

# BULLDOG SPIRIT



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## Elementary Kids Plant Garden

By Caroline Hambuchen



Third graders circle around their garden to pat the soil in as instructed by Ms. Kami Green.

Third grade students in teacher Lily Strack and Morgan Bacon’s classes recently replanted their vegetable garden that first began three years ago.

Carrots, lettuce, bell peppers, tomatoes, and jalapenos were planted under the guidance of their teachers and Faulkner County Extension Service representative Kami Green. She visits the classes each month to educate the children about gardening. This often includes making healthy smoothies to taste test the vegetables that have been planted or brought in from other gardens. That will probably be done with their lettuce crop before the school year ends since it will likely be the only vegetable to sprout by then.

The 3rd graders are in charge of maintaining their garden, but their teachers will tend it over the summer. The new group of students take over in the

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## St. Joseph Hosts Book Battle for Last Time



“The Library Two Doors Down” team of Ella Crowder, Hayley Burgess, Carolina Ferrer, Madeline Fithen, Brody Mallett, and Trevor Jackson competing at “Battle of the Books” on May 8th.

Twelve years after it began in 2006, our Middle School brought down the curtain on organizing the annual “Battle of the Books” competition that has involved more than a dozen Arkansas Catholic schools. The torch is now being passed on to Immaculate Conception School in North Little Rock, where the competition will be held on May 7, 2019.

“Battle of the Books” challenges students to be knowledgeable about literature and promotes teamwork. The goal is to recognize students who enjoy reading and to encourage other students to experience reading in a new manner.

“I’ve been involved with B.O.B. (go to page 5)

## Vocations Trip Is Fruitful



Brother John Paul Boyer, a Benedictine monk from Subiaco Abbey, is seen above sharing the story of his religious journey with 5th grade students during their Vocations Day trip to Good Counsel Church on May 8.

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## Watching Their Garden Grow



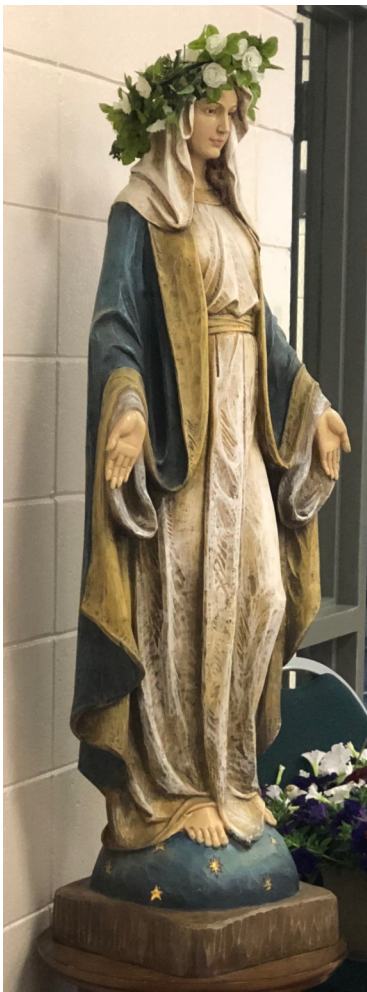
Annamarie Rawls looks pleased with her work.



Kate Burgess waters the plants.

## Our Lady is Crowned

By Staton Holbrook



The class listens to instructions from Ms. Green.



Anna Nabholz smooths out the soil.

### Elementary garden (from page 1)

Fall.

The 3rd grade garden began in 2015 when Ms. Amy Evans was one of their teachers. She and Volunteer Coordinator Angela Rawls reached out to the Arkansas Farm Bureau which granted the Elementary School \$500 to get started. It has received \$250 from the Farm Bureau each year since then to maintain the project. Educational help also came from the Extension Service and Conway's Master Gardeners. Some gardening tools and supplies have also been donated by local businesses.

Kindergarten through third grade students took part in a May crowning ceremony at the Elementary School on May 4th. "We wanted to take time to honor our blessed Virgin Mary and acknowledge her as Jesus' mom and our heavenly mother," Principal Courtney Pope said.

Ms. Pope noted that the school had always had a prayer service to honor Mary, but that it had been a while since a May crowning had been done. Father Tony came over for the occasion, and he blessed statues of Mary that First Communicants had painted in art class. Father also had the students watch a film about our Lady of Guadalupe.



# Elementary Kids Learn Firefighting Techniques

By Mandy Shum



Battalion Chief John Skinner and Engineer Luke Birdsong address the students.



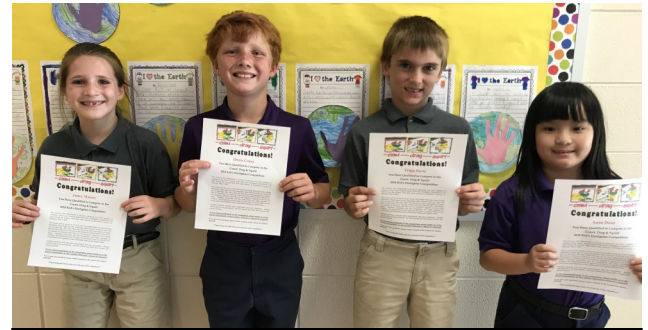
Owen Coney and Firefighter Adam Chapman



Firefighters Ryan Wolfe and Adam Chapman watch Tyler Evans.



Firefighter Adam Chapman shows James Rappold how to handle a firehose.



Janey Massey, Owen Coney, Tripp Davis, an Anna Doan received their competition certificates.

St. Joseph Elementary School hosted its annual Crawl, Drag, and Squirt Competition with the Conway Fire Department on April 26. During the event, the students who took part wore firefighter coats as they raced through tunnels, hit and pounded on sleds, used a real fire hose to knock down targets, and dragged dummies to a finish line.

Due to their outstanding performance during the event, Janey Massey, Owen Coney, Tripp Davis, and Anna Doan qualified to compete in the Crawl, Drag, Squirt Kid's Firefighter Competition on May 5th during the Toad Suck Daze celebration in downtown Conway.



## Elementary Races Are Toad-Ally Awesome

By: Riley Tucker

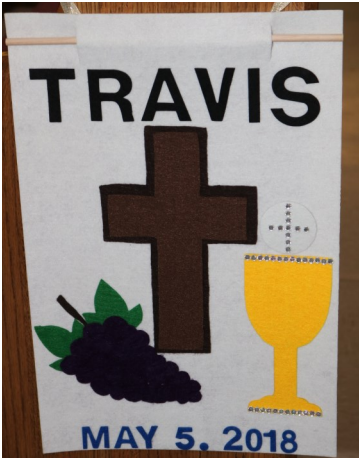


In anticipation of Conway's Toad Suck Daze May 4-6, St. Joseph Elementary held a series of races April 27. Several heats were conducted, and the overall winner was 1st grader McKinnah Lucey's toad "Jumpy". She also received awards for her participation at Toad Suck Daze.



# Parish Children Receive First Communion

By: Shelby Shearer and Erika Gonzalez



Travis Jackson's First Communion Banner



Father Tony leads the Mass before the Holy Eucharist is distributed.



Marissa McMillan receives the Body of Christ.



Josie Travis puts a flower in a vase in honor of Mary for her May crowning.



Luke Loynachan receives the Body of Christ from Father Raj.



Owen Hartman's homemade poster for the Blessed Sacrament.



Christian O'Dwyer places his flower in homage to our Mother Mary.



Adeline Bailey receives the precious Blood of Christ from Deacon Richard Papini.

Seventy- eight parish children received First Communion on May 5th. The first time a family member makes their Holy Communion, it is an exciting event for the whole family. Each boy and girl who prepared for this sacrament was profoundly united with Jesus in a way that they never were before.





**Battle of the Books** (from page 1) for the last 12 years,” Ms. Jennifer Fullerton said. “It’s been a wonderful experience. It involves two things I really enjoy...competition and reading! I’m so happy that so many of our students have been involved over the years. It’s bittersweet to say good-bye to B.O.B., but I know IC will do an amazing job.”



1st Place “City of Books” team from Immaculate Conception, North Little Rock

**Vocations Day** (from page 1) “The purpose of Vocations Day was to expose 5th graders to different vocations and plant the seed that maybe one day they could choose the religious life,” teacher Lindsey Thompson said. The students got the opportunity to meet many religious men and women, including seminarians, and learned about their lives. They also celebrated Mass with Bishop Anthony Taylor.



2nd Place “A Team In Time” team from Blessed Sacrament School in Jonesboro

**Students Receive Scapulars**  
By Staton Holbrook



Anna Nabholz receives her scapular.

Sister Rosy Perez visited 3rd grade students on May 17th to present each of them with a scapular honoring Our Mother Mary. Sister Rosy is a Missionary Carmelite of Saint Teresa, and it’s said that a 13th century Carmelite named St. Simon Stock first received the Brown Scapular from Our Lady after having written a beautiful prayer.

The Scapular is a sign approved by the Church and accepted by the Carmelite Order as an external sign of love for Mary, of the trust her children have in her, and of commitment to live like her.



3rd Place “Brilliant St. Brigideers” from St. Joseph School, Fayetteville

**St. Joseph Takes Top Prize In Kids Run**



Physical Education teacher Karen Vandivere is seen at left on May 16 receiving a facsimile check for \$2,500 from the Conway Regional Health System staff and Sunny the Squirrel with Groovy Smiles Dentistry.

Our school won 1st Place in the Kids Run Arkansas on April 27 for the ninth consecutive year with 350 participants.



Sister Rosy blesses the Scapulars before presenting them.







# Middle School Profiles

By: Shelby Shearer and Erika Gonzalez



**America Gonzalez**

America~

1. Purple
2. Going to Disney World
3. Mrs. Pope
4. Becoming friends with Josie

Sarai~

1. Turquoise
2. To get a phone
3. Mrs. Pope
4. When Mrs. Gooch told us she's pregnant



**Sarai Flanagin**

Sally~

1. Turquoise
2. To get a phone
3. Mrs. Kordsmeier
4. When I found out Mrs. Gooch is pregnant

1. What's your favorite color?
2. What are your plans for this summer?
3. Who's your favorite teacher?
4. What's your favorite memory from this year?



**Sally Flanagin**



**Josie Jackson**

Josie~

1. Purple
2. Going to Cuba
3. Mrs. Gooch
4. Going to my friend's house for a field trip.





# Elementary School Profiles

By Erika Gonzalez and Shelby Shearer



**Alyssa Chandler**

Alyssa~

1. Purple
2. We're going to Disney World
3. Mrs. Moix
4. Learning about math

Morgan~

1. Purple
2. Playing with my next door neighbor
3. Mrs. Hannah Yrle
4. Recess



**Morgan Hoelzeman**

Austin ~

1. Rainbow
2. Playing with my sister
3. Mrs. Coney
4. The 100 days of school party

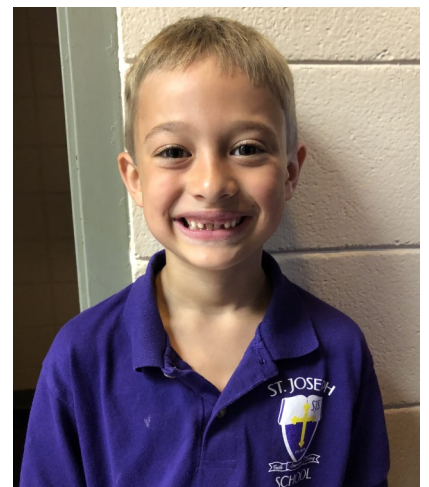
1. What's your favorite color?
2. What are your plans for this summer?
3. Who's your favorite teacher?
4. What's your favorite memory from this year?

Cameron~

1. Green
2. We're going to Disney World
3. Mrs. Moix
4. When Cy said "Rock, Paper, Scissors, BOOGIE!"



**Cameron Gooch**

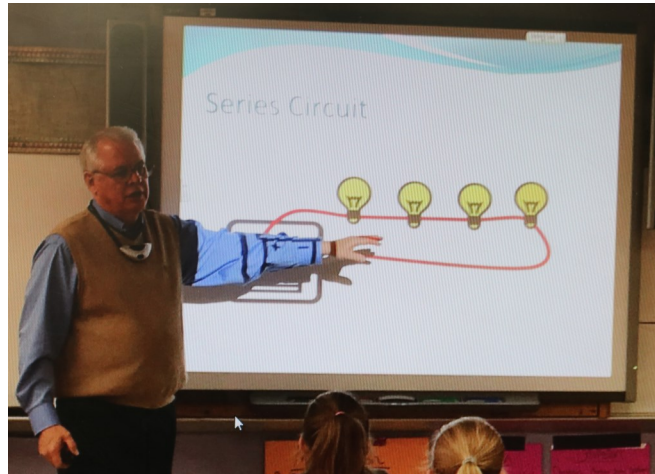
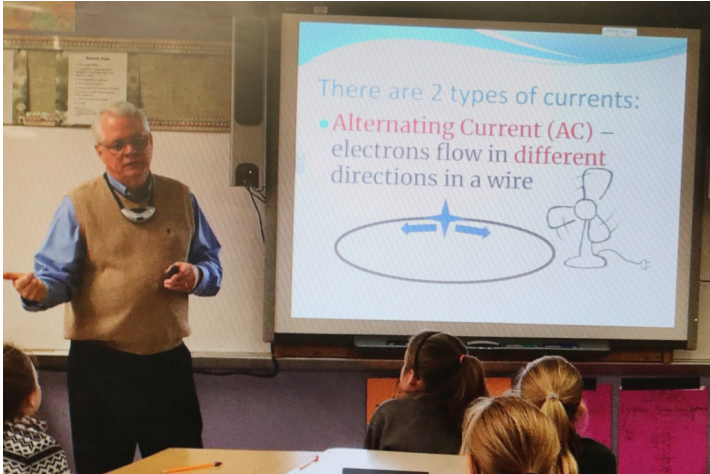


**Austin Kordsmeier**





# Class Learns How Electricity Works



Mr. Bill Gooch explains the types of electrical current and circuits to 4th grade students.

Last month, Mr. Bill Gooch, a retired electrical engineer and father-in-law to 4th grade teacher Ms. Nicole Gooch, came to her class to talk about electricity.

Mr. Gooch explained the differences between alternating (AC) and direct current (DC) and parallel and series circuits. In DC, the electric charge (current) only flows in one direction. The electric charge in AC changes direction periodically. Since high voltages are more efficient for sending electricity great distances, AC electricity has an advantage over DC. This is because the high voltages from the power station can easily be reduced to a safer voltage for use in people's homes. DC power is widely used in low voltage applications such as charging batteries, automotive applications, aircraft applications, and other low voltage low current applications.

In talking about parallel and series circuits, Mr. Gooch noted that a parallel circuit provides more than one possible path for current to follow. A series circuit provides only one possible path for current to flow. For example, the light bulbs in your home are on a parallel circuit. If one goes out the others stay on. A set of Christmas tree lights is on a series circuit. When one light goes out, the others go out with it.

## Musicians Receive Awards by Caleb Schaefer

The High School and Middle School Bands performed at a Spring concert on May 10th in the Parish Hall. When it concluded, a number of awards were presented to individual members.



The entire Middle School Band received the Fortitude Award



Leif Westmoreland was named "Most Improved" musician.



Emma Dulac, Gabe Washum, and Alex Tucker won the First Chair Award.



Alex Tucker, Jesus Sanchez, Annemarie Welter, Leif Westmoreland, and Alex Lehmkuhl were given the Section Award for percussion.



Ella Crowder received the Award of Excellence