



RCSPress



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In this issue of *RCSPress*, we share fun activities at our school.



Catholic Schools Week

by Rylan A.

Catholic Schools Week is one week of the year when we celebrate our students and faculty. In Resurrection School our week this year was like this:

Monday, we made cards for retired priests and sisters. At the end of the day we played Bingo in the gym.

Tuesday, we had Open House and Share the Light Ceremony. In the Share the Light Ceremony the students thanked the retired teachers and people who have helped this school get where it is today. At the end, we sang some songs.

Wednesday was Student Appreciation Day. That day was a Dress Down Day. We also had a Geography Bee for 6, 7, and 8 grades with many hard questions; the winner was **Nicholas T.** Later in the day we had the Spelling Bee with some easy words and some hard; the winner was **Maximus G.** We also had Global Play Day when we had one hour to play with any non-electronic games.

Thursday, we had Mass with leadership by 5th grade. Next was the Student Appreciation Day ice cream; it came a day late, but everyone still liked it.

Finally, on Friday the teachers and all the staff had a Dress Down Day. At 8:30 **Miss Weaver** called everyone to the gym and she told the teachers and staff to go to the teachers' lounge for 1/2 hour for coffee and donuts. She said she'd watch over us for that 1/2 hour. We played "Simon Says," with the 8th grade being the people who say if we're out or not.

We loved Catholic Schools Week because it represents the Catholic schools all over the world.

The Book Club

by Nick T.

The Resurrection School Book Club is a new and exciting and interesting place for people to share amazing books. The members are **Nick, Carson, Julian, Niang, Isabel, Selena, Hellem, Rylan, Zury, and Ginger.** The host is **Mrs. Geiman** (7th grade teacher). At the beginning of the club they all read the same book, but now they read their own books. They meet every Thursday from 3:00 to 4:00, in the seventh-grade classroom.

When they meet, one person takes a turn to present his or her book each week. When they bring a book to share they have food from the book and they play an activity that represents the book. When they present the book in the club they make a chair circle and the person who brought the book can choose to read it aloud or not read it aloud. They can also read the book to themselves in the club.

Isabel (grade 6) proclaimed, "It is quite fun and I like the food and the people there and I also like the books people bring in." The book she brought in was called *Took*, by Mary Downing Hahn. *Took* is a ghost story.

Nick (grade 6) brought in *The Land of Stories*, by Chris Colfer. It is about two kids who go into a book of fairy tales.

The book club is an awesome and exciting club to be in at Resurrection Catholic School. It helps kids get more interested in reading.

Mrs. Connie Feldman

by An N.

Mrs. Feldman is our phys. ed. teacher. She is very nice and she teaches all students in school. This is the second year Mrs. Feldman has taught us. Her favorite reason for teaching at this school is that the students are a lot of fun. The teachers and staff and students are all dedicated to her.

Before we start a class, we walk laps around the gym, and then we start the class. When someone has a birthday that week, **Mrs. Feldman** says that person can pick any game she or he wants to play at the beginning of class. Before the end of the class, sometimes we can play any game we want for the rest of the time. Gym class is very fun, and we get exercise in the class too.

Mrs. Feldman has four kids and a dog (black lab), so during her free time, she ends up going to a lot of their activities. She loves to go hiking with her dog, and she loves to go to the beach. She also loves to go to the YMCA to exercise. All the students in school like her very much.



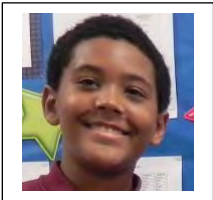
Mrs. Terry Quedenfeld

by Isabel S.

Mrs. Quedenfeld is our school secretary. She has been working here at Resurrection since spring of 2016. The reason she loves working at Resurrection is that the children make her day by making her laugh and smile. She said, "The children keep me feeling young." Another reason she likes RCS is because a few teachers taught her children.

Mrs. Quedenfeld has been married for twenty-six years and in that twenty-six years she had two kids whose names are Theresa and Fred. She said they both went to RCS and that Theresa graduated from RCS and LCHS. Fred came to RCS until 6th grade. Now he is a senior at Lampeter-Strasburg High School.

The things **Mrs. Quedenfeld** likes to do are reading, baking, going to fundraisers, playing Bingo, and taking care of her family and her family's rescue dog named Sadie. We think she is a great asset to our school.



RCSPress
welcomes
Christian V., Grade 6,
who recently
joined our staff!

Science Class

by Nick T.

Science class takes place in the 6th grade classroom. Our science teacher tells us stuff, and assigns us to read facts out of our textbook, and to work on science packets. Work packets are for homework if we do not finish them in class. We read to answer the questions. We keep our textbooks in our lockers. We have notebooks and we write a lot of information in them. We also have discussions.

In 6th grade, we are currently studying speed, distance, and motion. Other past lessons were about genetics, living organisms, and electricity. Our science teacher is **Mr. Patten**.

Sometimes in class, we watch videos on the Smartboard to learn more science. Occasionally when we review for tests, we can use markers and mini whiteboards, and we write definitions of vocabulary words. Our science tests are long; the first section is multiple choice, and the last section is fill in the blank.

Science class is hard, but is fun at the same time. It is an interesting class. We learn a lot of good information and then we create science fair projects.

National History Day

by An N. and Isabel S.

What is National History Day (NHD) for? It is for doing research and learning more and more about a topic. The theme for this year is "Compromise and Conflict."

Mrs. Bologna is the teacher who guided the 7th and 8th grade students for National History Day on iPads or in the computer lab. She said, "The students had a few months to work on their projects." She also said, "On March 14, the students who won NHD this year showed their projects, with the Art Show and the Bake Sale."

All students did an amazing job, but the students who won this year are all in 8th grade. They are **Annalise K.**, 1st place, "The Iran Hostage Crisis;" **Dominic S.**, 2nd place, "The Missouri Compromise;" and **Mason L.**, 3rd place, "Trail of Tears." **Annalise's** project went on to the Regionals competition at Kutztown to win 2nd place, and now she will go to the State competition at Carlisle High School May 11-12. Congratulations to all!

Algebra I

by Rylan A.

Every RCS 8th grader goes to math class every day after recess and their math period is 45 minutes long.

Algebra I is an advanced math class that only some 8th grade students go to. Every year a teacher from Lancaster Catholic High School comes to Resurrection to pick students to learn Algebra I in a different classroom than their regular math class. This year, those students are **Caitlyn N.**, **Avery E.**, **Dominic S.**, **Tony N.**, and **Annalise K.** All of the other students learn with their regular math teacher, **Mr. Patten.** The Algebra I teacher is **Mr. Nick Marinaro.**

Some of the students from Algebra I made comments. **Caitlyn** and **Annalise** said, "It's hard depending on what we are learning." Most of the students said, "Algebra I is probably easier than regular math."

Congratulations to two RCS students, whose writing or artwork were celebrated in the March 7, 2018 issue of *LNP*! **Caitlyn N.**, Gr. 8, won Honorable Mention in the News Feature category of the NIE Journalism Contest, and **William M.**, Gr. 4, submitted the best Certified Carpet ad in the Design An Ad Contest, both sponsored by *LNP*. Their winning entries appear here.

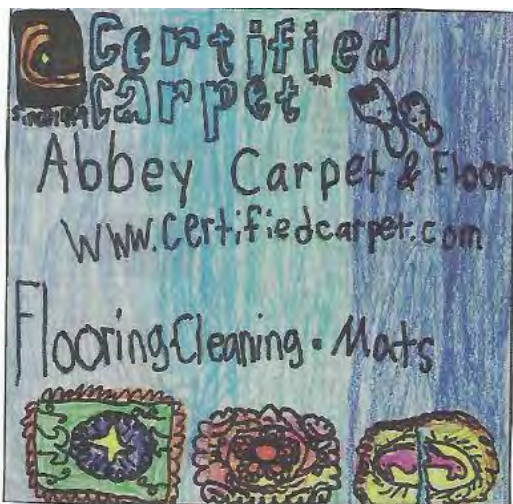
Alpaca Farm

by Caitlyn N.

There is an alpaca farm in Lancaster County located in Mount Joy, Pennsylvania. Eastland Alpacas, owned by Kevin and Sue Zurin, has about 30 acres of farmland for the alpacas to roam. They raise, breed, and sell alpacas and make items out of alpaca fibers. The first two weekends of November they hold their annual open house. The farm gives tours every day except Sundays.

Alpacas are native to South America, but were imported into the United States beginning in the late 1980's. Their nickname is the "South American Sheep." An Alpaca averages 150-170 pounds, stands about 36 inches or 3 feet tall, and lives for about 20 years.

When asked about why they started Eastland Alpacas, Kevin and Sue said, "We had other animals and wanted to try alpacas to see if we like them and if they would be good to raise here at our farm. We really liked the two we bought in 2002, so we bought more females so we could breed them to have more." They also included that alpacas are big in Lancaster County—both with local people and tourists from all over the world. They do tours by donation; people can meet over 100 alpacas at their farm. It is also a great experience when they do their open farms, because people get to learn more about alpacas.





Our School Choir by *Christian V. and Selena M.*

RCS has a choir at our school. They are called the Singing Saints. Students from third grade to eighth grade are eligible to join it. Eighteen kids sing in the choir this year. They are **Belen, Han, An, Deanna, Rylie, Ben, Payton, Kayla, Maximus, Nikitas, Melanie, William, Tavish, Sebastian, Sydney, Peter, Niyanah, and Oliver.** **Mr. Vyskocil** is the director of the group.

The choir practices every Tuesday from 3:00 to 4:00, and they perform at Mass on Thursdays. They usually sing four hymns at Mass. Different choir members stand at the microphone during songs and announce the songs and the page numbers. They also play instruments like the bongos. **Payton** plays the guitar, and **Kayla** plays the violin.

Our Singing Saints are an important part of our worship during Mass. We encourage more students to join the choir.



After-School Program by *Peter N.*

The After-School program at Resurrection Catholic School is a place that makes staying after school hours fun. The program runs from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., so the kids need snacks. Luckily, the program provides snacks and drinks for the kids; some of the snacks are Doritos and mandarin oranges.

The average number of kids that go to the After-School program each day is fifteen kids. The adults who run the program are **Mrs. Coccio, Miss Eileen,** and sometimes **Mrs. Hull.**

At the After-School program the kids have to do their homework before they are allowed to do anything else. The teachers help the kids do the homework so they can enjoy their time there with their friends. The kids also love to have more time playing with their friends after school because they say they don't get enough time together to play.

Julian (who is part of the After-School program) said, "I made a lot of friends in different grades just by going to the After-School program." One of the teachers said, "I like seeing the kids have fun together."

In conclusion, the After-School program is a very helpful place for families that work after school, so the kids can go to a friendly and educational place.

RCS Olympics by *Rylan A.*

Olympics in Resurrection Catholic School was Friday, February 9, 2018. At 8:30, all the students and teachers went to the gym for the opening ceremony. After that, all students in the school were divided into 5 groups-- red, yellow, green, black, and blue, just like the five Olympic colors. Throughout the entire day two classes came down to the gym and were split into multiple groups. They would mix up colors, like putting every color in one group.

We had challenges like hockey, ice-skating with paper plates on the floor, bobsledding, ski-jumping next to cones, and snowball toss.

The adults who helped with the Olympics kept score of points on little clipboards. At the end of the day we had a closing ceremony and the people announced the places. 5th place was Green/Africa, 4th place was Blue/Americas, 3rd place was Red/Australia, 2nd place was Black/Asia, and 1st place was Yellow/Europe. But every team played hard, and they are all winners.