

The Daily Bayley

Mother Seton School Student Newspaper

Have a Heart Volleyball Game

By Francesca Kinnamont

On February 27th, from 1:30 to 2:30, the Have a Heart Volleyball Game took place. The teachers who played included Ms. Trainor, Mr. Consentino, Mrs. Cover, Mrs. Reaver, Mr. Kevin, Mr. Brown, and many, MANY more, leaving most of the 8th grade to compete in defense. To show how the game went, I made a few points to tick off as I went, starting with... First, I asked one teacher and one 8th grader why they played in the volleyball game.

For this checkpoint, I first asked Mr. Brown. "I'm excited to spike the volleyball onto the 8th grader's side," he said as I walked into his busy homeroom.

Next, I asked Anna Doolittle (I hope I spelled that right). It was during recess, and she answered that "The game was super fun and enjoyable."

Both answers were helpful, so thank you to Mr. Brown and Anna!

Second, I asked 5 people if they preferred the teachers or the 8th grade.

Since I was in class, I asked 5 fifth graders this question. Their names were Claire Yu, Sadie Grubby, Payton Cell, Blake Testa, and G.W. (Graham) Burr. The average amount of votes went to the teachers, which is fitting, because...

Third, I'll state who won:

Drumroll, please...

Badadadadaadadadadadaa-PSSSH...

TEACHERS!!! To be honest, I voted for the students, but that's okay.

Anyways, thanks to everyone who answered!

Fourth, let's highlight the details of the game:

Even though the teachers won, screams of "LET'S GO 8TH GRADE!" and clapping could be heard across the gym. Colorful posters were held up, showing either an encouraging cheer for the students or a grateful creed for the staff. It was so loud that some students had to go into the library! But it was smart for some kids to bring headphones. I wish I had taken some!

And lastly, fifth, after the game, I asked 3 people how it went: One of my classmates, Rose Rasher, answered that "It was fun to see how fast it went by." A sixth grader, Ava Fout, told me that "It was pretty good. I loved it."

Finally, I asked a teacher named Mr. Pace how it was, and he said: "I liked that the teachers won. They did very well."



Middle School Glow Party

By Morgan Fogle

Did you go to the middle school dance? There were a lot of people there, middle school students filled the gym! The Student Council put together the dance and the theme was a glow party. There was yummy food, drinks, bright posters, LED lights, and a DJ. When you walked in, you put your name in a basket, and after a couple of songs, the DJ would randomly pick and call a name from the basket. If your name was called, you would get a gift card. I was lucky enough to be one of the people who got one. I think everybody had fun!

Chappy the Seal

By Morgan Fogle and Gabe Lucas

Have you heard about the seal that was found on the streets of Connecticut? Chappy the seal was found on the busy roads of New Haven, Connecticut, near Yale University. The seal was thought to have flopped over 1,300 feet from the sea. Seals' flippers help them move, like a caterpillar. When he was found, Mystic Aquarium came to pick him up and give him the care he needed. He was only 28 pounds, which was really small! Seals can get up to 880 pounds. The seal's name was Chappy, he got his name from a naming contest at the New Haven police station where he was found. Seals have very sharp teeth, especially when they are babies. If you somehow find a seal on the street like Chappy was, make sure you don't come up to it and pet it like a dog. Instead, tell a trusted adult to call an animal rescue hotline.

Sadly, only two weeks after he was rescued, he died from his gastrointestinal issues. Mystic Aquarium announced Chappy's death on March 3 in a Facebook post, sharing that the baby seal held on for as long as possible. "The reality of working with stranded animals can be tough sometimes, but Chappy was surrounded by love until the very end," the post concluded.



Chappy the seal. PHOTO Mystic Aquarium/Facebook

The 24 Challenge

By Elliott Brown

Each year, the school holds a math tournament called the 24 Challenge for students in 4th-8th grade. In this calculating competition, a deck of cards is placed in between the players (from 2-4 per table). Each card has 4 numbers on each side. Dots on the bottom of the card signify difficulty level (1 dot=easy; 2 dots=medium; 3 dots=hard). The players must find a way to multiply, divide, add, or subtract the four numbers in some combination to arrive at the sum of 24. When a player finds a solution, they slap the card (or ring a bell) and explain how they got 24. If they get it right, they get to keep the card. If they made a calculation error, they are not allowed to slap that card again. The player may slap the next card.

This year, the grand champion was Ethan Haines (5th grade), who bested Philip Field (8th grade), in the championship match. "I was so happy, I wanted to dance on the table," he said. Ethan can think so fast, he can hit the bell three seconds after the card is laid down! This skill won him a blue certificate, the champion's award. This year's 24 Challenge was a big success! I can't wait for the 5th annual challenge next year!



The Mental Math Challenge

By Autumn Trout

This year, there was a new challenge that we started- the Mental Math Competition! Only four 6th graders got to do it this year. Next year, kids from 4th to 8th grade will be able to participate. The 6th graders who joined were Ava, Mathew, Ryland, and MJ. They all had to listen to Dr. Kilty, who was saying numbers and equations really fast. They had to solve them in their heads and then ring a bell. It was two against two, and whoever got three answers right first won the round. In the end, Ava won! She was really fast at ringing the bell and solving the problems. It looked like everyone had a great time, both on stage and in the crowd. That's what happened at the Mental Math Competition!

Daylight Savings

By Bayley Grossnickle

You know that twice a year, we change the clocks—one hour forward and one hour back? That's Daylight Saving Time. Daylight Saving Time started during World War I to save fuel and energy and to extend the workday. Another reason for Daylight Saving Time was proposed by Benjamin Franklin, who wanted to save money on candle usage, but it wasn't made official until March 19, 1918.

Here are some continents that follow Daylight Saving Time. In Africa, only three countries follow it; in Asia, it's followed in just four countries. In Australia, three countries observe it. In Europe, most countries follow it, with 49 countries in total; in North America, eight countries follow it; in South America, only one country does; and finally, in the United States, Arizona and Hawaii are the only states that don't follow Daylight Saving Time. I hope you changed your clocks!

The R.E.A.D. Program



By Abigail Null

Do you like to read? If you don't, that's okay. Some people who don't like to read or are too scared to read actually read to dogs as a way to feel more comfortable when reading. A dog named Arrow is so happy to hear the kids read. There is a program called the Reading Education Assistance Dogs (R.E.A.D.). According to the website, "The mission of the R.E.A.D. program is to improve the literacy skills of children through the assistance of registered and insured therapy dog teams as literacy mentors."

In this program, dogs help kids and young adults learn to read. The dogs learn how to listen. They go to libraries and schools, where the dogs sit quietly while the children read. The kids enjoy it because they can pet the dogs too. One of the children said, "It is so much easier to read to the dogs than a group of people." The kids read, and the dogs sit and listen. This program has helped over 1,000 people! The students said it helps them gain a lot of confidence. When they finish reading, they get a bookmark with Arrow's photo on it. The students then read to their animals at home to practice and gain more confidence reading around others!

The Eastern Hognose Snake



By Payton Cell

Do you like snakes? If so, I have one for you! The Eastern Hognose Snake. The Eastern Hognose Snake's scientific name is very interesting – *Heterodon platyrhinos*. The Eastern Hognose Snake is a mildly venomous, rear-fanged snake found only in North America. The snake's teeth inject a mild, amphibian-specific venom into its prey and are used to deflate inflated toads, like a balloon, to enable swallowing.

The color pattern of these snakes varies; they can be red, green, orange, brown, gray, black, or any combination, depending on their location. They can be blotched, checkered, or patternless. Their belly can be a solid gray, yellow, or cream color. They also have a slightly upturned snout, which gives them their name, "Hognose." Their snout is used to dig in sandy soils. Also, females tend to be larger than males.



St. Patrick's Day

By Sophia Monsour

When St. Patrick was a boy, he was kidnapped by pirates and taken to Ireland. He was forced to work as a shepherd for six years. One day, the chief's six year old son got really sick and couldn't walk. Patrick blessed him and the boy could walk again. One day, Patrick escaped and went back home to his family.

Twenty years later, God told Patrick to go back to Ireland. This time, he went to teach people about Christianity. He helped many people in Ireland, and the chief's son joined him. Patrick used a shamrock to teach people about the Holy Trinity – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

When St. Patrick died, the chief's son kept telling people about God and helped spread Christianity. Now, St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. Since St. Patrick's Day is this month, get your traps ready and try to catch that leprechaun!

MLB Spring Training

By Abigail Null

Hi readers! Today, I will be talking about spring training! In case you don't know, spring training is when Major League Baseball (MLB) players train to get ready for the baseball season. Baseball season starts on March 18, 2025. My family's favorite team, the Orioles (the O's), play on March 27, 2025. This will be their first game of the season! On March 27, the Orioles will be playing the Toronto Blue Jays. Unfortunately, the Orioles will be playing against former player Anthony Santander, a beloved Oriole. The Orioles will be playing at Camden Yards (their ballpark) on March 31, 2025, and will be playing the Boston Red Sox (that's actually how it's spelled!). Gunnar Henderson (my favorite player!) sadly strained a muscle in his rib on February 27, 2025. Hopefully, he will be ready to go for the season! I hope you and your family have fun watching the Orioles play at home or at the game, and keep reading!

P.S. Why did the MLB team hire a pastry chef?
Because they needed a batter!! Let's Go Orioles!!

Student Spotlight- Riley Hoover

By Gabriel Lucas

Q: What made you come to this school, and why?

A: My mom said it would be a good place for me to get a great education.

Q: Do you like this school, and why?

A: Yes, I do! I love all the activities and the really nice people here. It's a fun place to be!

Q: Do you like the food in the cafeteria, and why?

A: Oh, definitely! I love the pizza. The cheese is my favorite, and I think it's the best pizza ever!

Q: What's your favorite thing about the school?

A: I'd have to say Social Studies. Mr. Brown makes it really interesting, and he's a great teacher!



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As warm as the sun,
the birds tweet with glee,
the bears wake up,
Spring it shall be.

The blue birds fly,
Around and about,
hoping the snow,
will soon, soon melt.

The winter came,
to an end,
God was hoping,
Hoping to send.

Spring is here!