



Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekly School News

*From the desk of
Principal Chris Uptmor*

The kindergarten through fourth-grade classes will get an important visit from the Decatur Fire Department on April 3.

Firefighters will visit the classes to teach the students about fire safety, making emergency plans and the importance of smoke detectors.

A simulation trailer with a "smoke-filled" house will be available for K-2 students to learn about escape routes.

We appreciate the fire department taking the time to visit our school to provide these life-safety lessons.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 6, Modern Woodmen of America speech contest, gym
- April 13, 11:30 a.m. dismissal for Easter break
- April 14-17, Easter break, NO SCHOOL



DECATUR CATHOLIC TRACK AND FIELD: The Decatur Catholic Track and Field team has been practicing three times a week to prepare for the upcoming season. Athletes from OLOL, Holy Family and St. Patrick were at MacArthur High School recently to practice.



Virtual tour follows Holocaust

Reading a book opened an entirely new perspective on the Holocaust for eighth-graders in Mrs. Becky Dunscomb's 8th-grade English class.

"The Boy in the Striped Pajamas" is about a 9-year-old boy who discovers he is living near a concentration camp in Nazi Germany run by his father during World War II.

With the advantage of technology, the 8th-graders were able to more fully immerse themselves in the story and experience perhaps the most horrific time in human history.

It is one of the many ways teachers have been giving students and opportunity to more fully explore their les-

sons through the use of their Chromebooks.

"Since an actual trip to Poland was not feasible, we had to rely on virtual tours that were available in our classroom," Mrs. Dunscomb said.

Students used their Chromebooks to take a drone tour of the Auschwitz concentration camp. They also "visited" the National Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., and explored the exhibits.

One exhibit in particular made an impact on the students, she said. It is called "Daniel's Story." Throughout this tour, the students were able to follow Daniel's path as a Jew living at home with his family to eventually

ending up in a concentration camp. This 12-minute tour allowed students to walk in his shoes for just a moment and experience the sadness many Jews felt.

The class also watched Oprah Winfrey's interview of Nobel Laureate and Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel while visiting Auschwitz. This interview is a powerful account about his time in Auschwitz.

"Many students admitted that they did not know many things about the Holocaust prior to this immersion into the past. However, with the use of our technology, they will hopefully never forget what they learned," Mrs. Dunscomb said.