

... now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.
1 Corinthians 13:13

From Mrs. Albert's Desk

Celebrating Catholic Schools!



Catholic Schools Week was non-stop fun at KCS! Our staff and students celebrated in many ways. On Monday we began with Hat Day, a campfire sing-a-long at the elementary school, a movie at the middle school, and dinner at Chipotle. Tuesday



brought Team Spirit Day and an Ice Cream Social at the elementary school. Wednesday was Silly Sock Day—we wore our

favorites and brought in new socks for the residents of the Veteran's Home. On Throw Back Thursday we wore spirit t's from year's past and shared expressions of gratitude to the workers at the police department, fire department, social services, the public school districts that support KCS, and our own Superintendent's Office.

In February, the month of love and compassion, our students will create Valentine's Day cards for local veterans, homeless shelter residents, the infirmed, and other senior citizens who are special to the KCS

community. If you know of someone who would enjoying getting a card from our students, please send their name and address to the school office.

Also in February, our Student Council will host a Valentine's Day Dance for their schoolmates in grades 5-8. The fun happens on Friday, February 23rd from 6:30-8:30 at the Wall St. campus.

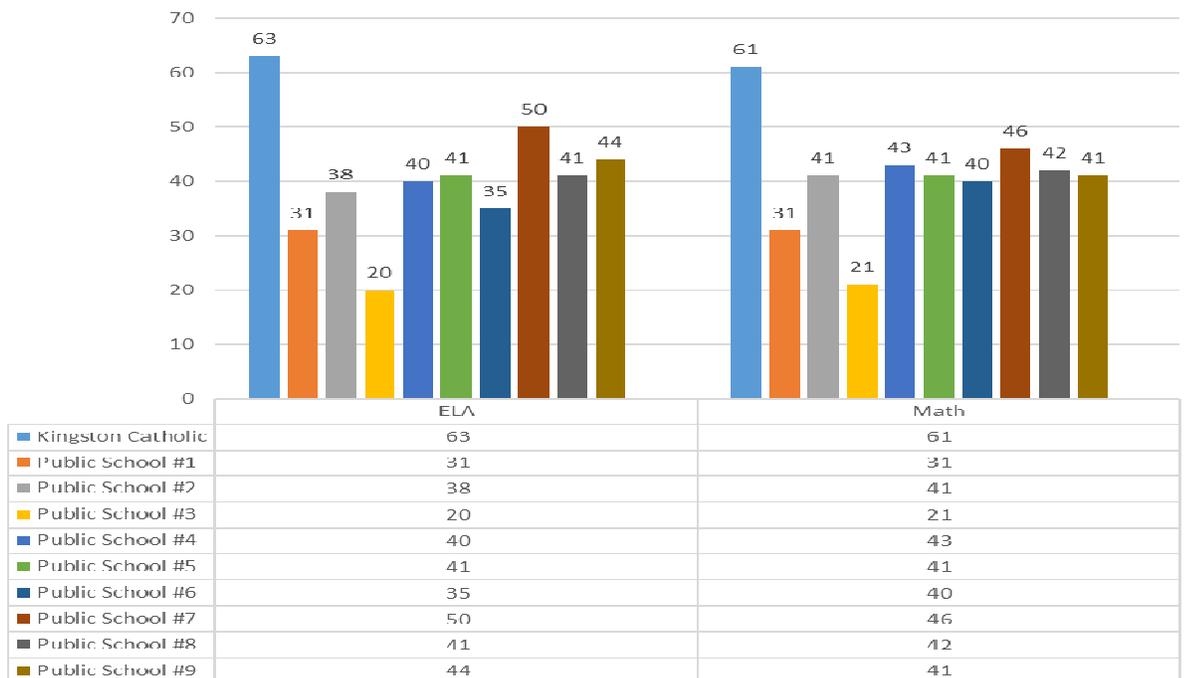
Speaking of love, our amazing KCS Family Organization team is hosting a **Parents Night Out** on February 15th. Why not drop your students off at the middle school from 6:00-9:00 and spend some quality time

"Love is all you need. But a little chocolate every once



Wow!
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Building Positive Relationships with Social Skills

A large part of going to school is finding one's way, socially and emotionally, in a setting apart from one's family. This can be challenging for students at times, and at KCS we are working to support our students as they learn and grow. Using the *Leader in Me* program, the *Seven Habits of Happy Kids* and *Highly Effective Teens*, programs from our colleagues at ADAPP (Archdiocesan Drug Abuse Prevention Program), the Archdiocesan Bullying Awareness and Respect Life programs, and our daily religion classes, the topics of bully-

ing, compassion, empathy and communication skills are addressed consistently and in a variety of ways. Additionally, a strong focus is placed on developing personal strengths, social competency, and positive communication skills.

All students in grade PK-8 are participating in the Archdiocesan bullying awareness and respect life lessons in their religion classes. At the middle school, while all teachers are using these tools in their classrooms, the *Leader in Me* lessons are presented in Health classes. Before the holidays, ADAPP counselors presented workshops to our fifth and sixth

graders geared toward helping them identify and respond to bullying, separate it from single incident unkind or rude behavior, and speaking up.

At our January faculty meeting, the KCS faculty and staff participated in a similar workshop designed to help adults recognize and respond to bullying. The workshop included some eye-opening role playing that helped the adults remember what it feels like to be a student who experiences bullying, student who are bystanders to bullying, and those students who engage in bullying behaviors.

Seussical, jr. is Underway!

Save the date! This year's musical, *Seussical*, will hit the KCS stage on April 26th & 27th. This full scale musical production has something for the entire family and is sure to be a fun filled smash. Director, Ms. Nicole Tarcza, has cast the show, is running rehearsals, and is working out staging, choreography,

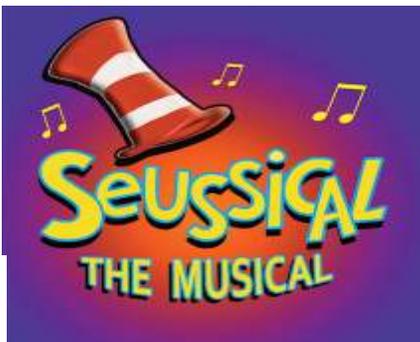
and much more. Before the curtain opens, there is a lot to do and your help is needed.

Joining the production staff is a great way to get involved at KCS, to meet other parents, and to have some fun! Right now there is an immediate need for parents who can help with set painting on Saturdays from 10:00 - 2:00 at the Broadway school.

Please do not think you need to be a Picasso in order to help with this type of painting. Artistic ability and experience are not required! If you are able to help, please call Lisa Hagerty at 845-594-4639 for

more information.

Help is also needed on the costume committee. If you have a talents for organization, or sewing, or decorating, please give Ms. Tarcza a call at school at 331-9318 or 339-4390 and she will be more than happy to get you started! Going forward, help will also be needed with sound, lighting, concession, house, tickets and more. If you have some time to give, whether or not your child is in the show, please call Mrs. Germano at 331-9318, or Ms. Weeks at 339-4390 and let them know. They will be sure to get you connected



Are We Going Outside Today?!?

YES! Rest assured that as long as the weather permits, we will be heading outside! However, it seems to be during the winter months that our lunchtime volunteers begin to dwindle. Your assistance is especially needed this time of year. If we are able to get outside, winter conditions require extra sets of adult eyes to ensure the students' safety.

If we must remain inside, there is a greater option of activities when more adults are on board. We currently have several days without adult volunteers. If you have some free time from 12:00 to 1:00, any day of the week, please lend a hand. In addition to the teachers on duty, we are looking for four helpers each day to provide supervision for the children.

As the students will go outside as often as weather permits, please help them remember to dress accordingly. To play outside on cold days, students should have a coat, hat, and mittens or gloves each day. Thank you!

