

THE DAILY BAYLEY

MOTHER SETON SCHOOL STUDENT NEWSPAPER

Interview with Mr. Fanning: Behind the Scenes with Mother Seton's New Principal

By Elliott Brown



On Wednesday, April 29th, Mother Seton School's next principal, Mr. Fanning, walked the halls of our school for the first time. Touring the classrooms with President-to-be Dr. Kilty, he met students, tried our wonderful lunches, and, er, was gifted two bagfuls of MSS merch. Mr. Fanning is a talented teacher with decades of experience and is excited to help lead our school.

Mr. Fanning went to Good Counsel High School, then attended the University of Maryland. After receiving his MBA from the University of Notre Dame, he taught in public schools for 27 years. During this time, he taught journalism, a unique subject that most people don't know much about. After twenty-seven years, he thought about the Catholic schools where he received his education. He missed Catholic schools and, after a job hunt, found an open position for Mother Seton School principal.

Mr. Fanning likes teaching because he greatly enjoys working with kids. He worked as a coach for a while before having kids of his own. He is also excited about "getting to know everyone." He believes his most important role as principal is to get to know students, help them learn, and give them the best education they can get at MSS. He also wishes to get to know all of the school's students and staff personally. Fun fact about Mr. Fanning: his favorite football team is the Washington Commanders!

The experienced journalism/social studies/English teacher (a man of many subjects) will begin his first year of service in 2026–2027. It will be the first school year with a principal, vice principal, and president. For now, we bid him adieu, but come August, we will welcome him into the Mother Seton School community.

Annual Trout Release Field Trip

By Ava Fout

On Wednesday, April 29th, the 7th grade class went on the annual trout release field trip at the Roddy Road Covered Bridge. Throughout the entire school year, we all took really good care of the fish, and we were all looking forward to release day! On this field trip, we were divided into three groups: one doing a scavenger hunt, another trying to find living creatures in the water, and the last one releasing fish.

During the scavenger hunt, we walked around the park looking for various objects in nature, and once we found them, we checked them off. While searching for living creatures in the water, we were each given a screen, which we dunked under the water and moved around to see if we could pick up anything. Honestly, I think most of us just caught leaves. Finally, for releasing the trout, we each took a plastic cup and, one at a time, dunked it into the bucket where the fish were. The number of fish you caught in your cup was the number you released. I caught five!

I asked some of my classmates if they had fun on the field trip and why. Vivienne Weiant said, "It was fun because we got to swim." Tami Azeez said she enjoyed being active as a class. "It was fun because we got to be outside and play in the creek," she said. Finley Brodsky said, "I liked it because I got to hang out with my friends and have fun in the water." I had been looking forward to this trip for years, and I hope it's just as fun when the younger classes get to do it!

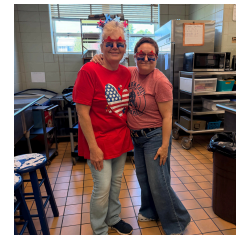


Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week Fun

By Bayley Grossnickle

The 4th–8th of May was Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week. This week was full of fun for the teachers and staff behind the scenes as they played games, celebrated, and enjoyed time together. Thank you to all our teachers and staff! This week, you may have noticed teachers and staff dressing in unusual outfits, such as mismatched shoes and crazy hairstyles. That's because the teachers and staff participated in an underground spirit week! Want to know what all the outfits were? Let's find out.

On Monday, the theme was Monochromatic Day. Teachers and staff wore one color based on their unit. Primary wore purple, Intermediate wore blue, Middle School wore green, Enrichment and the Learning Center wore red, and Staff wore yellow. Tuesday was "Anything But a Cup" Day. Teachers and staff enjoyed their morning coffee or water in anything except a cup, such as a shampoo bottle, measuring cup, or syrup bottle. Wednesday was Wacky Wednesday. Teachers and staff wore mismatched shoes, crazy hairstyles, mixed patterns, and other silly outfits. Thursday was Patriotic Day. Teachers and staff wore red, white, and blue to represent our country. Finally, Friday was Favorite Holiday Day, when teachers and staff dressed up to represent their favorite holiday. Teachers are like heroes. They help us in ways that will guide us throughout life. Our staff always puts smiles on our faces! Thank you to all the teachers and staff for everything you do for us.



Tree Planting Ceremony

By Francesca Kinnamont



Earth Day just passed, but it is NEVER too late to give back to our Earth. On April 29th, Mother Seton School's student council planted two trees on the Primary Playground. With the help of Deacon Cosentino, the Daughters of Charity Facilities team, Mrs. Patterson, Clear Ridge Nursery, and Mrs. Tayler, these small saplings will soon grow into BIG trees! Grabbing shovels and trudging outside into the misty April weather, the student council began the tree-planting ceremony! When we came outside, the two trees were almost completely planted — except they weren't exactly finished. We passed around shovels, and each of us scooped in a pile of dirt. (It was especially heavy for me since I'm so short!) When we were finished, Mr. Cosentino sprinkled some holy water into the dirt. Then we went over to the other tree, and Mr. Cosentino let some members of the student council sprinkle the rest of the water. It was already almost completely planted, so we didn't need the shovels. When we were finished, Mrs. Tayler said, "Many years from now, kids will have shade from this tree because of your generosity." It just goes to show that a little kindness goes a long way! Thank you to all of our helpers! We could not have done this without you.

6th Graders Take An Unforgettable Field Trip To Baltimore

By Brooke Buser



On Tuesday April 28th, both 6th grade classes took a field trip to the Maryland Science Center and a cathedral in Baltimore. That morning, the classes boarded the bus and were on their way to Baltimore! They got to the cathedral at about 10:30am. For the tour, we split into two groups and we learned about the history of the cathedral, and about its rooms. The whole place was beautifully decorated with stained glass windows, and we got to tour

most of the church. It was an amazing morning!

In the afternoon, we visited the Maryland Science Center. The entire place was awesome! A few of the fun exhibits included a chair where you can pull yourself up a rope, a slanted room that makes you look either tiny or huge, a reaction game where you had to slap buttons when they lit up, many optical illusions, and a balancing game. We had so much fun that nobody wanted to leave!

When asked what her favorite part about the field trip was, Ava Cecchini-McMahon said that she liked hanging out with friends at the science museum and learning new things. She also mentioned that she learned more about Christianity at the cathedral. After being asked if she would visit the places again, she said "Absolutely, it was so fun"

If you're interested in science, or love going to church, maybe check out these places! Just ask the 6th graders, as they all loved it.

Student Interview: Brooke Buser

By Lyla Doll

Brooke Buser is a 6th grader at Mother Seton School. She started at MSS in 2nd grade after moving all the way from Florida. "This is my 5th year," said Brooke. Brooke's favorite class is Science. "I like science because we get to do so much fun stuff, and I think all the information is so cool." In my opinion, I agree, and I think the people who are not yet in Ms. K's class should be excited to be there someday — but enough about me. When asked how MSS has helped her learn, Brooke responded, "All the teachers are so nice, and they make learning so fun." Many students enjoy all the activities we get to do, but Brooke's favorite is the carnival. "Because you get to hang out with all your friends and ride fun rides."

Extracurricular activities are a big part of school life, and Brooke is involved in both band and newspaper club. She is currently writing an article about the 6th grade field trip that you can read after this article. "I like band because we all get to learn an instrument and then perform for the school and our families. I also like newspaper club because it's fun to write articles, and they get published in the school newspaper."

Most people who have been at a school for a while have a favorite memory, and Brooke's favorite memory is making her first friends. "I am still friends with some of them now, and that is why it is so special to me." I'm sure a lot of people need studying techniques, so I asked Brooke how she studies. "Sometimes I make myself a quiz and keep taking it until I memorize the information," she said. When asked what her favorite cafeteria food was, Brooke responded with "PIZZA" in all caps, comical genius.

