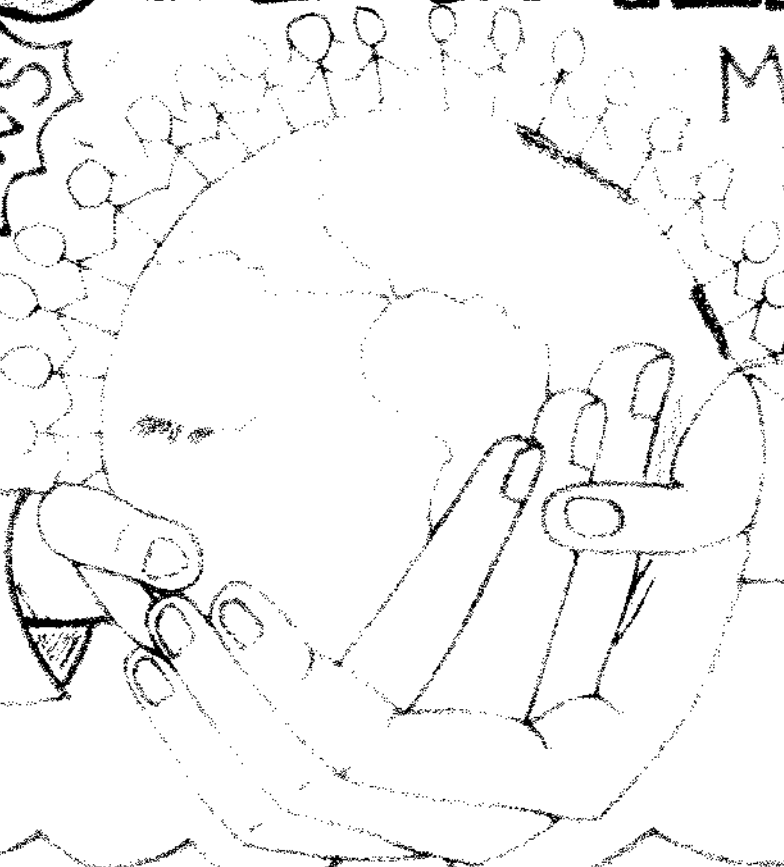


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CONNOR HAYES

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EMILY JANKE

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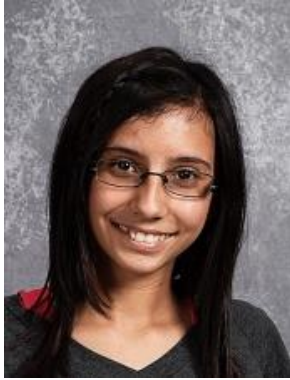


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MALLORY OBENAUF

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JENNA RAMKER

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CAITLIN STEIMLE

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RACHEL THOMAS

Science Fair, Civic Oration Speech Contest, Eighth Grade Play, Pizza-Thon, Talent Shows, Dessert Theater, Free Throw Contest, President's Fitness Award, Band, Spelling Bee, DARE Essay, Girl Scouts, *Crusader Chronicle* Newspaper Staff, Quiz Bowl, School Improvement Advisory Committee, Poetry Contest, Soccer, Cheerleading, Softball, Honor Roll, Young Writer's Conference, Solo Fest, Advent and Prayer poems published in the Catholic Messenger, Science Camp



DEVIN TOLBERT

Science Fair, Civic Oration Speech Contest, Eighth Grade Play, Dessert Theater, DFYIT, Spelling Bee, Basketball, Volleyball, Honors Geometry, Honors Algebra



MYRA VALENZUELA

Science Fair, Civic Oration Speech Contest, Eighth Grade Play, Talent Shows, Dessert Theater, Spelling Bee, Volleyball, Cheerleading, Young Writer's Conference



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CHRISTIAN VONDRAN

Science Fair, Civic Oration Speech Contest, Eighth Grade Play, Pizza-Thon, Talent Shows, Dessert Theater, DFYIT, Spelling Bee, DARE Essay, Altar Server, Soccer, Basketball, Honor Roll



TRENTON WALLACE

Science Fair, Civic Oration Speech Contest, Eighth Grade Play, Pizza-Thon, Talent Shows, Dessert Theater, Free Throw Contest, President's Fitness Award, DFYIT, Student Council, Spelling Bee, DARE Essay, Honors Algebra, Honor Roll, Art Festival participant, Basketball, Honor Roll, Honors Algebra, Free Throw Contest - 6 time winner to Central and 1 time to Keokuk



JUSTIN WRIGHT

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AMBER WULF

Science Fair, Civic Oration Speech Contest, Eighth Grade Play, Dessert Theater, Free Throw Contest, Volleyball

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Quotable Quotes

"NASCAR!"



"Perfect timing!!!!"

"Lights, camera, ACTION!"

"Askin' all them questions!"



"Control Z!"

"Did you know Locust Street runs all the way into Clinton?"



"True story kids."



"What's a whahale?!"

"I'm not scared, just slightly concerned."



"Ready, set, GO!"

"Hey! Stay on your side!"

"Stop, I can't hear you."



**"Throw it up!
Throw it up!"**

**"Food is done.
People are finished."**

**"Mrs. Bauer,
I have a question."**

**"I understand the joke,
I just don't get why it's funny!"**





Guess the 8th Grader!

Can you guess which 8th grader is in these pictures?
Answers will be on the last page of this special issue!



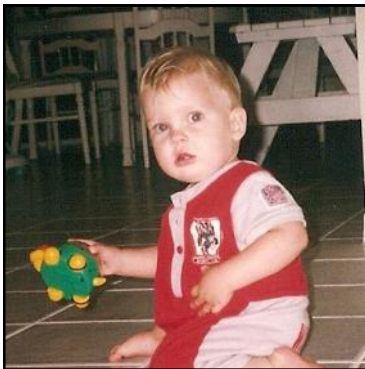
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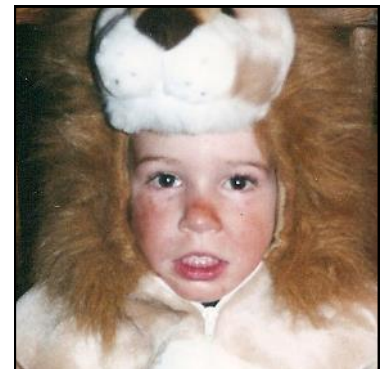
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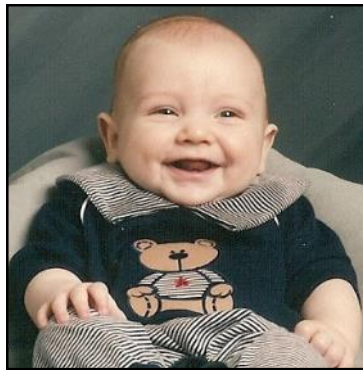
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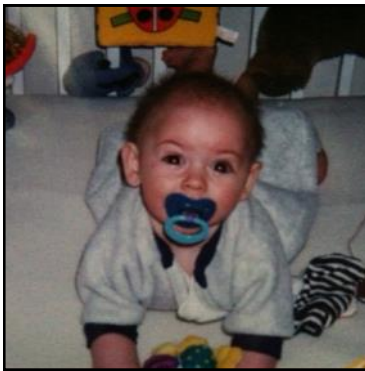
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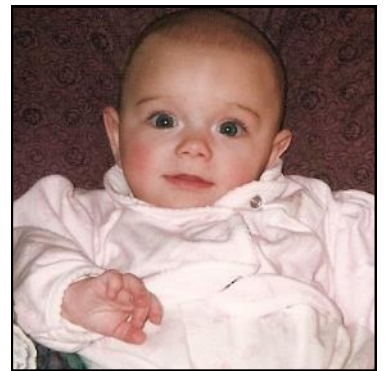
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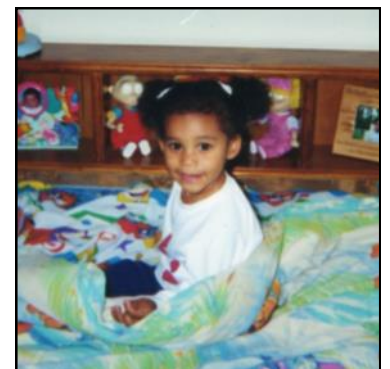
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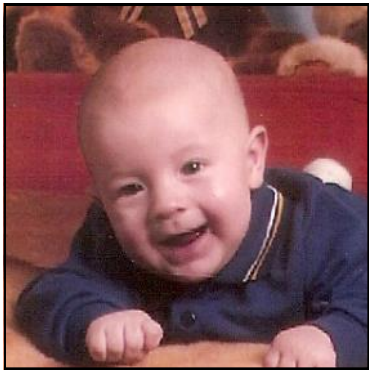
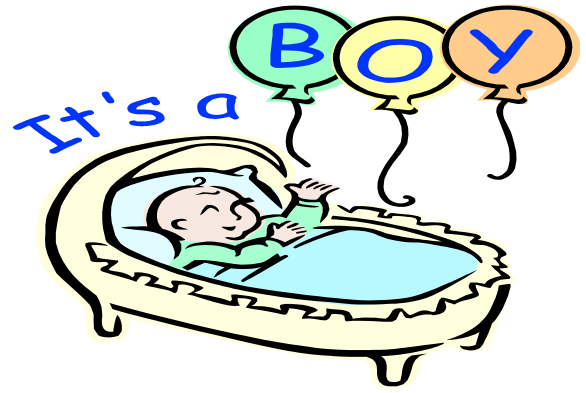
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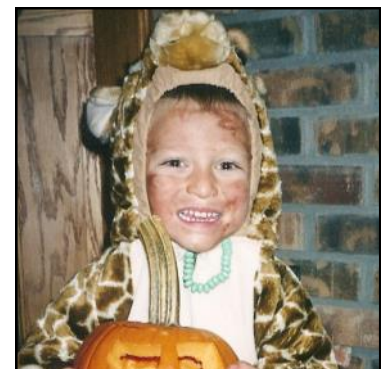
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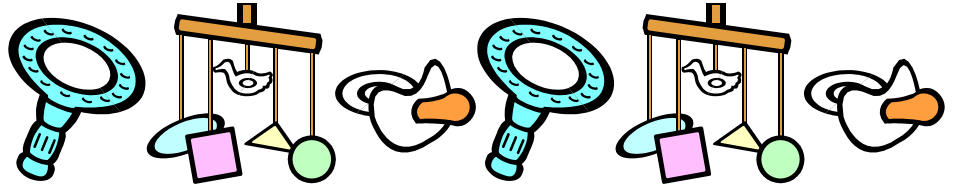
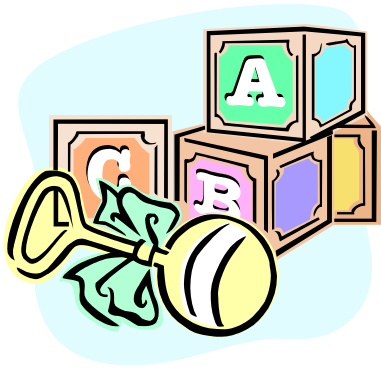
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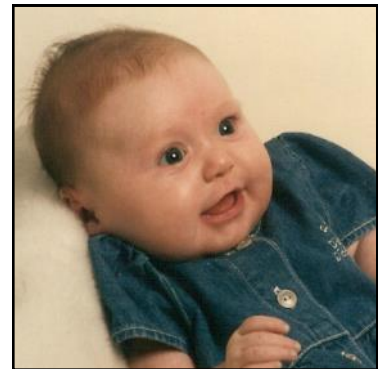
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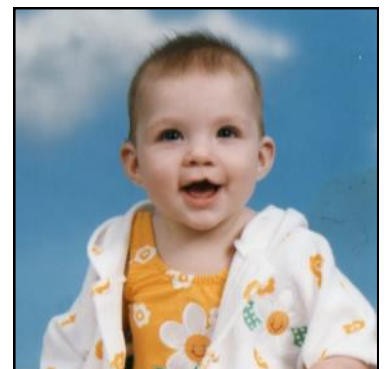
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8th Grade Trivia



Try answering these questions about JFK's Class of 2013!

Answers on the last page of this special issue.

1. Who has worn Converse almost every day since kindergarten?
2. Who forgot his/her name in 4th grade?
3. Who stepped on a snake at the Niabi Zoo field trip in 2nd grade?
4. Who was the tallest person in 8th grade?
5. Who eats 24/7 but still only weighs 79 lbs?
6. What 8th grade girl has the ability to trip on any flat surface?
7. What girl was super embarrassed of her curly hair in 5th grade?
8. Who has brought a cold lunch almost every day for his/her time at JFK?
9. Who has the largest collection of hair scrunchies?
10. Who burned a hole in his/her tights and compression shorts that burned into his/her skin during the 8th grade vs. teachers volleyball game?
11. Who fell at a basketball game due to the other players in 6th grade?
12. Which girl and her dad used to wear costumes based on the theme of her birthday parties?
13. Who is the only girl in the 8th grade to hunt?
14. Who thinks she had the cutest bangs when she was little?
15. Who loves Ronnie Rodke?
16. Who was always the smallest person from 5th - 8th grade?
17. Who placed first at Civic Oration the first year ever moving on?
18. Who has the blondest hair?
19. Who made it past the Civic Oration parish center round every year?
20. Who never wanted to play basketball when he/she was little but now it's his/her favorite sport?
21. Who was born in Wisconsin?
22. Who is related to the Queen of England?
23. Who has the loudest laugh in 8th grade?
24. Who, in the fifth grade spring program, played an adventure explorer who traveled through time with a talking skeleton?
25. Who was a lion for Halloween?
26. Who rode RAGBRAI in the summer before sixth grade?
27. Who broke his/her glasses at a basketball game?
28. Who had only been considered as a third grader by strangers?
29. Who has the most out of control laugh in eight grade?
30. Who moved from Iowa City last year?
31. Who has the most ear piercings?
32. What girl used to have EVERYTHING in the color orange?
33. Who wears long Nike socks with her skirt?
34. Who scored 45 points in one basketball game this year?
35. Who rode a dolphin when he/she was five?
36. Who will have six husbands?



A word of advice to the class of 2014

8th Grade is preparing you for high school, so it is good to act mature, and try your hardest to do what you are supposed to. You should always do your homework and all of your assignments and do not wait till the last minute to start any homework or projects that you have. Also try to be respectable, and kind to your peers. And always try hard, and don't forget, have fun along the way. ~ **Amber W.**

I am here today to give you advice about going into eighth grade that advice is: Take your time and don't rush because you only have one eighth grade year and you don't want to ruin it. Because when you are in eighth grade you're the top dogs of the school and when you go into high school your first year you are at the bottom of the food chain all over again.

And also try hard and make as many friends as you can because you don't want to leave this school with little to no friends. Because you need friends to get through the first years of high school. Also get good grades because that is the most important thing to do before high school. ~ **Daniel D.**

There are many tips and advice I would provide to an incoming 8th grader but, it would have to be more than two paragraphs. The main points I'd like to address that will help these current seventh graders are to do every extra credit opportunity and be organized.

Doing any kind of extra credit, even the smallest amount, can really pay off in the end. The smallest opportunity could really help your grade. I always did any extra credit that was provided because it can really save you and your grade if they are in trouble. As for being organized, this will help you in the future so you should start now. It'll help get your homework turned in on time and keep you stress free. If you do these simple tasks, your 8th grade year will go by smoothly! ~ **Jasmine H.**

There is a lot of advice for 7th grade coming to 8th grade. You do so many things as an 8th grader that you probably need advice. Just because you're in 8th grade, it doesn't mean you can push the littler kids in the hall. There were a couple incidents where an 8th grader completely pushed every kid who was in their way and they got in trouble. Unless you want to get in trouble, don't think you're all that. You also need to do all your homework, because in some classes you don't get much homework, so if you don't do it, your grade will drop.

You also get to do the 8th grade play as an 8th grader. It is a really good experience you get to have. Everyone should participate in the play because it is a lot of fun. There are always some people who think it isn't cool and they don't want to do it because of that. I suggest you don't want to be that person because you will probably regret it later on. This is my advice for the future 8th grade class. I hope you have a fun time at JFK for your last year. ~ **John G.**

Eighth grade is a lot of fun, but sometimes it's a little overwhelming. There is definitely an eighth grade advantage; you get to be a part of many special things. You get to be in the Dessert Theater, get Confirmed, do the May Crowning Mass, go to Chicago, do the manners unit, and then graduate! But being a part of these special things take a lot of organization and work.

As an eighth grader there is a lot higher expectation for you to be a role model. You have to be more responsible for yourself because in high school you are pretty much on your own. So just make sure to leave a good impression at JFK and make the most out of your last year. ~ **Joy R.**

If you are going to be in eight grade next you should definitely read this. When you come into eight grade thinking it is really easy because it is definitely a lot harder than you think. Make sure that you get on top of things right from the start because if you get behind it is really hard to catch up. Also be ready

"Teacher always knows more than you."

to use your planner because that is one of the biggest part of most of your classes.

Also make sure you are very organized and have everything you need for classes. If you are very unorganized and don't have everything for class, the folder will be a huge part of your eight grade year.

Also when in eight grade be ready to learn and listen to your teacher. The teacher always knows more than you so do not talk back to them. Another thing to remember is to try to always do your best in every class. With good participation your teachers can never get mad at you. So when in eight grade just remember that it is your last year but you are still in the school to learn. ~ **Trenton Wallace**

Next year will be a big change from everything that you know about seventh grade. For one thing, the classes get a lot harder and you have a lot more responsibility to yourself and your class. My general advice is to always be true to yourself, try your best, and always turn in your homework on time!

"Sometimes it's ok not to be in the popular group"

If you don't turn in your homework on time it's like a domino effect, one late assignment after the other. You always need to be true to yourself, sometimes its ok not to be in the popular group, stay with where you feel you belong.

Don't be fooled by all the changes though, eighth grade is the best year you will ever have at JFK. From all the fun projects and field trips that you will take your eighth grade year is one you will never forget. One other piece of advice that I can give is to take chances. This is your last year here! Make it count! ~ **Mallory O**

My advice to the incoming 8th graders will surely help them succeed and thrive. 7th grade to 8th grade is a huge jump. You are preparing for high school and thinking about your life. It is a big milestone; this leads me to my first item of advice. Pay close attention, otherwise you will be lost.

Secondly be sure to come prepared to class. That includes the littlest of things such as a pen or pencil. Also turn in your homework on time. It really can affect your grade if you don't. Lastly just have fun, but not too much. You still have to focus. ~ **Claire S.**

8th grade is a fun and awesome experience if you follow all the rules I am about to explain. First Rule it is important to heed the teachers warnings.

When this happens they are not trying to be mean, they are trying to save you from further, more serious, punishments. Second rule, you must at all times be able to

"Have self-control"

have self control. I have many times gotten in trouble by laughing when it was not appropriate to laugh. If you acquire this skill your eighth grade experience will be much more enjoyable. Third Rule, do not get offended too easily. I believe that people these days have skin that it too thin when it comes to bullying. Most of the time people are just jazzin' with you. If you follow these rules I believe that you will be a successful JFK eighth grader. ~ **Peter L.**

I highly suggest keeping track of how many lates you have. Turning homework in on time will really benefit you, but sometimes you just forget! If you keep track of the free lates you use, it will help you keep track of what your grade could potentially be. Make the best of your eighth grade! It is your last year at JFK and getting involved with drama will just ruin it.

Participate in everything you can, you will make new friends for high school while creating great eighth grade memories. This is your last chance to be with all of your JFK friends. This is a big milestone, but with friends, you can make the best of it. I hope you have the best year ever. Have fun! ~ **Colleen M.**

"Stay as organized as possible"

There are many things that an incoming 7th grader should know before they come into 8th grade. One thing is to stay as organized as possible. If you don't have a place to keep all of your papers, you should find one. Usually a binder or a folder work well. I personally like a folder because it is small and light instead of a big heavy binder. Another helpful thing is to always fill out your planner. It will really help you when the play, civic oration, and out of school activities start to come around.

A few things that I learned to do in 8th grade is to try and avoid the least amount of drama as possible. Just stay out of things that aren't your business. It will really truly help you in the long run. Another thing that will help you is to ignore the talk about you. It really is just someone's opinion of you. And if you don't like that person, it should be so much easier! These are just a few things to help you make it through your 8th grade year! ~*Kate J.*

Well as an 8th grader I am giving you advice. I know you may not always have time to do homework because of sports or what not, but always try to get it done when possible, it isn't that hard. Also be respectful to your teachers, it will help and most likely you won't get in trouble in class.

Try to enjoy class (when possible), Become closer with your friends, and other people. You may think that 8th grade will take forever but in reality it doesn't, it feels like it just came and went, and now it's almost over. And the sad thing is you most likely won't see some of your friends in high school, so just focus on your time with your friends instead of drama.

"Become closer with your friends"

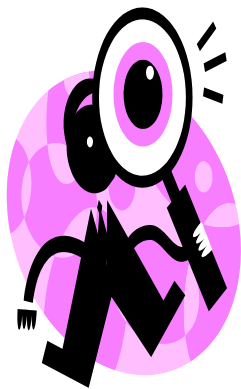
DRAMA..... NO!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Nobody likes drama so why even start it. It's a waste of your breathe and frankly half the time it's not even fun (not saying the other part is but.. never mind). Also if people talk about you just ignore it because normally the only reason anyone talk about others is because they are jealous of them. So don't worry about it. Just overall enjoy 8th grade and school altogether. Because before you know it, it will be over and you will miss it. Have fun in school. ~*Carmen M.*

8th grade year was probably one of my favorite years. We didn't start going on field trips until the end of the year, which makes it so fun. At the beginning of the year you only have like one field trip and you go to Ridgecrest and McDonald's, which you do every year so that's not too exciting. Also in 8th grade you go to Good Sam, depending on what home room you are in, it depends when you go. One home room goes every Monday first semester, and then they switch for second semester. The second half of the year you get to go on a lot of field trips and more if you are in band. Some of the field trips everyone gets to go on are to Chicago, the Outing Club. Now if you are in band you get to go see the Blue Man Group, and Adventureland. ~*Jenna R.*

So you think you can be an 8th grader? Huh? I`m just kidding, but there are a few things you`ll need to know to succeed in 8th grade. First, you will need to know what homework you have, and when it's due. If you don't do your homework that's the quickest way to fail so, DO YOUR HOMEWORK. If you are late with assignments you could get overwhelmed, confused, headaches, panic attacks, and possible loss of mind; the side effects of late homework. So, that is the first step to being an awesome 8th grader. Second step out of three is to be you. I actually mean that, seriously. You have to be your own person, not fake, two faced, just you. Dealing with drama because of these personas can cause you to get behind on homework and grades. That step is simple, but the final step is overall just be a good student and good person.

"God would want of you"

Being a good student and a good person is all God would want of you. I`ve learned this first hand, if you are a good person it can rub off on someone else. I made a friend this year who thanked me for making them a better person. Yes, he/she REALLY thanked me. I had no idea me, my weirdo self, could have that impact. Just think of the impact you could have! So just by living by these guidelines you could be an awesome 8th grader! Be the best person you can possibly be, trust me it will get you far. Just take my word. ~*Emily J.*



Looking back...

Eighth grade students give their reflection of their years here at John F. Kennedy Catholic School.

In the nine years I have been attending John F. Kennedy Catholic School I have yet to regret the experiences I have encountered. At JFK I have so many opportunities, so many teacher and classmate relationships that it will be difficult to leave it all behind when I continue my path to high school.

"I will never forget ..."

In sixth through eighth grade I have competed in Mock Trial and Debate. Since fifth grade it was a requirement to do civic oration which in my opinion was actually kind of enjoyable. In my time at JFK I will never forget how the teachers have helped us every step of the way and all of the memories good and a few bad that my class and I have experienced together. JFK was a great experience and I will never forget what it was like attending this school. ~ **Caitlin S.**

"I would come to school every day excited."

When I first started attending JFK my kindergarten year, I was scared out of my mind. I didn't know what to expect. I was afraid that no one would like me. However, when I first stepped into my kindergarten classroom, everything changed. After that day, I would come to school every day excited, excited to see my classmates, my friends.

The years flew by; we were getting older, new students came, and others left. New friendships were formed, groups changed. But the whole time I have been here, everyone has been like a family, even if we were never the closest friends. And the whole time, there were teachers there to support me and encourage me. With everyone

here supporting one another, I was no longer afraid to take chances and be who I had become. And I am who I am today because of having the opportunity of going to school here at JFK. ~ **Carrie P.**

Going to John F. Kennedy Catholic School was one of the amazing things that God gave me. This school gave me the chance to showcase my talents, such as singing, acting, or even dancing. It also gave me the opportunity to create relationships with my teachers, friends, or strangers that I never knew in my life. John F. Kennedy Catholic School was a blessing to me from God; it gave me the chance to learn more about God by having religion classes. I am honored to be in this school.

"One of the amazing things that God gave me"

Even though that I won't be in this school next year, I will always remember the great times I had here: Science Fair, Dessert Theater, and my Confirmation. John F. Kennedy Catholic School has been a one of a lifetime experience and I will use the skills that this school taught me in the future. I want to thank God for giving me the opportunity to be in John F. Kennedy Catholic School. ~ **Gabriela M.**

JFK is a great school. I loved my time here and will miss it sorely. Even though some of the things we had to do were not fun I am grateful for them. Civic Oration was hard work but I know it will help me in the future with writing research papers. Science Fair was also hard work but I know that doing it will help me in the, possibly, near, future. I know that everything we did here was for our benefit and was made to teach and guide us.

The teachers were great. We were able to form strong bonds throughout the years having them as teachers multiple years. I am going to miss them all very much. I had Mrs. Vogel two years, Mrs. Larson two years, Mrs. Poster two years, and Mrs. Bauer two years and I am very close with all of them. I always knew they were there to help me when I need-

"I was able to form a strong bonds... with my teachers"

Throughout all my years at JFK, I've been involved in a lot and have had a lot of opportunities. It may not seem like it now, but when you leave, you're going to miss it. I think what I'm going to miss most is the memories I've made. There has been so many laughs so many tears, many friendships made, so many field trips, and so much more. JFK has given me so many great opportunities that I wouldn't have otherwise had. I've made a lot of new friends and have gotten involved in so many different activities. I cherish the time I've spent at JFK and will really miss it when I'm in high school. ~ **Sophia O.**

"So many laughs, so many tears"

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My experience at JFK has been a fun but challenging time. I really enjoyed the extracurricular activities we had the opportunity to participate in. The classes could get challenging at time with many projects. However this will prepare me for high school. I am glad that I have had the opportunity to get a Catholic education and am looking forward to continuing that in high school. Looking back I have many great memories about JFK.

"To see what being a real play is all about"

Some of my favorite memories were Mock Trial, the 8th grade play, and the programs. All of these activities I may not have had the choice to do at other schools. Participating in the play has given me the chance to see what being in a real play is all about, something I will need in high school. I feel that my abilities were challenged in my time at JFK and I feel that, although it was tough, it will definitely pay off in life. I am very glad that I got the opportunity to attend JFK. I will remember lessons I learned here for the rest of my life. ~ **Ben M.**

During my eleven years at JFK, I have had experiences I will never forget. From Guardian Angel Pre-school teaching me everything from how to paint pictures of ducks to how to share with everyone around me, to this year, where I have learned things I thought to be impossible, like the speed of any given sound wave traveling across the room right now. Everything in between feels like a dream. Every morning I woke up, complaining about going to school, about waking up early, about the homework I didn't finish. But in all honesty, eleven years has flown by faster than humanly possible, and I will miss this school more than I'll ever know.

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The teachers here have helped me along, helping me to go in the right direction, all the while becoming great friends. I have walked down the hall every day, and known that I could walk into any classroom in the building, and the teacher in the room would help me no matter what the problem. Or, I could just sit down and talk, and they'd listen. I don't think I'll ever have a relationship with any teacher ever again. The experiences I've had here, I will never forget. ~ **Emily L.**

I have had many fun memories and experiences throughout my nine years at JFK. Whether it was making new friends, having fun in gym, or talking to my friends in the halls, I cherish every memory I've had in this building. Every activity I have done has always ended positively. I have become a good soccer player due to the amazing coaches I've had, and have many ribbons and trophies from my seasons playing for JFK. I have also excelled in band and have gone as far as to be a first clarinet. Throughout my years at JFK, I have always gotten A's on my report cards. JFK has challenged me and has pushed me to do my best. I am grateful for this because it has prepared me for later-on in life.

***"I wouldn't be
the same person
as I am today"***

If I wouldn't have gone to JFK, I wouldn't be the same person as I am today. I probably wouldn't have the same values or personality. I am very grateful for the person that JFK has helped me to become. I am also thankful for my parents who have paid for me to come here. It was worth it. I feel like I'm in one, big family when I'm at school. The teachers are nice and fair. They are willing to help you with any problems you may have. I am close to the teachers at JFK and appreciate all the time they have spent to get to know me. I have been in this school my whole life. I could walk through the school blind-folded. I know JFK, and it knows me. I can't imagine going to any other school. It's like my second home. I will miss JFK. ~ ***Rachel T.***

***"Everyone was
able to come
together as a
family"***

I have been attending JFK for nine years. During this time I have become very close with everybody in the entire grade. With the school being small, everyone was able to come together as a family. You don't have to be fake, you can be the real you and still make friends. For incoming 8th graders, my advice is to be yourself. Also, the homework isn't that hard as long as you pay attention in class. If you do your homework, you will automatically get a good grade.

Also, develop a good relationship with your teachers. If you do that you can get a lot of individual help from them. Also if you develop a good relationship you may not get in trouble as much as a teacher you developed a pretty bad relationship with. If you respect your teachers, they will respect you. The teachers at JFK are willing to help you with anything you ask for, do not be afraid to ask for help. ~ ***Connor H.***

I have been here for 11 years. It was a very interesting experience. I have done a lot of stuff I while was here. I got to make a ginger bread house. I've done civic oration for four years. I played basketball in 6th grade. This year has been really fun being the top dawgs because were in 8th grade. We have done many interesting projects. We've gone to Ridgecrest and the Career Fair. Those field trips were fun. Soon we will be going to Chicago and to the Outing club. We will learn good manners to use at a restaurant. This is my reflection on my 12 years at JFK. ~ ***Christian V.***

***"Was a very
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Class Awards

Anna B ~ Most Artistic

Colleen M ~ Most Fashionable

Luke C ~ Best Skier

Carmen M ~ Best Dancer

Jack D ~ Best Comeback

Gabriela M ~ Best at Spanish

Daniel D ~ Best Questions

Sophia O ~ Most Outspoken

Gabriel E ~ Best Smelling

Mallory O ~ Most Charitable

Sarah G ~ Funniest Female

Carrie P ~ Best Student

John G ~ Fastest Male Runner

Paige P ~ Biggest One Direction Fan

Jared G ~ Male with the Curliest hair

Jenna R ~ Funniest Female

Jasmine H ~ Most Athletic Female

Joy R ~ Best Hair

Connor H ~ Funniest Male

Caitlin S ~ Best Laugh

Emily J ~ Best Writer

Claire S ~ Best Swimmer

Kate J ~ Best Horseback Rider

Rachel T ~ Most Helpful

Abby J ~ Best Reader

Devin T ~ Funniest Male

Peter L ~ Best Legs

Myra V ~ Longest Female Hair

Emily L ~ Best Female Singer

Christian V ~ Best Soccer Player

Ben M ~ Most Creative

Trenton W ~ Most Athletic Male

Kyle M ~ Best Dressed Male

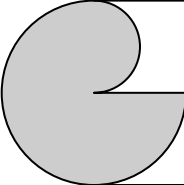
Justin W ~ Tallest Male

Sarah M ~ Female with the Curliest Hair

Amber W ~ Best Eyes



Class of 2013 Wills

- I, Kate J., will Alex K. the ability to stay fun-sized.
- I, Jenna R., will Ben K. the ability to not care what people think.
- I, Carmen M., will Kevin K. to have the ability to have as much fun as possible.
- I, Kyle M., will Kayla M. the ability to braid hair whenever she pleases.
- I, Christian V., will Hannah H. the ability to be good at soccer.
- I, Myra V., will Chloe H. the ability to be herself.
- I, Sarah M., will Caroline C. the ability to play volleyball well.
- I Claire S., will Megan O. the ability to brighten people's days.
- I John G., will Xavier S. the ability to play as many sports as he wants.
- I Gabriela M., will Mark R. the ability to be the best clarinet player.
- I Justin W., will Bridget P. the ability to ace every math test.
- I, Anna B., will Madelyn H. the ability to stay on top of anything during 8th grade.
- I, Emily J., will Lindsay S. the ability to not get nervous while giving a speech.
- I, Jared G., will Marissa S. the ability to do her homework every night.
- I, Emily L., will give 7S the ability to be the favorite class.
- I, Ben M., will Alexis W. the ability to be creative and outgoing.
- I, Rachel T., will Hannah K. the ability to do whatever she feels is right without worrying what others think.
- I, Amber W., will Hannah K. the ability to buy everything in "Pink."
- I, Trenton W., will Emily S. the ability to receive straight A's for the whole 8th grade year.
- I, Sophia O., will Peter W. the ability to get his work in on time and never use a late.
- I, Colleen M., will the 7W homeroom the ability to beat the teachers at the 8th vs. teachers volleyball game.
- I, Sarah G., will Alex O. to be an awesome student.
- I, Emily L., will 7S, to be the favorite students next year.
- I, Abigail J., will Erika M. the ability to marry fictional characters.
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Class of 2013 Wills

I, Caitlin S., will Mareena R. the ability to obtain first place in the state round of Speech and Debate.

I, Carrie P., will Nick S. the ability to fit into small spaces.

I, Daniel D., will Augustine R. the ability to make strange noises.

I, Devin T., will Ethan E. the ability to tell the best jokes.

I, Gabe E., will Adam S. the ability to beat Tommy, the youth minister, at basketball because it has never been done before.

I, Jack D., will Parker B. the ability to be the best at sports.

I, Jared G., will Marissa S. the ability to do her homework every night.

I, Jasmine H., will John L. the ability to be a great athlete.

I, Joy R., will Nicholas S. the ability to give a great Civic Oration speech.

I, Luke C., will Marechal C. the ability to "catch them all".

I, Mallory O., will Brian M. the ability to never give up on a dream or desire.

I, Paige P., will Teagan T. the power to convince people with no problem.

I, Peter L., will Matthew E. the ability to be the best football player ever.



Good luck Class of 2013!

Guess of the 8th Grader



8th Grade Trivia

1. Myra V.
2. Justin W.
3. Carmen M.
4. Peter L.
5. Gabriela M.
6. Daniel D.
7. Sophia O.
8. Devin T.
9. Caitlin S.
10. Abby J.
11. Jack D.
12. Jenna R.
13. Gabe E.
14. Paige P.
15. Rachel T.
16. Amber W.
17. Ben M.
18. Jasmine H.
19. Christian V.
20. Emily L.
21. Kate J.
22. Jared G.
23. Sarah G.
24. Carrie P.
25. Kyle M.
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28. Sarah M.
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34. Trenton W.
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