

From the Principal

Happy April!

We hope this bulletin finds all our families healthy and doing well as you adjust to the “new normal” we are living in right now. We know that this time may be very stressful for our parents and families as you try to manage working from home while helping your children navigate distance learning. We understand that this transition has not always been smooth for any of us and there will continue to be complications that arise from teaching from a distance. We appreciate your continued patience. Please know that if you or your child are struggling, reach out to your child’s teacher. We are here to help and will continue to address any complications and issues.

There will be a slight change in the school calendar for the month of April. Monday, April 13th was initially to be a day off of school for Easter Monday. Due to the changing learning dynamic, April 13th will now be a school day and Friday, April 17th will be a “light load” or “catch-up” day for students instead. Tomorrow, April 3rd will be a “no school” day and will allow teachers to plan and students to catch up on any missing work. April 10th will be a no school day due to Good Friday. We encourage students and their families to participate in the Good Friday virtual services (see below for more information).

Congratulations to our 7th grade students, Julia D., Genevieve A. Adriana B. and Sam Y., who received the Koa Award from the MN Zoo Zooms Stem Design Challenge. The Koa Award was awarded to the group whose project was a “unique, engaging and passionate presentation of an engineering design solution for the 2019-2020 Zooms Design Challenge.” As you may remember, the 7th graders designed enrichment devices for the monk seals at the MN Zoo. We are proud of your hard work!

Congratulations also to our Middle School students who participated in the Knights of Columbus Substance Awareness poster contest. Each student designed a unique poster and slogan to bring awareness to issues with Substance Abuse. The winners from each grade along with pictures of their posters can be seen below.

Sunday is Palm Sunday and begins Holy Week. Unfortunately, we will not be able to gather together at Mass physically, but St. John’s is working to provide virtual services for all our parishioners and families. The list of Holy Week services can be found in this weekend’s [Church bulletin](#). You can also participate in an online Holy Week Retreat through the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis by clicking [HERE](#). Our teachers will also be giving our students Holy Week activities next week.

Finally, please take a minute and watch the following video featuring Fr Paul as he talks about continuing to be united in Christ during this difficult time: [United in Christ](#)

We look forward to the day when we can all be together again as a community of faith in school and in Church. Until that time, please know that the entire staff of St. John’s joins me in praying for all our families and ask God to keep you healthy during this time. Have a wonderful weekend - we hope you will join us for Palm Sunday Mass online.

Ann Laird, Principal

Litany in Time of Need

Each day, Relevant Radio will be praying the *Litany in Time of Need* at around 11:05am. Relevant Radio can be found at 1330 AM. We ask you to pause and join in this prayer. This prayer may be found [HERE](#).



AIM Higher Scholarship

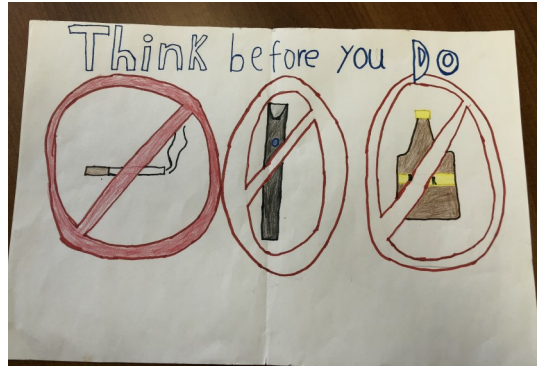
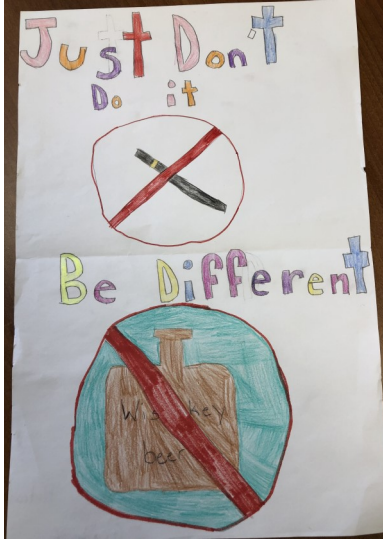
The AIM Higher Foundation is an organization whose mission is to help families realize the goal of their children attending a Catholic school. Each year, they award thousands of dollars in scholarships to families for Catholic school tuition. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they are now taking applications for additional \$1000 scholarships to families who are experiencing financial hardship which may make it extremely difficult, if not impossible, to keep their children in grades K-8 at their Catholic school.

We know that some of our St. John’s families may be experiencing this financial hardship. If you would like to be considered for a scholarship, please complete the Google form below:

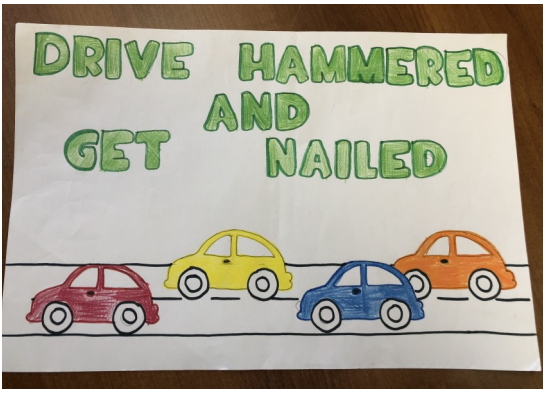
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Please be sure to fill out the form completely and with a **detailed reason** for needing the scholarship. Once you have completed this form, we will then apply for this scholarship on your behalf (they are only taking applications submitted by the school – not by individual families). Information submitted on this form will be kept confidential.

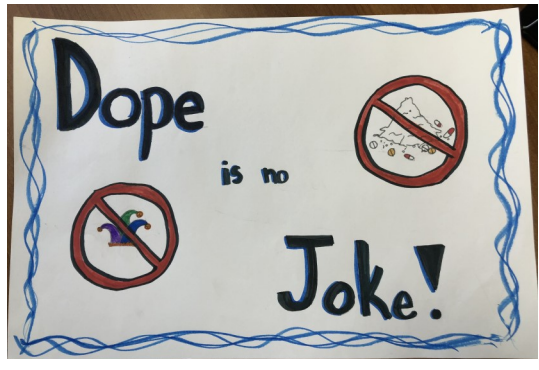
*Note that any award decisions are not determined by anyone at St. John’s, but by the AIM Higher Foundation only.



Grade 6: Miranda S. – 1st Place, Vinny Be. – 2nd Place, Brady P. – 3rd Place



Grade 7: Ariel Y. – 1st Place, Maddie P. – 2nd Place, Julia D. – 3rd Place



Grade 8: Selia S. – 1st Place, Madison F. – 2nd Place, Abby M. – 3rd Place