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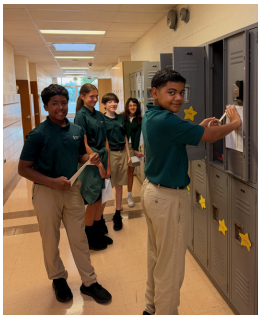
Blessing Our Backpacks: A Blessed Start to the School Year

ByAgnes Field

Blessing of the backpacks was on the first day of school, Tuesday, September, 1, 2026. The Blessing of backpacks is something that we do each year to help bless our work for the upcoming year. The Blessing of the backpacks tradition emerged in the late 1900s and early 2000s as an effort for churches to connect Sunday worship to our work as students. Deacon Chris blessed the backpacks and I assisted in holding the holy water. This event was held at Mother Seton School on the primary playground. I hope every time you pick up your backpack this year you feel blessed to be in this world!








Welcome Back to School!

By Luke Gannon

All MSS students and teachers returned to school on August 25th. People felt a mixture of emotions from happy to sad. Sad because summer was over, but happy because they got to see their friends again. Luckily it was a half day so students got a calm and easy start to the school year. Everyone enjoyed meeting people who were new at MSS. All MSS students and teachers had a great first day of school. Have fun this year!

La Antorcha de la Independencia (The Independence Torch)

By Bayley Grossnickle

Every year on July Fourth, you celebrate with your family and friends with barbecues, glow sticks, pools, fireworks, and more food—or however you and your family celebrate our day of freedom. Every year in Guatemala, people celebrate Guatemala's Independence Day on September 15. We celebrate our Independence Day with fireworks and food, but Guatemala celebrates its Independence Day in a different way. The people of Guatemala run through their streets carrying REAL LIT TORCHES! Seems like a fire hazard to me, but what's even crazier is that students, families, and communities take part in this tradition. Yes, real torches with fire coming out of the top! What a cool tradition!

Sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade students at MSS got to experience our own little torch run. Our amazing Spanish teacher, Mrs. Thomas, gave us torches, and I know what you're thinking: REAL torches? No! Mrs. Thomas brought in inflatable torches, and each class split into two groups. We ran to the sidewalk and back and handed the torch off to our teammate. It's a day I don't think any of us will forget!

You guys think that's fun? This month is Hispanic Heritage Month! Celebrate with your own families or do some research, because there are a lot more super cool and fun things that Hispanic countries celebrate.




A Special Day with Our Grandparents and Grand Friends

By Joanna Shaeffer



On September 18, 2026 grandparents came to visit their grandchildren. Grandparents visited classrooms and then went to a program that the kindergarten,1st and 2nd grades performed in. It was hosted at Mother Seton School and the program took place inside the gymnasium. It was an important time so kids could see their grandparents and celebrate them with lots of love. Students had a great time showing their grandparents their classrooms and participating in crafts and activities with them. We are so grateful for all the grandparents who came to celebrate with us. That is why we hold special events here at Mother Seton School.

Bayley Days By Camden Kline

The top trend of this school year is our new Bayley Days! Students can wear the new spirit wear shirt once a month. This started on September 17, 2026. Bayley Days are organized by the HSA. On Bayley days, students may wear either gym shorts and sneakers or regular uniform bottoms and school shoes. The shirt shows school spirit and is a fun experience for the whole school.

The day was a success, and most people were wearing shirts. The next Bayley day is October 29th! Mark your calendars! Who knows, maybe next month Bayley the bear will show up.









Student Spotlight

By Gemma Common

Payton Cell is a very interesting student. Here are some interesting facts about her, Payton loves science class, specifically the Stem Fair. One obstacle she has overcome was her difficulty with math, and one way she has solved this problem was by asking a teacher for help. Something that interests Payton is reading. Her most recently read book is, We Were Liars, by E. Lockheart. Payton enjoys working in a group because she likes working with her friends.





Prayer Corner

By Bayley Grossnickle

Have you ever opened your Bible to the Gospel of Luke and read the Parable of the Lost Sheep? In the parable of the lost sheep, Jesus said, “What man among you, who has a hundred sheep and loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open field and go after the lost one until he finds it? When he has found it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders, and coming home, he calls his friends and neighbors together, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep!’ I tell you, in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who don't need repentance.”

In this parable, Jesus is saying that He deeply values every individual and pursues sinners with great joy when they return.

Interview with Mrs. “E” Eichelberger

By Rowan Burns



What school did you teach at before coming to Mother Seton?
St. John's Regional Catholic School.

What are your favorite subjects to teach?
History and ELA.

What is your least favorite thing about teaching?
Cleaning up the classroom.

What is your favorite part about your day at Mother Seton?
I love when my students understand what I am teaching.

Why did you choose to become a teacher?
This is a second career for me. I volunteered in my kids' school and really enjoyed working with children and went back to school and got my degree.

How many years have you been teaching?
11 years.

What is your favorite thing about being at Mother Seton School so far?
The school is welcoming.

The Great Frederick Fair

By Piper Seiss

The Great Frederick Fair was held from September 18–26. It has animals, rides, food, games, and much more. I showed my cows at the fair this year, and so did my 4-H club.

When most people think of the fair, they think of rides and animals. However, many people do not get to watch the animals being shown or see who wins. Here are some of the grand champion winners from this year's fair.

Beef: Piper Seiss
Pig: Morgan McGee
Goats: Camden Dinsmore
Sheep: Madison Stolburg

Those are just some of the grand champion winners. All of the market animals in the exhibitions will be sold.






FALL IS HERE!

Find as many words as you can!

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Acorn
Apples
Autumn
Bonfire
Chilly
Hayride
Leaves
Maple
Pie



Cider
Cozy
Crisp
Fall
Festival



Foliage
Football
Harvest

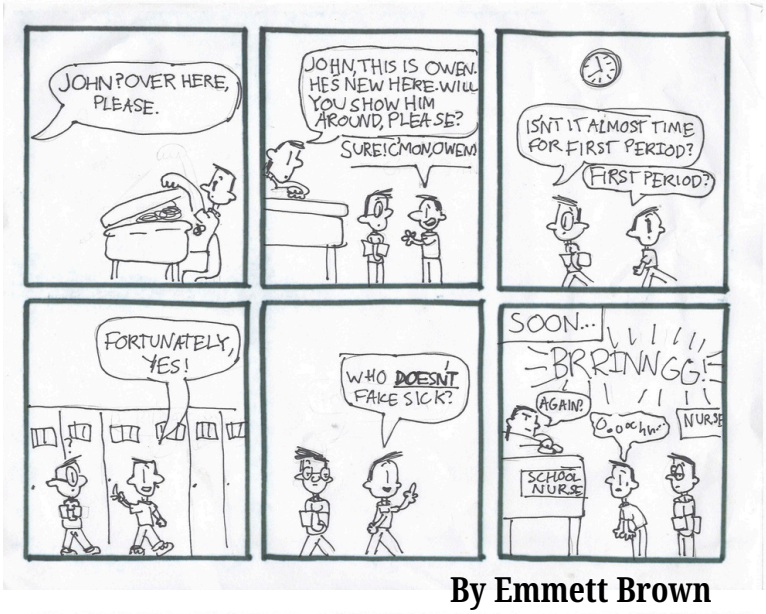


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Soup

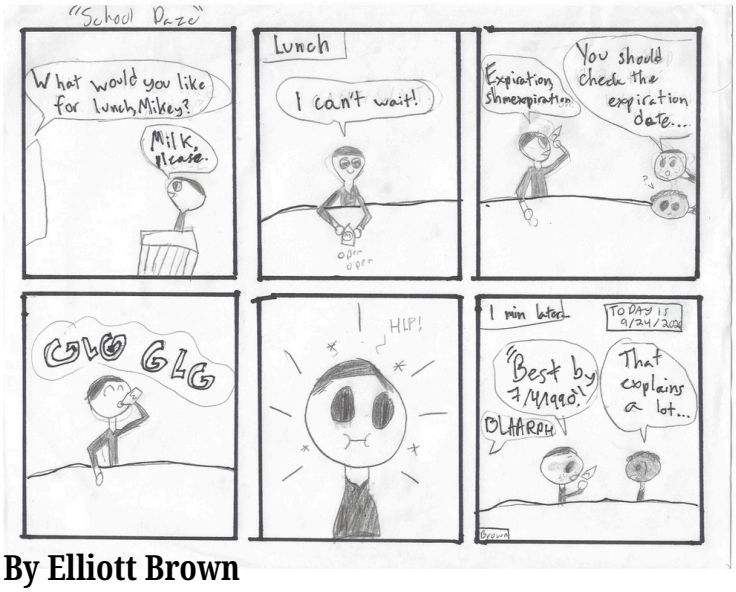




Art By Tobias Eustis



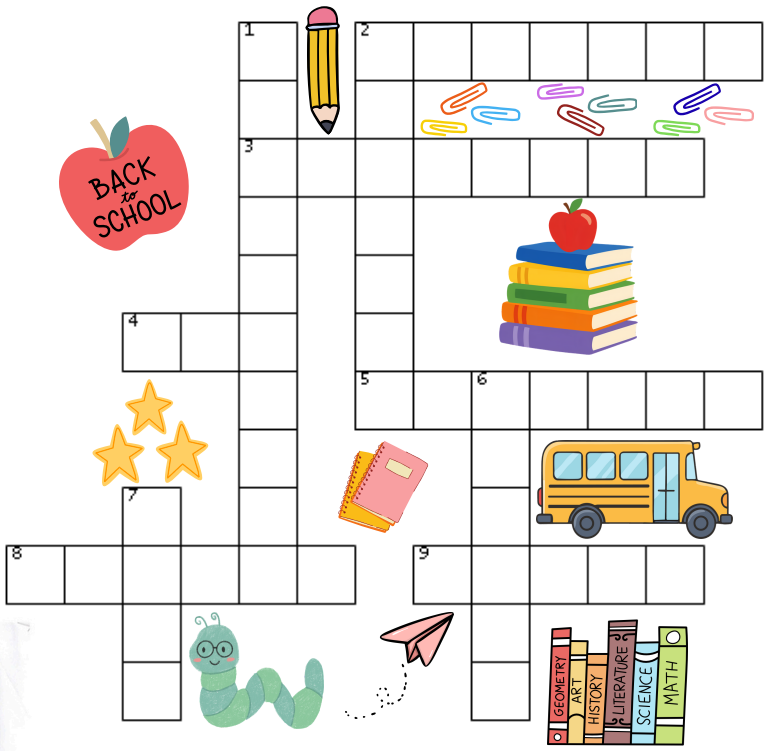
By Emmett Brown



By Elliott Brown

Criss- Cross Puzzle

By Sophia Monsour



Use the clues to fill in the words above.

Words can go across or down.

Letters are shared when the words intersect.

ACROSS

2. – The subject where you learn about the world, nature, and how things work.
3. – The people who help students learn.
4. – The subject that focuses on reading, writing, grammar, and communication.
5. – The study of people, events, and places from the past.
8. – The scores or letters you receive for your schoolwork.
9. – You read these to learn, explore stories, or gather information.

DOWN

1. – Written works such as stories, poems, and novels that you read and study.
2. – A language students can learn at school.
6. – A place where students go to learn.
7. – The subject where you learn about numbers, shapes, and solving problems.