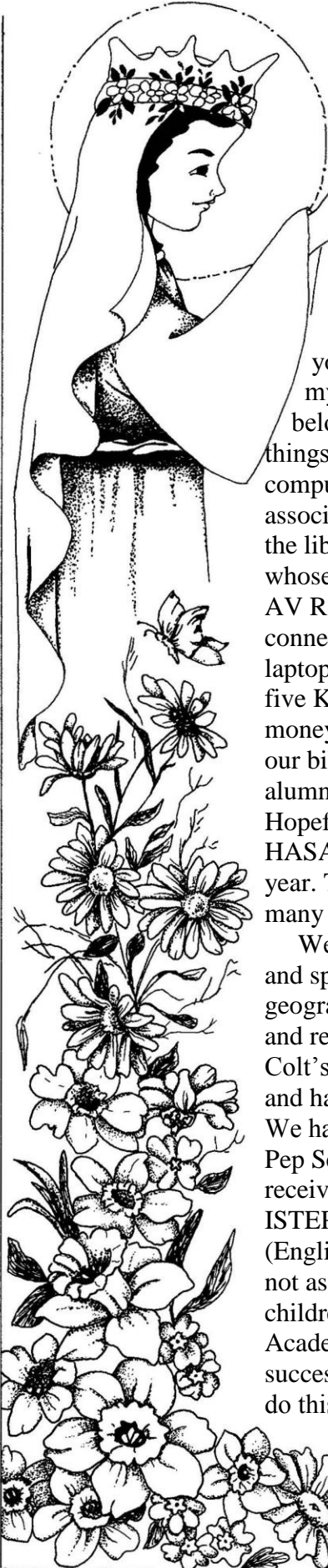


MAY NEWS

**THE ST. LOUIS BESANCON ACADEMY
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TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE!!!**



I can't believe the school year will be over in just a couple of days. Thank you very much for allowing me to be your principal this year. I know it was my first year; however, you have made me feel so welcome that I feel as if I've belonged to this community my whole life. We've done some pretty amazing things together this past year. I'd like to highlight a few: the new/updated computer lab, which cost over \$18,000. Thank you to our gracious alumni association! We received an anonymous donation (\$4,000) for a Smartboard for the library from another alumnus. We had a couple of families make donations whose companies made matching contributions. This allowed us to purchase an AV Rover (projector, DVD/VCR, amplifier and speaker system with convenient connections for a document camera, microphone, video camera, iPod video and laptop) in a locking/portable cart at a cost of approximately \$2,700. We received five Kenwood emergency radios/walkie-talkies from East Allen by way of safety money provided to non-public schools from the state (\$452). We will soon have our billboard on I-469 at a cost of approximately \$7,200, again thanks to our alumni association. Take a look this weekend or next week. It should be up soon! Hopefully, we will also have a flyer sent to neighboring communities, which HASA is evaluating. HASA also purchased whiteboards for all the classrooms this year. They also did an amazing job of making our staff feel so appreciated by the many notes, snacks and gifts that were provided.

We held the spelling bee (Jake Castleman won) and added the geography bee and speech competition this year, with Sam Stein placing 11th in the state for the geography bee. Curt Lomont won the Farm Bureau contest for all of Allen County and represented us at State. Jake Van Horn placed in the top 10 of the state for the Colt's Junior Broadcaster competition. All our students were published authors and had the opportunity to receive their own manuscripts in a hardcover format. We had great spirit days, Catholic Schools' Week, Red Ribbon Week, Academic Pep Sessions every quarter, held collections for the needy and still managed to receive an Exemplary rating from the State of Indiana as well as a 95% passing ISTEP score average for all grades tested and 90.0% passing both portions (English/Language Arts and Math). Some of our neighbors in Allen County were not as fortunate (see flip side of newsletter). If other people ask you where your children go to school, tell them proudly that your children attend St. Louis Academy. Thank you again for an amazing year. I look forward to another successful year next year. It will be here before you know it, and we have much to do this summer in preparation. See you all at "Boppin' at Besancon" in June!

Christ's Love,
Ms. Layton