

Arnilla dreams of owning a dance studio

Although she is only in 4th grade, Arnilla already knows the value of getting an education. “I want to go to college,” she says. “I want to learn about dancing so that when I open a business, I can do what I need to do.”

Arnilla is working hard to achieve her dream. Between fall and spring reading assessments, she made more than two years of growth! The average 4th grader advances by 13 points. Arnilla’s reading score increased by 29 points, from 164 to 193. In addition, she was rewarded this year with a “Best Conduct” award for doing her work and treating others with respect.

She has learned that she has a partner in God. “Whenever I am sad or mad, He comes to me and comes to my heart. He helps me out with that.”

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STEPPING UP OUR GAME



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SAINT PETER CLAVER
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Dear Friends,

What a whirlwind year it has been! We have a long list of accomplishments, which YOUR SUPPORT made happen.

We are especially pleased by the partnerships that we cultivated this year. New partners include the University of St. Thomas, Groves Academy and Bethel University, to name just a few.

Other highlights:

- Our phenomenal STEP team showed that practice and persistence make a difference with their third-place finish in The Catholic Schools Center of Excellence talent contest.
- Our 3rd-5th graders experienced monthly visits from the Science from Scientists program, while our middle schoolers heard from the 3M Visiting Wizards program about careers in science.
- Scholars coded robots, explored weathering and erosion, and used a 3D printer thanks to the Archdiocesan STEM lending library.
- The Top 20 Speakers Series focused on topics including leadership, persistence, financial literacy, faith integration, and what it means to be a young black or brown person in our world today.

All of us — parents, teachers, scholars, partners and volunteers — have grown in so many ways this year. We are extremely proud of our achievements. We are grateful to YOU for providing the prayers and support to make these things happen!

In gratitude,



Terese Shimshock
Principal



A small but mighty graduating class

Team (above) wants to be an astronomer or aerospace engineer. William aspires to be a biologist, while Kalia dreams of being an artist or an entrepreneur. There may be only five in the graduating class, but they have big ambitions!

Four will attend Catholic schools, including Cretin-Derham Hall and St. Agnes. (One is undecided.) Two have attended St. Peter Claver since kindergarten.

University of St. Thomas partnership is blossoming

Two art cases were installed at St. Peter Claver School this year; they house artifacts from the St. Thomas Asmat Art Collection. Our scholars learned about the art and the Asmat people from St. Thomas professors and students. The English department and our middle school scholars reinforced math skills using a baseball theme from the book "In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson." We look forward to more collaboration in our mutually beneficial partnership.



OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Building better eaters

Bethel University nursing students taught nutrition to grades K-4 this year. We also started two nutrition projects: Second Chance Breakfast (grades 5-8) and Afterschool Power Snacks (K-8).

Focusing on literacy

Scholars are making significant strides in reading. A Groves Academy literacy coach has worked with our K-4 teachers weekly. We have focused on cementing phonics skills scholars need to be successful readers.

Building eager readers

Our library got an upgrade and, for the first time in a few years, we have a volunteer librarian checking out books on a weekly basis. We also put books into scholars' hands with a successful book fair.