

THE DAILY BAYLEY

MOTHER SETON SCHOOL STUDENT NEWSPAPER

Chorus and Band Perform Beautifully For MSS

By Brooke Buser



On Monday, May 11th, the chorus and band performed for the entire school after preparing for weeks. The chorus sang lovely songs about America, and the band performed many different songs, including one by the Beatles. The chorus performance was wonderful and caught everyone's attention. One of the songs they sang was the Fifty Nifty United States song. If you haven't heard it, you sing the names of all 50 states and shout out your personal favorite! This song was my favorite out of all the other songs. They also sang beautiful songs about America, with pictures in the background. It was a great performance!

The band performance was equally as good as the chorus! Some of the songs they played were Starsplitter Fanfare, Going Rogue, and I Want To Hold Your Hand. Starsplitter Fanfare was a great song, and it was upbeat and everyone enjoyed playing it. Going Rogue was more of an adventurous feel, with some notes sounding like they didn't match (they actually did!). And finally, I Want To Hold Your Hand was a great end piece, and all the adults recognized the Beatles song.

Claire Yu, a 6th grader, was performing in the concert band. When asked about the concert, she said she enjoyed it. "We played some really fun songs together, and we sounded great," said Claire. She said her favorite song the band played was Starsplitter Fanfare and God Bless America from the chorus. The concert was truly amazing this year! I can't wait to start preparing for next year!

May Crowning Ceremony By Piper Seiss

On Tuesday, May 12, 2026, was the May Crowning (I was so excited). The Mass started with each grade placing flowers by a statue of Mary. Second grade went last because Carson Woodward and Delilah Ward crowned Mary. Carson said, "I was nervous" when I asked him how he felt. Delilah said, "I was a little bit nervous but proud that I did it." Lucy Connole, a second grader, said, "There were so many flowers." The main celebrant was Father O'Connell; he was the priest who gave the homily (the story). But don't worry, Father Harry was still there; he just concelebrated the Mass, which means he wasn't the main priest (the one that talks). Mr. C or Deacon Cosentino helped Father O'Connell. Father O'Connell is a vice rector at Mount St. Mary's. The May Crowning began in Italy in the 17th and 18th centuries and is still going on today. The first people to celebrate the May Crowning were the Jesuits in the 17th century. You might be wondering why it is in May? It is in May because May is associated with new life, and Mary is the mother of Jesus (new life). Putting flowers around Mary and crowning her is a tradition celebrated by many people. Lastly, the May Crowning is typically held around Mother's Day, but there is no set date for the crowning. I really liked the flowers. Did you go to the crowning at school or somewhere else? What was your favorite part?



MSS Carnival Highlights: Food, Games, and Thrilling Rides By Arthur Stumpf



On May 27–May 30, was the MSS school carnival! There were many fun rides, games, music, and yummy food. Some of the food included a nice refreshing lemonade or a cold soda. You could also try some funnel cake, and you can't forget about the cotton candy! Some of the games included basketball and bean bag toss, which are skill-based games. Other games like Pick-a-Ducky, where you pick a rubber duck and the bottom of the duck tells you if you get a small, medium, or large prize, are random chance games. I prefer skill-based games. What do you like better? One of the MSS carnival rides was the Drop Tower. The Drop Tower is a tall tower that takes you up around 80 feet and drops you, catching you right before you hit the ground! Another ride is the Dragon roller coaster. The Dragon roller coaster is about 20 feet long, goes over many hills and bumps, and, of course, is shaped like a dragon. There is also the Round Up. The Round Up is where you get on a big circular platform and lean against the wall behind you. Then, the circle starts spinning so fast that you are pushed against the wall and can barely move! Don't eat a big meal before going on this ride. I told you about the food, rides, and games, but what I like most about it is just having a good time!

Buckets of Fun! By Bayley Grossnickle



- Have you ever done a summer bucket list? Summer is almost here! Now you may be thinking this summer bucket list is just for students, but it's actually for families, friends, students, teachers, and oh, pets too.
- ☀️ You could go swimming at your own pool and a public pool. Swimming is sooooo... FUN, and if your parents prefer, they can go in the hot tub while you're in the pool! Or you and your family could all be swimming and having a blast.
 - ☀️ Go camping, roast marshmallows, take hikes, and make memories with your family, friends, and pets. I have to stop forgetting you guys!
 - ☀️ Go to the park, ride down slides, play on the seesaw with your sibling while you're screaming "let me down," and then they just end up standing up anyways, or push your younger or older sibling on the swing. I know, but it can happen!
 - ☀️ Go to the beach, play in the sand, swim in the ocean, or go on vacation to water parks and amusement parks, screaming "AHHHH..." because you're riding the highest roller coaster ever or winning enough to get that Nintendo you want from Adventure Park.
 - ☀️ Have a game night with your family, playing Clue, Uno, Scrabble, Monopoly, and Twister, the game where your flexible family is screaming "I'm gonna win, I'm gonna win," and then you end up winning.
 - ☀️ Read a good book, color a picture, watch a movie with your family, or do a puzzle.
 - ☀️ Make a sweet treat with your family or play outside.

Whatever you end up doing, I hope you enjoy your summer because soon enough you'll be going back to meet the teachers at night or getting ready to go back to work. So enjoy every little bit of summer—even the little things: family game night with that one competitive sibling, baking with your family even though it doesn't taste that great and laughing about it later, playing outside, or even just watching a movie with your family after you spent an hour deciding what movie to watch. Have a great summer, everybody!

A Year to Remember

By Aiden Moore

This year was the greatest year. It's really hard to explain, so I'll tell you every detail. First, we had the first day of school. I was really excited for school, and I had a great year all thanks to Mr. Pace. Next, we had specials, and thank you to all the special teachers. We had a



Christmas program, which the band and chorus did great in, and thank you to Ms. Carney and Mr. Smolinski.

I joined a club called Newspaper Club, and the only reason you're reading this is because of the one and only great Ms. Trainor. And now we have Student Council that helps with finances and supplies for the school, and thank you to Mrs. Tayler. We also had the Have a Heart Challenge, and that great challenge is all thanks to Ms. Reaver. Then we have the school nurse, who is very great at helping everyone, so thank you to Nurse Marybeth. We have all the teachers who educate all our students, so this school year was awesome because of all the people who educate the students. And thank you for making this year awesome for me and others.

My Newspaper Club Experience

By Ava Fout



Hi readers! As you may know, I've been in the Newspaper Club since the beginning of sixth grade. Since then, it's been such a fun experience. Don't worry, we'll get into all of the fun things later, but I just wanted to take a little time just talking about how it came to be. Now, Newspaper Club normally consists of 5th and 6th graders, not 7th graders like me, but Ms. Trainor made a bit of an exception for me because I was the only returning 7th grader. The person who created this club, if you haven't already figured it out, is Ms. Trainor. Ms. Trainor announced at the beginning of the last school year (2024–2025) that she was creating a Newspaper Club open to 5th and 6th graders. Keep in mind, I was in 6th grade then. Last year, the club consisted of many 5th graders and two 6th graders. I thought that joining would be a fun opportunity to spruce up my writing skills! And believe me, it did. Newspaper Club now consists of SO MANY 5th graders, also a lot of 6th graders, and one 7th grader, me. The name of the newspaper is The Daily Bayley. And ironically, there's a Bayley in the Newspaper Club, Bayley Grossnickle. Some of the fun things we do in Newspaper Club are, when we do attendance, we sometimes do funny things such as naming our favorite animal, our favorite food, etc. I know this is a really long article, but it's informational. If you're at all thinking about joining, PLEASE DO!! It's so much fun, and some of the people I didn't even know when I joined, but now I know them so well! So wrapping this lengthy article up, I've had so much fun in the Newspaper Club, and I'm excited to see how the next years play out. Thank you.

Student Spotlight

By Hadley Crone

Addalyn Grossnickle's favorite part of MSS is the carnival and Field Day. On Field Day, she likes when the fire truck comes and sprays everyone. She thinks the theme of Field Day is a good idea. When she goes to the carnival, her favorite ride is the swings. Addalyn said, "I like the funnel cake the best." I hope you are looking forward to Field Day and the carnival!

Fun Facts You Might Not Know

By Lyla Doll

There are many fun facts in the world, some of them not so fun, so here are some fun facts. There are many wonders of the world, but did you know that one of the most wondrous of them all is the Great Wall of China? Also, did you know that a group of flamingos is called a "flamboyance"? While on the topic of flamingos, did you know that baby flamingos are white but turn pink because of the pigments (carotenoids) in their diet? In my opinion, flamingos are pretty cool birds, don't you think?

Even though flamingos are animals and don't live in the sea, let's move closer into the ocean and do a deep dive on crocodiles. See what I did there, "deep dive"? Anyway, did you know that a crocodile can't stick its tongue out? While on the topic of crocodiles, did you know that they are the largest reptile in the world?

That's enough fun facts for one day, especially because these facts are useless unless you're getting quizzes on flamingos and crocodiles. What's your favorite fun fact that you learned today?

The Path She Walked: Interview with Sister Claire, D.C.

By Mara Bond

Most recently, I got the chance to interview a sister of the Daughters of Charity. Her name is Claire, and she is 88 years old. Since she is 88, she is a retired sister, but she is still living her life with grace and kindness. I asked a series of questions to learn more about Sister Claire, and you'll be surprised by her answers.

I asked her when she felt she wanted to be a sister. She replied, "I thought about it when I was in 7th or 8th grade, but thought about it more when I was a junior in high school." Which led me to ask, what was it like to be a sister? She said, "I was a teacher, principal, and I worked with Vincentian groups and taught about saints." Speaking about saints, her favorite saints are Louise de Marillac, Vincent de Paul, and Elizabeth Seton. In fact, her favorite quote is from Mother Seton: "Faith awake whispers mercy into the future as sure as the past."

During our time, we discussed fun facts like Sister Claire's favorite color is green, and her favorite flower is a daisy. Another fun fact about her is that she likes to tease people she knows, which she probably has mastered since she grew up with three brothers and a sister.

Summer Bucket List A–Z in and Around Frederick County

By Morgan Fogle



School is almost out, and summer is the perfect time to explore Frederick County with family and friends! From hiking trails to ice cream shops, here's an A–Z bucket list filled with fun local adventures.

A — Adventure Park USA

Ride roller coasters, race go-karts, and play laser tag.

B — Baker Park

Bring a soccer ball, ride bikes, or have a picnic by the creek.

C — Cunningham Falls State Park

Hike to Maryland's largest waterfall and cool off at the lake.

D — Downtown Frederick

Walk along Carroll Creek and enjoy summer festivals and local shops.

E — Eat Ice Cream at South Mountain Creamery

Treat yourself to homemade ice cream after a hot summer day.

F — Frederick Keys Baseball Game

Cheer for the hometown team and enjoy classic ballpark snacks (one of my personal favorites).

G — Gambrill State Park

Take a hike and enjoy beautiful mountain views.

H — Have a Hot Dog at Beef 'n Buns 'n Paradise

This local favorite is known for tasty summer treats and frozen custard.

I — Ice Skating at Skate Frederick

Cool off indoors with friends on a hot summer afternoon.

J — Jump Around at Sky Zone Trampoline Park

Bounce, flip, and play trampoline dodgeball.

K — KidsPlay Children's Museum

Explore hands-on exhibits and creative activities downtown.

L — Lazy River Day at Greenbrier State Park

Relax by the water and enjoy a peaceful summer afternoon.

M — Monocacy National Battlefield

Walk the trails and learn about local history.

N — North Market Pop Shop

Try old-fashioned sodas and sweet treats downtown.

O — Outdoor Movie Night

Bring blankets and popcorn for a movie under the stars.

P — Pizza Night at Pistarro's

Enjoy delicious pizza with family after a busy day of fun.

Q — Quiet Time at the Library

Join a summer reading challenge and discover your new favorite book.

R — Ride the Walkersville Southern Railroad

Take a vintage train ride through the countryside.

S — Swimming at Cunningham Falls Lake

Cool off at the beach and splash around with your friends.

T — Tubing on the Potomac River

Float down the river and enjoy the sun.

U — Utica District Park

Play baseball, soccer, or frisbee with family and friends.

V — Visit Catoctin Wildlife Preserve

See zebras, monkeys, and other amazing animals.

W — Walk Along Carroll Creek

Enjoy fountains, flowers, and beautiful public art.

X — eXplore a New Hiking Trail

Try a trail you've never visited before and see what you discover.

Y — Yogurt Treat at Sweet Frog

Cool down with frozen yogurt and your favorite toppings.

Z — Ziplining Adventure

Fly through the trees and enjoy an exciting outdoor adventure.

Some other ideas are setting up a lemonade stand, eating at someplace you haven't been before, and, lastly, hanging out with your friends!

Overall, just have a wonderful summer! Enjoy your vacations, some of these ideas, or even just your time off.

MSS Has Got Talent By Elliott Brown

Every year, Mother Seton School students showcase their talents in the annual Talent Show. The most recent one was on May 22, 2026, and it was a whopper. There was singing and dancing, magic, piano playing, and more. Students auditioned in the gym the Wednesday before, and two days later, they hit the stage. One act featured Lyla Doll singing "Lover Girl" by Lafuey. She was terrified and reportedly had stage fright, but she still performed very well. "I think I could've done better," she said, "but I still think I did pretty good. There's room for improvement, so why not improve?" Wise words, Lyla. Wise words. Other acts included "The Duck Song," sung and acted by Maria and Francesca Kinnamont and Brooklyn Golden, as well as "Just Dance" performed by Zada Thompson.



By Gabe Lucas

Berry Scones By Maximilian Field



Makes 8 Scones. Total time: 50 minutes. Plus 45 minutes of cooling time.

Prepare ingredients- 1 cup of frozen mixed berries, 1 tablespoon of powdered sugar, 1 half cups of all purpose flour plus extra for counter, 6 tablespoons of unsalted butter, cut into half inch pieces and chilled, 2 tablespoons of sugar, 1 half teaspoons of baking powder, Half a teaspoon of salt, Half a cup of whole milk, 1 large egg yolk

Gather Baking Equipment- Rimmed baking sheet, Parchment paper, bowls, Rubber spatula, Food processor, Whisk, Ruler. Bench scraper, Oven mitts, Cooling rack

Start Baking- Step 1. Adjust oven rack to upper middle position and heat oven to 425 degrees. Line rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper.

Step 2. In a medium bowl, combine berries and confectionary sugar. Use rubber spatula to stir and to coat berries in confectionary sugar. Place the bowl in the freezer until needed.

Step 3. Place flour, chilled butter, sugar, baking powder, and salt in the food processor. Lock the lid in place. Hold down the pulse button for 1 second, then release. Repeat until butter forms pea size pieces, six to eight 1 second pulses.

Step 4. Remove lid and carefully remove processor blade (ask adult for help). Transfer flour mixture to a large bowl. Use a rubber spatula to stir in frozen berries until they are well coated.

Step 5. In a second medium bowl, whisk milk and egg yolk until well combined. Add milk mixture to flour mixture and use rubber spatula to stir until just combined into shaggy dough. Do not overmix.

Step 6. Sprinkle a clean counter lightly with extra flour and coat your hands with flour. Transfer dough to the floured counter and shape dough into 8 scones. Use a bench scraper or spatula to transfer scones to a parchment lined baking sheet.

Step 7. Place the baking sheet in the oven. Bake until scones are golden brown on top, about 14 minutes.

Step 8. Use oven mitts to remove the baking sheet from the oven (ask an adult for help). Place baking sheet on cooling rack and let scones cool on baking sheet for 15 minutes.

Step 9. Transfer scones directly to the cooling rack. Let cool for 30 minutes before serving. Enjoy!

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The Egg Drop By Francesca Kinnamont

The Egg Drop — it's so exciting! Well, for most of us...but the 8th graders? Probably not so much. I interviewed my older siblings to get some tips!

First, I asked if they enjoyed the egg drop. They both said they did! Second, I asked if they failed or succeeded. Both succeeded! Lastly, I asked them for one more piece of advice. Anthony said, "Build something with enough cushion so the egg doesn't break." Gianna said, "Make sure you pad your egg very well. If you think it's padded enough, it's not!"

Well, there you have it, the best egg drop advice you can get from MSS alumni! Good luck to the eighth graders and to more egg drops in future years! Sadly, this is the last article I'm doing this year. Have a great summer! See you in August!

Field Day By Patrick Sheffer



Next Friday, on June 5th, Mother Seton will have Field Day. If you're new to the school, you might be wondering what Field Day is. It is a half-day of school filled with outdoor activities, competitions, and games to celebrate the end of the school year.

Some games include water activities, some include ropes, and some even include the fire department! My favorite things are the obstacle course, Rita's Italian Ice, and tug of war. We also get special T-shirts each year, and parents volunteer to help with all the activities. Definitely bring a towel!

St. Thomas By Abigail Null

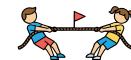
St. Thomas has a bunch of cool things to do. It has a bunch of pools. The one near my hotel was sort of boring, but the one farthest from my hotel had a slide and a hot tub. They have great food and drinks. They also have a bunch of restaurants, all with seafood.

They do get hurricanes, and last year when my whole family and my friend Amelia went, we got caught in one. We stayed there for about 3-4 more days. It's also tropical, so it's always nice there. Finally, it has a boat called The Lady Lindsey. We go on it every year and we get to see sea turtles and other animals, except sharks. All in all, it's a great place to go!

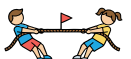
Kids Need More Recess By Sadie Soule

The American Academy of Pediatrics just released new guidance for recess, something that hasn't been done in 13 years. Recess is one of the best parts of the school day. It is a time when kids can run, play, and take a break from sitting in class. Recess is not just fun it also helps kids learn better. When kids move their bodies, their brains work better. Exercise helps improve focus, memory, and attention. This means students are often more ready to learn after recess. Experts recommend that kids get at least 60 minutes of physical activity each day, and recess helps with that. However, recess times are getting shorter in schools across the country. Many schools give only 20 to 30 minutes, and some schools only have recess for 10 minutes. Recess helps kids feel happier and less stressed. It is a time to relax, make friends, and practice teamwork and sharing. Some students say they do not always get their full recess time. Sometimes it is shortened because of schoolwork or other activities. Many teachers and experts believe recess should not be used this way because it actually helps kids focus and do better in class. So next time you go out to recess, think about how good it is for you, your mind, and your body—and make the most of it!

Field Day Word Search



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