

Thursday Thoughts
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Principal

Great News! Five of our students competed in the annual county Spelling Bee Contest on Saturday, March 6th and all did very well. Those representing St. Mary's were: Miranda Reid, grade 8; Andrew Smith, grade 7; Christina Bryant, grade 6; Hunter Wotruba, grade 5; and Andrew Ribo, grade 4. Hunter Wotruba finished in 3rd place, the highest place a student representing St. Mary's has ever finished. Congratulations to the parents of these students and to Mrs. Lindsey for their support and to the students for the time they put into studying the spelling words. A job well done!

Our students enjoyed a day with internationally known author Margaret Peterson Haddix. Mrs. Haddix shared with our student in grades 2 – 8 her experiences as an author, discussed some of her books, and answered questions. Many thanks to Mrs. Lindsey, our librarian, for making this visit possible and to our Home and School Association for helping to fund this project.

I would like to clarify our school's position concerning the misuse of technology by our students both during school time as well as away from school. Such conduct is addressed in diocesan policies 6140.0 and 5144.3.

There is to be absolutely no posting, texting, picture taking, or any other form of electronic media sent on a cell phone or the internet that contains either photos, drawings, text, or comments that bring discredit or harm to the name of our school or the reputation of a student or faculty member. Violation of the above will result in suspension and the loss of the student's privilege to use any technology equipment that is provided by the school for student use for an undetermined length of time.

Also, our advisory board does not deal with individual discipline matters and only advises as regards policy that deals with areas student conduct.

Although not on the calendar, this coming Wednesday, March 17th, will be a spirit day or the wearing of the green in honor of St. Patrick!