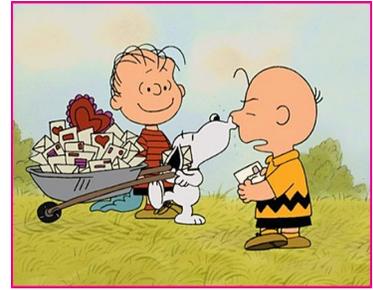


... now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.
1 Corinthians 13:13

From Mrs. Albert's Desk

Sharing a Little Bit of our Love



As a demonstration of our love for others, during Catholic School's Week, our 7th graders visited the People's Place to spend some

time volunteering. Our third graders read to our Prekindergarten and kindergarten students, each class created a Spiritual Bouquet of prayers for a member of our school community, and everyone par-

ticipated in a food drive for Catholic Charities. (There is still time to send in a donation if you wish!)

Also, during the month of February our students will work on 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 enjoy getting a card from our students, please send their name and address to the school office.

During this month of love and compassion our Student Council will host

a Valentine's Day Dance for their school-mates in grades 5-8. The fun happens on Friday, February 16th from 6:30-8:30 at the Wall St. campus.

Speaking of love, special thanks to all of our KCS families who brought their friends to see our school during one of our open houses!

There is no higher compliment you can pay our school than bringing your friends and family here! Thank you for your commitment to our wonderful school.

"Love is all you need. But a little chocolate every once in a while doesn't hurt!"

Charles M. Shultz



Congratulations

Mrs. Mino and Mrs. Heaney



KCS teachers Mrs. Ann Mino & Mrs. Sandra Heaney were honored for excellence in teaching and their dedication to our students on January 25th at the Evening of Discernment Dinner at the Cardinal Cooke Center in NYC.

Both Mrs. Mino and Mrs. Heaney are veteran members of the Kingston Catholic faculty. As many of you know, Mrs. Heaney teacher first grade, facilitates our Mad Science Club

and is the energy and organization behind our annual science fair!

Her colleague, Mrs. Mino teaches 7th & 8th grade ELA and social studies, prepares our students for the American History Regents Exam, and facilitates the National Junior Honor Society and our Literary Dish Book Club! These busy women go above and beyond everyday for the students entrusted to their care.

Thank you Mrs. Heaney and Mrs. Mino for all that you do for the students of KCS!



Getting Real with Common Core Math & Fractions

The Common Core Math Standards highlight the importance of bringing math to life and exploring its real life applications. According to *Math + Science Connection*, understanding fractions is easier when students can visualize them. The Connection makes the following suggestions to help your children:

1) Make a book: For a week, have your child record and illustrate each fraction she notices. For example—today is a half day of school, Dad bought $3 \frac{1}{2}$ pounds of bananas at

the store, or the baby weighs $21 \frac{3}{4}$ pounds.

2) Play a Game: Have each player cut a sheet of construction paper into six equal strips. Leave one whole and then cut one sheet into two equal pieces, one into three equal pieces and so on through six equal pieces. Using masking tape—label the sides of 1 die $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{6}$, $\frac{1}{8}$ and “wild.” To play: role the die, and lay the matching piece of paper on your whole strip. The goal is to be the first one to fill your strip without overlapping any pieces. (for example—

$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = 1$ whole)

3) Kitchen Helpers: Using favorite family recipes ask your students to double, triple, or halve the recipes. Prepare the dish using the conversions to see if the math worked out!

Once your student begins to see the real world applications of math, the subject matter will become less intimidating. With some practice, fractions will soon be no trouble at all!

For more information on the Common Core, please visit the Archdiocesan website at adnyeducation.org

2018 Science Fair

KCS students in grades 5-8 participated (plus one ambitious first grader!) in our annual Science Fair on Sunday, January 28th. Under the tutelage of Mrs. Heaney, the students produced some of the most amazing projects yet! From electromagnetic trains to fossils, the project topics covered erosion, mold growth, robotics, essential oils, plant nutrition, birds, and more and covered a wide range of the science curriculum.

While all students in grades 5-8 completed the science fair projects as their science mid-term exam,

many of our students elected to present their projects for judging during Kingston Catholic's Catholic Schools Week Open House. Coleman Catholic High School advanced placement math and science students, who also happen to be proud KCS and SJS alums, served as

judges for this event.

This event, which grows each year, would not be possible without the tireless efforts of Mrs. Heaney, all of our KCS science teachers, our judges, our families and our generous sponsors. Our thanks to: Ulster Savings Bank, Wood 'n Wheels, Rondout Savings Bank, Ulster Regional Federal Credit Union, Mid-Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union, Patel's Kingston Lanes, Barnes & Noble, The Frozen Rainbow, Bounce, and Sunshine Tees for sponsoring this important academic competi-



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 11:45 to 1:00, any day of the week, please lend a hand. We need a minimum of four helpers each day to provide supervision for the children while they are eating and playing.

It is our hope that the students will be able to get outside as often as possible. Please help the children remember to dress accordingly. To play outside on cold days, students need a coat, hat, and mittens or gloves each day.

