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Four generations of the Van Fleet family attended Grandparents' Day.

St. James School Honors Grandparents

Waverly -- Grandparents were given an opportunity to gather insight into today's school routine on a special day held in their honor recently at St. James School.

Grandparents' Day was sponsored by the Home-School Association. More than 150 visited the school, with as many as three and four generations of some families present.

Following a morning Mass, students led their families on tours of classrooms and the school's new com-

puter room. The tours also allowed the grandparents to meet the faculty.

Students whose families were unable to attend were asked to join a classmate's family during this special event. The guests then gathered in the library for refreshments before the children returned to their classrooms.

The enjoyable event also inspired several generous donations to St. James School, including one family's gift of a computer.

St. Andrew's Offers Reading Enrichment

Last year, an enrichment course for accelerated eighth grade readers began at St. Andrew's School.

The Adolescent Literature course, based on young adult novels, was developed and taught by Sister Mary Ann Kosakoski and aims to increase the student's understanding of various topics which impact their lives: growing up, divorce, death, drug and alcohol abuse, friendship and peer pressure, and relationship with parents.

"I believe strongly in bibliotherapy as a creative method of stimulating

growth and understanding of self at any stage of development," Sister Mary Ann said.

After completing a novel, the students develop the vocabulary units and appropriate tests. The stories are followed up by using alternatives to book reports -- interviews with characters, time lines, advertisements of the book through commercials or posters.

"I like the relationship I develop with the characters in the books," said student Jennifer Jacobs. "I never had enough time for that reading short stories."



Puppet Show

Volunteers from Taylor Brown Hospital Auxiliary presented a puppet show for Mrs. Diane Kieffer's kindergarten class at St. Mary's School, Waterloo. The purpose of the presentation was to increase the children's understanding of medical procedures and hospitalization, thereby lessening their fear of the unknown. Students pictured, with their teacher in medical garb, are Patrick Brady, Ryan Didsbury, Sean Ward, Justin Ward, Mary Linehan, Marissa Greta, Jolene Stamp, Molly Morrin, Angel Lerkins and Nicole Palmer.

Creative Thinking Being Stressed At Holy Cross

The Talent Pool Program at Holy Cross School is currently in its fourth year of operation.

The program concentrates on gifted behavior rather than whether or not a child "is" or "is not" gifted. The students are encouraged to pursue their own interests. The program also relies on the resources of the community (including the special talents of parents and faculty members).

This year, under the direction of Mrs. Sandra Garcia, 30 students are involved, chosen on the basis of a teacher's recommendation, using creativity, motivation

and leadership as determining factors.

Students in grades 2-8 meet once every one or two weeks for a planned class involving creative and critical thinking, problem solving and brainstorming techniques. They are encouraged to begin a project on a topic of interest to them, which may vary in length depending on the need. A child may complete only a certain number of projects in a year.

An important aspect of each project is its intended audience or outlet since students feel a greater sense of purpose if they know someone will see or use what they have accomplished.



Caring for the Poor

Brother Walter, the director of St. Peter's Kitchen, recently addressed the intermediate students at Holy Rosary School. The students had proven that "Holy Rosary is a Caring Place" by collecting money for the poor who visit the kitchen. Sister Brian presented a check to Brother Walter. Brother Walter compared the different talents shared at the kitchen to the different ingredients of a "spiritual stew. Just as a stew grows more flavorful with each added ingredient, so is the ministry of the Church strengthened by each Christian reaching out to his or her brothers and sisters in Christ."



International Night

The social studies classes at Good Shepherd School recently displayed many projects and reports on various countries of the world. The displays ranged from Egyptian pyramids to Indian and colonial villages to a life-size Statue of Liberty. Christy Dumont and Lori Massa, above, were among the first place winners. Others were Michelle DeYoung, Jody Matthews, Tonya Rambow, Sarah Lockwood and Mark Simmons. Ribbons were awarded to first, second and third place winners.

Book Fair a Success

The eighth grade at Holy Trinity School, Webster, sponsored a Book Fair in February. Proceeds from the event went toward the class fund.

This marks the seventh year the eighth grade has sponsored such a fair. Books were supplied by Webster Book Store.

Students and volunteers manned the displays which

attracted much of the student body and many others.

Although the exact profit has not yet been determined, eighth grade teacher Sister Mary Dorothy Burnett expected the class fund to gain \$100.

The students are looking forward to their class day, June 14, when they will take a day trip to a yet undecided location.



Winter Fun

St. Rita's School, Webster, held a Winter Fun Day recently under the direction of Mrs. Joanne Driscoll, physical education teacher, physical education teacher. Highlighting the day's activities was the snow sculpture competition. Each class designed, built, decorated and colored their entry. Above, some first graders in Mrs. Anderson's class display their prize winning "Good Luck Care Bear." Other first place awards were given to Mrs. Foster's first graders for their "Teddy Bear," and to Mrs. Roides fourth graders' "Green Dragon."

Hot Competition At Spelling Bee

Corpus Christi School celebrated Catholic School Week by having an unusual spelling bee.

Representatives from each grade, 1-8, tested their skills against one another.

The final contestants were first grader Philip Loyd,

fourth grader Schattakka Gray, and seventh grader Donna Jenkins; Miss Gray was the eventual winner.

The event was videotaped so that children and parents

can enjoy the whole program at a later date.

Wayland School Starts Second Hundred Years

If you saw the imprint on a tee-shirt, "Wherein-theheckiswayland?", could you answer that question?

Well, Wayland is a village perched in the northernmost foothills of the Alleghany Mountains on the northern border of Steuben County.

Stories are handed on about the Sisters preparing hot chocolate for the children when they arrived at St. Joseph's School on bitter winter mornings to thaw out slightly chilled bodies.

And so, a century ago that generation grew up strong in Christian doctrine and the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic.

Now, at the beginning of the second century of its history, St. Joseph's has made giant strides in academic structure. As of Sept. 8, 1982, a kindergarten class has been added for the first time since the school originated.

Would the first graduates recognize their alma mater? In some ways, yes. Because we are a Catholic school the teaching and practice of our faith are the top priority.

Academic excellence has always been a hallmark of St. Joseph's School. Emphasis on basic skills in reading, arithmetic, grammar and writing have equipped many youngsters to pursue pathways into the professional world.

We not only pray together, we also play together. Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Feast of St. Paul -- our pastor's patron saint -- provide opportunities for large group activities. Christmas provides the opportunity to entertain with a Christmas play for all our parents and friends.

St. Joseph's students reach out into the community through service projects. At Thanksgiving time the children were encouraged to express their gratitude to God by sharing a visible gift with the less fortunate in our world. During a school prayer service, every child contributed a box or a can of food to this project. The entire grade which directed this activity made a trip to St. Peter's Soup Kitchen to deliver these items and personally experience the needs of the poor by helping serve, wash and clean up.

We are really striving to make St. Joseph's School a place of faith, a closely-knit Christian community that reaches out beyond the school to embrace not only our own Wayland area but even beyond our borders.