

JANUARY NEWS

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TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE!!!

The vision of St. Louis Academy is to provide a Christ-centered education as a foundation for life. All students will be challenged to reach their potential academically, socially, and spiritually.

Ah, January... a new year... a new beginning. I believe I've spoken in the past about how much I look forward to this time of year because of the new beginnings. The funny thing is... because of our faith, we shouldn't wait for January to arrive. We have the chance for new beginnings all year long through confession/reconciliation and making reparation for our shortcomings. Isn't it nice that at any time we are allowed to make a U-turn in our life and change our course for the better?

Speaking of U-turns, the AdvanceEd accreditation team will be coming February 16th and 17th to review St. Louis Academy. Our staff has been busy preparing the necessary evidence and we will need the help of parents, past school parents and other parishioners to help us through the process. The team will be meeting with various stakeholder groups to see how well we communicate to the community and how well we follow through with our vision. They will also be looking for areas of commendation and recommendation. School improvement is always a continuous process. If you would be willing to speak to the team as part of a group, please call me at the school office, 749-5815.

As for school news, Jake Van Horn won the school Geography Bee in December and will soon take a test to qualify for the next step. Jake Castleman and Adam Oberley had a wonderful experience at the Indianapolis State House, being pages for the Lieutenant Governor for a day! The winner of the Spelling Bee is David Cruz and he will compete in the Allen County Spelling Bee as the next step. Emily Platter was runner-up. The winners of the Fatima contest for 7th and 8th grade were (1st) Jake Van Horn, (2nd) Sam Stein, and (3rd) Adam Oberley. The winners for 5th and 6th grade were (1st) Chetty Voglewede, (2nd) Lillie Castleman, and (3rd) Holly Hamman. Friday was the end of the second grading period and report cards will come home on the 15th. Lily Stuerzenberger was chosen to record part of the radio spot for the "You Can Lend A Hand" campaign. Burger King booklets will be here before you know it! Confessions for students are scheduled for this week. Best of all, Father Jake Runyon will be here on the 20th to talk to the students about vocations! Catholic Schools Week is scheduled for the first week of February and I am currently working on plans to make that week special for the students and staff. We will hold the 2nd quarter pep session that week just to avoid interrupting a school day this month.

The year is flying by and spring will be here before we know it. I just had to prepare a report for ISTEP labels this past week. It doesn't seem possible that ISTEP is upon us again. The first test will be the beginning of March and the second half will be at the end of April and beginning of May. Things will only get busier as spring approaches. Post your school calendar in a prominent place!

Christ's Love,
Ms Lavton

