

THE DAILY BAYLEY

MOTHER SETON SCHOOL STUDENT NEWSPAPER

One Amazing Dedication

By Bayley Grossnickle

On December 3, 2025, at Mother Seton School, students, teachers, community members, and special guests TJ and Donna Demmon had a special visit from Archbishop Lori. This chapel honors St. Joseph and Christopher Demmon, an alum of 1988. The chapel's construction was funded by Christopher's parents, TJ and Donna Demmon. Community members donated the furniture and decor. The special features of the chapel include a 30-seat capacity and four special stained-glass windows, including Saint Francis of Assisi, our patron Mother Seton, Mother Mary, and St. Joseph. There is also a timber-framed bell tower built with the help of Dean Fitzgerald, Donna Demmon's brother. The cross atop the steeple was signed by every single student and staff member at MSS, plus the Demmons. Since Archbishop Lori led our Mass, I got to see his point of view on the chapel. I asked the Archbishop why it was so special that we were having this dedication. He told me, "Well, it is a beautiful new chapel, a new chapel dedicated to St. Joseph, and it is a place to pray in the heart of Mother Seton." Then I asked a question about us students: what are we going to get out of having a chapel? He said, "I hope the students will find it a place to grow in friendship with Jesus and in the peace and love Jesus wants to give us." Then I asked what it meant to be celebrating this Mass. He told me, "I am always happy to celebrate Mass at MSS, but I am especially happy to bless the chapel because it will be a place of prayer for students for generations to come."

A fun fact about Archbishop Lori is that his dog's name is Bayley, after Mother Seton's maiden name and the former Archbishop James Roosevelt Bayley. Having a chapel at MSS is going to make everyone feel just a little closer to Mother Seton and Our Lord Jesus Christ. I hope everyone enjoys the new chapel, and thank you, Archbishop Lori, for celebrating our Mass.



Epic 27-Round Spelling Bee Ends With Claire Yu on Top

By Elliott Brown

On the 8th of December, the school held the annual school Spelling Bee. During this verbal contest, the classroom spelling bee winners, Grayson McGraw, Sithara Wegodapola, Arthur Stumph, Olivia Smith, Francesca Kinnamont, Claire Yu, Emma Wheatley, Ava Fout, Ranye Nzekwesi, and Olivia Reckley sat in chairs on the stage. The chairs were placed in a single row. The first person in line went to the microphone to receive the word they had to spell from Ms. Nees. If they spelled the word correctly, Ms. Nees would tell them they spelled it correctly, followed by loud clapping. If they spelled it incorrectly, Ms. Nees told them the correct spelling and they left the stage at the end of the round. During the final rounds, words from the Merriam-Webster Dictionary were read instead because when the main word list was completed, the rules of the National Spelling Bee stated that the judges must switch to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary words. If a finalist misspelled a word the other finalist would have to spell two correct words in a row to win. If the second finalist spelled one of the words incorrectly, the contest would continue. The ending rounds of the spelling bee were intense, with word after word being spelled correctly. Suddenly, in round 27, Sitara Wegodapola misspelled "apocalypse." Claire Yu correctly spelled "eclipse" and "tournament", winning the school Spelling Bee after 27 rounds and one hour of spelling. The classroom spelling bee winners were given certificates on December 9th.

A Rare and Meaningful Mass at Mother Seton

By Maximilian Field

Wednesday, December 3, 2025 was a very special day for the entire Mother Seton School Community. On this day, Archbishop Lori came to say mass and bless the St. Joseph's Chapel. But I'm not here to talk about the chapel, I'm here to talk about the Mass. There were a lot of preparations that went into the Mass, for example Mr. Cosentino called all participants in the Mass 45 minutes before Mass. There were seven altar servers, four priests, two deacons, and one Archbishop. There were a lot of jobs, for example, I got to hold the Roman Missal/Bible. I had to wear white gloves! The book was heavier than I expected and my arms began to hurt after holding it.

When mass began it was packed. A special company live streamed mass for everyone at home to watch mass and the chapel dedication. During the mass the Archbishop talked about how much work it took to make the chapel happen and all of the donations, especially from the Daughters archives. The Daughters of Charity donated several interesting things. My favorite artifact that was donated was the tabernacle. The tabernacle is the gold box that sits behind the altar where Jesus remains present. It is really cool to have a tabernacle in our school. Now, Jesus is always present with us!

Although it seemed to be a normal Mass, having a chapel blessed is not normal, it is a rare experience. Some people never experience a chapel getting blessed. So I think the moment the chapel was blessed is a moment we will remember for the rest of our lives. Thank you to all who made this chapel possible.



Breakfast with Santa!

By Mara Bond

Hello everyone! Did you go to breakfast with Santa? If not, here is a recap of the exciting event! First was breakfast. They had everything from french toast sticks to donuts. Second, SANTA!!! Santa was on the stage having everyone tell him what they wanted for Christmas. And last but not least the vendors! These people came, sold stuff and had a very good time! Everyone had a great time and I hope YOU had a great time reading this article. Merry Christmas!

Easy Christmas Decor for Everyone

By Lyla Doll

So, it's almost Christmas and you have no idea how to decorate for Christmas. Well here are 3 fun tips on how to decorate. Of course, not all people have the same preference and opinion so feel free to do the idea your way. The first idea is having 2 packs of tinsel, one for the tree and one you can hang somewhere in your house like on the upper trim of your house or around the railing of your stairs if you have them. Idea number 2 is to make snowflakes to hang. It's a fun family activity that you can do to bond. It's also an easy 5 minute craft to do. The last idea, idea number 3 is you can always just bake cookies, it may not be a decoration for a long time but it's easy, cheap and delicious. See more next time on The Daily Bailey daily news.

Preparing For The Christmas Concert!

By Brooke Buser

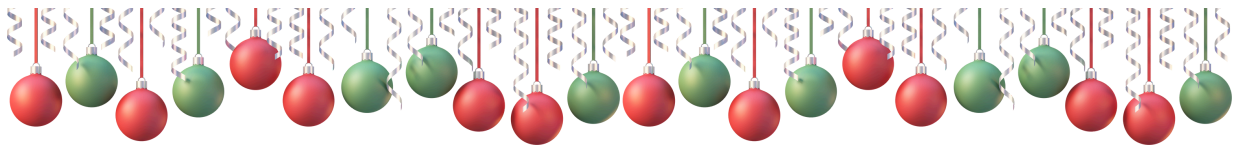


For weeks and weeks, the chorus and band have been preparing for the school Christmas Concert! They have so many fun songs to perform!

The band has been practicing Christmas carols since the beginning of the year, and they are so excited to perform! The songs are coming together very well, and everyone is happy with how they turned out. I interviewed band student Claire Yu, and asked her how she thinks the songs are sounding so far. She answered "They're sounding pretty good, everyone is playing together in harmony, and everyone is hitting the notes very well." I also asked her what her favorite song is that we are performing, and she said "My favorite song that we are going to perform is Santa's Toy March."

The chorus also has many songs planned to perform for the school! They will perform in the morning with the band, and at night, also with the band. I am not in the chorus, so I am very excited to see how the songs will turn out!

The performance is on the 15th of December. You should see it! The entire school will watch during the school day, and then family members and friends can come see you at night. Enjoy the concert!



Christmas and Winter: Celebrating the Season

By Morgan Fogle

From the snow, presents, and hot chocolate to the Christmas tree, Christmas is all about giving. Here are some of the favorite things people love about Christmas and winter.

Winter is a season that transforms the world into a sparkling wonderland. The crisp air, frosty mornings, and snow-covered landscapes create a beautiful atmosphere that feels both peaceful and exciting. For many people, winter is not just about the cold—it's about the warmth of traditions, celebrations, and the anticipation of Christmas.

★ Christmas Celebrations

Decorations: Homes, towns, and schools sparkle with lights, wreaths, and ornaments. Christmas trees become the centerpiece of holiday cheer.

Traditions: Families gather to exchange gifts, sing carols, and share festive meals. Each tradition, whether big or small, strengthens bonds and creates lasting memories.

Spirit of Giving: Christmas is not only about receiving gifts but also about kindness, generosity, and helping those in need.

Next, I'm going to list the top five most popular and favorite Christmas songs.

At number one is Mariah Carey's "All I Want for Christmas Is You," with 1.4+ billion Spotify streams and 780+ million YouTube views.

#2 is "Last Christmas" by Wham!, with 1.1+ billion Spotify streams and 800+ million YouTube views.

#3 is "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" by Brenda Lee, with 900+ million Spotify streams and 300+ million YouTube views.

#4 is "Jingle Bell Rock" by Bobby Helms, with 800+ million Spotify streams and 200+ million YouTube views.

#5 is "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas" by Michael Bublé, with 700+ million Spotify streams and 100+ million YouTube views.

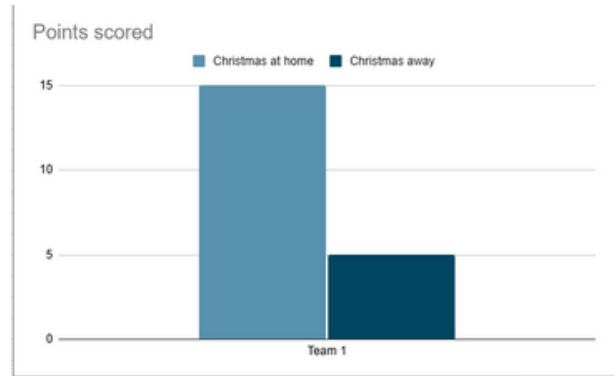
Some other favorites that aren't on the most popular list are "White Christmas," "Underneath the Tree," "Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!," "Santa Baby," and "A Holly Jolly Christmas."

★ Why Winter and Christmas Matter to Students

For students, winter break offers time to relax, reflect, and recharge. Christmas celebrations bring joy to classrooms through parties, creative projects, etc. The season teaches lessons of gratitude, community, and hope. Values that extend far beyond December

Christmas Traditions: Home or Away?

By Hadley Crone



I counted 20 people to see who stayed at home for Christmas and who traveled for Christmas. I thought that more people would travel for Christmas, but I was wrong. Christmas at home won by ten votes. My family starts at home in the morning then we go to our aunt and uncle's house where they are hosting. Then after we leave we go to my grandparent's house. What does your Christmas look like and where do you go? Merry Christmas!

Festive Riddles and Jokes



1. What kind of cereal does Frosty eat?
2. What did the Christmas tree wear to keep warm?
3. How do you scare a snowman?

By Elliott Brown

4. How did the snow globe feel at Christmas?
5. What did one Christmas ornament say to the other?
6. What do you call a reindeer with bad manners?
7. What do snowmen eat for breakfast?
8. What's Santa's favorite snack?

By Ava Fout

Acts of Kindness

By Abigail Null

Hello readers! Today I'm going to talk about a kind act someone did, now see it wasn't recent but I still want to share it. A lot of you know Mrs. Dorsey, well my dad knows her husband so I know her well. We've always been good friends. So this is the kindness she showed me. When I was about to leave elementary school and go into middle school, I asked her if she could sign my year book. After she wrote in it I looked at what she had wrote and it said, " have a great summer sweet girl." And it shows us that being kind to each other can really make a difference in somebody's day. She made me smile. And watching her win the Vincentian virtue award really made me happy, she's very deserving. Thank you Mrs. Dorsey you're the best.

Your Perfect Pet Part 2

By Sadie Soule

Welcome back to your perfect pet! This time we are looking at the pros and cons of dogs and cats. ! Let's get started!

Dogs: Dogs are great pets! I have two of my own. There are dogs for every personality. Whether you are someone who is lonely and needs a companion, somebody who needs an exercise partner, if you're someone who just likes to snuggle and play, or if you want to enter competitions with your dog, dogs can fit any lifestyle! If you worry a lot or get emotional sometimes, a dog can sense that and calm you. The cons are that they are expensive and sometimes need a lot of attention. Their vet bills can be very expensive. They also need food, toys and a bed or crate. They also need a good environment where they can be active or you will need to take them on plenty of walks to burn energy and get exercise. I would recommend an Australian Cattle Dog if you have a farm or farm animals or want a velcro dog, or a labrador retriever if you want an active dog who loves their family and will be perfect for competitions.

Cats: Cats are great pets. I also have two cats of my own. Cats are very entertaining, and fun to play and snuggle with! They are even more entertaining when they are kittens! Cats will snuggle with you for hours and if you have rodent problems, they will hunt and get rid of them. There are a few cons of having a cat as a pet. Cats scratch and sometimes bite. They also need to sharpen their claws and are usually happy to do it on your furniture! They like to knock things off of high places. They are also expensive like dogs. They need food, water, bowls, a litter box and litter, toys and a bed. You don't need to have a backyard for them because they don't really need to go outside. Although they can be trouble makers, they are funny and make good pets. Hope this helped you and your family!

Christmas Song Classics



By Piper Seiss

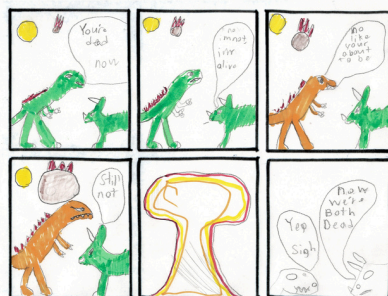
Hi my name is Piper Seiss and here are some of my favorite christmas songs. One of my favorites is Run Run Rudolph by Lynyrd Skynyrd because it makes me excited for Christmas. Another one of my favorites is Rockin Around the Christmas Tree by Brenda Lee because it makes me think of being at my grandmas for Christmas. One more of my favorites is Jingle Bell rock by Bobby Helms because I think it sounds like Christmas morning. Those were just a couple of my favorites and I hope you like them to.

Fun Facts



By Aiden Moore

- Tomato ketchup was used as medicine** – Early tomato ketchup was marketed as a cure for indigestion in the 1800s.
- A snail can sleep for three years** – Some snails can enter long dormant states (hibernation) for extended periods.
- Alaska had a cat mayor named Stubbs** – Stubbs was the honorary mayor of Talkeetna, Alaska, from 1997 to 2017.
- Australia has a bright pink lake** – Lakes like Lake Hillier in Australia are naturally bright pink.
- Tea bags were an accidental invention** – Tea bags became popular after merchants accidentally sent tea in small bags.
- Your heart beats more than 100,000 times a day** – At rest, the heart beats roughly 86,000–144,000 times in 24 hours.
- A shrimp's heart is in its head** – A shrimp's heart is located in the thorax, which is part of its "head" region.
- The national animal of Scotland is a unicorn** – Scotland's official national animal is the unicorn, a symbol of purity and power.
- People don't sneeze in their sleep** – Sneezing reflexes are suppressed during deep sleep.



By Patrick Sheffer



By Sophia Monsour



By Francesca Kinnamont

Festive Riddles and Jokes Answers

1. Frosted Flakes
2. A fir coat
3. With a hair dryer
4. A little shaken.
5. Let's hang out.
6. Rude-olph
7. Frosted flakes.
8. Ho-ho-ho-memade cookies.

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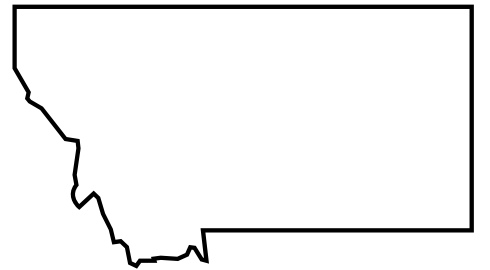
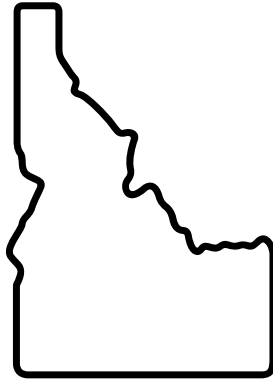
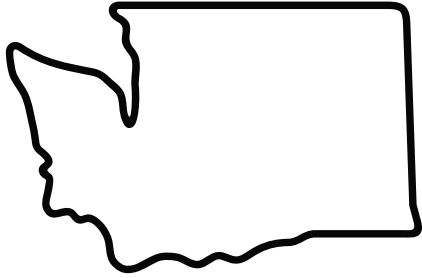
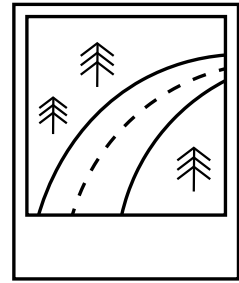
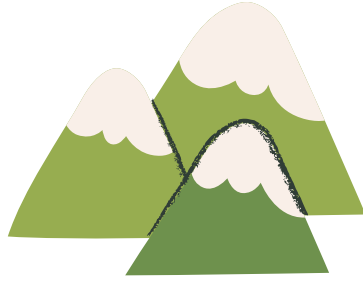
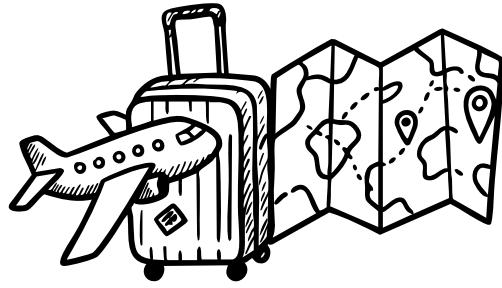
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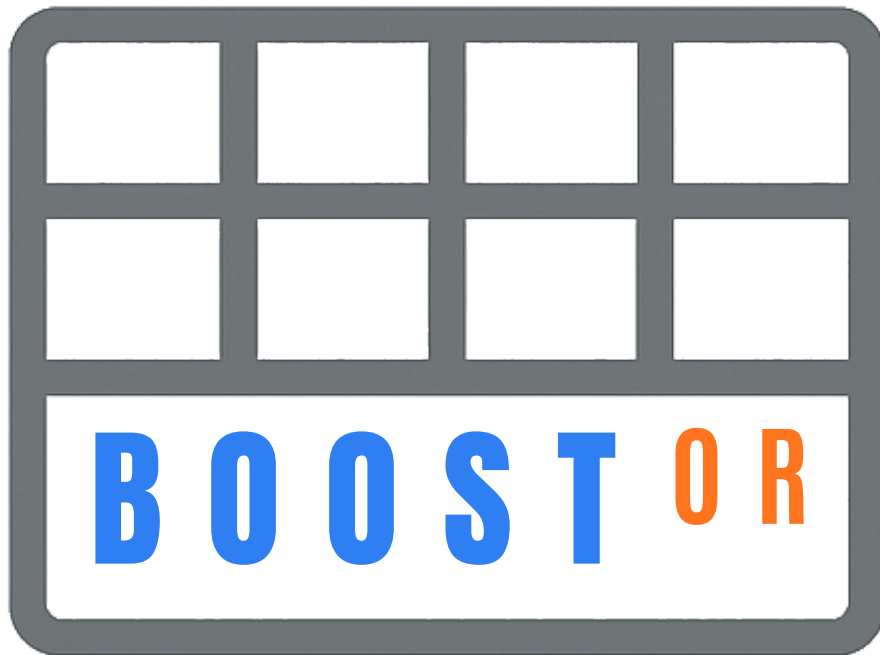
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