

TIGER TALES

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Written by a tale-telling teacher

Gosh - October is a big deal here at SJS. For this teacher, we already attended one of the most impactful devotions of the month and, perhaps, of the year... Living Rosary. You see, October is the 'Month of Mary,' or more specifically the month of the Holy Rosary, as the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated October 7, in Catholic world. We Catholics like to give credit where credit is due and Mary certainly earned her place as Queen of Heaven and Earth through her work here on earth as the mother of Jesus Christ. Can you imagine the levels of courage, strength, love and grace she possessed? The rosary devotion, centered entirely around Jesus' life and work, is considered to be one of the most powerful personal devotions one can meditate on. Pope Pius XI once said, "Give me an army saying the rosary, and I will conquer the world." I have to say, it's pretty intense to watch an entire school join together in prayer and bring the rosary to life. #livingrosary #witnessoffaith #sjstigers

Our Tigers had lots to report this past week. 5th and 6th grade students enjoyed learning some fun facts at the annual Health Fair in Hallettsville. Milk is still good for a growing body and the Whip and Nae Nae is great exercise after eating ice cream! Tiger sports continue strong, with lessons on good sportsmanship remaining key to a great player. Grades 2-8 participated in Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday, having time to personally reflect and grow in their personal relationships with God. It's pretty cool to watch 2nd graders learn the process of such a quiet, still, intimate act of love - talk about a solid foundation being set for a successful future. And let's throw in some community service; 7th grade went to a local assisted living facility and played dice bingo with the residents - all had a blast. 7th grade said they didn't realize how much they still have to learn in life! Maybe we are receiving as much as we are giving when we visit nursing homes and assisted living facilities. I sure walked out of the school building with a little extra pep in my step, looking forward to the rest and relaxation of the Columbus Day Holiday - and I noticed a little extra excitement in all the students as well - a well-deserved break for everyone! This morning we celebrated Mass for our Firemen and had a special blessing said in honor of Fire Prevention Week. We followed this with a fire drill and tours of the fire trucks! SJS thanks YFD for all of the individual sacrifice, placing the health and safety of our community above all things. This Friday marks the end of the first 9-week period for SJS and I am happy to report that we are in full-swing! This year is a great one and I can't wait to see what the coming months have in store for students!

Upcoming events that you don't want to miss: Mass Celebration Wednesday at 8:05 - Pep Rally Wednesday at 3 - Football game Wednesday in Columbus - Lifetouch Picture Day on Thursday - Volleyball game Monday in Victoria - Jack O'Lantern 5K and Fun Run and SJS Fall Festival on Saturday, October 29.

Don't forget - You are too blessed to be stressed and too anointed to be disappointed. God's blessings to you all.