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The Diocese of Scranton is committed to educating our students in an environment that is academically excellent and facilitates the development of moral judgment and Christian decision-making. We are proud to share the following successes of our students in the classroom and in their service to others. Each day, our schools are fulfilling their mission of preparing today's youth and young adults to become tomorrow's faith-filled leaders.



Second graders at **Good Shepherd Academy in Kingston** are excited to begin the “Our Community” program brought to us by Junior Achievement. Throughout this five-week program, students will discuss how all jobs help a community. This volunteer-taught program covers careers, product production, innovation, and decision-making.



Students in the 4th–8th grade at **Monsignor McHugh School in Cresco** await their turn to hit the slopes at Camelback Resort during a recent outing with the school's Ski & Snowboard Club.



Second graders at **Holy Family Academy in Hazleton** are showing love for all of God's creatures by sending birthday cards to Fiona the Hippo at the Cincinnati Zoo. Born prematurely two years ago, Fiona has become a media superstar with children following her growth milestones.



Sister Mary Alice Kane, I.H.M., Principal of **Notre Dame Elementary School in East Stroudsburg**, shows students Teresa Gregory, Alyvia Stewart, Rory Malone, Taani Patel, and Kara Kennedy the Catholic Schools Week proclamation presented to the school by the mayor of East Stroudsburg.



A bus load of students from **Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School in East Stroudsburg** traveled to Washington, D.C., for the March for Life. NDHS Director of Religious Formation Debra Krogulski, NDHS Dean of Students Mark Allison, and NDHS alumnus and seminarian Jan Carlo Perez accompanied the students.



The Builders Club of **Wyoming Area Catholic School in Exeter** recently held their Induction Ceremony for the new officers and new members of the club. Builders Club is a student-led community service organization, sponsored by local Kiwanis Clubs, and the largest service organization for middle and junior high students. In addition to other activities, the Wyoming Area Catholic Builders Club keeps a blessing box filled with non-perishable food and toiletries for people in Exeter and the surrounding community to take as they need.



Second-grade students at **Saint John Neumann Elementary School in Williamsport** are excited to bring their calculators to class to assist with math problems.



Jennifer Mertes, a senior at **Saint John Neumann High School in Williamsport**, works on her laptop in the school library during a break in classes.



The students of **Saint Agnes School in Towanda** prepared for the excitement of Catholic Schools Week by inviting interested families to come to their Open House. New families are always welcome at Saint Agnes; please call the school at 570-265-6803 to make plans for a private tour or shadow day.



The 7th-grade class at **All Saints Academy in Scranton** used creativity, collaboration, critical thinking, and communication to survive the "Shark Tank." Leading the pack, Pillow Team won over the sharks with their presentation and viable business plan. This group, with the support of the ASA school community, will create customized pillows with proceeds benefitting the Little Sisters of the Poor.



The Pre-Kindergarten class at **Holy Rosary School in Duryea** made vegetable soup to celebrate the letter "V." Students brought the ingredients to school and created a warm delicious snack. Here, student Ayla Amico helps Holy Rosary Principal Mrs. Melissa Skutack mix the ingredients for their soup.



Students from **Saint Clare/Saint Paul School in Scranton** gather after performing at the Holy Cross High School Advisory Board Talent Show. Sharing their gifts were Antonina Myronyuk singing “Hallelujah” by John Lennon; Samantha Kelly performing “A Million Dreams” from The Greatest Showman; Rebecca Lenahan singing “Pulled” from The Addams Family; 1st place winner Christopher Ramos performed Ravelle’s Sonatine 3rd Movement; and Rocco Rinaldi performed “Yellow” from Sonatina in Colors by Kevin Olson.



Students at **Our Lady of Peace School in Clarks Green** are all smiles as they begin the celebration of Catholic Schools Week. In an action-packed week, students will collect hats, gloves and scarfs for those in need, will participate in a talent show, a quiz show, and a snowman building contest, and will show their appreciation for the faculty and staff who lead them every day.

The faculty and staff at **Saint Jude School in Mountain Top** were recently trained by teams from the Geisinger Community Medical Center in a program called “STOP the Bleed.” After they were done, they were presented with an official “STOP the Bleed” kit from Dr. Mark Crowell, a GCMC ER physician and school parent. Pictured are trainers and participants: Dr. Brian Frank, GCMC Trauma Surgeon; Dr. Crowell; Kathryn Bommer, GCMC Trauma Education/ Injury Prevention Outreach Coordinator; and SJS teachers Eileen Barney and Patti Capaci.



Fourth graders at **Saint Mary of Mount Carmel School in Dunmore** recently completed an educational module about ecosystems and recreated an Ecosystem Diorama to show what they learned.



Seventh-grade students at **Saint Nicholas/Saint Mary School in Wilkes-Barre** have been hard at work making replicas of the Mars Rover, which has been exploring the Red Planet. Their creations were available for new families to admire at the recent Open House.