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Singing for the 50th Anniversary!

By Francesca Kinnamont

The founder of our school, a young widow and mother of 5, the first American-born saint! Who is this mystery person? It's Elizabeth Ann Seton!

Elizabeth's canonization was in 1975 by Pope Paul VI (the sixth, which means there were 5 Pope Pauls before him). Since it's 2025, let me do some simple math… Wait. No way. Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton has been a saint for 50 YEARS??? Yup, it's all true! This amazing, once-in-a-lifetime experience brought crowds and crowds (and crowds and crowds…you get the picture) to the Basilica of Elizabeth Ann Seton and the grounds of the Shrine. Cheerleaders all the way from the Mount came, along with people from all around the country. And, because of this important occasion, a group of kids were asked to come and share their lovely voices with the audience. Can you guess who? Cor-rect, ladies and gentlemen, it's us, the chorus!

(immense cheering)

Now, kids are awesome. They've got so much energy, so much imagination, but, really, when it becomes an opportunity that will happen only once… sometimes, you need an adult. Know who helped make that possible? Ding-ding! That's right everybody—Mrs. Carney and Mrs. Dorsey! We stood on a tiny stage to sing. The grass may have been tall, bugs may have been everywhere, but it was really beautiful when you looked hard enough.

The cheerleaders flying in the air, the golden leaves gliding to the ground, the tree branches swaying in the breeze—the perfect scenery for the perfect day!

The three songs included: Over My Head, Seton Psalm, and can you guess the last one? WHOO-HOO! Three for three! The Hymn to Elizabeth Ann Seton! The one that goes, "First native-born American saint..." We sang like the world depended on us. It was amazing!

So:

1. Thank you to the other chorus members. Your voices were amazing and made the experience really magical.
2. Thank you to Mrs. Carney and Mrs. Dorsey. Without you two, I would not be the same person I am today.
3. Thank you to Elizabeth Ann Seton. Your school helped me find friends who accepted me.

The Canonization of Saint Elizabeth Bayley Seton

By Elliott Brown

In 1975, Mother Seton was officially proclaimed a saint in Rome. Believe it or not, Sister Margaret Ann was at the canonization Mass for our school's patron, so here's a description of what happened in Rome half a century ago. According to Sister Margaret Ann, the (metaphorical) atmosphere was filled with excitement and awe as millions gathered to experience this sacred once-in-a- lifetime event. There were so many attendees, the organizers of the Mass couldn't fit everyone in Saint Peter's Basilica (which, at 561 feet wide, is one of the largest churches in the world) so it became the first outdoor canonization Mass ever held. Even the choir came out! The (literal) atmosphere was warm and sunny, perfect for the Mass.

According to our wonderful first grade teacher, Pope Paul VI came on to the balcony, everyone fell silent as he proclaimed the words "Blessed Elizabeth Bayley Seton is a saint." The feeling was like… Well, I'll tell you what Sister said exactly: "You know when you wake up on Christmas morning?...That's what it felt like." What are the odds that an attendee of the holy canonization Mass of our patron saint is now here at our fine school? (probably 1 out of 2,96025.) The date September 15th, when Saint Elizabeth Seton was named a saint five decades ago will forever be remembered in the legacy of our 215-year old school.

The Great Frederick Fair

By Morgan Fogle

The Great Frederick Fair is a celebration that happens once every year for a week. It has animals, food, sponsor stands, and more! The first thing I did when I got to the fair was eat at Hemps, a popular barbecue restaurant. It was so delicious! (Check out the picture of the BBQ sandwich!) Then we went to Tiki Tea and grabbed a pumpkin mug and tea like I do every year. Next, we went to the birthing center, where there were so many cute baby animals! We were able to see a cow show, too. The owners of the cows even put glitter on them to make them look pretty. There was even a milk toast before the show!

There were several MSS students with animals at the fair (shout-out to the Shriner family!). We were surprised by a stilt walker lady who would walk around on stilts wearing a sunflower costume during the day and juggle glow balls at night (check out her picture). Lastly, we got dessert at a root beer float stand that has been at the fair since 1944. They even had their original permit on display. My dad used to get root beer floats there with his dad, just like I did. The fair was really fun! Next year you should go!

The 50th Anniversary of Mother Seton's Canonization

By Bayley Grossnickle

On September 15, our school gathered to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Mother Seton's canonization. The lucky people who got to join us on this day were the students, teachers, staff, parents, and special guests.

Now, if you are wondering who Mother Seton is, I'm going to tell you a little bit about her. Mother Seton was born in New York on August 28, 1774. She had one sibling; her name was Catherine Seton, and she was two years younger than Mother Seton. Mother Seton married William Seton at age 19. She had five children: Anna Maria, William, Richard, Catherine, and Rebecca.

Mother Seton lived in New York until she was thirty-three, then moved to Baltimore, Maryland, in 1808 at the age of thirty-four. In 1809, she moved to Emmitsburg, Maryland, at the age of thirty-five. Mother Seton died on January 4, 1821.

Now you might be wondering what canonization really is—and if you're not, well, I will tell you anyway. Canonization is the official process in the Roman Catholic Church where a deceased person is declared by the Pope to be a saint, formally recognizing them as a holy figure.

Why is the 50th anniversary of Mother Seton's canonization so important? Well, Mother Seton's canonization process took 155 years after her death. Or maybe it's so important because she established our school. It is especially important to celebrate her because, without her, there wouldn't be our school.

Fall Cross By: Hadley Crone

Mother Seton By: Liv Dumbroski

Celebrating Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

By Maximilian Field

I went to the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg on September 13–15, 2025. I attended three particular Masses, all to celebrate St. Elizabeth's 50th anniversary of her canonization.

The first Mass I attended was the Vincentian Family Mass with sisters and daughters from all over the country on Saturday. The presider for this Mass was Fr. Tomaž, the Superior General of the Vincentian Family worldwide, who traveled from Rome. At this Mass, my brother, sister, and I were asked to be the altar servers.

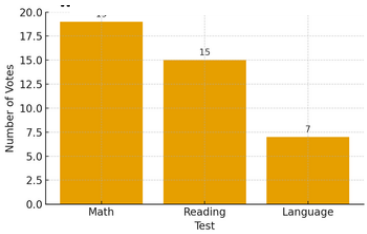
Sunday was the actual 50th anniversary. Archbishop Lori presided at Mass, and there were other bishops and several priests present. The church was packed—we barely got seats—and some people had to sit outside. After Mass, there were tables set up outside the stone house, and most of the tables were about different people who were in the process of becoming saints.

The final Mass was the MSS Mass and it was fun! My sister, Clark, and I served with Deacon Chris and Fr. Harry. It was a great few days celebrating St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, our school's foundress, and learning more about her.

Which MAP Test Is Hardest?

By Olivia Smith

MAP testing is a diagnostic tool used by some school districts to see student progress. I wanted to find out which test students think is the hardest, so I did an opinion poll by asking students what they thought. Look at the chart for the results:



A lot of people think math is hard. A good amount of people think reading is hard. According to students, language was the easiest because it got the least amount of votes.

According to students, math was the hardest because it got the most votes. Reading was in the middle. In my own opinion, language was the hardest, but the votes show that math is apparently the hardest.

Student Spotlight- Arthur Stumpf

By Aiden Moore

Q: What is your favorite school lunch?
A: Crinkle fries, because they have great seasoning.
Q: What is your favorite book series?
A: Percy Jackson, because there are lots of plot twists and action.
Q: What is your favorite subject in school?
A: Science, because I like learning about plants and their stomata.
Q: What do you like about school?
A: I enjoy the field trips because it's fun to get away from school for a day.
Q: What is your favorite holiday or tradition?
A: Thanksgiving, because the food is delicious and I like watching the football games.
Q: What is your favorite football team?
A: The Eagles, because my dad roots for them.
Q: Would you rather eat a pizza or eat 100 tomatoes for $100?
A: Pizza. I care less about the money.

Fantastic Football

By Arthur Stumpf

Do you like the NFL? If so, I'm here to tell you about some of the latest and most epic games.
The first game I want to talk about is the Chiefs vs. Eagles Super Bowl rematch, when the Eagles beat the Chiefs again! The final score was 20–17.

Next is the Rams vs. Eagles game. In that game, the Eagles started out losing, but they came back and blocked two field goals in the 4th quarter, making the final score Eagles 33 and Rams 26!

Now I want to talk about the Cowboys vs. Giants game. In that game, the Giants had the lead in the 4th quarter. Then the Cowboys came back with a touchdown—and then the Giants did the same! Finally, the Cowboys scored a field goal to tie it, and the Cowboys won 40–37.

Finally, there's the Ravens vs. Browns game. In that game, the Ravens blew out the Browns 40–17! Personally, my favorite team is the Philadelphia Eagles. What's your favorite team?

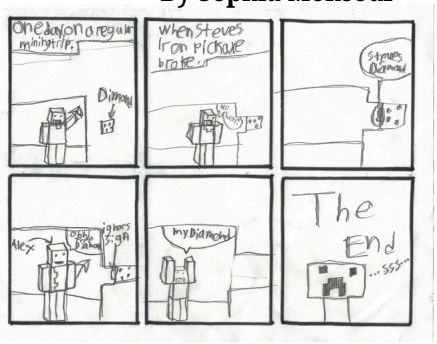
The War Horse: Book Review

By Sadie Soule

The book *The War Horse* is a very good book! The author's name is Michael Morpurgo and the main characters are Joey, Albert, Topthorn, and Albert's father. It is a rollercoaster of a book. It is happy, sad, full of anxiety, and adventure.I chose this book because I really enjoyed it! It is a chapter book and full of the concept of war. Because of this, I would recommend the book to 3rd graders and up.The book is about a horse named Joey and his owner, a kid named Albert. Albert's father is crazy and sends Joey to war for money. Will Joey ever see Albert again? You will have to read to find out!

COMICS

By Sophia Monsour



By Gabriel Lucas

Movie Review- K-Pop Demon Hunters

By Brooke Buser

The movie I reviewed was K-pop Demon Hunters. I really enjoyed watching it! The movie style is adventure, and it was directed by Maggie Kang, and Chris Appelhans. I chose to review it because it is very popular, I thought people would want to learn about it, and because I really like the music in it!

The main characters are Rumi, Zoey, and Mira, and they are all singers part of a group called Huntrix. It is also their job to keep demons away, so that they can't hurt anyone. But the demons decide to take a bigger step. A few demons turn themselves into humans, and form a band called the Saja Boys. Huntrix was super popular, until the Saja Boys came, and took all their fans. After that, things really escalate when you find out Rumi is part demon, and has to hide it!

The movie was great! The songs were very catchy, and it had lots of funny moments. It kept my interest very well. People who like music, and adventure movies, I think will enjoy this movie! I would give this movie 5/5 stars, I definitely recommend it!

Teacher Spotlight- All about Mr. C

By Amelia Nevius

Mr. C, the middle school religion teacher, has been teaching religion for 30 years but has only been at Mother Seton for 5 years. I also asked him a few other questions, like: What is your favorite animal? What place would you like to visit someday? Who is your favorite saint? Are you from Maryland? And did you go to Mother Seton as a kid?

He said his favorite animal is a black bear. He wants to visit Jerusalem someday. His favorite saint is Elizabeth Ann Seton. He said he isn't from Maryland; he is from Philadelphia, PA. He also said he did not go to Mother Seton as a kid, he went to a school in New Jersey. I asked him to tell me a fun fact about himself, and he said he was born with red hair.

Word Search

By Ava Fout

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GYSC Season Starts with a Blast

By Patrick Sheffer

This fall's soccer season began with the GYSC annual Battlefield Blast Tournament. Our soccer club hosts this tournament as the first event of the new season. It is big, with 12 age groups for both boys and girls, with over 100 teams entering to play. The tournament takes place on Saturday and Sunday, and is fun because you have a chance to win a trophy. In between the games we play video games, have picnics, get slushies at food trucks, and cool soccer gear from different stands.

The Gettysburg Youth Soccer Club 11U boys team has both fall and spring seasons. We have 12 kids on our team, and play with 9 players on a field. The 3 additional players sub in to give players a break. Kids on our team are in 4th and 5th grade. You have to try out for the team and if you don't make it, you can try again the next year.

One of the highlights from the season so far was a penalty kick. This past weekend's game was close, and we had a chance to win the game with a penalty kick. A penalty kick happens when a player fouls you, and as a result you get a shot on goal, just 1 on 1. This was our chance to tie the game, but our kicker's shot hit the top goal post and we just missed it. Another highlight for this upcoming season will be the Gettysburg Halloween parade. All of GYSC will be there, on a float, passing out candy and waving.

What makes the Team Special – Our team has played together for several seasons, and we have fun joking around and calling each other names. Our team is known as the GYSC Spirit, but we'd like to be known as the Pickles. The coach doesn't really like that name.

The position I play is midfield, and I like that because I get to play both defense and offense. A special memory I have from a game this season was an assist I made, where I kicked the ball towards goal, and my teammate got the ball and scored. The crowds went wild.

We hope not just to get the wins this year, but to end our season this spring by winning a trophy at our spring tournament, the Blue Gray Cup!

Softball

By Lyla Doll

Softball is such a fun game to play! Girls all over the world across the United States, Japan, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Italy, and more enjoy the sport. My own team is the Catoctin Cougars.

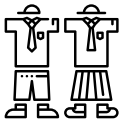
Many people play softball in the fall, but I play only in the spring because it's warm and sunny, which makes the game even more fun. Depending on the team you play for and how well you bat, you might even move to different positions. The main positions are: first base, second base, third base, shortstop, right field, left field, center field, and pitcher.

I have had lots of exciting games, but my favorite was the second game of the season. Our first game was freezing, so we were worried it might be really cold again. Instead, it turned out to be super hot and we had all overdressed!

One of my favorite memories is something my coach said during practice. We were learning how to get low to catch a rolling ball, and a teammate named Gracie crouched down extra low. My coach laughed and said, "Gracie, you're too low, you look like a frog!" The whole team, including Gracie, couldn't stop laughing.

I love softball so much because you get to make new friends. Before I wrap up, here are a couple of fun facts: Softball began in Chicago in 1887 as an indoor sport called "indoor baseball," and the name "softball" was first used in 1926. It's been fun sharing my softball story with you. See you next time on *The Daily Bayley*!

Dress Code Reminders



By Abigail Null

Hello readers! You may remember me from last year, but in case you don't my name is Abigail Null. And today I'm going to talk about something everybody loves, uniform reminders. Okay so you might not love it but it is very important to follow the dress code. I will give you some examples or help.

1. No smart watches are permitted (not allowed) so please don't bring them.
2. Your uniform must be from Lands End only.
3. Your shirts must be tucked in at all times even on the bus.
4. For girls in 6 grade and up your skirt must be 3 inches above your knees
5. If you have belt loops please wear a belt
6. Your socks must be 3-4 inches above your knee with no logo.
7. You can only wear black socks with black shoes
8. If it is your birthday, an out of uniform day, or pass, you may go out of uniform but it has to be appropriate. This means no short sleeves, crocks or sandals, or inappropriate clothing

Thank you for your attention to this matter! This year will be fun but please follow the dress code so you don't get in trouble but let's be real I get in trouble sometimes, we all do! If you need more information go to your local student hand book.

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