



# RCSPress

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In this issue of *RCSPress*, we offer a tribute to our graduating 8<sup>th</sup> Graders, and we recognize some of our great teachers.



## Good-Bye, 8<sup>th</sup> Graders!

*by Peter N.*

Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders are going to be missed when they graduate on June 1. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders are very special to us because they will be representing our school at whichever high school they choose. For this newspaper issue we conducted a survey with them. We asked them, and they answered, ten questions total. Please read about what they said.

We also want to wish our 8<sup>th</sup> grade friends the best at their high school and to challenge themselves to their potential on all their work.

## How do you feel about leaving RCS?

*by Peter N.*

The first question was, "How do you feel about leaving Resurrection School?" That is surely an emotional question to answer because it makes you think about all the memories you made. Some 8<sup>th</sup> graders felt sad because of how they had to join high school and some because they had to leave behind their cherished friends in the other grades.

Some of them also have mixed feelings, but there is also a group of students who are happy. They are happy because they are going to be high schoolers and some feel happy for themselves for challenging themselves up to this day to enter another phase in their life.

## What was the most fun thing that you did at Resurrection?

*by Isabel S.*

One question was, "What was the most fun thing that you did at Resurrection?" Half of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class remembered the day when they flipped the bounce house. It was a Friday last year on Laps for Learning day. When the boys went into the bounce house, three or four of them were jumping so hard they tipped it over on the side.

The other half of the class liked hanging out with friends best.

The least favorite thing to do at school was homework. But homework helps them to practice more and more and learn.

This 8<sup>th</sup> grade class is fun-loving in many ways.

## Do you have any tips for the younger kids at Resurrection?

*by Peter N.*

Another question was, "Do you have any tips for the younger kids at Resurrection?" Most of the answers were about motivation and skills that will be needed to enjoy 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Resurrection. One very special answer was, "Try your hardest every year so that on your final year, you could get scholarships," said **Tony N.**

Other answers also included productivity advice. Some were, "Don't wait the day before to study for a test" and "Always be prepared to do well."

## What was your favorite grade to be in at Resurrection Catholic School?

by Rylan A.

One of the questions for the eighth graders was, "What was your favorite grade to be in at Resurrection Catholic School?" **Domenic S.** announced his favorite grade was K-4 (Pre-Kindergarten). **Tony C., Avery E., Annalise K.,** and **Mason L.** told us their favorite grade was Kindergarten. **Caitlyn N.** said her favorite grade was fourth grade. **An N.** exclaimed that her favorite grade in RCS was seventh grade. **Shania C., Tony N.,** and **Avery T.** said their favorite grade was sixth grade.

**Shania C.** added an explanation to why she like sixth grade the best. She exclaimed, "My favorite grade at RCS was sixth grade because all of my friends were here at RCS, even though half of them moved away since then. Also, because sixth grade school year was just fun in general. For example, we watched movies, played kickball, and ate food!"

All grades were loved by the eighth graders but some were just kept in their hearts. We would like to thank all the teachers who have helped these students over the past nine years.



**Mrs. Hull**  
by Rylan A.

**Mrs. Hull** is the first-grade teacher at RCS. She has worked at our school for a long time. She came here to teach in 2013, meaning she has worked here for 5 years.

She wanted to be a teacher because she had always dreamed of being one, and she had nice teachers to inspire her when she was young. She wanted to teach specifically at a private school because she feels that it's more family-like than a public school, the people who go here are more respectful, and Christ guides our curriculum or course of study.

Mrs. Hull's private life is with her husband Richard Hull, and her five children. Their names are Cate, Charlie, Christopher, Joseph, and Elizabeth. She attends her children's activities like basketball and lacrosse. In her free time, she likes to read books, and she likes to tutor at a dyslexia center.

Mrs. Hull was born February 13. She went to college at Millersville University, Penn State, and many more. She majored in Elementary and Early Childhood Education as her undergraduate, and Special Education for her graduate school.

We are happy Mrs. Hull is our excellent first grade teacher.



**Ms. Pham**  
by Isabel S.

**Ms. Pham** started working here this year, helping Mrs. Legenstein with our kindergarteners. She cares for the little ones very much.

Ms. Pham is an amazing, nice, and wonderful lady. She loves working with kids so much that she used to have a daycare/preschool in her house. But now that she doesn't do that anymore she works here with our kindergarten.

Ms. Pham has four children: Amy, Briana, Lauren, and Gerard. Ms. Pham is also a grandma; her daughter Briana had a little girl.

Ms. Pham loves her children. She will do anything to protect and love her class. She likes to work here because she likes being able to teach again with young little ones. She loves to show them how to say letters and show them how to write them.



**Mrs. McGuire**  
by An N.

**Mrs. McGuire** is our art teacher on Mondays and Wednesdays. She's very nice and helps anyone who needs anything. The RCS Art Show was on April 18 and she was the person

who set up our pictures on the wall. She put up every class picture outside in the hallway of each class, and it looked very pretty.

Mrs. McGuire will retire this year. We will miss her!



**Mr. Panyik**  
by *Peter N. and Christian B.*

At Resurrection we have all the wonderful special classes, but among them we have a computer class in which there is a lot of dedicated time on computers, unlike in some

other schools. **Mr. Panyik** is our computer teacher.

Mr. Panyik works at both Resurrection and St. Leo schools. He teaches at Resurrection on Mondays for the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade and then he works on Thursdays for the younger kids. For each of his classes we have fifty minutes to work with the different programs that our computers provide. We also work on our typing skills so that when we grow up we are familiar with modern technology.

At home, Mr. Panyik loves cooking and barbecuing for his two children. Their names are Thomas and Lina. They are both teenagers.

Mr. Panyik is a great teacher because he provides us with technology. He has also worked at a computer industry and he also has been a technician.

At the end of the day, we all love all of our teachers, and we all thank them for the knowledge they have provided for us to keep going and pass on to the next generation.

**April 18**  
by *An N.*

Our Art Show on 4/18/2018 was not just an Art Show. It also displayed our projects for Science Fair and National History Day, and we also had a Bake Sale. The Bake Sale was a fundraiser for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip.

Many parents and their children came to see what we were drawing and what we were learning in science and history. And everyone thought the cookies and cupcakes and muffins were delicious.



**Mrs. Legenstein**  
by *Peter N.*

**Mrs. Legenstein** is the kindergarten teacher at RCS. She has worked at Resurrection for thirteen years. The reason she chose RCS was because her kids went to Resurrection too and it is because she loved the teachers.

Mrs. Legenstein loves to teach because it makes her happy. Also, she knows how to help kids who are having a bad day, even though she has 14 students in her class. She is also the person who will give a warm welcome to everyone who is five years old and is just joining RCS. She also likes to teach science the most.

She went to Mountville Elementary for school and Immaculata for college. She also has had an earlier career as a biologist, in which she helped make vaccines.

Also, Mrs. Legenstein has had three kids with her husband Joe, who is Dr. Brabson's nephew. That is very cool.

In conclusion, Mrs. Legenstein is a very joyful person and a wonderful teacher.



**Mrs. Kramer**  
by *Christian B. and Peter N.*

**Mrs. Kramer** is our awesome fifth grade teacher. She chose to work at Resurrection because she went to a Catholic high school



and taught at a Catholic school in Philadelphia. She had in mind no other schools other than Resurrection.

Mrs. Kramer attended elementary school in Philadelphia at Steven Girard School. She has two kids who are at the ages of 29 and 35.

Mrs. Kramer started out as a substitute teacher, and so far she has worked 20 years as a teacher. Her favorite subject to teach is math. She feels really good when she teaches.

Mrs. Kramer's favorite restaurant is Chick-Fil-A. She shows her love for it by expressing glee whenever she receives a Chick-Fil-A gift card.

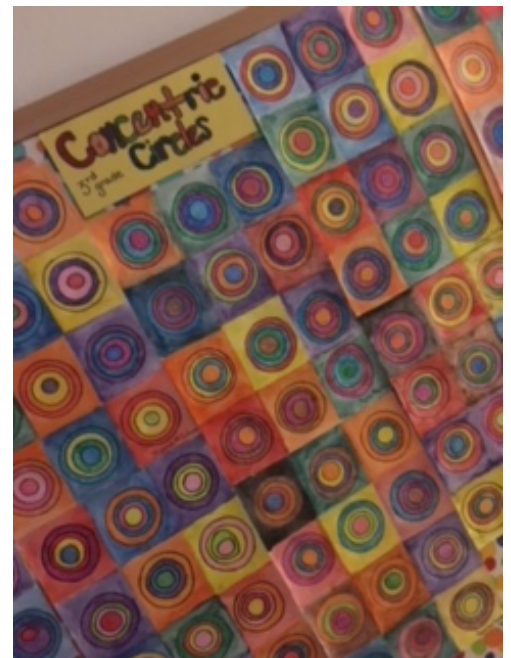
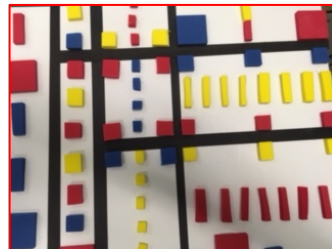




RCS Student Artwork 2017-18



RCSPress Reporters, 2017-18



## What was your favorite field trip at RCS?

by An N.

Everyone in 8<sup>th</sup> grade loved going on field trips with their class each year.

When they were in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, they went to Philadelphia Art Museum with their art teacher and homeroom teacher. **Shania** said, "I liked that field trip because we saw so much cool stuff, and we ate together and hung out together."

**Annalise** said, "When I was in kindergarten I liked going to Long Park and Hands-On House. In 3rd grade, I liked going to Gnome Countryside."

Some of the students said their favorite school trip was to Muddy Run. Many also said they especially liked going to Catholic High to learn about the school.

## Mrs. Buller

by Nick T.



Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, **Mrs. Buller**, grew up in the city of Lancaster. She attended Catholic schools from grades 1 to 12-- Sacred Heart School and Lancaster Catholic High School. She also went to Millersville State University for college. She has worked 37 years in all at RCS and St. Mary's, since before the consolidation.

Mrs. Buller has a daughter named Kristy, who is a graduate of RCS, LCHS, and NYU. She also had a cat named Chaselyn, who passed away this year.

When Mrs. Buller is not teaching, she likes solving *NY Times* crossword puzzles, and spending quiet time at home. She loves visiting Philadelphia and New York, and being outside on a beautiful day watching her favorite sports teams. Any Philadelphia sports teams (Phillies, Flyers, Sixers, Eagles) are her favorite sports teams. Her favorite holiday is Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Buller's favorite subject in school was History/Social Studies, and she likes to teach about Pennsylvania in Social Studies. She feels blessed and happy when she is with her students in class. We feel blessed and happy that she teaches at RCS.



## Mrs. Scaccia

by Peter N.

There is one very special teacher who helps us with one of the seven sacraments in life. The teacher is **Mrs. Scaccia**. She is the second grade teacher at Resurrection.

Mrs. Scaccia also has a favorite subject to teach and it is one that most public schools don't have, religion. One of the main reasons she likes to teach religion is because she enjoys preparing the second graders for First Holy Communion, which is a very special part of our lives at RCS.

The reason she chose Resurrection School is because there was a spot for her and she wanted to teach at a Catholic school.

In conclusion, Mrs. Scaccia is a supportive teacher at Resurrection in our spiritual life. Also, at Newspaper Club, we want to thank all the teachers who help us in our journey in life.

## What is the best thing you learned here at RCS?

by Peter N.

We all know that the things we learn in school will affect us throughout our life so we will have to know them. Therefore, a survey question that we asked was, "What is the best thing you learned at RCS?"

Many of the 8<sup>th</sup> graders said that manners and good habits are important. The others said things related to their academics, including subjects such as math and religion. Some other students said some interesting facts, such as the Circle of Life and pathogens, which is how people can get sick. Some of the good life skills were how to be humble and mature and others answered with good study habits.

In conclusion, our 8<sup>th</sup> grade surely will be prepared for high school with the knowledge they have obtained at Resurrection Catholic School which is where there is a healthy environment for them to learn.



## What was the most important thing you learned at RCS?

*by Christian B.*

We asked our 8<sup>th</sup> graders, “What was the most important thing you learned at RCS?” This is some of the answers they gave us:

“How to stay humble and mature,” said one student. **Annalise** said, “To establish good study habits and homework habits.” Someone else in the class agreed. **Caitlyn** said, “To practice good study habits.” Another student thinks that studying is very important for Lancaster Catholic High School.

A different student, however, thinks that the best thing he or she learned in 8<sup>th</sup> grade was how people get sick, which the person learned in science class. **Avery E.** said, “The best thing I’ve learned is about World War II.”

## Congratulations to Writers!

The following students won awards in the Amvets Post 19 Americanism Essay Contest:

Grade 8- **Annalise K., Avery T., Tony C.**

Grade 7- **Carliz R., Griffin S., Derrick C.**

**Carliz’s** entry also placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at state level!

Grade 6- **Rylan A., Susanna L., Edwin B.**

Grade 5- **Zury J., Sydney E.**

Grade 4- **Sebastian R., Brady C., Belen B.**

**Sebastian’s** entry also placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at state level!

Grade 2- **Nancy R., Isla A., Sofia T.**

## How is Confirmation important to you?

*by An N.*

This is the last RCS year for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Last month, they received the sacrament of Confirmation so the Holy Spirit can help them to make good spiritual decisions as they enter high school. One of our questions to them was, “How is Confirmation important to you?”

The students think that Confirmation is important in their life. Most of the them said that now they are an adult in the church.

But some people said more. When they received Confirmation, they felt they became closer to Christ, and now the Holy Spirit can guide their way. **Domenic** said, “Confirmation is important to me because it brings me closer to God.”

## Congratulations, Scholarship Winners!

*by Isabel S.*

Two of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders won a scholarship to Lancaster Catholic High School. They were **Annalise K.** and **Avery E.** They are both very talented students.

All of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade is good. The whole school wishes them luck on leaving RCS, and hopes that they all do great things in the world for all.

## Which high school do you have in mind to go to? And why?

*by Christian B.*

The question for this section was, “Which high school do you have in mind to go to? And why?” Most of the 8<sup>th</sup> graders said they want to go to Lancaster Catholic High School (LCHS). Most said it is because of the academic system, and because of family and friends are going there, or went there.

One student answered, “LCHS, since it offers many great choices that will help me be more academic, and also to be a better person.” Another student said, “McCaskey, because I will meet my friends there.”

We will all respect their choices for high school because anywhere they go for education or schooling, they all are representatives of RCS. We hope the 8<sup>th</sup> graders will have fun, wherever they go to high school.

