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Catholic School's Week: Loads of Fun, Despite the Weather

By Adalyn (6th) and Hayden (5th)

St. A's kicked off Catholic schools week with Mass on Saturday, January 28th. On Monday, students wore pajamas to school and enjoyed popcorn and movies in the afternoon.

School was delayed on Tuesday, thanks to the weather, but that didn't stop the fun! In the morning, students met with their buddies and made over 100 Valentine cards, which were sent to the elderly in the community. That afternoon, they went ice skating at Young Arena in Waterloo. Nolan (6th) said, "At first, some people were on the sides of the ring and some people were in the middle already, but after a little bit most people were off the walls."

On Wednesday, students wore their favorite team shirts and cheered as the teachers and 8th graders faced each other in the annual volleyball match. They played three games, and, of course, the teachers won each time. (They always do.)



Daniel (8th) helps out the teachers during the volleyball match.



Oakley (2nd) and his grandma enjoy Special Person's Day.



Job well done! Students pose in front of 42 tied fleece blankets.

All students met in the gym with their buddies on Thursday morning to tie fleece blankets. According to Kameron (5th), "It was definitely confusing at first, but then we got the hang of it and it was really fun." Forty-two blankets were donated to the Catholic Worker House and Hospitality House. Students enjoyed hot cocoa in the cafeteria once the blanket project was finished. In the afternoon, they made their way to Cadillac lanes in Waterloo for an awesome time bowling.

Friday started with another two hour delay, but again, it did not stop the fun. The day began with Mass, and the church was packed with students and their special people. After Mass, everyone had an amazing lunch of turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, coleslaw, peaches and a slice of chocolate cake. Then they played bingo in the gymnasium, before heading home.



Zander (7th) busts an impressive move on the ice at Young Arena.

volunteer spotlight

MEET ALMA, THE ACCIDENTAL LIBRARIAN

By Gracelyn (5th)

Alma Huck says she accidentally became a librarian when she was working at Hawkeye Community College. After several years in their Financial Aid department, she transferred to a position in the school library's financial system. From there, she "got involved in other library duties and loved it."

After she retired, Alma learned that there was no librarian at St. A's. Alma offered to step in and she has now been our volunteer librarian for about six years.

Alma says that her favorite part about her job is "THE KIDS!!!! By far, the kids!" She says Thursdays are "just awesome days" for her, because on Thursdays she is greeted with tons of 'Hi Miss Alma!'"

Surprisingly, Alma says she did not like to read when she was young. She says this helps her understand how some students might feel when they have a hard time choosing a book. She explains, "I try to help them find something that they are interested in. There are a lot of books on the shelves and it can be hard to find specific interests."

Alma does like to read now. Though she doesn't have a favorite author, Alma likes to read non-fiction, especially biographies about early Americans and books about faith. Her favorite book is *WHY? Trusting God When You Don't Understand* by Anne Graham Lotz. Alma says it has a lesson for anyone who reads it.



Each week, classes from PreK to 2nd grade enjoy library time with Miss Alma.

Alma is very busy when she isn't helping us at St. A's. She and her husband had been married for 37 years when he passed. They have three children and seven grandchildren. The grandchildren are all involved in sports, and Alma attends as many of their events as she can. She also teaches First Aid and CPR for the American Heart Association.

SAINT A'S CELEBRATES READ ACROSS AMERICA



Mrs. Bader (A.K.A. Laura Ingalls Wilder) and a few of her PreK students are ready for "Dress as Your Favorite Book Character Day". (L- R: Levi, Javelyn, Leah, Britton, Elliott, and Piper)



Mrs. Junk's 2nd graders had fun on pajama day, reading in a tent and snacking on dried 'smores cereal. (Front: Kane and Dylan. Back: Oakley, Jaylon, Jacob, and Caroline.)

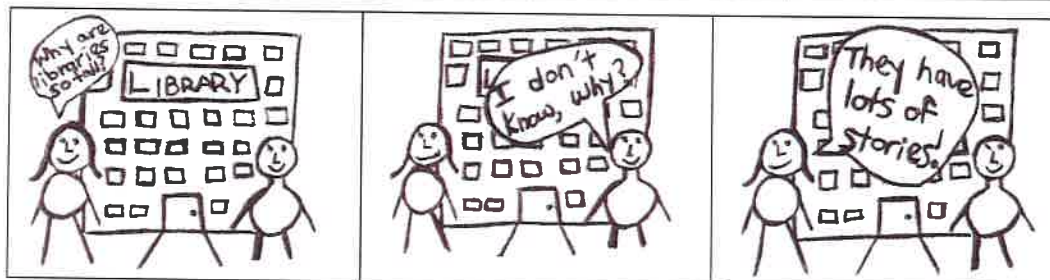


QUESTION OF THE QUARTER:

What's your favorite book?



<p>Preschool</p>  <p>LILY: "Pete the Cat books because he's funny and I like the pictures."</p>	<p>Pre K</p>  <p>ELLIOTT: "Dr. Seuss books because they are funny and I like the pictures."</p>	<p>Kindergarten</p>  <p>TRESSA: "<i>Green Eggs and Ham</i> because green eggs is funny."</p>	<p>First Grade</p>  <p>OLIVER: "Avengers because it has fighting and action and stuff."</p>
<p>Second Grade</p>  <p>CAROLINE: "Owl Diaries because they make up funny words."</p>	<p>Third Grade</p>  <p>HARPER: "Dork Diaries because bad stuff happens at the beginning. Good stuff happens at the end."</p>	<p>Fourth Grade</p>  <p>PETER: "Charlie Thorne books because they are mysteries that you have to solve."</p>	<p>Fifth Grade</p>  <p>CONNOR: "Diary of a Wimpy Kid books because they are funny."</p>
<p>Sixth Grade</p>  <p>ADALYN: "Harry Potter books because they keep you wondering what happens next."</p>	<p>Seventh Grade</p>  <p>NATALIE: "<i>Hunger Games</i> because Katniss is the type of person you want to be around."</p>	<p>Eighth Grade</p>  <p>DANIEL: "<i>Allies</i>, because it's on my favorite subject and has a lot of action."</p>	<p>Preschool-12</p>  <p>WILEY: "I like Dr. Seuss because Cat in Hat is a good friend of mine."</p>



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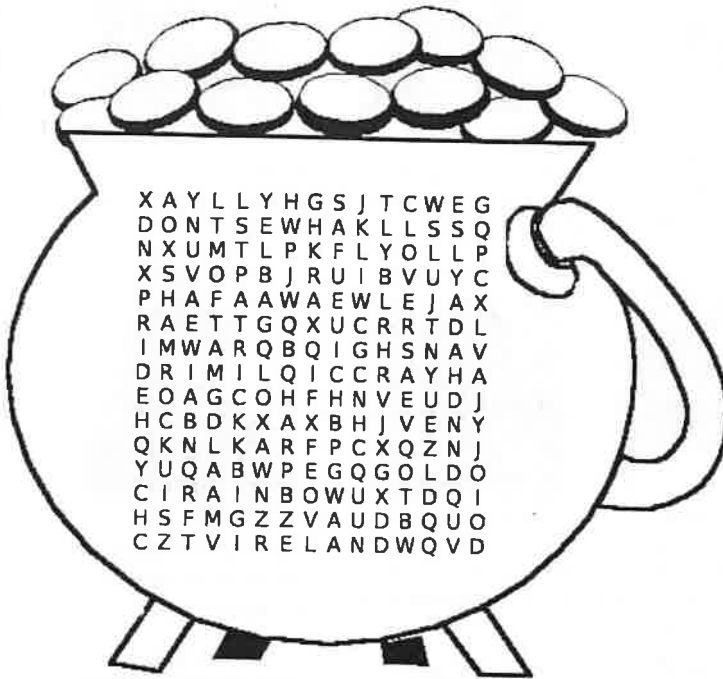


THE FUN PAGE



WORD SEARCH By JD (5th)

LEPRECHAUN RAINBOW HARP SHAMROCK GREEN
STPATRICK IRELAND GOLD CLOVERS PRIDE



JOKES By Alexa, Gracelyn, and Kam (5th)

Q: What's a fake diamond in Ireland called?
A: A shamrock!

Q: Why don't we iron 4-leaf covers?
A: We don't want to press our luck!

Q: What bow can't be tied?
A: A rainbow!

Q: What spells do leprechauns cast?
A: Lucky charms!

Q: Where do leprechauns play baseball?
A: In the Little League!

Q: Why do frogs like St. Patrick's Day?
A: They're always wearing green!

Q: How do leprechauns communicate?
A: They make small talk!

Q: When is an Irish potato not Irish?
A: When it's a French fry!

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A: In the Little League!

Q: Why do frogs like St. Patrick's Day?
A: They're always wearing green!

Q: What is Irish and left on the lawn?
A: Paddy O'Furniture!

WORD JUMBLE

By McKinley & Jayda (5th)

1. CYULK CRAMH

2. REGNE

3. PKIRTAC

4. LHUEPNACRE

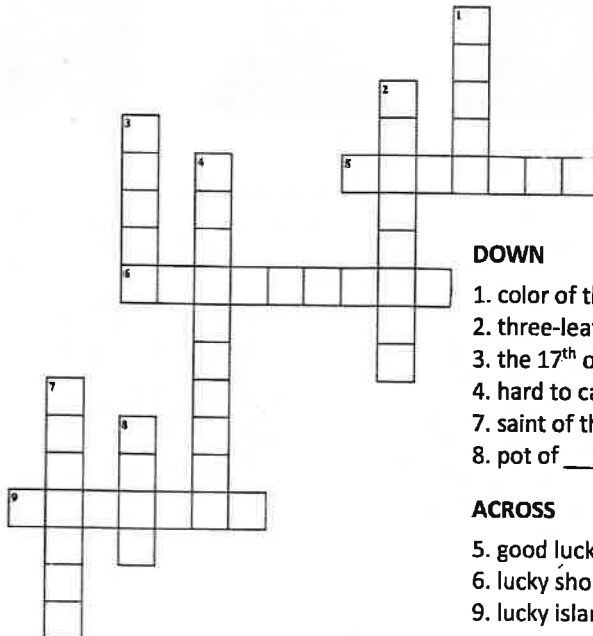
5. OECVLR

6. PTO FO LGOD

7. KMOSAHR

8. RWNBAOI

CROSS WORD By George (5th)



DOWN

1. color of the day
2. three-leaf clover
3. the 17th of _____
4. hard to catch little guy
7. saint of the day
8. pot of _____

ACROSS

5. good luck at the end of it
6. lucky shoe
9. lucky island country