

## St. John the Evangelist Meets SJPD Police K-9

ST. JOHN, Indiana-March 13, 2017---St. John the Evangelist School's third graders recently read the story "Aero and Officer Mike", by Joan Plummer Russell. It is a story about the partnership between an officer and his canine. Mrs. Anne Vaughn, teacher for third grade, arranged for Officer Shane Adams from St. John Police Department and his K-9 partner, Match, to visit both 3rd grades. Mrs. Vaughn said, "our reading story pertains to training police dogs and I thought it would be nice for students to meet a real K-9 team and ask questions to the officer."

Officer Adams spoke to the students about the background of the K-9 program, training they do and answered many questions. He also gave students a demonstration of the commands he gives Match, how Match searches for drugs and alerts him once he finds something. Students had many questions for Officer Shane.

The St. John Police Department K-9 Unit consists of Officer Shane Adams and K9 Match. K-9 Match is a sable German Shepherd. The K-9 Unit is on call 24/7 for the Town of St. John and assists other police agencies. He is certified through the American Police Canine Association as a patrol and narcotic detection dog. The K-9 unit helps to protect the community along with the Officers.

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Picture 1: Officer Shane Adams and K-9 partner Match

Picture 2: Student Jack Grimmer pets Match

Picture 3: K-9 Officer Match