

Merry Christmas



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Seventh and Eighth Grade Attend High School Zoom

By Chelsey Martin and
Yealeash Gluashea

The 7th and 8th graders were able to get on a Zoom call with high schools, Cardinal O'Hara and Bonner and Prendie. They had a few St. Eugene alumni join the call., From O'Hara, Kayleigh DellaVecchio, and from Bonner and Prendie, Grace McBlain and Keri McGonigle. "The Cardinal O'Hara zoom meeting, in this writer's opinion, had a better Zoom call. Meaning, I felt it was more informative." Phoebe Williams, from 7th grade said. "During the O'Hara Zoom call, they talked about the different programs they had and sports they offered. They also mentioned different dates for virtual open houses and scholarship tests." During the Bonner and Prendie Zoom meeting they mentioned how welcoming their school is and how when you are there it feels like you're in a big family. Both high schools had very good Zoom calls and helped inform the students about their schools.

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Virtual PECO Assembly

By Ava Powell, Debra Seke, and
Gabby Zecca

Saint Eugene School had a virtual assembly. Grades K-3 stayed in their classroom and watched a live stream about energy. Called, The Conservation Caper, Peco sponsored this assembly by The National Theater for Children. Performers were live this year, like previous years in the cafeteria, but this year they did it on Zoom. The performers taught about energy and how to save it. Every kid gets a short book with many activities like puzzles. In Kindergarten, Skylar and Adam thought it was good and they liked it. In first grade, Kiera, Aary, and Colin said, "It was funny and good and cool."

Virtual Students can Present Work

By Yealeash Gluashea

While it has been difficult due to covid 19, teachers have still been able to include those who are attending virtually. For instance, in Tech class students are working with the virtual students. If you are partnered with a virtual student you can talk to them on the screen and send them the work by email. Now for the presentations, the teacher projects the presentation to the Smartboard and also the virtual student's face in Google Meet so they can address the class. Teachers are making **everyone** feel a part of the class.

First Holy Communion

By Jackie Boylan, Klaire Miller,
and Krystal Wright

Sixteen Saint Eugene School and Saint Eugene parish Prep students from the Class of 2026 had a very different First Holy Communion than previous years. It was originally scheduled for May 2nd, but due to Covid it was postponed to September 19th. Mrs. Hart said, "The 3rd graders were preparing for a while and Mrs. Grande helped them. It was upsetting that it was moved to a different day." This year Communicants had to stay in separate pews with their families. Even though Covid may have changed a few things, they still received their First Holy Communion. Third grader, Miranda Miller, said, "It was a fun, scary and nervous experience." Thanks to the pastor, Father McDermott, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Grande, Mrs. Hart, and the First Holy Communion families for making this a special day.

Student Council Installation

By Amelia DiLossi and Mallory DuBois

On Friday, 11/16, Saint Eugene School had Student Council installation. They did it on Google Meet. The officers are: President is Avery Groh, Vice President is Mylea DuBois, Secretary is Sarah Killson, and Treasure is Aubrey Peterson. The reps are Amelia DiLossi and Ava Powel for 5th grade, Bria Westray and Brielle Grasso for 6th grade, Chelsey Martin for 7th grade, and Alexa Clineff for 8th grade.

The Lion's Pride Awards

By Elle Washington

The Lion's pride award is given to one student in each grade and special classes. In October the winners were: Skylar in kindergarten, Colin in grade 1, Luca in grade 2, Lela in grade 3, Davian in grade 4, Savio in grade 5, Kyla in grade 6, Chloe in grade 7, Sarah in grade 8, Aubrey in Technology, Ainsley in Art, Franny in Spanish, and Caleb in Gym. The November Lion's Pride Award winners were: For Gym, Nick in grade 1, for Spanish, Cecilia in grade 5, for Art, Yealeaseh in grade 8, and for Technology, Miranda in grade 3. Other winners were: Kayla in grade 8, Aaliyah in grade 7, Brayden in grade 6, Kayla in grade 5, Emme in grade 4, McKenzie in grade 3, Leah in grade 2, Mzati in grade 1, and Ayden in Kindergarten. The Lion's Pride Awards are about kids who are kind, sweet, hardworking, and show companionship for other students. This award is given every month.

Virtual 5k Fun Run

By Shilah Vernet

The 5k Fun Run is when you walk or run in your neighborhood. We couldn't do it at school because of Covid. The Virtual 5k fun run was on November 1st to November 8. We cannot walk together this year but family and friends were invited to participate.

Pictures were posted on social media using the hashtag #SESlionsDash2020. Sarah Kilson in 8th grade said, "It was a fun experience and a good way to have fun with my family." Thank you to Mrs. Kilson, our Home and School President, for planning the 5k Fun Run.

A Different School Year

By Victoria Rykard

During this pandemic school has become difficult for students in Saint Eugene's School. Gabriella Dilossi, one of our 8th graders, was asked what was different about this school year and she said, "This year has changed so much because of the pandemic and wearing masks. Grades that have to switch teachers have to come to their classrooms to teach which is hard on the teachers because sometimes if they forget stuff they need to give us to work on, they have to go back to their classrooms and that wastes our class time. Answering questions with your mask on is very difficult because sometimes you can't be heard properly. When a teacher is talking to me or answering my question I get confused at times about what they are saying." Victoria Rykard who is also one of our 8th graders, just recently came back from doing virtual school. She was asked to explain what's different about being in school and being at home?

She answered with, "It was very difficult doing online for the teachers and me. It was difficult because if you had a question about something in math, teachers can't physically help you with anything and they can't see your work so the teachers can't see what you are doing wrong. Being in school is much easier because they can explain it better because they can see it. This year you have to wear a mask and it is hard keeping it on your face all day and communicating with others. It is also hard to see the Smartboard with the barriers in front of you blocking your view." The students also have to walk on the paw prints when going to the bathroom. They are also not allowed to use the upstairs water fountains to stop the spread of Covid-19, but they use the automatic water fountain to fill up water bottles if they need to. Saint Eugene School is doing a wonderful job with social distancing and helping prevent the spread of Covid.

Confirmation

By Mylea DuBois

On October 7, 2020 Confirmation was held at Saint Eugene's Church for eighth grade students at Saint Eugene School and the parish PREP students. This Confirmation was supposed to be held in the spring of 2020 but due to the COVID-19 virus it wasn't able to happen. It was finally able to happen in October with a very special Mass, Thanks to Bishop Deliman. Even though masks were worn during the Mass it was still a wonderful Confirmation and it was very special to the Confirmands, their sponsors, and their families. All the Confirmands started preparing for Confirmation last year so when the Confirmation day finally came everyone was excited and ready. It was a beautiful and blessed day to receive the Holy Spirit. Thank you to Bishop Deliman, Father McDermott, Mrs. Fox, and Mrs. Grande.



Peer Mediation Training

By Mallory DuBois and Amelia DiLossi

Peer mediation training was on Friday, October 9, 2020. This year was like no other year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. So this year Mrs. Janasik did Peer Mediation training as she always does, but social distancing style. Mrs. J. had a group of 8th graders be the heads of the table and lead the activities for their group. The 8th graders were Mylea, Gabby, Alexa, and Avery who are the senior mediators. Jackie Boylan said, "The 8th graders acted out problems and we tried to find solutions for the problems at training." John Powell said "At the training everyone acted out an emotion, and everyone guessed what it was." Everyone is ready to serve our school community!