

Summer 2024



BINGO

Did you know you can directly support St. Elizabeth School every Wednesday night at the Columbus Home by playing bingo? Go out and have fun, say hello to current St. Elizabeth families and alumni and possibly win a bingo jackpot!

**Every Wednesday night
7pm at the former KC Hall
in Granite City.**

St. Elizabeth School New Window Project Complete

As many of you have already seen or heard, St. Elizabeth School building completed the project of getting new windows! The original windows from 1955 were long overdue to be replaced. The new windows are more energy efficient and have many safety features to enhance the safety and the overall look of the campus. Not only do the windows boost the morale on campus, it also is a positive improvement for the surrounding neighborhood. Thank you to all the alumni donors who contributed to the fundraising campaigns!

Three Generations and Counting...



Saint Elizabeth School has been an important part of Joan (Krystopa) Hartwick's life. Not only did she graduate from St. Elizabeth School in 1978, but her two sons and daughter are St. Elizabeth graduates. Her daughter, Jennifer Sadowski is a 1997 graduate of St. Elizabeth School and has returned back to her roots as the 4 year old St. Elizabeth Preschool teacher. Joining her at school everyday is her sons, Benjamin and Sam. Ben is a future class of 2031 graduate and Sam is part of the class of 2028!

**Do you want to spotlight your St. Elizabeth family in a future newsletter?
Email alumni@stelizabethgc.org**

A Letter from Principal Mrs. Williams



As the current principal of St.Elizabeth Catholic Grade School, I am happy to connect with you, alumni, who have played a pivotal role in shaping the legacy of St.Elizabeth's Catholic School. Our commitment to academic excellence in Catholic Education is not only a testament to our enduring traditions but also a celebration of the values that guide us in nurturing well-rounded individuals.

Your achievements and contributions serve as a source of inspiration for current and future generations of students. The lessons learned within our walls extend far beyond graduation, guiding our alumni to lead purposeful lives rooted in moral and ethical principles. A Catholic education emphasizes the importance of community and service. Our students are inspired to make a positive impact on the world, guided by a commitment to serving those in need.

Since some of your last visits to your alma mater, we have made many upgrades to the St.Elizabeth campus. Original bathrooms to the school building have all become ADA compliant along with a complete remodel. Implementing state-of-the-art security systems, including surveillance cameras, access control systems, alarm systems, and classroom door cameras ensures top-notch security and contributes to a proactive approach. Many of you contributed via monetary, fundraising and prayer for the largest school improvement project of replacing the original windows. The 700 thousand dollar project is affirmation that St.Elizabeth's future is bright and will be around to serve others for many more years.

I extend a heartfelt invitation to you, our alumni, to engage or continue to engage with St.Elizabeth once again. Your continued support is invaluable, and we would be honored to welcome you back to the campus, to share your experiences and wisdom with our current students.

I thank you for being an essential part of the St. Elizabeth Catholic School family. Together, let us continue to celebrate the legacy of our Catholic education and work towards fostering a community of lifelong learners, compassionate leaders, and faithful stewards.

Peace & blessings to you,
Mrs. Williams



A Letter from Father Alfred

GOD IS GOOD – ALL THE TIME! This is another wonderful opportunity that we launch and inaugurate the first St. Elizabeth alumni newsletter. We have had many noteworthy milestones and accomplishments from our alumni students, faculty, and staff since the school opened doors for the first time in September 1955, to offer catholic education to the students and families. Thanks to school leadership and management past and present who put their best, do their best to make St. Elizabeth parish and school, the phenomenal place for Catholic education in the tri-cities. It's you the alumni whose achievements continue to make the ROYALS shine, as you make the world a better place every day. We hope this newsletter is absolutely one way to connect with you, invite you to connect with us, celebrate our accomplishments, and begin another exciting journey together for years to come. Please get involved. Let's go ROYALS – finish strong!

Fr. Alfred Tumwesigye
Pastor St. Elizabeth Parish & School

Faculty & Staff

Michelle Williams, principal

**Loretta Joyce, secretary
Class of 1979**

Amanda Asbeck, Pre-k

**Jen Sadowski, Pre-k
Class of 1997**

Katie Dimitroff, kindergarten

Carlie Young, 1st grade

Rebecca Corbett, 2nd grade

Meghan Lance, 3rd grade

Brooke James, 4th grade

Cheryl Wegner, 5th grade

Kaitlin McGraw, 6th grade

Laura Ratchford, 7th grade

**Valerie Kohl, 8th grade
Class of 1991**

**Lindsey Jones, computers
Class of 2009**

Stephanie Jones, library

Ashley Dunn, p.e.

Leigh Janes, art

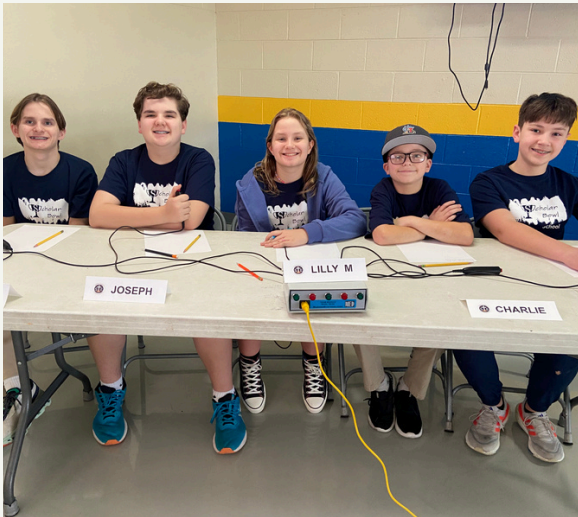
Amanda Davis, music

Jennifer Clements, aide

Dennis Jones, maintenance

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Club Events at St. Elizabeth School



Scholar Bowl is a new club for grades 7th and 8th added this year. Students compete against other schools in the diocese during the spring semester.



Chess Team (grades 3-8) compete against other schools in the area.



St. Elizabeth middle school students took the top 5 places in the annual KC Spelling Bee against Holy Family School this year. Our 3 ladies continued on to take top 3 at the KC Regional Spelling Bee in March. Selah R. (right) then went on to win 2nd in the KC State Spelling Bee in April.

St. Elizabeth Memory Lane



Do you have any accomplishments, celebrations, or news you would like to share with your fellow St. Elizabeth School Alumni? Share your updates with us by emailing alumni@stelizabethgc.org. We will share your update in an upcoming St. Elizabeth School Alumni Newsletter!

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