



2nd Quarter 2015-2016

St. Genevieve Newsletter

From Ms. Corrigan's Desk

Over the past few years, schools have added a component to the school day addressing social and emotional learning. Studies show that a student's ability to manage social relationships and emotions greatly affects a student's performance in school. What do we mean by "emotional intelligence?" Being taught social, coping, and executive functioning skills is extremely important to the academic school day. As parents and educators we must work together to develop self-aware, respectful children, who know how to manage their emotions, make responsible decisions, and resolve conflicts non-violently. At St. Genevieve we address many social skills during our daily Religious instruction. Some classes have added a morning meeting, providing students an opportunity to clear their minds and share with classmates before beginning a day of learning. Some classes have also

added meditation. What can be done at home to help develop a child's emotional intelligence?

Model the behavior you seek – this is perhaps more influential than any skill you can teach. It is important that children see adults manage their emotions, resolve conflicts peacefully, and respect each other when conflicts arise.

Be a good listener

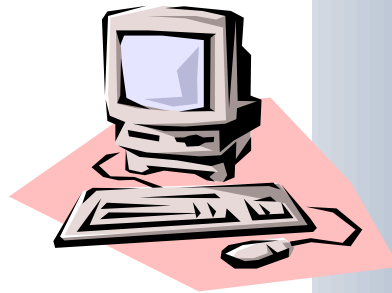
Nurture your child's self-esteem – Provide opportunities for success with age-appropriate tasks and praise your child for those successes.

Respect differences – each child has his/her unique abilities, talents, and emotions. Try to avoid comparisons of siblings and peers.

Seek support service – Divorce,

death, or any major change impact children. Counseling services provide opportunities for children to work through the emotions that come with change.

(Edutopia.org – parent resources)



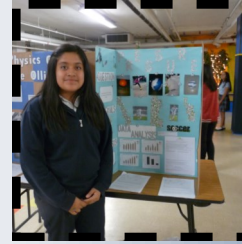
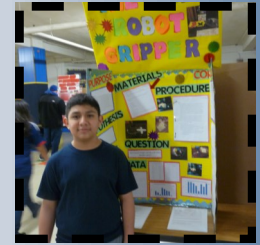
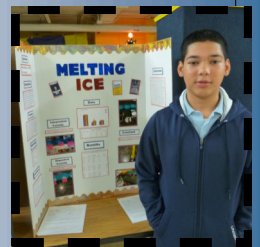
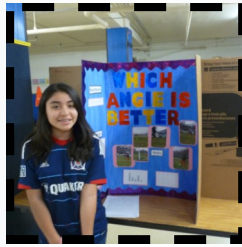
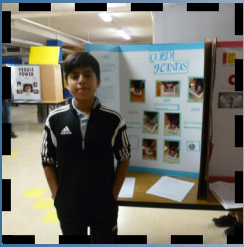
Science Fair 2015

Our science fair was held on December 9th for 7th and 8th grade students. These students worked on their project since August. They chose a project topic that they found interesting and wanted to learn more about. They researched their project and wrote about their findings in their final paper. They conducted an experiment, recorded and analyzed their data, created a presentation board, completed the final paper and presented their findings at our science fair. This hard work has prepared them for the papers and projects they will complete in high school. The following students were given awards for outstanding projects:

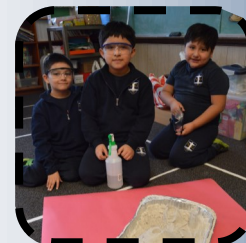
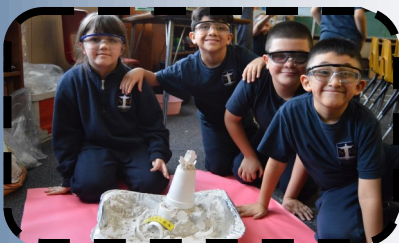
Kim Bahena -8th grade, Victor Calderon -7th grade, Jocelyn Gonzalez -8th grade, Jazlyn Jimenez -8th grade, Yahneesa Jimenez -8th grade, Brenda Perez -7th grade, Anthony Rebolledo -7th grade, Jovani Villa -8th grade

Advancing students will compete at the regional science fair poster session at the Museum of Science and Industry on March 5th. Students with top papers will also compete at the paper session on February 27th at Guerin College Prep.

Science Fair Pictures



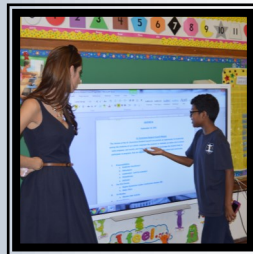
Students in 2nd grade had been talking about erosion in rocks and its causes. So they mixed glue with sand and students made their castles in the morning, and then let them sit until the afternoon, which allowed them to set. Then in the afternoon, students were given spray bottles with water to squirt their castles, which resulted in the castles eventually being eroded and falling apart.



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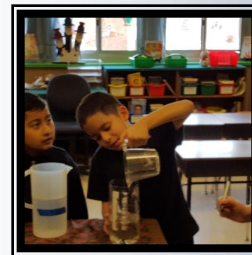
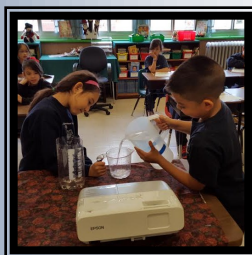
Technology

Technology is being used in the classrooms everyday at St. Gen's . Students are using ipads, crome books and the computer lab to do research or play learning games. They are learning how to use specific apps on the ipad to work on projects in the classrooms.



Eureka Math in Action

3rd grade are decomposing 1 liter of water into milliliters and building 1 kg of rice. The students are interactively participating in the lesson and are fully engaged in the learning.



Christmas Fun!

December was a whirlwind of events. We started the month out with our annual Christmas Play. The students did an amazing job speaking, acting and singing. Great job to all the students a long with Sister Sue and her hard work. Sister Sue ,along with the Drama Club, put on a short play about Our Lady of Guadalupe and then we enjoyed conchas and hot chocolate.

The Parents Association ran another successful Christmas Bazaar. Thanks to everyone who came out for the day to help run this event. They also enjoyed an evening of food, music and mingling with their Christmas get together.

Kindergarten and Preschool was visited by the Elf on the Shelf, who had a great time leaving the students gifts and topped the end of the year with making a mess in each others classrooms. Santa came by and visited both classes as well.

Preschool, Kinder, and 1st grade enjoyed a morning wearing their pjs, having cookies and milk, and then watching The Polar Express. This was the culmination of a unit that all of the classes had done in their rooms.

They spent time reading the book and following it up with multiple activities.

1st grade and 3rd grade spent each week of advent celebrating with a small prayer service to give the students a better understanding of Advent.







This year, we celebrate our **Fifth Annual Scholarship Benefit Gala and Silent Auction** on **Friday, March 11, 2016** at **Poretta's Elegant Banquets**. All proceeds from this event – including sponsorships, ticket sales, silent auction items, and raffles – benefit the St. Genevieve Scholarship Fund.

The night begins at 6:00 PM with an open bar and then dinner and the awards ceremony at 7:00 PM. There will also be a wonderful silent auction and raffle, plus a DJ and dancing!

Featured silent auction items include tickets to the NCAA Sweet 16 round in Chicago, a Family Pass to Walt Disney World, free sessions at Camp Twin Creeks, an Xbox One, and much more!

Buy your ticket for \$60 in the school office before **Wednesday, March 2nd!**

All ticket sales and any silent auction winning bids count for fundraising credit.

Congratulations!

Heart of the School Recipient!

On March 11th, we will be recognizing the recipient of this year's Heart of the School Award. Faculty, staff, and parents were able to nominate a teacher, staff member, or parent, who furthers the mission of St. Genevieve Catholic School. Mrs. Michele Day has been an involved teacher and parent for the past 12 years. She sits on the Parent Association board, Carnival planning committee, moderates Student Council, and moderates various other after school clubs. Where there is a need, Mrs. Day fulfills it. For her dedication to the vitality and community of St. Genevieve Catholic School, we are honored to present Mrs. Michele Day with the 2016 Heart of the School Award. Mrs. Day will be presented with this award at our scholarship benefit on March 11th at 6pm. Tickets are available until Friday, March 4th.



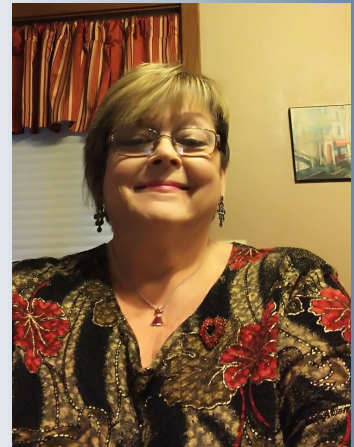
Congratulations to our 2016 Alumni Award Winners!

We will present them with their awards at our Fifth Annual Scholarship Benefit, please join us to celebrate their accomplishments and commitment to the school.

Julene Kmiecik

Class of 1963

2016 Alumnus of the Year



Leslie Quinonez

Class of 1998

2016 Young Alumnus of the Year



Junior High Dance!

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Junior High enjoyed their 1st dance of the year at the end of the 2nd quarter. They enjoyed pizza, dancing and mingling with their friends. They had a great time!

Thank you to the Junior High teachers for putting this dance together for the students.

