

SRW Students Excel at Local Academic Competitions

Throughout the school year, students in different grades and clubs, such as Science Olympiad and Power of the Pen, work hard to prepare for various multi-school competitions. Ss. Robert and William School students excelled at the competitions this year!

The BEST (**B**ridging Engineering, **S**cience, and **T**echnology) Medicine Competition was held at the University of Akron on March 10. Winners of a Participation Award and a \$25 prize were Jameel Matthews, Abby Neate, Chinenye Obiechina, Tristan Sanders, Ariana Somich, Nicholas Ramsey, and Joseph Szmania. Students taking home a Bronze Medal and a \$40 prize were Mia Spence and McKenzie Coyne. Ava Gallo won a Silver Medal and a \$60 prize. A Social Media Award with a \$10 prize was awarded to Mia Spence and Madison Jablonski. Mia Spence also won a Most Patentable Invention Award and \$50 for her Arthritis Aid, a magnetic bracelet worn to help anyone with arthritis pick up needles for sewing.

NEOSEF (Northeastern Ohio Science and Engineering Fair) was held at Cleveland State University from March 12-About 600 students from 80 different schools 15. participated in the event. All SRW students who attended went home with a prize. Somkene Obiechina and Sofia Thornhill received an Honorable Mention. Students with a 3rd place win in their category and grade level, taking home a Bronze Medal were Victoria Baioni, Jeremy Jones, Nic Ramsey, Latiya Smith, and Dylan Wimbs. Students with a 2nd place win in their category and grade level, taking home a Silver Medal and \$25 prize were Dennis Farahani, Mary Radachy, and Tristan Sanders. Tristan also won a **Broadcom MASTERS** Award, with an invitation to compete in a Writing Competition. Mary was awarded a trophy from the Parker Hannifin Corporation, which also came with a one-year family membership to the Great Lakes Science Center.

Several students competed in a new Diocesan event this year, the XSTREAM Games, on April 14. This event had several competitions in all fields of STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, and Math), from creating roller coasters to controlling robots. SRW students won a medal in every category entered. Winning a Silver Medal in Shark Tank were Amirah Quick, Jayda Roquemore-Bogan, and Sophia Zagar. Reese Craig, Ella Raddell, and Peter Sajjabi won a Silver Medal in Arcade Games. Nathan Udics and Nicholas Udics won a Bronze Medal for Vex A Letter From A Silver Medal for the Principals Robotics. Science Scrimmage was awarded to Confirmation Austin Barnett and Chase Clark. In and First Holy the Rockin' Roller Coaster event, Communion Ja'Dyn Hampton, Lemar McKenzie, Classroom Danae Seals, and Zac Tizzano won Chatter the following awards: a Bronze Godspell Medal for Best Built, a Silver Medal for Best Use of Material and NEHS Service Space, and a Gold Medal for Most Technical.

Rounding out the Science related Calendar competitions was the Science Olympiad Team, competing at John

Carroll University on April 21. Liam Logan and Jarred Smith won 3rd Place in Rock Hound and Chain Reaction. Students also practiced estimating skills at a "Guess How Many" type game, in which Danny Sweet and Jarred Smith were both winners with the closest guess.

SRW students also excel in writing skills. The regional PenOhio tournament, previously known as Power of the Pen, was held at Shaker Heights Middle School on April 21. The Writing Warriors team was made up of 8th graders Caitlyn Arp, Josie DiDona, Mia Duheric, Layla Hunter,



Fifth graders, Jada, Amirah, and Sophia participate in the Invention Convention at the XSTREAM Games

and Olivia Vitello, and 7th graders Victoria Baioni, Knue, Sophia Sophia Nowak, Mary Radachy, Nic Ramsey, and Sammy Turk. For three rounds, students were given a prompt and forty minutes to write. Five members were invited to the State Tournament in Wooster which will be held May 24-25. Good luck Josie, Layla, Caitlyn, Mary, and Sammu.

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A Letter from the Principals

When the 2017-2018 school year began the theme "Ready and Set to Grow" was the focus. The goal was to grow each day in faith, in knowledge, and in love. This was not too haughty of a task because of the dedicated teachers and awesome students at Ss. Robert and William!

Faith: Upon entering Ss. Robert and William School visitors know that it is a Catholic school. There are religious signs and symbols in every classroom and in each hallway. Students can be heard praying at the start of every class and worshipping at Mass every Tuesday morning as a school community – but that is only a small part of what makes our school "Catholic." Each day the students are challenged to put their faith into action. Students are taught and are given the opportunity to LIVE their faith. Upper School students are required to complete a set number of service hours each quarter. We can proudly report that the majority of the students not only have completed the required hours, but have gone above and beyond to serve our school and parish community. Each homeroom writes to homebound parishioners throughout the year. Fifth grade students send cards of welcome to all the newly Baptized in our parish. During school Masses, student offerings are given to a charity chosen for the month. We are proud of the total raised thus far, and look forward to donating to the Hospice of the Western Reserve during the month of May.

2017-2018 Children's Stewardship			
Month	Charity	Amount	
September	Hurricane Harvey and Irma Victims	\$1,198.84	
October	Hurricane Maria and Mexican Earthquake Victims	\$383.32	
November	Euclid Hunger Center	\$337.80	
December	Womankind	\$215.01	
January	West Side Catholic Center	\$215.20	
February & March	Catholic Relief Services	\$1,833.09	
April	Ronald McDonald House	\$112.09	
Total		\$4,295.35	

Knowledge: The students are administered the MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) Test in Reading, Math, English/Language Arts, and Science three times throughout the year. We have definitely seen growth in our students' progress. Most of our students reached their projected goal, set by the test administered in the fall, in at least one subject area. Take a look at the graphs on the next page to see how much our students have **GROWN**.

We are also pleased to graduate 45 eighth graders. We wish them well as they continue on to the following high schools:

Andrews Osborne Academy:	2
Euclid High School:	3
Lake Catholic:	10
Lutheran East:	1
The Lyceum:	1
Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin:	3
Villa Angela-St. Joseph:	25

Love: Ss. Robert and William Catholic School proudly claims being a recognized No Place for Hate school. Under the leadership of Mrs. Patrice Garuckas and Ms. Renee Barber, a dedicated group of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students work tirelessly to promote tolerance and acceptance of all people. During this school year they have planned and executed very poignant messages, both verbally and visually, to challenge students to stand up against bullying behaviors at school. Every student and staff member of SRW participated in the "Shake It Off" video. Check it out at https://tinyurl.com/SRWShakeItOff to hear a fun but strong anti-bullying message. In response to the disturbing school shooting in Florida, the No Place for Hate committee proactively prepared a powerful and very inspiring prayer experience to call on our Lord to end the senseless violence. And finally, the NPFH group has built and will institute Buddy Benches at SRW.



Members of the No Place for Hate Committee sing "Blest are They" during the peace prayer service

This has certainly been a year of growth for the students and staff of Ss. Robert and William! We are so proud of all that we have accomplished!

Together in faith,

Mrs. Meg Corging Ms. Meg Cosgriff **Co-Principal**

Mrs. Dodd

Mrs. Martha Dodd Co-Principal

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Congratulations Confirmandi and Communicants

As Pentecost 2018 approaches and we celebrate the gifts of the Holy Spirit, some students got to experience that gift in a special way on Sunday, April 29, when they were confirmed and fully initiated into the Catholic Church. During his homily, Bishop Gries let students know the Holy Spirit is like a GPS, (God's Positioning System) leading them on a path to Jesus. We congratulate the following students:

Caitlyn Arp Zachary Banasik Rachael Barker Thomas Coyne Michael Croasmun Josephine DiDona Patrick Dunmire Charla Hall Filippo Pavlica Eric Sito Zachary Tizzano Olivia Vitello



Bishop Gries explains GPS

Several second graders also took the next step in initiation on Saturday, May 5, as they received Jesus in a special way during their First Holy Eucharist. We congratulate the following students: Macayla Costa Samuel Derezic Sydney Dunmire Christopher Felts Angelina Fredrick Vincent Gallo Landen Gooch Zuzanne Ilcin Robert Jeran Gunnar Kibler Kolin Kibler Piper Kibler Joshua Konieczka Lucianna Leppelmeier William Mallory Joseph Plesmid Rowan Sessor Andrew Sweet Daniel Zagar Olivia Zagar

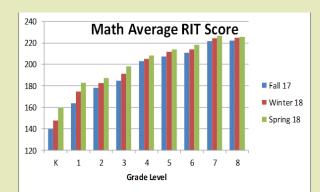


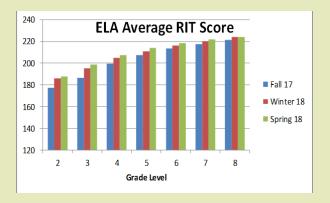
Fr. John lets the students stand on the pew during First Communion

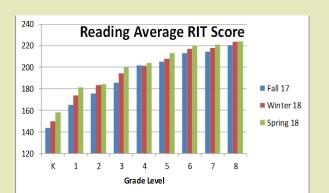
We also congratulate *Quentin Knox and Adam Somich*. Both students received their First Holy Eucharist on Sunday, May 6 at St. John of the Cross Church.

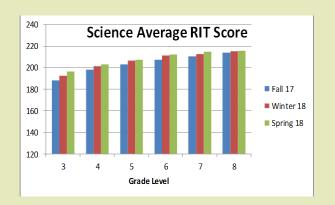
Spring MAP Assessment

Check out our growth from Fall to Spring! We are so proud of all the work our students have accomplished this year.









Classroom Chatter

"The purpose of learning is growth, and our minds, unlike our bodies, can continue growing as long as we live." ~Mortimer Adler

Although a lot of great learning takes place inside the walls of the classroom, our students also enjoy getting outside or going on field research trips. Check out some of these experiences, as well as some classroom learning.

Earth Day Clean-Up: During the month of April, the second graders talked about the great gift of the Earth that God gave everyone. In observance of Earth day, students joined in a school-wide effort to clean up the school grounds by picking up litter, and then had some class conversations about how to be good stewards of the Earth every day of the year. Topics discussed were putting trash where it belongs as well as ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle.



Second grade students explore the effects of pollution

Using milk, food coloring, and dawn dish soap to create a visual representation, students also participated in an experiment that showed the damage that humans can do to the Earth when they pollute. In the beginning of the experiment, the world was clean and bright with all different colors (our plants, animals, humans, etc). After adding the dawn dish soap (the pollution) students saw how the world changes into a mucky mess. They realized that the damage done by pollution (in this experiment as well as in our real world) can sadly be irreversible. The second graders then made a pledge to do their best to keep the Earth clean!

Fun with Fairy Tales: In sixth grade reading class, students have begun their study of fairy tales by reading some classic stories, as well as some nontraditional versions. In the coming weeks, students will continue to learn about the origins of fairy tales and read some classic stories. They will also be learning about "fractured" fairy tales and exploring fairy tales found in other cultures around the world and throughout history. This will lead them into writing their own "fractured" fairy tales!

What's In a Name?: Miss Duda's Kindergarten class recently completed a literature unit on the children's book *Chrysanthemum*. The book teaches children a variety of lessons about peer relationships, differences, and acceptance. Since the day it was read in class, this lesson has had a positive impact on the students in social situations. Not only is this a popular children's book, but it is also relatable to how everyone can show God's love through words and actions. God makes each individual special, with a beautiful name, making him/her unique, just like the main character.

The unit began with students making predictions and sharing connections with the characters in the text. Students were introduced to a story map in which they included the title, setting, and characters. A name "craftivity" was created to go along with the lesson as well. Miss Duda is so proud of how far the students have come



A student name craftivity

since the beginning of the year, and is confident their acceptance and the building of positive peer relationships will continue to blossom in their journey to first grade and beyond!

Temple Trip: On Tuesday, April 10th, the seventh and eighth graders participated in a very inspirational field trip to Congregation Shaarey Tikvah in Beachwood. The program, entitled Face-to-Face, is a nationally recognized educational activity which teaches students about Judaism and the Holocaust.

Program director, Louise Freilich, provided a slide show and discussion of the Holocaust, its causes,

and its effects, and discrimination in the world today. Rabbi Scott Roland, who visited SRW earlier this year, gave the students an in-depth tour of the synagogue and informative talk about the major tenets of Judaism and the holy vessels contained in the Sanctuary.

Students were then given an opportunity to visit the Holocaust museum at Shaarey Tikvah and interact with the docents who had personal experiences to share with the students. The morning culminated



Rabbi Scott Roland

with a talk from Holocaust survivor, Roni Berenson, who escaped from Germany soon after Kristallnacht, but lost many relatives who did not make it out of occupied Nazi lands.

The students actively participated in this most emotional and educational experience and had much to share when they returned to school. A special thanks for the support of Congregation Shaarey Tikvah for making this field research trip available to the students.

Cinco de Mayo: Cinco de Mayo (May 5th), is celebrated in Mexico and the United States. The students in Spanish class all completed reports about the holiday and did research to find out how it is celebrated. Students presented their reports and shared the interesting facts they discovered about the holiday. The Upper School students brought in food to have a fiesta during lunch. The lower school students also had a mini fiesta during lunch with chips, salsa, and

guacamole. Cinco de Mayo is commonly mistaken as Mexico's independence day, which is actually September 16th. Cinco de Mayo commemorates the battle of Puebla when a small Mexican army defeated the royal French army.

Under the Sea: In the month of April, the second graders learned about the wonders of the deep blue sea. Students went on a field research trip to the Greater Cleveland Aquarium where they observed animals and learned about their needs. Students discussed the difference between animals that live in freshwater and saltwater habitats. They walked through the shark tunnel where sharks and eels swam overhead! Students were also able to touch live stings rays and tortoises. The field study *'brought to life'* what the second graders had been reading about and researching in the classroom. It was an awesome and exciting experience!



Second grade enjoys a trip to the aquarium

<u>Middle School Science:</u> The fourth and fifth graders have been hard at work while having some safe fun exploring and experiencing new concepts.

The fourth graders recently started a physical science unit which began by reviewing basic properties of matter followed by a review of the different ways matter (solids and liquids) can be measured and compared. The students then participated in a "Layering Liquids" inquiry in which teams of students were provided with four unknown liquids. Their task began by comparing and contrasting the properties of the liquids followed by making individual predictions as to what would happen when all four liquids were poured into the same beaker. The students were amazed at the results! There were four distinct layers of the liquids, but why? After the students shared ideas such as, "the liquid on the bottom is heavier, and the others are lighter," and "the red one is thicker and the yellow one is watery," the concept of density evolved. The students then practiced their skills of measuring mass with a balance and measuring volume with a beaker or graduated cylinder. The students learned that these two measurements are needed to calculate the density of matter. What a great experience for the students to actually see the data that supported why the red fluid was at the bottom and why the other fluids were on top in a particular order. Students then placed three solid objects into the layered fluids and were able to draw conclusions about each object's when compared to each other and to each density Yes, math and science go hand-in-hand in fourth liquid. grade!

The fifth graders recently concluded a life science unit exploring the exchange of energy within the biosphere (land, water, air) and within ecosystems. One eye-opening inquiry involved the students dissecting owl pellets! They quickly learned that owl pellets are masses of bones, fur, and hair that an owl cannot digest, so the mass is regurgitated! Yes, owl barf! The pellets were dissected, bones were extracted and then identified as to the type of rodent or bird that was consumed. So many owl pellets contained the remains of moles, voles, and shrews, and many of the skulls were The dissection really made connections to energy huge! transfer among organisms and the interdependencies organisms have on their environments. The fifth graders also explored the transfer of energy within the Carbon and Nitrogen Cycles. The students participated in two separate inquiries in which they took on the role of a carbon and then a nitrogen atom. They then traveled to different reservoirs (set up in the classroom) along their journey. The students learned quite a bit about the different journeys these two atoms can take. These cycles definitely transfer energy within the biosphere, and they are never-ending!

Crazy 8s: Every Tuesday afternoon throughout this past school year, anyone wandering down the Lower School hallway probably heard enthusiastic chatter and squeals coming from Room 111. The children who excitedly gathered after school from 3:00-4:00 PM were there to play with math in fun ways. These students were a part of the *Crazy 8s* Math Club. This club offered unique, high-energy math activities that held appeal for children of all math abilities in grades kindergarten through second grade. The main purpose of the club was to bring multi-age students together to explore and enjoy the math behind their favorite activities. During Crazy 8s meetings, some of the favorite activities allowed the children to build glow-in-the-dark structures, use wikisticks to make repeating lattice and fractal patterns, crack secret spy codes, make ziplines for their stuffed animals, and create super cube designs. Each week the students explored a different mathematical concept with their new friends and along the way, learned to cooperate, compromise, and celebrate one another's successes.



Students use geoboards to explore shapes

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Godspell

The Ss. Robert & William Drama Club performed *Godspell Jr*. this past month. "A group of disciples help Jesus Christ tell different parables by using a wide variety of games, storytelling techniques, and a hefty dose of comic timing. An eclectic blend of songs, ranging in style from pop to vaudeville, is employed as the story of Jesus' life dances across the stage. Dissolving hauntingly into the Last Supper and the Crucifixion, Jesus' messages of kindness, tolerance, and love come vibrantly to life." - Music Theatre International.

The SRW Drama Club decided to add a "superhero" theme to their version of *Godspell Jr*. Jesus always did the right thing even when it was not the easiest thing to do, therefore making Jesus a great example of what it means to be a hero.

The production team consisted of *Mr. Kyle Lorek* (Director & Musical Director), *Mrs. Ann Marie Raddell* (Assistant Musical Director), *Mrs. Jennifer Boehmer* (Choreographer), and *Miss Laura Grudzinski* (Stage Manager). The cast consisted of *Nicholas Ramsey* (Jesus), *Ariana Somich* (John the Baptist/Judas), *Alex Newnes* ("Day By Day" Solo), *Jayden Leonard, Kennedy Smith*, *Jayda Bacchus* ("Learn Your Lessons Well" Trio), *Malaika Gibson, Amya Wallace* ("O, Bless the Lord, My Soul" Duet), *Eric Sito, Nathan Udics*, ("All Good Gifts" Duet), *Sofia Thornhill* ("We Beseech Thee" Solo), *Josie DiDona, Eric Sito, Liam Logan* ("Light of the World" Trio), *Lyvia Craig, Singdiely Gibson, Jasmine Ellul*

("Beautiful City" Trio), Sophia Knue, Victoria Baioni, Tatiana Biliani (Narrators), Josie Radachy, Maura Murphy, Maria Gallo, Jazmin Moses, Kristina Lowe, Kendra Brokamp, Rachel Cerullo, Jayah Todd, Nina Dunning, Zoe Pesek, Luke Logan, and Tim Granito (Ensemble).

"I cannot express how proud I am of these students. To get up on stage and perform in front of parents, peers, and strangers can be a nerve-wracking experience and each student was so brave to follow through and put on a fantastic performance. I especially appreciate the work done by our five graduating eighth graders and I know we are going to miss them next year." - *Mr. Kyle Lorek*.



The cast performs "Oh Bless the Lord, My Soul"

NEHS Serving Others

The National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS) focuses on service, academics, and leadership. Eligible students in fifth and sixth grade are invited at the beginning of the school year and required to participate in service, while also maintaining good grades and discipline records. NEHS has conducted several projects throughout the year. Members are responsible for collecting the paper recycling bin from each classroom every week. In addition, they participated in the Sweetest Day Candy Grams Fundraiser where students and parents sent short notes and sweets to loved ones.

NEHS conducted a "Care Package Competition," collecting items of need for a charity of their choice. The member who collected the most items for their charity won a \$15 Chipotle gift card! Additionally, runners-up also won \$5 Chipotle gift cards. Congratulations to *Alex Pesek*, the winner of the \$15 Chipotle gift card! He collected for children waiting for permanent homes in foster care. Congratulations also to *Ari Somich, Aubrey Kennedy*, and *Abby Neate*! Ari collected for children and families who are confined to hospitals. Aubrey collected for animals in shelters. Abby collected items for those who are homeless, lacking their basic needs. Congratulations to all who participated and made SRW very proud with their selfless giving!



NEHS members create care packages for a charity of their choice

The last project NEHS participated in was the Earth Day Cleanup Project. Students in NEHS were responsible for collecting supplies ahead of time, organizing the event, and helping students in the Lower School to clean the School and Church grounds. As Christians, we know the importance of taking care of the environment and being stewards of God's creation. NEHS certainly put their faith and service into action to help make our property look much nicer and God's creation to better flourish. NEHS members have certainly proven themselves worthy leaders within our school community this year!

STREAM Train

Come aboard! The third grade students have gone traveling abroad without ever leaving the classroom! In a cross-curricular effort, students explored different economic and geographical aspects of seven different countries. Cooperatively, students were assigned a country and had to research the country's imports, exports, agriculture, industry, and geography. With this information, they created a 3-D salt map showing the different landforms of their assigned country. Using the engineering and design process, they created a train that would transport goods throughout the country.



Third graders excited to begin their journey

Trains had to be designed to represent the students' knowledge of the land and economics of their assigned country. For example, students who studied Iceland created a refrigerated train to carry

fish that would be exported and sold there. The students who studied Japan created bullet а train, based on the real train that is currently in Japan. Given the materials of cardboard and tape, students made the trains with the assistance of parent helpers. Their hard work was then displayed for the whole school!



Mark Your Calendars

8th Annual Warrior Open

The 2018 Warrior Open will be held on Friday, June 22 at Briardale Greens. The event begins at 12:30 PM with check-in and lunch. Shotgun start begins at 1:00 PM. The Open also includes a BBQ dinner (BBQ buffet, dessert, coffee, and soft drinks-cash bar is available) at Great Scott Tavern.

For those registering by June 4, a discounted rate is offered at \$80 per golfer or \$320 per foursome. The cost to those registering after June 4 is \$90 per golfer or \$360 per foursome. Non-golfers are invited to join the BBQ dinner, starting at 6:00 PM, for a cost of \$25.

Registration forms are located at www.srweuclid.cc, in the parish and school offices, and at the Information Center in the back of the church. For additional information, contact Kate Fraser at 216-731-1515. Proceeds benefit the SRW LifeTeen and Edge programs.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held at SS. Robert and William Parish Monday, June 18 through Friday, June

22, from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, for students in PreK - Grade 6. This year's theme is Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus. Contact Gail Monroe, gmonroe@srweuclid.cc, for registration information.



8th Annual SRW International Family Festival

The SRW International Family Festival will be held Thursday, August 9 through Sunday, August 12. The festival will feature a variety of food, games, and bands, as well as a Car Cruise on Sunday. Be sure to purchase your tickets for the raffle, and your chance to win a lease

for a 2018 Honda Accord or 8th Annual \$12,500. Proceeds from the festival directly benefit the Hope to see you school. there!





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Summer Calendar

School Summer Office Hours: Monday–Thursday 9:00 AM-Noon; Closed the Week of July 2

June:

Sunday	10	Mass of Farewell for Fr. Scott	11:00 AM
Monday	18	Vacation Bible School Week	9:00 AM-12:00 PM
Friday	22	8th Annual Warrior Open	12:30 PM
		August:	
Thursday	9	Parish Festival - SRW School Spirit Night	5:00-10:00 PM
Friday	10	Parish Festival	5:00-11:00 PM
Saturday	11	Parish Festival	5:00-11:00 PM
Sunday	12	Parish Festival	12:00-8:00 PM
Thursday	16	Early Childhood Parent/Child Meeting (Wee, Little, Jr., K)	6:30 PM
Sunday	19	Orientation Day	11:00 AM Family Mass
			12:30 – 2:00 PM School Open
Monday	20	Parent Meeting (Grades 1-8)	6:30 PM
Wednesday	22	Opening Day (Grades 1-8)	7:45 AM – 1:00 PM
Wednesday	22	All day Jr.K & Kindergarten Boys ONLY	7:45 AM – 1:00 PM
Thursday	23	All day Jr.K & Kindergarten Girls ONLY	7:45 AM – 1:00 PM
Friday	24	All day Jr.K – Grade 8	7:45 AM – 1:00 PM
Monday	27	Regular Schedule Begins (Jr.K – Gr. 8)	7:45 AM – 2:50 PM
		Little Warriors (4 year old)	7:45 AM – 11:45 AM
Tuesday	28	Wee Warriors (3 year old)	8:00 AM – 11:00 AM