

WINTER WONDERLAND



KCA Basketball

By Tessa Howard

Basketball for KCA will be looking much different this year, as we are merging teams with another local private school. KCA and St. Peters Catholic School's basketball teams are now one, so this will be an interesting season. KCA's mascot is the Saints, and St. Peters' are the Panthers, so instead of calling ourselves the KCA Saints, the basketball team will be called the Fulton Saints.

The lineup for the 7th-8th basketball team this year includes Eli Hutchison, Elijah Huff, Gabe Johnson, Izzy Cason, Archuro, Aiden Cerneka, and Samuel Stephens. The 5th-6th grade team is Cole Stephens, Silas Mason, Kaden Billups, Liam Cerneka, Colton Swaine, Grayson Howard, Zamir Prince, Noah Huff, Finn Hutchison, Andrew, Jacob, David, Luke, Isaac, Nathaniel and Rocky.

“A Total Sensation!”

KCA CHRISTMAS CONCERT GOES OFF WITHOUT A HITCH!

On Friday, December 8th, 2023 KCA Saints put on a Christmas concert for guests. The program, directed by Mrs. Jaklyn Thrower and Mrs. Mary Safire, went off without a hitch. Parents and guests were heard raving about the program for hours, and days, after the fact. Each of the grade pods performed 3+ songs, with the whole program wrapping up with a group song and nativity put on my K-2nd. Preschool was successful, as usual, with their traditional rendition of “Bow Wow”. This song has been performed by KCA Preschoolers for a number of years. What a treat!



Where Academics & Faith Unite

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT KCA?

PJ Day at KCA



The Newsletter Class had a little fun on PJ day when they all got to match with Mrs. Bartley.

K-2nd Grade in their PJ attire. What a fun day!



KCA School Board

By Caylin Hughey

Tiffany Cox - President

Mike Huff - Vice President

Jesse Hutchison - Secretary

Jennifer Johnson - Treasurer

Anthony Stephens

Patty Pipes

Dan Mahurin

The KCA School Board is still in search of 1-2 members to help lead our school

Building Update

It was announced at the Holiday Gala that a generous donor would be matching any donations up to \$20,000 that were made before 12/19. KCA was able to meet that goal!

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO COME TO KCA



With the new year comes a new Administrator for KCA! Mrs. Naomi Stephens will be taking over as the official Administrator while Mrs. Fugaro will be taking over the position of Assistant Administrator. We're looking forward to a wonderful new year! Thank you Mrs. Stephens and Mrs. Fugaro for your service to our school!



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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT KCA?

Highlighted Opinion Piece

Why Students Shouldn't Use Regulated Substances

by Sam Stephens

There are several reasons why students shouldn't use the regulating substances in this world. It can cause health problems, it can take you away from your family, and it can be very addictive. Many people in this world use regulating substances for no reason. Many kids are doing it for fun, but it's not. If you are around someone that uses regulating substances for a long period of time, it could start making you think about starting that regulating substance.

It is illegal to use regulated substances if you are under 18 years old. It can be deadly for a person to use regulated substances in the wrong manner. You would have a bigger possibility of getting lung cancer. Plus, it brings harmful metal and toxic chemicals into your lungs.

There is a reason for not using regulating substances in life. They are very addictive to the human body. If you decide to use them, you should find someone to help change your mind. Look for someone that will speak truth to you about why you don't need to use regulated substances. It is not good at all to have them in your body.



"A Hometown Christmas"

Fulton's annual Christmas parade

Caylin Hughey



KCA decorated a float for the annual Christmas parade this year! What a wonderful experience! The float was joined by the cheerleaders, basketball players, and STUCO members!

KCA Holiday Gala

Caylin Hughey



The KCA holiday gala took place on November 4th, 2023. The waiters and waitresses were Jaxton Allen, Izzy Cason, Decker Bacon, Ellie Miller, Caylin Hughey, Cole Stephens, Audrey Garcia, Matthias Osebreh, Libby Cox, Leora Smith, Lysie Mason, and Finn Hutchison. These servers waited on tables by bringing drinks to the people at the tables that they were assigned. All of the servers are very appreciated and did an amazing job!

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT KCA?

Highlighted Opinion Piece

Homework - Yes or No?

By Tessa Howard

Do you think students should be assigned homework on the daily? This is definitely a very controversial topic when it comes to students and their parents, so let's hear both sides out.

Homework is important because it gives students a chance to practice the new skills they learned that day in school. If a student is struggling in a concept that is new to them, homework might help them get better at that new skill or help them memorize the concepts they need to know. Homework also helps students become more mature about getting things done, and gives them time to work independently. Another thing that makes homework so great is that it tells the parents what the students are doing and learning about every day.

On the other hand, homework can create a lot of stress in a student's life, especially student athletes. Student athletes have a lot on their hands because after a long day of school and hour-long practices they want to go home and relax, but then they remember the homework or project due the next day. It takes away time that could be spent playing outside or doing something active, and could increase chances of obesity. Kids spend hours every day sitting down in a classroom, and instead of doing something physical and healthy when they get home, they have to sit down longer and don't get a break from the school work.

At the end of the day, both sides of the argument have very good points. From my point of view, I think students should be given little homework that is sort of a challenge, but doesn't take hours to get done. I believe homework that doesn't cause stress in one's life and doesn't upset them should be what is assigned.

The Joke Spot

By Sam Stephens

Where does a snowman get the weather report?

The winternet.

What's the weatherman's favorite food in winter?

Brrr-itos!

Why did the husband pour warm water on his computer?

He had asked his wife what to do if windows froze.

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JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE BELLS...

The Story of St. Nicholas

By Owen Wilburn

During the 18th century christianity was oppressed. A christian candymaker wanted to share the love of Jesus while also making candy. He came up with the idea of twisting the colors red and white. Red represents the blood of Jesus and white represents our purification from sin. The shape of the candy is a staff representing Jesus as our shepherd. And still to this day we still celebrate Christmas with candy canes.



Board Games

By Ellie Miller

On cold winter days the best thing to do is stay inside and play board games with family and friends! The top 5 board games of all time are Chess, Checkers, Backgammon, Monopoly, and Scrabble. Here's a few more fun games you might enjoy playing with your family: Sorry!, Clue, The Game of Life, Pictionary, Wavelength, Uno, Hedbanz, Exploding Kittens, and Telestrations.

Hot Cocoa Hot Spot!

Our team member - Decker Bacon - set out to find THE BEST hot cocoa recipes... ENJOY!



Ingredients

- 1/4 C unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/2 C granulated sugar
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/3 C water
- 4 C whole milk
- 1 tsp vanilla

Instructions

1. In a saucepan mix the dry ingredients.
2. Add the water and bring to a boil, keep boiling for one min.
3. Then add the milk.
4. Heat until it's the temp you like.
5. Take off the heat and add the vanilla, stir and serve

Unicorn Hot Chocolate, French Hot Chocolate, and Swiss Miss.

Christmas Tree Oh Christmas Tree

By Ellie Miller

Christmas trees are such a big part of the Christmas cheer. KCA has set up their own tree at the Field of Joy in Fulton. You can see it anytime from now until January 1st, 2024. You can drive through the lights and walk through the field full of trees. A big question related to Christmas trees is "Do you prefer real Christmas trees or fake ones?" So, what do you prefer?

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KCA WELCOMES 6 NEW TEACHERS!

By: Tessa Howard

In this article, I'll be highlighting the new staff for the 2023-2024 school year. All of our new staff this year includes Mrs. Pezold, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Garcia, Mrs. Thrower, and Mrs. Bartley. Mrs. Pezold has been a part of KCA for a while now. Two years ago, she was the office manager, but took a break last year and is now back to teach the fourth grade class. She came back to KCA because she has a passion for Christian education, and she feels a connection with this school.

Mrs. Williams is completely new to our school, and she teaches kindergarten here at KCA. Her favorite music genres are classical and heavy metal. Mrs. Garcia is one of the middle school teachers, and she has a lot on her hands with teaching seventh and eighth grade history, and sixth grade homeroom. Her favorite part of the day is probably also all of her student's favorite part, playing Blooket. Mrs. Garcia says she loves watching us students play Blooket everyday because it's interesting to see how competitive we can be. Mrs. Thrower is our new art teacher, but lately she's been helping out with music class because of Mrs. Taylor's injury. She will be teaching music class for all grades the rest of the school year. Mrs. Thrower's favorite part about KCA is being able to incorporate her love for Jesus in her teachings freely. Mrs. Diehl was welcomed to KCA to teach Technology for the entire school. Mrs. Diehl actually attended KCA through elementary school and is excited to be welcomed back as a staff member.

Mrs. Bartley teaches seventh grade newsletter, and PE for the whole school. She is an awesome teacher. Sadly, she'll be leaving KCA after Christmas break to finish her bachelors in secondary biological sciences and her teaching certification.

We're very thankful for these amazing new teachers, and we're so glad they have come to our school because they help us so much, but especially because they're a joy to have teaching us students.

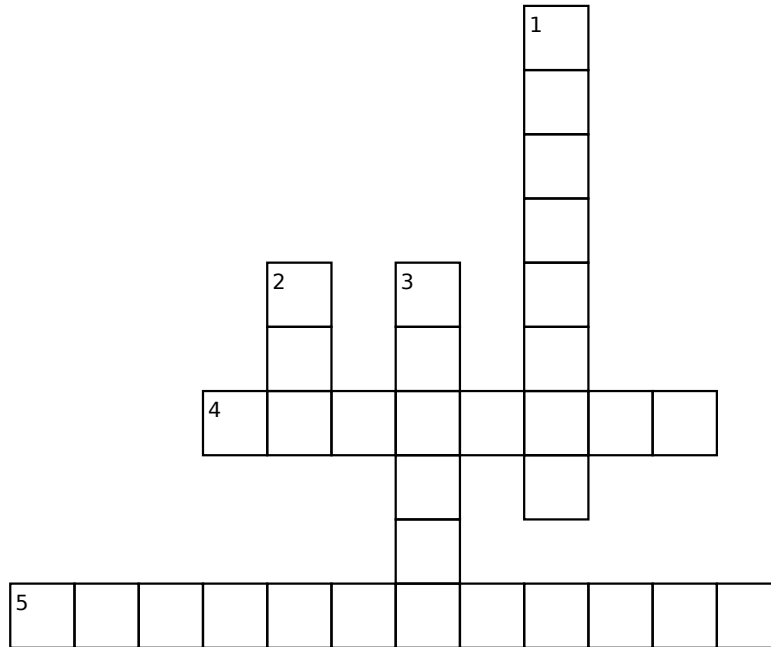


KCA Staff Party

Thanks to incredible parents and board members, teachers and staff were able to enjoy a fun afternoon Christmas party! Staff enjoyed a carry in lunch followed by a gift exchange, games, and wonderful fellowship. Thank you parents and board members!!



Crossword Puzzle



Down:

- 1.favorite restaurant.
- 2.favorite animal.
- 3.favorite color.

Across:

- 4.favorite movie series.
- 5.favorite thing to do.

Who is our Feature Teacher?
