

CAB's St. Ann campus announces new Principal for '24/'25

PreK-8th grade students on CAB's St. Ann campus will continue in good hands when Principal Patricia Griffin retires this June and we welcome Dr. Christopher Hampton, an accomplished educator with more than 30 years of experience serving students and families in grades PreK-12th in Connecticut, Florida, and New Jersey. Although Dr. Hampton will finish out the academic year at his current school in New Jersey, he will slowly begin to work with Mrs.

Griffin to transition into his new role in the coming months and eventually take part in an in-person meet-and-greet for teachers, students and families. "I was overwhelmingly impressed with the learning, laughing and loving that was so prevalent on [St. Ann's] campus, and I am so looking forward to beginning this new chapter together," said Dr. Hampton. Welcome to our outstanding community, Dr. Hampton!



CAB student honored during Vision Awards

Valerye, a 7th grader on CAB's St. Ann campus, received Honorable Mention in the 2024 Fairfield University/CT Post Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. essay contest, open to all middle school students throughout Fairfield County. Valerye's work, entitled "My Life's Blueprint," was recognized on February 7 during the Martin Luther King Jr. Vision Awards Reception at FFU. To read Valerye's essay, please [click here](#).



Alumnus selected for leadership conference

After a rigorous selection process, 2022 CAB grad Robbie VanScoy has been chosen to attend CT's High O'Brien Youth Leadership program (HOBY) on the campus of Southern CT State University for three days this June. VanScoy, a current sophomore at Notre Dame High School in Fairfield, was nominated by his teachers for his leadership skills and ultimately selected for his strong writing. He will grow those skills at HOBY where he will participate in unique training, service-learning and

"Blessed" contributions during Black History Month

Throughout February, faculty and staff on our four campuses designed many meaningful projects and lessons highlighting contributions that African-Americans made throughout history, and continue to make today. One such project took place on our St. Raphael campus and centered around Black holy men and women who today are being considered for sainthood, including Servant of God Mother Mary Lange, Servant of God Sister Henriette Delille, Servant of God Julia Greeley, Servant of God Fr. Augustus Tolton, Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman, and Servant of God Pierre Toussaint. Also included in the project was St. Josephine Bakhita. Each classroom selected one of these individuals as their patron, learned about their history and the impact they had on the Church in the United States, and then asked for their intercessions each day. Holy saints and blessed of God, pray for us.



SAVE THE DATE
for our Annual Gala...
Celebrating
20 Years!

November 7, 2024
6:00 PM
Woodway Country Club

HONORING:
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Our first Board Chair
Sr. Joan Magnetti, rscj
Our first Executive Director



Multicultural Day celebrates our rich cultures

This month, students on our St. Ann campus shared their many cultures through dance, music, flags, customs, traditions and foods. We are so grateful for the amazing diversity in our community and the opportunity to grow in understanding and appreciation.



A winning team both on & off the court

The Varsity Boys Basketball Team on our St. Augustine campus has had an INCREDIBLE season. They are undefeated and headed to the St. Sebastian Basketball League playoffs in March. Yet, these players are neither prone to bragging nor boasting. In fact, as Kevin Parniawski, the head coach at Holy Trinity Catholic Academy -- one of our opponents -- recently wrote to St. Augustine principal Dr. Allison Hurtt, "I wanted to reach out and let you know what fine young men you have on the St. Augustine Boys Varsity Basketball Team. They are a group of impressive kids with high character and high Catholic values." Now, *THAT* is a winning team!



Academy teacher becomes Distinguished Modern Classroom Educator

After a year and a half of Modern Classroom Project (MCP) instructional model implementation, CAB 2nd-grade teacher Jennifer Barnum has been officially certified as a Distinguished Modern Classroom Educator. MCP leverages classroom technology to help empower student learning through self-directed work and small-group guided practice, and Barnum's distinction demonstrates her mastery of MCP and meeting every students' needs through blended, self-paced, mastery-based instruction. According to Principal Sr. Elizabeth Doyle, ASCJ, "Ms. Barnum's effective use of the Modern Classroom model has led to increased student confidence and empowerment, and outstanding academic progress. I commend Ms. Barnum for pursuing this unique opportunity and being a leader on our campus by implementing this novel program."

Click the video below to see inside one of our campuses...
You'll be amazed and inspired.



Valuable literacy screenings provided

This month, our Kindergarten and 1st-grade students were assessed by staff from The Southport School using the EarlyBird Literacy Assessment and Dyslexia Screener.

Results give our teachers valuable data on younger readers in the areas of phonemic awareness, letter/sound correspondence, word knowledge and the processing of the language of reading. The data yielded from these 1:1 assessments -- which are conducted three times a year -- is critical so our teachers can make the best and most informed instructional decisions to meet a variety of needs. According to Pat Griffin, Principal of CAB's St. Ann campus, "The ability to read is one of the most important forecasts of academic success. We are so grateful for our partnership with The Southport School, which spans over seven years, and their wonderful educators who give of their time and expertise to our school community."

Some of the happenings on our 4 campuses this month...



A fun-filled paint night was held on our St. Andrew campus for students and parents of all ages.



Special liturgical celebrations were held to mark Ash Wednesday and Lent.



A "Once Upon a Time Ball" was hosted on our St. Ann campus for students and parents.



In art class on our St. Raphael campus, students created hearts to show their unconditional love for



Many classrooms celebrated Lunar New Year with engaging ELA and Social Studies lessons,

their families on Valentine's Day.

delicious meals, and other fun activities.



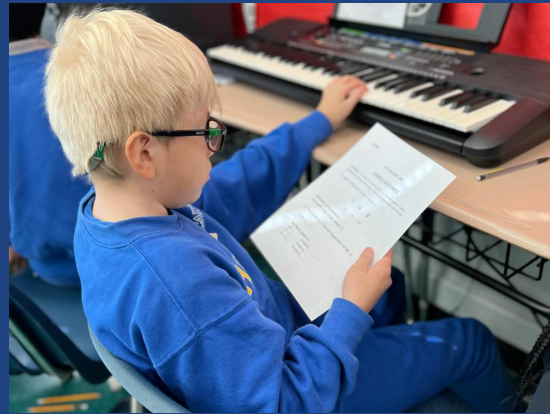
2nd-grade classrooms worked together with friends to make words using the phrase, "Catholic Schools Week."



Select CAB middle schoolers participated in a MLK Leadership Academy at Fairfield University and were able to reflect, share and collaborate.



Some of our many St. Ann students who took part in multicultural presentations this month.



Students are learning to read music and play the keyboard, like this St. Augustine middle schooler.



The Student Council on our St. Augustine campus collected bags and boxes of donations for Homes for the Brave.



It was all smiles during after-school care on our St. Raphael campus, where students enjoy a safe, engaging and nurturing environment.



The 100th day of school was celebrated across our four campuses with special lessons, activities and much joy.



Meeting students where they are at is a huge part of who we are, and our teachers go above and beyond to reach and teach our students.

Ready...Set...Give!

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