

The Daily Bayley

Mother Seton School Student Newspaper

Lady of Lourdes

By Francesca Kinnamont

I interviewed two Lady of Lourdes sisters for my newspaper assignment. Their names were Sister Innocence and Sister Missions, and they told me some things I never knew! One of them mentioned that they had traveled to different countries and towns, and a sister said that their favorite place they'd ever visited was this town —Emmitsburg. Now, isn't that great? The other sister said she thought Spain was cool, but Emmitsburg was also nice. I wonder if they know any other languages, since they've been to so many places! Don't you? I asked why they chose this particular group of sisters. They said it was because the Lady of Lourdes sisters are such a big family. Do you have a big family? I do! They also said that they thought the clothes (dark blue and white) were beautiful. Speaking of white, I learned about something called "The Three White Things." They are the Eucharist (Jesus' body and blood), the Pope (the head of the Church), and Our Lady (Mary, the mother of Jesus). White is a pretty color, both in clothing and in Communion.



I also asked why they became sisters at all. I was told that some reasons were that they knew it was their destiny and that they wanted to always be with God. They also said that they loved Him in indescribable ways, so they were proud to be sisters of the church.

The two saints that they adore are Saints Therese, Francis Xavier, and Catherine of Siena. They also told me that they learned about God from their fathers. It must be amazing to be a sister!

To end, let's get off the topic of their vocations and think about hobbies! Their chosen activities were arts, crafts, and watercolors. They must be creative! Do you like these hobbies, or do you prefer different ones? Perhaps... loving God?

Catholic Schools Week

By Ava Fout



For one week every year, MSS and other Catholic schools around the U.S.A. celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Catholic Schools Week is a celebration of Catholic education. Catholic education is special because it allows us to explore and reflect on our faith. This year, Catholic Schools Week was from January 26-31. During Catholic Schools Week here at MSS, we celebrate students with Student Appreciation Day, where we get an Out of Uniform Pass and play bingo with our Prayer Partners. On the day we celebrated our communities, students visited local businesses with a small token of our appreciation for supporting our school. We also had Teacher Appreciation Day and Parent Appreciation Day, where we all got a No Homework Pass. Catholic Schools Week is very special to all of us MSS students.

Xin Nian Kuai Le! Happy Chinese New Year

By Elliott Brown



Every year, well over 1 billion people worldwide celebrate a holiday that lasts 15 days and is packed with food, gifts of money, decorations, and good luck galore: Chinese New Year, also called the Spring Festival (chun jie) and Lunar New Year. The traditional origin of this holiday is based on the legend of a monster called the nian. According to the legend, the nian was an aquatic water demon (a lion-dragon-ox hybrid) that attacked a village every spring. Then, one year, a wise old man (perhaps a god) told them that the nian was scared of the color red, light, and loud noises. So when the nian came back, the villagers beat drums, lit firecrackers, and wore red clothing from head to toe. The nian ran away, and the village was saved! (Fun fact: The monster was called Nian because nian means “year” in Chinese.)

Super Bowl LIX

By Abigail Null

It is the 59th Super Bowl and the Kansas City Chiefs are playing the Philadelphia Eagles. After singing the national anthem, both teams were ready to play and win. The Philadelphia Eagles scored first. Philadelphia seemed happy with seven points, while Kansas City, still with zero points, looked determined to tie up with the Eagles. This is the Chiefs' third Super Bowl game in a row! The Chiefs' coaches did not look happy. The Chiefs could possibly catch up, but they never did, and the Philadelphia Eagles won the big game. They looked so happy. The score was 22 to 40.

I interviewed a couple of big Eagles fans at our school. Mr.C, a middle school teacher, says the reason he likes the Eagles is because he follows his dad! He also said that he loves the Eagles because "they never give up". Finally I asked him if he was super happy that the eagles won he said "I'm very happy that the eagles won!"

I also interviewed our second grade teaching assistant Mrs. Dorsey. She said she loves the Eagles because "she has been a fan since she was a little girl." She grew up in the suburbs of Philadelphia, and her family was a big fan of the team.

In modern times, this amazing celebration starts off with a delicious Reunion Dinner. On Lunar New Year's Eve, families gather to eat special foods like hot pot, pork, beef, baozi dumplings, wonton dumplings, spring rolls, and a rice-and-soy sauce combo. During the holiday period, people eat oranges, keep the house clean, decorate with Spring couplets, and give red packets to children. People also light lanterns, dress in red clothes, and participate in special events like dragon dances. In these events, several people dance inside a dragon costume and go on a joyful parade, with people in lion costumes following closely behind.

One way you can join in is by learning some simple New Year's phrases. For example, xinnian kuaile (SEEN-NIEHN-KWAI-LUH) means “Happy New Year” in Chinese. Another popular saying at this time is gongxi facai (GONG-SEE-FA-CHAI), which means “Congratulations for all the money coming your way!” in Chinese. Happy Chinese New Year!



“My mom worked for one of the team owners, so she was a huge fan,” she said. “My dad had season tickets, and all my siblings were big fans too. I was lucky to attend many games over the years.” Mrs. Dorsey said the Eagles are a great team that does a lot for the city of Philadelphia. She also shared that the Eagles helped create the first Ronald McDonald House and now support autism with their Autism Foundation. “Jalen Hurts bought air conditioning units for many center-city schools. I love how they support young people,” Mrs. Dorsey said. She was so happy when the Eagles won that she went to the parade with her sister. “I’m so happy, I even went to the parade with my sister,” she said.

Puppy Bowl 2025

By Lyla Doll

It's February 9th, 2025, and the Puppy Bowl is on TV. Fans are excited to see if Mr. Bean, the two-legged dog, will be at this year's Puppy Bowl. Not only is there a two-legged puppy, but there are also many puppy wordplay names, including Dee-Bone Samuel, Trixie, Meatball, and my personal favorite, Lin-Manuel Fur-Anda. Many new fans were thrilled to find out that the kitty group, the Catleets, would be doing the halftime show. This year, many French Bulldog owners, who saw last year's Puppy Bowl, were very pleased to see there were twice as many Frenchies as there were last year. With all that said, which team are you on: Team Fluff or Team Ruff?

Despicable Me 4

Spoilers ahead

By Riley Hoover

The Minions and Gru are back in Despicable Me 4. This time, Gru tries to arrest Maxine at their old school's award ceremony, but he escapes by turning himself into a cockroach. Gru and his family have to move houses to hide from him and keep their identity secret. His new neighbor, named Poppy, saw his picture on the internet and would only keep his secret if he helped her become a villain, as she was born to be bad. Together, they steal a honey badger, Gru's old school mascot. Principal Übelschlecht finds Gru and calls Maxine, who comes and takes Gru Jr. She turns him into a cockroach. Mega Minions, who have superpowers, come to the rescue to defeat Maxine and save Gru Jr. It becomes a happy story when Gru gets him back. It is very entertaining; you won't stop laughing. I hope you like this movie.



Cheese or Pepperoni?



By Bayley Grossnickle

You know that fan favorite food we eat every Thursday ? Pizza! Have you ever wondered what your fellow students and friends think? Well, let's find out! I went around to every class in the Middle school. Let's start with Mr. Brown's class. It was very close but cheese won with 11 votes and pepperoni with 9. Mr. Pace's class was pretty close, but pepperoni came away with the win with 9 and cheese close behind with 7. Let's continue, in Mrs. Nees' class cheese had a big lead with 14 and pepperoni with 9. And with the biggest lead yet in Mr. C's class, pepperoni had 20 votes and left cheese in the dust with 4. The final class Mrs. Kuykendall's class, had cheese with 5 votes and pepperoni for the win with 10 votes . If you're out there thinking there are not that many people who actually like your preference on pizza WAIT ! Let's add up all the classes and see the results... Cheese with a total of 40 and Pepperoni with the win and grand total of 53!

Student Spotlight

By Maximillian Field

I interviewed Philip Field, an eighth grader who has been at MSS since kindergarten. I asked him what his favorite activity is at MSS. He said his favorite activity is the walkathon because he likes walking and talking with his friends! Next, I asked him what the best thing about being an eighth grader is. He said the best thing about being an eighth grader is his upcoming trip to Hershey Park in the spring! Finally, I asked him what he is going to miss most about MSS. He answered that he is going to miss the teachers the most because they are so nice!



Teacher Spotlight- Mrs. Monacelli

Q: How long have you been working at MSS?

A: I've worked here 26 years.

Q: What is your favorite part of working here and why?

A: My favorite part is the students, because I love hanging out with them.

Q: What are some interesting facts that some people may not know about you?

A: Well, I'm a biochemist, and I collect fountain pens!

Q: If you were stuck on a desert island and could only bring 3 books with you, which books would you bring?

A: I would bring The Hobbit, Winter Solstice, and Daughter of the Deep.

Q: What is your spirit animal and why?

A: My spirit animal would be an owl, because they're quiet and watchful.

Q: Where is the coolest place you've ever been and why?

A: Greece because I love the history and it's beautiful.

Q: What's your favorite color?

A: Purple.

Q: What is your favorite type of book and why?

A: Cozy mysteries. They always have a happy ending.

Q: Who is your favorite author?

A: I think Robyn Carr. She wrote a whole series called Virgin River. It's even a TV show.

Q: If you had one piece of advice for everyone, what would it be?

A: Follow your dreams.

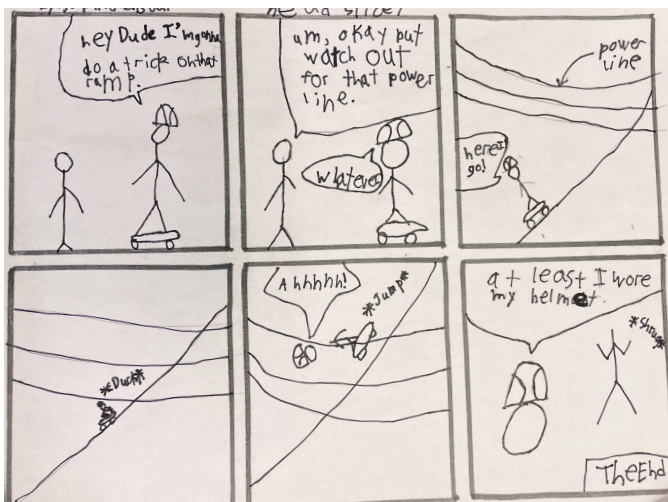
By Ava Fout



Scrambling for Eggs

By Autumn Trout

Recently chickens have gotten the flu. This flu, known as the bird flu, has killed millions of birds, including chickens, resulting in a shortage of eggs. Because of this, the prices for eggs has gone up alot! According to the Consumer Price Index, nationwide egg prices rose 60% in one year. Businesses like the restaurant chain Waffle House announced they are charging 50¢ more per egg. Fewer eggs mean higher prices! The US department of Agriculture tells us to stay away from any chickens that look sick because they carry the flu in their mouth and saliva. They also tell us to make sure our eggs are fully cooked. It is also very important to wash your hands before and after handling eggs.

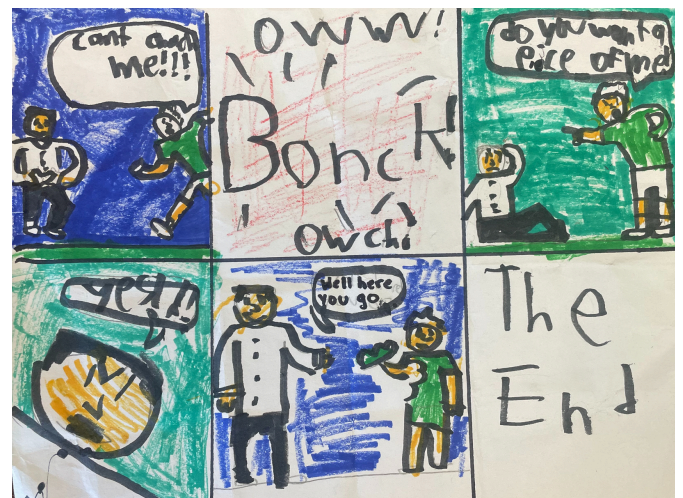


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Deenie by Judy Blume

By Payton Cell

The book is about a girl, Deenie, whose mom wants her to be a model, but she just wants to be a normal teenage girl. When Deenie discovers that she has adolescent scoliosis, it breaks her mom's heart. When Deenie sees her Milwaukee Brace for the first time, she hates it and just wants to scream, "I am never wearing that!" Deenie's friends Janet and Midge try to comfort her, but she doesn't want scoliosis anymore. Deenie thinks that's now impossible, and her crush, Buddy Brader, has never heard of scoliosis. In my opinion, this is a very good book because it is informative on the topic of adolescent scoliosis. The book includes some facts about adolescent scoliosis. Judy Blume did a very good job writing this book, and she based it on a true story.

The Largemouth Bass

By Elliott Brown



The largemouth bass is beloved among anglers of all ages. As a member of the Centrarchidae family, it is related to other well-known fish species such as smallmouth bass, bluegills, crappie, and rock bass. Found throughout the United States in great numbers, largemouth bass are one of the most widely fished species in the world.

The largemouth life cycle begins during the breeding season (spring), when the male bass first creates a big nest in the shallows by fanning soft sediment away with his tail. Then, a female lays up to 3,000–4,000 eggs. The male fans the eggs with his fins while protecting them from predators. The father bass does not eat a lot during the spawn. When the eggs hatch in about 3 months, the father largemouth leaves the babies (called "fry") to fend for themselves after briefly guarding the nest.

Adult bass are really hungry at this time, offering a great opportunity for bass anglers.

The largemouth bass, also called "bucketmouth," hunts lots of animals like frogs, panfish, and smaller bass, but their favorite food is crayfish. They can be aggressive hunters: in the summer, they'll choke down something half their size! That would be like an adult trying to eat a pizza slice bigger than a kindergartener in one gulp! The fish's color is usually a black stripe along the middle of the side. It has green scales covering the top of the bass, while its belly is white. They can be 1–2 $\frac{3}{4}$ feet long and weigh up to 6 lbs, but trophy 10 lb bass have been caught. Next time you're at the lake, maybe you'll see this amazing fish!

Vocation Interview

By Morgan Fogle

Sister Missions and Sister Innocence are both sisters. Sister Missions has been a sister for seven years, and Sister Innocence has been a sister for five years. Sister Innocence started to love God as soon as she learned about Him, and Sister Missions started loving God at age fourteen and fifteen when she became Catholic. Their favorite saints are St. Francis Xavier and St. Therese. Their favorite things to do are arts and crafts and traveling. The best part about being a sister for them is the places they get to visit. Their favorite places they've traveled to are Emmitsburg and Spain.

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