











## Our Lady of Victory March "Math Madness"



When it comes to the month of March college basketball fans truly do go a bit mad! Between working their way through 64 teams to choose the final four, and the frenetic energy spent on watching

the games and hosting a party or two, the month for some folks is a tad crazy. Students at Our Lady of Victory in Washington, DC (a 2x Blue Ribbon School) have a different kind of madness going on at home. Math madness!

**Students in grades 1-5 immerse themselves in at-home math** activities that are tracked and tallied toward a championship pizza party. Math minutes include online math activities, written activities for the initiative that students bring home and return to school, extra drills and practice that students do, and any math games that students play at home either alone or with others. "Math Mastery" is the goal, and OLV's March Math Madness has proven to be a real winner with students, parents and teachers. Great job one and all!

## Speaking of sports – Decathlon anyone?



**St Jude the Apostle School** in Westlake Village, CA has a real appreciation for vigorous training and competing for excellence. Thankfully, their idea of a Decathlon does not include a series of ten incredibly intense physical activities over two days. Rather their **students in grades 6 – 8** participate in the California Catholic State Superintendents Curriculum Committee's "**Academic Junior High Decathlon**". The event is designed to promote academic excellence, cooperative learning, logical & higher order thinking and celebrate the diversity, excellence, and tradition of Catholic schools.

Like its athletic cousin, there are ten events. Two are collaborative team efforts – a logic quiz with 20 rigorous thinking problems, and a super quiz with 50 multiple choice questions on five broad academic themes. The remaining eight events test individual knowledge of the Roman Catholic doctrine, English, Literature, Science, Mathematics, Current Events, Social Studies, and Fine Arts (Art and Music). Participating takes an enormous amount of commitment and preparation but one the St. Jude School community tackles with strength and courage. Kudos to all who participate each spring!

## At Notre Dame Academy in Kentucky science and engineering inspire students to go the extra mile

Notre Dame Academy science research students had an outstanding performance at the Science and Engineering Fair of Northern Kentucky (SEFNK) held this past February. Each of the **NDA students placed first** in her category and qualified the team to compete at the Kentucky Science and Engineering Fair this month. Under the direction of Mrs. Terri Perrino and Mr. Patrick Strickley, Notre Dame Academy took the top high school award as well.

NDA Principal Mr. Jack Vonhandorf was thrilled with the students' results. "We are very proud of our students' hard work and dedication to their research. We are also happy to see their interest in the STEM fields. Mrs. Perrino and Mr. Strickley do an amazing job continuing the legacy of Sr. Mary Ethel Parrot, SND with our Science Research Program." Best wishes to all at the statewide event!



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