during after school practice sessions. This is accomplished through a combination of circus arts instruction, motor skills training, and personal esteem building. When asked why she continues to bring the circus over and over to St.

Jude School, Principal Patty Childs responded, "The children learn life lessons that could never be taught in a classroom the way they are taught in circus. They learn resilience, they learn to pick themselves up and try again. They learn that everything may not come out perfectly, but hold your head up and smile and style!" They are then able to teach their friends and families the power of a "can-do" attitude. Some of the featured acts during the 2-hour show included juggling, trick bicycle riding, aerial silks, skating, acrobatics, and a stunning double trapeze!



CIRCUS of the KIDS





“A Charlie Brown Christmas”

Our Middle School actors' fall performance was yet another stage delight! The perennial favorite, where the Peanuts gang is at first taken in by the commercialism of Christmas, was another sell-out! With the help of Charlie Brown, his tree that needed some tender loving care, and Linus, who recited the Christmas story from Luke 2:1-14, the Peanuts gang eventually embraced the true meaning of Christmas.

Advancement Updates: Major Donor Dinner & Chastain Night



We celebrated our major donors on August 27 at Naylor Hall in Roswell. Major Donor gifts make up over 70% of our annual fund dollars.

We kicked off our '17-'18 Annual Fund campaign with our Chastain Night event on September 16. Over 220 parents and staff members attended a fun night under the stars on the SJA soccer fields, with live music from the Stephen Lee Band.



The Annual Fund allows us to continue to enhance excellence in all areas of academics, technology, and our school facilities. Our goal is 100% parent participation, and payments are accepted through May 31, 2018. We rely on the generosity of parents, grandparents, faculty, staff, parishioners, alumni, and friends of the school to support our Annual Fund. Please consider making a gift today...

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Save the Date

Join us on Saturday, April 14, 2018 for the St. Jude School SHINE Gala and Auction at the Whitley in Buckhead, a newly rebranded luxury hotel formerly known as The Ritz-Carlton. Don't miss this spectacular event full of friends, amazing auction items, plentiful

culinary and beverage selections, music, and more! The

proceeds from the 2018 Auction will allow us to re-lamp the entire school with the latest LED and energy efficient technologies, as well as replace the air conditioner in the gym. Please consider donating an item or becoming a sponsor and help make our 2018 auction a "beaming success!"

If you have questions, please contact Jen Fowler and Andrea Nordmark, Auction Chairs, at auction@saintjude.net.

SHINE

Upcoming Dates

Monday, January 15:

MLK Holiday

Sunday, January 21:

Archdiocesan MLK celebration at St. Peter Claver

Sunday, January 28 to Friday, February 2:

Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday, January 30:

NCEA Day of Giving:
Many Gifts, One Nation

Monday, February 5:

2018 – 2019 Applications due

Saturday, February 10:

Archdiocesan Music Festival at Blessed Trinity

Thursday, February 15:

12 Noon Dismissal

Friday, February 16:

Student Holiday, Teacher In-service

Monday, February 19:

Presidents' Day Holiday

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Saturday, April 14:

Archdiocesan Art Show at Queen of Angels

Saturday, April 14:

Auction at the Whitley in Buckhead

Thursday, April 26:

First Grade Play

Friday, May 11:

Grandparents' Day

Saturday, May 12:

First Holy Eucharist St. Jude

Saturday, May 19:

Family to Family Picnic/Mass

Monday, May 21:

8th Grade Graduation

Wednesday, May 23:

Alumni luncheon for all graduating high school seniors who attended St. Jude School