

# THE DAILY BAYLEY

## MOTHER SETON SCHOOL STUDENT NEWSPAPER

### Walking for a Cause

By Morgan Fogle

Walk a Thon is a fun day when you can walk with your friends and eat at Roy Rogers after. The goal of Walk a Thon is to have fun with your friends while raising money for a great cause!

Each year, our school comes together for the Walk-a-Thon to raise money for important causes. This year's Walk-a-Thon will take place on Friday, May 1, 2026. All proceeds will go to support Mrs. Hannah Glazier and her baby daughter, Della, who has been in the NICU at Johns Hopkins since birth. The money we raise will help with expenses like transportation, parking, meals, and other needs not covered by insurance. In case you get tired during the walk, there are several rest stations and benches. Make sure you watch out for the stamp stations. Some stamp stations have people that tell jokes, riddles, or even questions. Make sure you go to Roy Rogers after to support MSS. Here are some friendly reminders of what you can't do: run, go in the Seton Center, or be disrespectful. Overall, just have fun with your friends and enjoy the fun day for an amazing cause!



### Artemis II By Elliott Brown



On April 1st, 2026, the rocket Artemis II launched into outer space, bound for the Moon for the first time in fifty-four years. Four astronauts rode the ship into the black void into the sky at 17,000 mph. Launching in Florida, the mission circled the planet Earth and passed the outside of the Moon before landing in the ocean. One of the astronauts could have not passed her test without our very own Mrs. Szukalski, who helped the only female astronaut on board pass her swim test back in the day. Mrs. Szukalski works here at MSS in our Advancement Office as our Admissions Director. How cool is that? People all over the world anticipated the launch. It was covered live on many news channels. The flight was initially delayed, actually, because of a gas problem, so people were ridiculously hyped. During the launch, first the rocket's jets fired. Then all but one of the engines fell off. After, another portion of the rocket came off. Not much later, only two sections of the rocket remained. Those two parts eventually detached and the command module soared home on its own.

### Earth Day: Doing Our Part to Protect the Planet



By Brooke Buser

Earth Day is such an important holiday that falls on the 22nd of April every year. But not enough people celebrate it, or even know much about it! Everyone should do their part to save the Earth, not just on this special day, but every day. The first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970, when people began a protest about stopping pollution and other environmental issues. Today, Earth Day is celebrated in almost every country! This is wonderful, because everyone should be able to learn how to make a positive impact on the world, no matter how small that impact is. Our Earth is home to millions of plants and animals, and we need to protect it.

Right now, you might be thinking, "I want to help the Earth, but I don't know how!" Here are a few easy suggestions to celebrate Earth Day with your family. If you love being outdoors, why not plant some flowers or a tree? Or if gardening isn't your thing, take a nature walk and pick up trash along the way! One of the simplest things to do (you can do this every day too!) is to make sure you turn off the lights when you leave the room. Also, turn off the water while you are brushing your teeth! These may not seem like things that will change anything, but if everybody does it, it can make a huge impact. One way I celebrate Earth Day is to recycle as much as I can. If you finish a box of cereal, put it in the recycling bin, not the trash can. Then it can be reused.

What is your way of celebrating Earth Day? Try to do your part every day to save our only home!

# How It's Made: Potato Chips



By Lyla Doll

Have you ever wondered how your favorite food was made? Have you ever wondered how your favorite toy or school supply was made? Today we are going to tackle that question one item at a time. Today's item is potato chips. Apparently, the popular belief that potato chips are just washed, cut, and fried couldn't be more true, but there is way more to it. Farmers grow special "chipping" potatoes that have a longer shape that is easier to cut, have more starch, and less sugar. Potatoes high in starch and low in sugar have a fluffy inside that turns light brown when fried. These potatoes are sold to chip companies through these farms. These potatoes are stored in temperature-controlled environments; if not, the starch and sugar will ruin the potato. They can be stored like this for four months. In the factory, machines rub off the skin and slice the potato into pieces. Then the chips are slid into 190°C (375°F) vegetable oil. The water in the potato gets replaced with oil, making the chip crispy. Then the chips are flavored and put in bags after being inspected by an inspector. Then the chips are shipped off to warehouses whenever companies want a bag of chips. That's how potato chips are made. What food should I explain how it's made next? (info from ontariopotatos.ca)

# The Fastest Game on Two Feet

By Bailey Grossnickle



Do you play lacrosse? If not in this article you will know the basics of girls and boys lacrosse. Let's begin at the 12th century. A tribe known as the Iroquois began playing a form of lacrosse; they played the game not for fun but as a spiritual practice, training for war and a way to resolve disputes. Now let's speed ahead like about 800 YEARS !!!! Boys lacrosse is a face-paced, high contact game that requires significant protective gear. Girls lacrosse is a game of finesse, speed and precision played under different rules that emphasize skills over physical contact.

Boys equipment includes a helmet, shoulder elbow arm pads, padded gloves, mouthguards and sticks. Boys' sticks are longer and have a deeper pocket, while girls sticks have a much shallower pocket, so the ball can pop out easier and requires more control. Now let's learn the fundamentals:

### Scooping:

Scooping is used to pick up a loose ball and is one of the most important skills in a game. In girls lacrosse the technique must be more precise because of the shallow pocket.

### Passing and Catching:

In boys lacrosse passing is about power and precision, and catching uses a cushion like catching an egg. In girls lacrosse passing and catching are more challenging because the shallow pocket gives less control, so timing and angles must be precise.

### Starting Play:

Boys use a face-off to start play, while girls use a draw.

# Memorial Day

By Arthur Stumpf



Memorial Day, also known as Decoration Day, comes from the tradition of decorating graves with flags, flowers, and other decorative items. This holiday is celebrated to remember those who died fighting for the USA. New York was the first state to accept Memorial Day as a legal holiday in 1873. By 1900, many more states had accepted Memorial Day as a holiday. A main reason we started celebrating it was the American Civil War, when thousands of Union soldiers and Confederates died. By World War I, it had become a national holiday throughout the entire country. Even over 100 years later, we still celebrate it today.

# A Man's Best Friend

By Maximilian Field



They call them man's best friend, which is certainly true in my case. My dog's name is Buddy! You might be wondering what does Buddy look like? Well Buddy looks adorable, adorable, adorable, and adorable! Buddy is an apricot colored miniature poodle that weighs about 12 pounds. If you own a dog you know that at first

they are scared of you but give them some time and they will warm up to you. That's basically how Buddy is, because you need to let him warm up to you.

Buddy can be playful, sometimes he will even do tricks if you have the right treat. He does tricks like jump, lay down, stand on his back paws, and spin. My older sister is the one who takes care of Buddy and then make him sit and look at me for about five seconds and then tell him to go get it. By the way, Buddy's favorite treat is mint flavored dental sticks which are basically little sticks that he chews on. It takes him about ten seconds to get through one stick. My older sister is the one who takes care of Buddy and all his needs. But apparently I'm the one who has to take him on walks, which is fun but can get annoying after a while. Still, I love my fluffy little dog.



### Cradling:

Cradling keeps the ball in the pocket like swinging a bucket of water. In boys lacrosse it protects from checks, while in girls lacrosse constant movement is needed because of the shallow pocket.

### Shooting:

In boys lacrosse shooting is about rotational power and can reach 80-90 mph. In girls lacrosse it focuses more on precision and placement.

### Checking:

In boys lacrosse checking uses the stick or body to make an opponent lose the ball. In girls lacrosse it is stick-to-stick only and strictly regulated to avoid contact.

# Funny, But True! By Brooke Buser

Did you know that a strawberry isn't a berry, but a banana is? I didn't believe it when I heard it! Do you? Here are a couple more funny but true facts! A chicken named Mike lived for 18 months without a head! How funny is that? Have you ever wondered how powerful your sneezes actually are? A sneeze can travel to speeds up to 100 MILES PER HOUR! That's faster than you drive on the highway! Another funny fact is that in Ancient Rome, people used a lot of unusual ingredients as toothpaste! Some people even used strange things like powdered mouse brains! Imagine putting that into your mouth?! Have you ever visited Wyoming? There used to be only 2 escalators in the entire state! Another funny fact about the state is that it has more cows than people! There must be a lot of cows... Have you ever worn jeans and thought "I wonder what that tiny pocket is for"? They were actually designed to hold pocket watches. Now you know! Do you have any funny but true facts? Share them with a friend to make them smile!

## Teacher Interview: Mrs. Reaver By Mara Bond

Did you know that Mrs. Reaver's birthday is on February 2, 1986? You probably didn't know that—but do you know who her favorite football player is or what her favorite food is? Well, I'm here to fill you in on the latest Mrs. Reaver answers!! First, her favorite food is sushi, and her favorite football player is Zay Flowers. Her favorite team is the Baltimore Ravens. She loves the song Fantasy by Mariah Carey, and her favorite sports are cheerleading and gymnastics. One thing she loves about MSS is “being part of the community.” She also loves seeing everyone's smiles on Field Day. As a P.E. teacher, she enjoys “keeping students active while they're having fun.” It's true that you do learn something every day! Anyway, the next time you have P.E. class, talk to Mrs. Reaver about her favorite things. Happy reading!

## Your Guide to Running 10 Miles

By Abigail Null 

Have you ever ran a ten mile run before? If you have, great. If you haven't, that's okay. So if you want to run a ten mile run, I'll walk you through the steps.

1. Get into proper running clothes like running shorts and a top.
2. Get a water bottle; it's very important that you have water.
3. Wear appropriate shoes like sneakers or running shoes.
4. Always stretch before you run. This is very important because you do not want to hurt yourself.
5. Make sure you are wearing a smartwatch or bring a phone to track how long you have been running.
6. And finally, well, just have fun.

If you decide to run, I hope you have as much fun as me and my friends do. Have fun.

## Eachdraidh àlainn na h-Alba: Robert the Bruce aka Braveheart

By Sadie Soule

Although William Wallace is often referred to as “Braveheart,” did you know the name actually refers to Robert the Bruce? Robert the Bruce was born July 11, 1274, and died June 7, 1329. He was the King of Scotland and freed Scotland from English rule, winning the decisive Battle of Bannockburn (1314) and ultimately confirming Scottish independence in the Treaty of Northampton (1328).

He married Isabella of Mar around 1295, who died soon after giving birth to their daughter, Marjorie Bruce, in 1296. He later married Elizabeth de Burgh in 1302 at Writtle, Essex. He had five children: with Isabella, Marjorie, and with Elizabeth, David II, John (who died in infancy), Margaret, and Matilda.

Robert was crowned king on March 25, 1306, but was defeated at the Battle of Methven and fled the country. He hid in a cave in Ireland where legend says he watched a spider repeatedly try to spin its web. Every time it failed, it tried again. On the spider's seventh try, it succeeded and inspired Robert to return to Scotland and fight, winning Scotland its independence. This is said to be the origin of the saying, “If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.”

Robert the Bruce died at Cardross Manor on June 7, 1329. Before he died, he asked Sir James Douglas to carry his heart on a crusade in Spain. During battle, Douglas threw the silver casket holding Robert's heart into the fight, saying, “Pass first in fight, as thou wert wont to do, and Douglas will follow thee or die!” This is how Robert the Bruce became “Braveheart.”

## Punch the Monkey By Aiden Moore



Photo by Jiji PRESS / AFP via Getty Images

Have you ever heard of Punch the monkey? If you have, you know it's sad. It's a story of rejection, vulnerability, and companionship. Punch the monkey, a terribly cute monkey who is only 7 months old.

Born in Japan's Ichikawa City Zoo, he was rejected by his mother shortly after birth. Punch, now sad he has been rejected, the zookeepers gave Punch a stuffed monkey, and he never ever wanted to let go of it since. This cute stuffed monkey would help Punch with emotional stabilization. Punch would act like this thing was his mother, and because his real mother threw him around like a toy, he really loved it.

Videos have gone viral on TikTok, YouTube, and social media of people saying kind things about Punch like, “We love you, Punch,” and “You got this, Punch.” This sad and yet happy story drew over hundreds of people around to see the adorable Punch. Most recently, Punch got a new monkey friend and is leaving his stuffie behind. His new friend is helping him to be more adventurous and even protecting him from the rain. He is finally playing with other monkeys and will come to the stuffie every once in a while. Zookeepers are saying Punch is showing signs of resilience. Zookeepers hope Punch will one day forget about the stuffed animal and go explore the world around him.

Some zookeepers are also saying they think it was a bad idea to give Punch the stuffed toy because for a while he will not make friends or play with toys. That was true, but now Punch has a strong relationship with his new friend and is now part of a trend. Now Punch is strong and emotionally stable and is ready to face anything and now is a famous monkey. But just because he is famous doesn't mean he can walk a red carpet. We love you, Punch.

## My Local Hero By Bayley Grossnickle

Do you have someone in your family who is a local hero like mine? If your family member is a doctor, nurse, fireman, police officer, military member, teacher, or whatever a hero is to you, then this article is a shoutout to them.

My father, Nicholas Grossnickle, became a fireman on October 24, 2019. “I wanted to do something that made a difference,” he said. He became a firefighter through the academy, which is like school or college and teaches you everything you need to know about being a firefighter.

Being a firefighter is like always being ready, even if you don't know the situation, but always helping out. I would like to thank all the local heroes.

# Beat the Heat with a Delicious Smoothie

By Francesca Kinnamont

It's springtime again, ladies and gentlemen! It's been a toasty one this year, and you know what that means. Highs of 90 degrees or greater have been predicted -along with some VERY sweaty students- and it's not even SUMMER! But I'm not your local meteorologist, am I? Despite the smoky, sticky, steamy, spring situation, what else does it mean? THAT'S right! It means popsicles, ice cream, and those sweet, sweet smoothies. To have more fun in the sun (and a funner way to stay nice and hydrated), I have some smoothie recipes you're sure to be pleased with.

(And please note, these are just the ways I make them. You can add or delete ingredients or ways of doing things if you've done this before. But if you're new to the smoothie-making business, I recommend starting with these.)

First up, the all-time CLASSIC favorite...

## Strawberry-Banana!

### INGREDIENTS:

- Milk or apple juice
- Frozen strawberries
- Frozen banana

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Make sure the smoothie maker is plugged in.
2. Add a cup of apple juice. You can add half a cup if you want.
3. Add 5 strawberries. You can add 3 if you want less. Then add the banana.
4. Put the lid on the top and hold it down with one hand.
5. Turn on the machine for 10-15 seconds, or you can eyeball it and see when you think it is done.
6. Pour into a cup and enjoy!

Looking for something more savory? Try **Peanut Butter-Banana!**

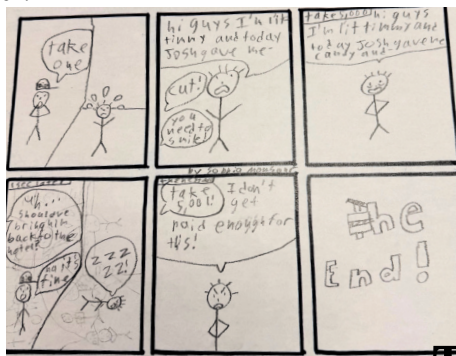
## INGREDIENTS:

- Milk
- Frozen banana
- A tablespoon of peanut butter or powdered peanut butter

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Make sure the smoothie maker is plugged in.
2. Add a cup of milk.
3. Add 1 whole frozen banana. Add the peanut butter.
4. Put the lid on the top and hold it down with one hand.
5. Turn on the machine for 10-15 seconds. If you like it chunky, you can do less. For nice and thin, a bit more.
6. Pour into a cup and enjoy!

Whether you're looking for an original, something more tropical, a salty twist, or a unique blend, smoothies are a great way to beat the heat and chill! Thin, thick, savory, fruity- this is your creation! Don't be afraid to try something new, and- who knows- it may become your new favorite! Now, go make these smoothies. You'll thank me later!



# The 24 Challenge



By Patrick Sheffer

24 is a math card game that everyone likes at Mother Seton. Each year there is a tournament. To play in the tournament, you have to be in 4th through 8th grade, although the 3rd grade gets to watch because they'll have a chance to do it the following year when they're in 4th grade. The winner of the tournament gets a certificate and bragging rights.

To play, you have to duel an opponent. You have a deck of cards with 4 numbers on them. The numbers must be added, subtracted, multiplied, or divided to get to the final number of 24. Each card has a different difficulty. 1 dot is easy, 2 dots is medium, and 3 dots is hard. In each classroom, there was a mini tournament, and the winners went on to the school championship.

The championship round was held in the gym with 10 participants, and it lasted about a half an hour. Ethan Haines beat all the other participants, including me, to win the final match against Kellen Boyd. And that's the 24 challenge—hope to see you all at next year's challenge!

# The Ultimate Chip Showdown

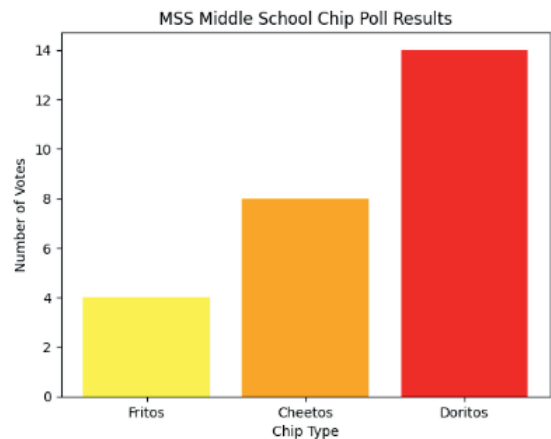
By Olivia Smith

So in class one time, I was hungry, and I started thinking about chips. That's when this idea sprinted across my mind: a poll on which kind of chip is liked best. So I asked the some of our MSS middle school students what their favorite was.

## THE ULTIMATE TRIO: Doritos vs. Cheetos vs. Fritos.

According to my calculations, 4 people picked Fritos, 8 people chose Cheetos, 2 people picked all of them, 3 people picked none of them, and 6 people picked another kind of chip.

And for the big winner...drum roll please....Doritos won, with a whopping 14 people voting for Team Doritos! Personally, I like Fritos for their savory flavor, Cheetos for their variety of flavors, and Doritos for their boldness. They are all really good chips.



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