

Mission Possible: Holiness!

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There are many new changes to Saint Charles Borromeo School this year, one of which is the school theme. The 2018-2019 school theme is Mission Possible: Holiness. Our school theme is about our journey towards holiness, on a path that may be different for each one of us, using the power of “yet,” as in: “I can’t do it - yet”, or “I won’t be able to get this done - yet!”

Here is how some of the teachers and students are making the school theme part of their lives. In Mrs. Seguin’s classroom, her students keep a sheet of filler paper with ideas on how they can fulfill their duties of keeping their Mission: Possible. Each day the students go over their sheets, and pick one action or duty to achieve their goals of the school theme. For example, on my sheet, I wrote five ideas, and I pick one each day. Whether it is something as simple as helping another student carry their books or lending them a pencil, each small act brings me closer to the goal of Holiness. Mrs. Seguin is really making her classroom’s Mission Possible.

Seventh grade science teacher Mr. Malec is making his classroom’s Mission Possible. Mr. Malec keeps a bulletin board that has a quote of the week. Whether it is Scripture related, or even if it is just inspirational to his students, he is still making his Mission Possible. Mr. Malec hopes that students will learn the importance of having Jesus in their personal lives by praying, and how Jesus is there for them even when they may not realize it.



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How did this year’s school theme come about? Mrs. Updegrove read Pope Francis’s Apostolic Exhortation to “rejoice and be glad.” She hopes that students will have an open, growth mindset; to not be negative and to not think they can’t do things before they make an attempt. When naming the school theme, there really was never an intention of naming

it after the movie "Mission Impossible," but she thought of it as catchy and fun. Mrs. Updegrove takes so much effort and puts a lot of hard work into our school theme. She is making her Mission Possible by planning monthly assemblies that teach about prayer and holiness. Our recent assembly focused on a recently canonized saint, Archbishop Oscar Romero. She spoke with Pastoral Associate Mr. Pelcin about this saint and watched a movie about Oscar Romero as part of her planning for this assembly. During her time planning she reflected on prayer, and she believes this time helps her to grow in holiness. We certainly are thankful for the time and effort Mrs. Updegrove puts into helping us grow as Catholics each year. Mrs. Updegrove keeps her Mission Possible-- how do you keep your Mission Possible?