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Arts are Amazing at Resurrection!

by Katie Senkarik
Portrait artist Igor Babailov was quoted as saying "One can compare art education to the solid foundation for a house—once it's built properly, it will hold any shape or form you will place on it." We are doing a lot at Resurrection to build that foundation for your children.

Yes, our students go to Art and Music classes on a regular basis and that is an awesome thing! They learn rhythm instruments and have an opportunity for violin classes. They read music and sing. They talk about art, learn about artists and experiment with different types of media—even throwing clay on pottery wheels. We have a dance class, set design class and students perform in the Christmas play and Spring Drama!

What is really exciting though is how much the students are exposed to the arts every day in their academic curriculums. This inter-disciplinary enrichment and application to daily life is very important! All teachers at Resurrection recognize the importance of integrating the arts into



Katie sculpting her face jug in Art their every day teaching to build memory, expression and problem solving skills. So whether it's making land forms from modeling compound, engaging in creative writing inspired by a painting, drawing the life cycle of a butterfly, or acting out vocabulary words, our students are exposed to the arts every day. It's very exciting to see.

We must thank you, our families, for recognizing the importance of the arts in your child's education and encouraging the arts at home. Thank you for taking your child to dance class, waiting in line for Taylor Swift tickets, visiting the Polk Museum of Art and for supporting our local theater. Together we are building a strong foundation for your children and we can't wait to see what they build on it.



Pepper making a cell in Science

In the Footsteps of American Saints: Saints Alive Club

By Betsy Olay



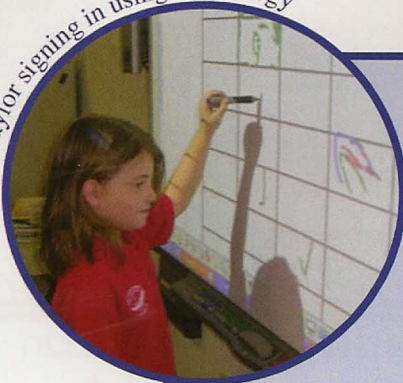
As part of our ongoing desire to offer our students at RCS many opportunities to explore their Catholic Christian heritage, we have launched a new club called Saints

Alive! Though the program is designed by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting, it is available to all students who are interested in a patch-earning club. The club is currently open to Middle School students and will be extended to the elementary level as interest begins to build.

The Saints Alive club utilizes a series of "religious activities that encourages youth to learn about several individuals who have shaped the landscape of Catholicism in America. The goal is to share the lives of several Blessed and Saints so that the youth might relate to what these people have done and maybe look to these individuals as role models." (NCCS). From photo collages and web-searches, to poetry writing and service projects, students get to exercise their creativity while learning about these great people of God. It is a wonderful experience for our students to see that there are saints who have contributed to the development of Catholicism in their own country!

After the requirements for each Saint or Blessed have been completed, our students will be honored at RCS's quarterly award ceremony and given a full color patch and certificate in recognition of their efforts to learn more about their Catholic Christian heritage.

Taylor signing in using technology



FOCUS ON WINTER!

- ⇒ Nov. 11: PIONEER DAY
- ⇒ Nov. 14: FESTIVAL DE LA LUNA
- ⇒ Nov. 17: HERITAGE DAY
- ⇒ Dec. 16: CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
- ⇒ Jan. 12: PRE-K WINTER FUN DAY
- ⇒ Jan. 31-Feb. 5: CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:
Dividends for Life



Zoe at the pep rally

Dear Friends of Resurrection Catholic School,
In early October I attended the Florida Catholic Administrators Conference in Fort Lauderdale. One of the breakout sessions featured Dr. Robert G. Barnes of the Sheridan House Family Ministries. Dr. Barnes spoke on "Avoiding A Stress Fracture". His goal was to provide administrators some insight on stress as an indicator of one's life out of balance. As I sat and listened to the presentation I couldn't help but think that his words didn't apply just to Catholic school administrators.

Everyone at times feel they have lost control, are all alone and have no one they can lean on. Dr. Barnes' answer to this universal condition is to get our "physical, emotional and spiritual ecosystem" properly aligned. He encouraged us to become "human beings rather than human doings" - people who put their faith in God rather than money, recreation, careers or medications.

What about our children? Are they victims of this fast paced, always busy world we live in? Can they become stressed from participating in too many activities? Are we, as parents and educators, modeling "human doing" with our frantic activity and overbooked schedules? Or are we showing our children how to slow down, reflect and relax without feeling guilty? Are we providing them a spirituality that will help them through a crisis and the ups and downs of life? Are we teaching them to trust in God rather than to believe that they must always be in control?

Resurrection Catholic School with its focus on faith is a way to teach our young people to slow down, value what is really important in this life and the next and to learn to deal with everyday struggles by trusting in Jesus Christ. What a gift to the children of this parish and community!

Dr. Barnes ended his presentation with this quote from Proverbs 3:5:

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will direct your paths.

Trusting in the Lord,
Nancy L. Genzel
Principal

Vacations!
Thanksgiving Break:
Nov. 23-29
Christmas Break:
Dec. 21-Jan. 3

Ethan in his habitat hat



Sofia at Once Upon a Rhyme Day



Hamzah cooking



The Mission of Resurrection Catholic School is to embrace the message of Jesus Christ and empower children to integrate His values and teachings into their lives. We strive to create an environment which stimulates the students to achieve academic excellence and prepares them to serve others.