

St. Joseph School will never forget 9/11



All students, preschool through 8th grade, met first thing in the morning for a prayer service, facilitated by Dr. Darlene Khoury. The students and faculty said prayers for the families, survivors, and anyone impacted by the events 9/11. Following the prayer service, the students silently processed to the flag pole outside. The children continued to stand in silence while the older students raised the flag. All said the Pledge of Allegiance and Dr. Khoury led them in singing *God Bless America*.



At the conclusion, Principal, Ike Holzapfel assigned some homework for the students. Holzapfel asked each student to stop outside his office and look at the reflection table set up by Dr. Khoury.

Holzapfel also asked each child to go home and ask a parent or trusted adult: where they were that day, what they were doing, and how the events of 9/11 affected them? He wanted the students to share the moment

with that trusted adult so each student can remember and carry the message with them as they grow.

Social Studies teacher Don May brought his fifth-grade class to the reflection table to better explain the items and discuss the event.

More pictures and videos of the prayers service are on the school's Facebook page.