

TIGER TALES

St. Joseph School providing Catholic Education for 125 years

Written by a tale-telling teacher

“Give a man a fish, he eats for a day; teach a man to fish, he eats for a lifetime.” At St. Joseph School, we strive to “teach a man to fish” daily - especially when trying to create a strong faith foundation. It is said that even the most simple of our childhood prayers will potentially be our saving grace in the future. We want to equip every student in our school with all of the faith tools necessary to be active, wholesome, involved citizens. This past week, we took a little time to practice parts of the Mass, and I have to say, nothing makes the heart smile like witnessing children take ownership in his or her part of participating in Mass. The fruits of that labor were definitely a delight Wednesday morning for all who attended Mass with the SJS students.

Basketball continues to be a buzzword at SJS, as the athletes teach the younger students drills during recess and work hard to be competitors in the diocese. Among all of the teams this year we have experienced losses and wins, however our reaction to either is more important than the score. I am proud to pass on to all of you that our teams have proven to be quite the good sportsmen and they are a joy to watch in action.

This past week was also THE weekend for local Stock Shows. A great big thank you to the Yoakum FFA students and Stock Show participants for inviting surrounding schools out to the stock yard to see all the animals and learn a little about the program. Congratulations to our SJS students including: (Rabbits) Cody Thamm - 11th place and Brooke Prasek - 15th place; (Market Swine) Kaeden Grahmann - Reserve Champion, Ben Schultz (class 1) - 5th place, Kylie Grahmann (class 2) - 2nd place, and Hannah Schultz (class 3) - 4th place; (Market Goats) Abigail Broughton - Junior Showmanship & (class 3) - 4th place. At the Hallettsville Livestock Show, Rylan Schindler: (class 1) - 1st place Breeding Gilt, 3rd place Showmanship Market Swine, (class 4) - 5th place and (class 7) - 3rd place.

This week is full of preparation as St. Joseph School gets ready to celebrate Catholic School's Week, beginning this Sunday at 9 am Mass at St. Joseph Church. Immediately following Mass all students and families are invited to attend the SJS Open House and Book Fair. Student projects will be on display in homeroom classes and the book fair will be open in the library. And don't forget to pick up Catholic Daughter Plates from the Family Center if you purchased tickets! Lots of fun planned for next week, but I'll save those details for that article!

And finally, SJS PTC Gala tickets are on sale NOW!!! Only 300 Tickets will be sold so purchase your tickets ASAP! If you need a Gala Sponsorship form or are interested in donating to the live or silent auctions, please contact the school office @ 361-293-9000. We hope you join us for a “Night Under the Bigtop!”

Have a great week! God’s Blessings!