

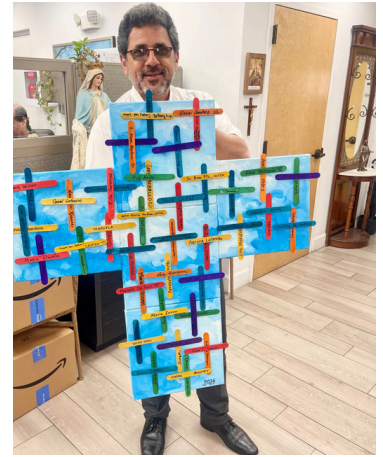


ST. AGNES CATHOLIC ACADEMY BEAR NEWS



Week of Oct. 7th, 2024

St. Agnes Is Blessed To Have Our Priests



In honor of Priesthood Sunday, our students, faculty, and staff presented our beloved St. Agnes priests, Father Paguaga and Father Foltyn, with two framed drawings of guardian angels. Priests much like guardian angels, serve as protectors and spiritual guides in our lives. Our parish priests are representations of faith and hope in our community. We are so blessed to have them and grateful for their love and service. We love you, Fathers. ❤️

Feast of the Guardian Angels



Our Academy celebrated the Feast of the Guardian Angels with a beautiful mass given by Father Paguaga honoring them. Each of us has our own guardian angel assigned to us by God who watches over us and helps us live a holy life and reach salvation. God created the angels before he created the world. They waited for us and their angelical guardianship of each of us, begins at birth. Angels are servants and messengers from God. Angels help us on our earthly journey to protect us from evil by making good choices and in turn growing closer to God.

Blessing of the Athletes



Our St. Agnes athletes received a special blessing from Father Paguaga at a recent morning assembly as they embark on their teams' seasons. The teams featured were Boys Soccer, Cross-Country, and Girls Volleyball. Blessings and well wishes to all of our teams!

Parents' Night Out



Our Home & School Association hosted a fun night for St. Agnes parents to mingle with each other and enjoy drinks and appetizers at Milanezza Restaurant. Our group of parents filled the venue and everyone had a great time continuing to bond with our St. Agnes community.

Safety Patrol Ceremony



This year a group of our 6th graders volunteered to serve as our school's as safety patrols. Their job is an important one that helps keep our students safe as they usher kids out of their parents' cars in the morning drop-off carpool line. They take pride in doing their job and are sure to greet each student that arrives with kindness, joy, and a helping hand. At our last assembly, they were officially inducted into the safety patrol group with a special pinning ceremony by led by Officer Sanchez. Thank you to our student safety patrols for their service!

Peacemaker Awards



We kicked off the year with our first Peacemaker Awards ceremony celebrating the virtue of Hope. The virtue of Hope is fueled by trusting in God's loving plan. We are so proud to recognize these virtuous students that embody the virtue of Hope. Congratulations and thank you for your loving example.

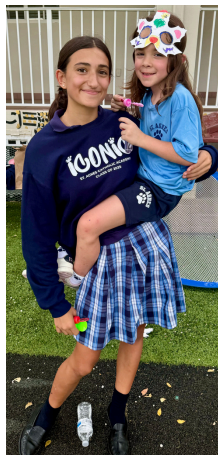
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Raffle Party Winners

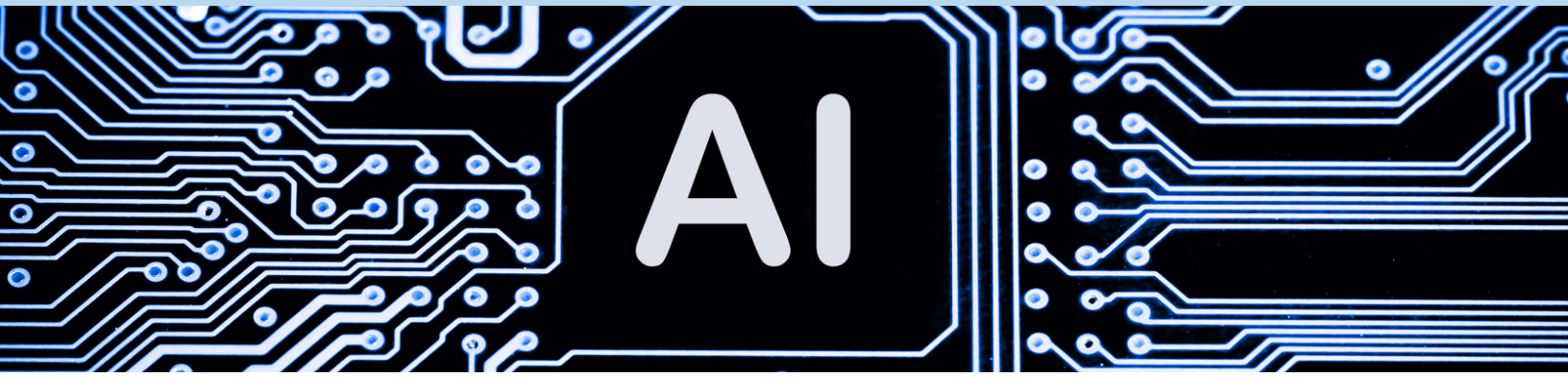
WINNER!



Valentina Lazo Marti, from Mrs. Oritz' 1st grade class, had the winning ticket for our first Early Dismissal Classroom Party Raffle! Valentina and the rest of her 1st grade classmates were treated to an afternoon of fun, crafts, games, and treats hosted by our 8th graders. Both 1st graders and 8th graders had a blast playing together!



Teacher Professional Development



Artificial Intelligence in Our Schools



Our teachers along with teachers from every school in the Archdiocese of Miami, recently attended a Professional Development workshop on Artificial Intelligence. The day started with a mass celebrated by Archbishop Wenski who was also joined by many priests from across the Archdiocese. The keynote speaker, Fr. Nathan Wills, focused on the use of Artificial Intelligence and the moral, ethical, and educational implications in Catholic Schools. Teachers learned about practical AI tools to help enhance their teaching as well as useful AI resources for students to utilize. It was an important workshop that helped teachers better understand how to navigate and work with this new technology.

After School Care Program

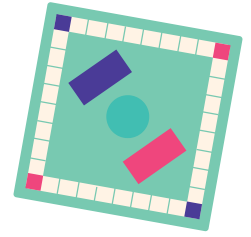


Our St. Agnes After School Care program provides a safe and enriching experience for students from PK3 to 8th grade on all regular school days. The program runs from 3:00 PM to 5:50 PM, offering supervised activities, and homework assistance to ensure a productive afternoon for all participants. Its a wonderful solution for working parents that need extended time for their kids to be taken care of beyond the school day in a protected and engaging environment led by our own teachers.

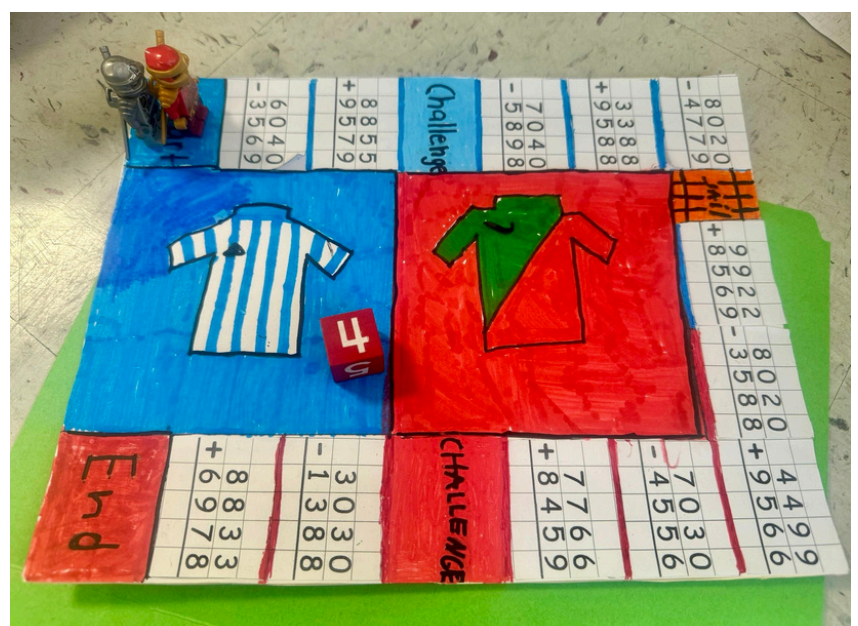
4th Grade Activities



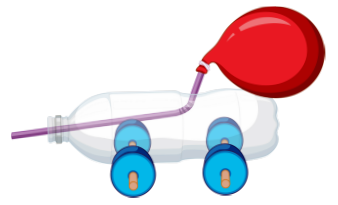
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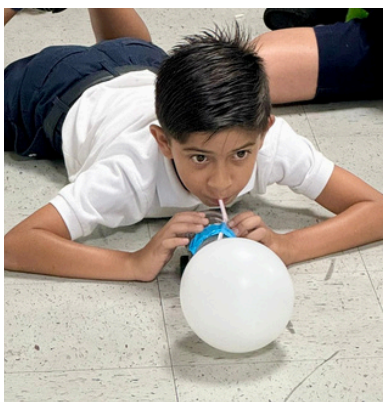
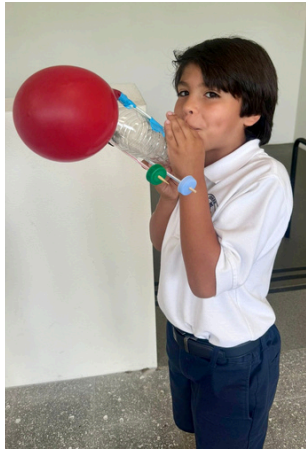
Mrs. Ibarra's 4th graders were tasked with creating Math board games. Each group had to design their own game, the rules to play, imagine different scenarios, and finally decide how players could win. In addition, students had to incorporate math problems and challenges as part of each game.



Balloon Engineering Project

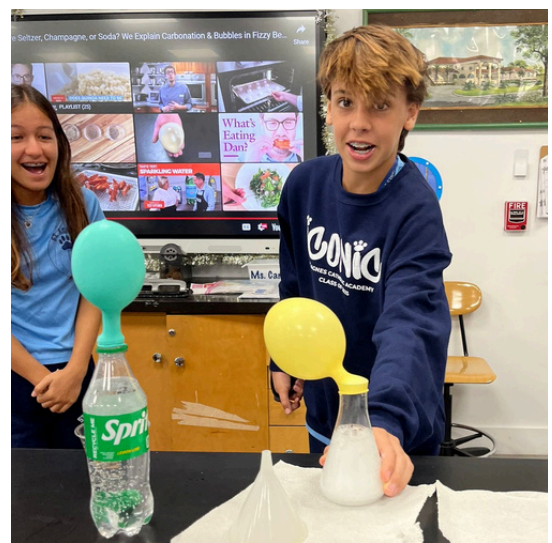
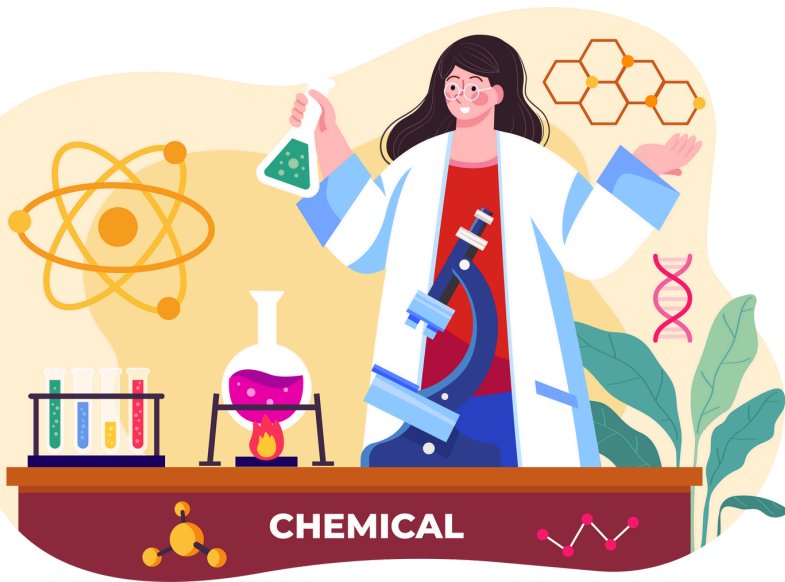


4th graders also had a great time designing and building their own balloon cars. It was a fun and engaging project that taught them some of the basic principles of science and engineering. Students observed how air escaping from the balloons propelled the cars forward. They learned the steps to use in the Engineering Design Process which included designing, building, testing, and improving their creations. They had three trials to test and solve any problems they encountered. This project encouraged critical thinking as students had to modify their designs to make their balloon cars go faster and farther.

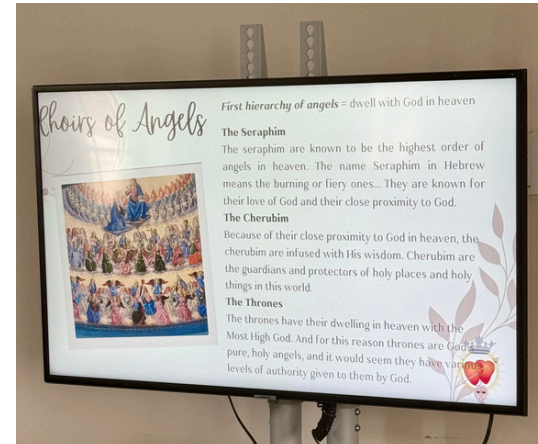


Middle School Science

Ms. Carballo's 8th grade students conducted a science experiment to show signs of a chemical change. In the experiment, students mixed baking soda and opened a bottle of soda to witness the production of bubbles as a sign of a chemical change. The gas produced was trapped by the balloon. Students then worked on building the chemical equation for that change.



Faculty & Staff Retreat



Angels Among Us



Our faculty and staff attended a spiritual formation retreat last week led by Sister Alyssa, Sister Ana Pia, and Father Paguaga. The retreat focused on our theme for the year: "Angels Among Us." The Sisters went into great detail about the different types of angels, their roles in our lives, and how we can summon them to help guide us through our Earthly life in order to make good decisions. We each have our own guardian angel assigned to us by God. They exist to protect and influence us to live a more holy life, to help us grow in our faith, and to strengthen our bond with our Lord.