

THE DAILY BAYLEY

MOTHER SETON SCHOOL STUDENT NEWSPAPER

The Almost Nine- Day Weekend

By Elliott Brown

Day 1

Tuesday, January 20th.

Today on Tuesday, January 20th, middle school social studies teacher Mr. Brown informed each of his classes of a massive snowstorm due to roll in on Sunday, January 25th. This news caused students to FLIP OUT (believe me, it was chaotic in that room) since it would likely result in no school Monday &/or Tuesday, or even for the whole WEEK. Expect 14-18 inches (1-1½ ft) of snow on Sunday with a high of 15 degrees and a low of 3 degrees.

Day 2

Wednesday, January 21st

New information about the snowstorm has arisen: Snow numbers have soared to 24-30 inches (2-2½ ft), guaranteeing no school next Monday. Students and teachers alike are worried Catholic Schools Week will get (partially) snowed out.

Day 3

Thursday, January 22nd

The blizzard on Sunday may be more catastrophic than we thought. Expect 22-27 in. of snow in Thurmont, and up to 30 in. in some areas. Power outages may occur. I would buy flashlights and some gummy worms* if I were you. The threat of black ice exists too. Black ice is ice that is the same color as the road, which (as you might expect) causes a LOT of car crashes. Officials advise to stay out of the streets on Sunday. Tuesday will have a low of 0 degrees Fahrenheit (-17.7 degrees Celsius), so play in the snow on Monday (or not at all, if you wish.) Another 2-3 inches (¼-½ ft) of snow is expected on Monday, so be alert for that, too.

*You never know when you might want a gummy worm.

Day 4

Friday, January 23rd

In the D.C area, expect 6-10+ (emphasis on the "+") inches. In Fredrick, expect 10-14+ (again, emphasis on the "+") inches. Kids are stocking up on snacks for the power outage, like chips, popcorn, and cookies. Bread, fruits, and drinks have been stocked up, too.



Photo from <https://cityoffrederickmd.gov/>

Day 5

Sunday, January 25th

It's the day of the snowstorm, and the torrent of frozen rain isn't letting up. It started at 11:00 p.m last night and it won't stop until 4:00 a.m tonight! School tomorrow has already been cancelled. Kids are excited for a fun day out.

Day 6

Monday, January 26th

I woke up this morning to a white field of snow! The snow numbers rose to a staggering 12 in(1 ft)! Some kids dug up snow gear (mine consisted of 1 pair of snow pants, 2 jackets, 1 pair of boots, socks, gloves, and a hat. The snow is powder snow, too soft for snowballs (unfortunately), but great to sled on.

Day 7

Tuesday, January 27th

The temperature is RIDICULOUS today. Windchills are -2 degrees Fahrenheit. There was no school today and there won't be school on Wednesday either.

Day 8

Wednesday, January 28th

It's warmer than it was yesterday, but that's about it. There is no school tomorrow.

Day 9

Thursday, January 29th

Infuriatingly, tomorrow is a full day instead of a half day in exchange for a 2-hour delay. We almost got a full 9-day weekend... Dang!

Tis The Season For Figure Skating



By Brooke Buser

It's wintertime, and one of my favorite things to do is go ice skating! Claire Yu could say the same, but she does it all year round! Today I interviewed Claire Yu about her figure skating!

Claire started skating when she was 3, almost 4, and she has done it ever since. I asked her where she usually skates, and she said "I usually skate at Skate Frederick, and Cabin John." Claire skates 6 to 7 days a week, usually for at least an hour. I asked her what her favorite move is, and she replied "If I had to choose, I like split jumps." Currently, she is working on a double axel, which is another type of jump. Finally, I asked her why she likes to figure skate so much, and she said "I think it's a really cool sport, it's fun to do jumps and spin, and do fun tricks and stuff." Awesome fun facts, keep up the good work, Claire!

Miracle on Ice

By Morgan Fogle



In 1980, something amazing happened in the small town of Lake Placid, New York. It became one of the most famous moments in sports history, and people still talk about it today. This event is known as the "Miracle on Ice." At the Winter Olympics that year, the United States men's hockey team was made up mostly of young college players. They were not expected to win many games, especially against the Soviet Union. The Soviet team was powerful, experienced, and had won many championships. Most people believed the Soviets would easily win again. But the U.S. team didn't give up. They practiced hard, worked together, and believed in themselves. Their coach, Herb Brooks, encouraged them with the famous words: "Great moments are born from great opportunity."

When the two teams finally faced each other, the game was intense. The Soviets scored early, but the Americans kept fighting. They skated fast, blocked shots, and played with incredible heart. Slowly, the U.S. team caught up. Then, in the final period, they scored the goal that put them ahead. The crowd went wild. People cheered, waved flags, and couldn't believe what they were seeing. When the final buzzer sounded, the United States had won 4-3. It was a huge upset and a moment of pure excitement.

The Miracle on Ice wasn't just about hockey. It showed that teamwork, determination, and belief can help people achieve things that seem impossible. Even today, the story inspires athletes and fans all around the world.

7th Grade Math

By Ava Fout

So for some people, math can come easy. Others, not so much. And the rest, kind of in the middle. Right now, I'm taking Algebra. I'm in 7th grade, and at the beginning of your 7th grade school year, you will be sorted into one of two math classes. The first one is Pre-Algebra. The second one is regular 7th grade math. I was placed in Pre-Algebra, and my class just moved to Algebra. Then I found out that when we moved to Algebra, the other class moved to Pre-Algebra. My friend Reese Moore, in the other math class, said, "Our class has been in the Pre-Algebra unit since December!!" This goes to show that both classes move to the next unit together! I asked Finley Brodsky, who's in my math class, and he said, "What we just took a test on was hard!!" Again, as I said in the beginning, math comes easily for some people, and not for others. One tip I have is STUDY, STUDY, STUDY!!! If you think, "Well, I think I have it all down, and I'm gonna get EVERYTHING right!", you should probably study anyway. I hope this can help you.

This or That with Señora Fatima

By Mara Bond

Chocolate or Vanilla? Pepsi or Coke? Let's see what middle school Spanish teacher Senora Fatima prefers! "Would you rather eat in or eat out?" Can you guess what she said? If you said eat out you are correct. "For a snack would you prefer chocolate or chips?" Senora said "chips".

Did you know that Senora Fatima's favorita color is purpura (her favorite color is purple). She prefers coffee instead of tea and staying up late instead of waking up early. Senora would rather eat pizza than spaghetti and she likes to go to the beach more than the pool. One more interesting thing about Senora is that she likes sweet instead of salty. Since she said chips I thought that she would go with salty instead of sweet but everyone has their own preference.

Thank you for reading this article and I hope you learned a few Spanish words today.

Groundhog Day



By Patrick Sheffer

This winter has been a cold one. It's had many of us rooting for Punxsutawney Phil to predict an early spring, more so than we normally would. So that got me thinking, why do we celebrate Groundhog Day? So I read up on it on the Punxsutawney Club website. We have been celebrating this furry little creature since 1886. Groundhog Day is actually a Christian tradition brought to the United States by German immigrants. February 2nd is the halfway point between the winter solstice and the spring equinox. Christians celebrated a tradition called Candlemas, where they took candles to church to be blessed for blessings at their homes for the last six weeks of winter. They also developed a poem around the season: If Candlemas be fair and bright, Come, Winter, have another flight; If Candlemas brings clouds and rain, Go Winter, and come not again. After the Candlemas, the Germans selected the hedgehog to be the predictor of winter's future. But when the German settlers arrived in Punxsutawney Pennsylvania, there were no hedgehogs, so they chose the groundhog to be the new predictor. Unfortunately for us Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow and we have six more sad cold weeks of winter.

Not Even a Snowstorm Could Stop Our Celebration

By Bayley Grossnickle



On January 26–30, we planned to have our annual Catholic Schools Week, but due to a snowstorm, we were off from Monday–Thursday, canceling the scheduled events. But, February 3–6, we celebrated the events that we could. Due to the snowstorm, we had to cancel our annual Catholic Schools Week Mass. On Monday, we planned to visit local businesses but rescheduled to Thursday the 5th. So on Tuesday, we kicked off Catholic Schools Week by celebrating our students by letting us dress down and have our annual Prayer Partner Bingo, where students play bingo hosted by Mrs. Smith to win prizes such as crayons, chalk, toys, games, slime, keychains, and stuffed animals. Students had a great student appreciation day, and it was a great way to kick off the week.



On Wednesday, Mother Seton hosted Family Day. Students were assigned no homework to spend time with their families instead, and gifts were sent home to your parents to thank them for sending their children to MSS. I hope all families enjoyed that extra time together. Sadly, our original Thursday event planned for the sisters and priests to come eat pizza with the students was canceled, but instead, students from our school were selected to go around to local businesses to thank them for their support of our school.

And to end our amazing Catholic Schools Week, we had Teacher and Staff Appreciation Day. Staff and teachers were provided with lunch from Chick-Fil-A. On the announcements, we were told who this year's Teacher of the Year was. Congrats to Mrs. Kuykendall. Now, with this amazing Catholic Schools Week, you would have never guessed these events were rescheduled and canceled because our school celebrated with the same amount of energy as past years. I hope teachers, staff, students, and parents enjoyed this year's Catholic Schools Week.

How to Take Care of a Dragon

By Gabe Lucas



If you are thinking or planning of getting a bearded dragon you should read this first. In a previous article, I wrote about my own bearded dragon, Clay (The Daily Bayley, Issue 5, April 2025). The first thing you need to know about a pet bearded dragon is what type of enclosure and what to put in the cage. You need a big cage so the bearded dragon has lots of space to run around, even a baby will eventually need a lot of space. You need an area that is cooler and an area that is hotter. The hotter area has the basking area with a heat lamp for the dragon to warm up and the cooler side is for it to chill.

A UVB light is essential for it to digest food. Put in the cage a cave, a tree, a rock near the heat lamp, and include some plants and hammocks. You can choose sand or something flat with traction, but nothing they will get their claws stuck in, this base is called substrate.

Bearded dragons require different kinds of food. Baby bearded dragons eat more insects than veggies. They eat small crickets, meal worms, dubia cockroaches, and more! Adult bearded dragons eat leafy greens, bell pepper, carrots, insects, and fruit for a treat—not too much fruit. Bearded dragons sometimes need vitamins and calcium sprinkled on their food to live healthier and longer. Sometimes you need to mix it in or the dragon won't eat it. Soak your dragon from time to time especially when they are shedding. Never pull off their scales while shedding!

Make sure you take them out and let them roam so they can exercise. Most bearded dragons are very social and they like being around others—just not other beardies. Don't keep two beardies in the same cage! Be careful when they are with other large pets, like dogs or cats. You never know how they will behave. My cat Pancake is very nice with Clay, but not all cats are nice with beardies.

I think having a bearded dragon as a pet is very nice for someone, they are great listeners when you are feeling down, they love to hang out. Clay likes to hang when I'm just reading a book or playing video games. Sometimes they even help with homework! I highly suggest getting a bearded dragon as a pet! If you do not want a bearded dragon, this article is also helpful with other types of lizards.

Aliens Under the Sea



By Mara Bond

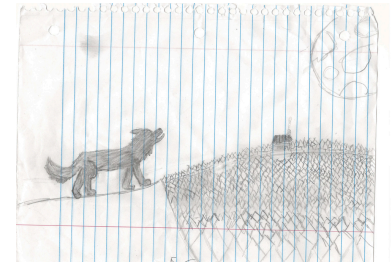
Apparently there is a conspiracy about aliens living under the sea, way deep down in the abyssopelagic zone. The abyssopelagic zone is one of the deepest zones of the ocean, but not the last one. Below it is the hadal zone, which includes the ocean trenches. A trench is a big dip in the ocean floor where “sea aliens” are rumored to be as we speak. As you might know, the oceans are very big and very deep. Researchers have only explored a small part of the deep ocean, and it is very hard to get to the trenches. Why? Because the oceans are pressurized, so the farther you go, the more pressure you feel. Only special submarines and robots can go that deep, and very few missions have been able to do so.

There are so many shows and videos you can watch to help you learn more! There are also rumors about UFOs flying around. People say these flying “spaceships” are stranger than the strangest thing they've ever seen before. Well, I'm glad that you now know about this rumor and a little about the ocean. Thanks for reading!

Snow Day Activities

Piper Seiss

Here are some of my favorite snow day activities. One of my favorites is sledding. Sometimes me and my brother have a race down the hill. Another one of my favorites is snowball fights. I also like building a snow fort and hiding snow balls in it. One more thing I like to do is sleep in. I have cows. Some people ask how they stay warm so here are some ways that they do. They normally stay huddled up outside because if they were in the barn they would sweat and the sweat freezes making it colder in the barn. We also put straw out so they can lay in it. Straw is very warm. If it gets super cold, we bring the cattle into the barn. And the baby calves go in the barn. Cattle also do not have blankets like horses do they have a thick winter coat and body heat. I hope you enjoyed learning about cows.



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By Sophia Monsour

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PRAYER CORNER

By Lyla Doll

Dear Lord,

Thank you for looking over me and keeping me safe in many instances and giving me power to stay strong in my faith with you. I am solemnly sorry if I have sinned today and I ask that you forgive me for said sins. I love you Lord and I ask that you help those who haven't found you yet and that you help them find you soon. I pray that you help me with any upcoming homework and/or tests that I get a good grade. Amen.

Acts of Kindness

By Abigail Null

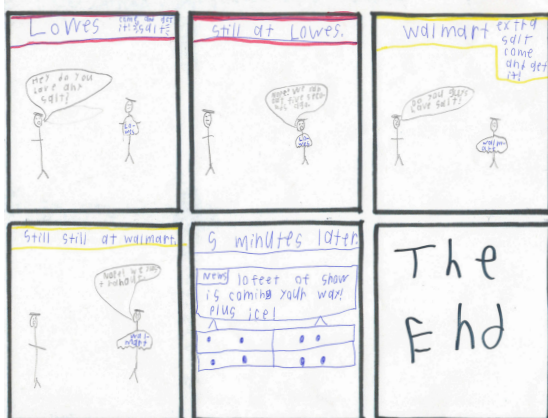
On January 23, I went to an event called blessings of the backpacks at Oriole Park at Camden Yards. We packed lunches for kids who needed food after school. They told us that 3,400 kids in Frederick County alone today don't have food from Friday night through Monday morning when they come back to school and even more especially in big cities. We packed soup cups, fruit cups, beef jerky, goldfish and cereal. There were so many people, everybody was happy to help. We also got to meet some of the Orioles. At the end of each line we put a kindness card in each bag. If you can, I encourage you to please help out around your community. Thank you.

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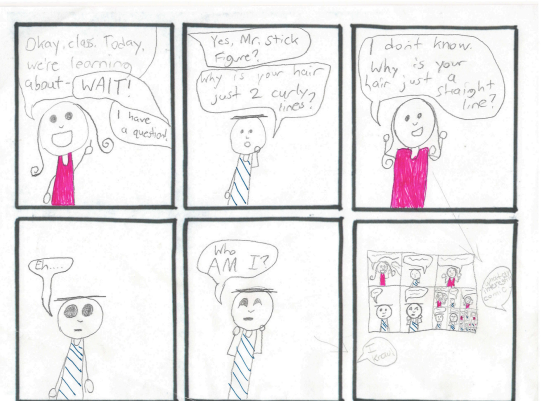
By Arthur Stumpf



Starting off the 2026 Winter Olympics, there are early events and qualifying rounds starting February 4, including Curling, Alpine skiing training, and Women's hockey. The opening ceremonies are being held February 6. Daily competition and medal events until February 21, including many types of skiing and bobsled. Closing ceremonies are held February 22, which includes Men's hockey gold medal game and bobsled. After that, the closing ceremonies are held. There are 16 different winter olympic sports. Ice hockey, figure skating, speed skating, short track speed skating, Curling, Alpine skiing, snowboarding, freestyle skiing, cross country skiing, ski jumping, biathlon, Nordic combined, bobsled, skeleton, luge, and ski mountaineering. Which one's your favorite?



By Maximilian Field



By Francesca Kinnamont

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