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Blessing of the Animals at MSS

By Camden Kline









The Blessing of the Animals is a fun tradition here at MSS where your family and friends can bring in an animal to honor St. Francis of Assisi and to teach kids to be responsible for all living things. It happens once a year around the Feast Day of St. Francis, which is on October 4th. This year, the Blessing of the Animals took place on October 8th at the drop-off circle. The day always starts out with the 2nd graders singing a song of thanks. Deacon Cosentino led the school around to pet the animals while he blessed them. The whole school got to pet and see the animals on a sunny day. Though all the animals were cute, you had to ask and get permission to pet them. There were so many animals to see, mainly dogs, but there were others like cats, hermit crabs, a horse, a cow, a blind duck, a chicken, a goat, a bearded dragon, and a bunny.

Everyone got to be with their prayer partners, and it was the first school-wide prayer partner activity. Many people had different reasons to be excited. For Harley Blankenship, a 5th grader, it is her first year at MSS. When I asked her, "What are you looking forward to?" she replied, "Seeing my dog Ruby and also being with my prayer partner Zoe."

I interviewed Melissa Legg, who was there for her daughter, Grace Legg, who is in 5th grade. While interviewing her, I learned she had brought in an animal before, and this time she brought in a blind duck who is 7 months old, and his name is Gobbie.

I also interviewed my mom, Carrie Phelps, who brought in my cat Coco, who is 1 year old. The most unique animal she saw was the cow, and she guessed that there were 10 different types of animals. We have 3 other cats, Pixie, Dusty, and Tinkerbell, and yes, they are all Peter Pan names, but "how does Coco go with the names?" It's because his middle name is Shadow, as in Peter Pan's shadow.One question I asked everyone was how many animals they thought were there, and some people guessed things like 75, 100, 200, and 123. Now, I think you've had enough of me, so keep reading to the next person's article. See ya next time, BYE!



Penny Power is Here!

By Gemma Common

This year's Penny Power will officially take place from October 19th to the 23rd. Participating is incredibly easy. Every morning during Penny Power, students can bring in loose change from home and drop it into their designated homeroom bucket. Beyond raising money, the program helps us learn financial literacy, like the power of consistent saving and understanding how small contributions accumulate over time.

To make things even more exciting, for people who are new at Mother Seton, we turn Penny Power into a fun competition! Classrooms face off to see who can raise the most money for the day. The class that earns the top spot will earn prizes such as a pizza party, free ice cream, and out-of-uniform. Ultimately, Penny Power teaches us a valuable life lesson: never underestimate the value of a small beginning. We aren't just raising funds for kitchen equipment, we are learning the strength of community teamwork. Be sure to gather up your spare change before October 19th to the 23rd. Let's work together to show everyone the incredible impact that little change can have for our school.

Kindness Corner

By Bayley Grossnickle

What is the actual definition of kindness? The definition of kindness is: the quality or state of being kind. Kindness can be as simple as smiling at someone, and I know what you're thinking, if they don't smile back, maybe they have something going on at home, or they lost a loved one or pet, or have something going on. We can't even imagine. A smile maybe is all they need.

The other day, I received a very kind anonymous note. That's the thing I needed that day. As you may all know, I've been on crutches for 2 weeks. That note was so kind and really meant a lot to me. My anonymous writer, just know I really appreciate you. A kind note left in someone's locker can make their day. Playing with someone who's left out or sitting alone can make a difference. God calls us all to kindness. You decide for yourself if you're gonna pick up that phone call from God. (I highly advise when God's calling you, he means business.) That means I suggest you pick it up! Until next time, continue being kind!

AI: How It Works

By Elliott Brown

Artificial intelligence (AI) is one of the most powerful tools in human history. It can find answers to questions and do calculations in mere seconds. Despite this, Frederick County, Maryland recently banned AI use during school on school devices from Pre-K to Grade 12. Why? Generally, people worry that AI will harm student learning both by enabling cheating and by undermining student learning. Additionally, some worry AI can hurt students' sense of problem solving, the thinking being that having an instant-answer-okay-I'm-getting-tired-of-saying-this-now at your disposal makes you lazier. But AI has its perks in schools, too. It can help explain problems and give understandable explanations to things in ways that address each students' needs. Think of having your own free, personal math tutor!

The term "AI" is used to describe many kinds of technologies, but today often refers to technologies called "generative AI" which produce (or "generate") new content, such as words, pictures, or music. Chatbots like ChatGPT, Google Gemini, Grok, and Claude are all generative AI, which means they can create new "speech" that imitates human production. They're based on a kind of machine learning called Large Language Models. Chatbots work by converting words and word parts into various values called "tokens." Tokens are then transformed to "embeddings", or a decimal number that "represents" a word.

Embeddings are then used as data the machines use to learn about the relationships between words in the texts used to train them. Generative AI creates new content by comparing it with thousands and thousands of examples.

AI is also used to describe machine intelligences that are trained to solve problems by themselves, without constant human oversight. This type of AI has done many admirable and impressive feats, like helping us develop self-driving cars. But some people are worried that this kind of AI is growing too intelligent, too quickly. They are concerned that we might create a machine with more intelligence than humans have–called "superintelligence"--that we might not be able to keep a leash on. And that AI might end up harming human beings even if it was trying to solve a problem we gave it to solve.

As with all tools, AI can be incredibly useful- if used correctly. It's important to learn about it in this day and age, thanks to an influx of usage of chatbots and generative AI. Always be careful with AI, use it responsibly, and make sure you don't mistype your latest request to ChatGPT, or else you may never know what will happen.









Student Council Elections

By Francesca Kinnamont

Welcome back to the Daily Bayley! I hope you all have been wondering about ONE THING AND ONE THING ONLY… (no, not Penny Power, check out Gemma Common's article to learn about that one!)... student council elections!

The presidential candidates were Tami Azeez and Emma Wheatley. Candidates for vice president were Caleb Del Olmo, Morgan Fogle, and Bayley Grossnickle. Candidates for treasurer were Julia Hallen, Aiden Moore, Giavanna Muenene, and Sadie Soule. And there was only one candidate for secretary, G.K. Odjidja.

The winner announcements made everyone super excited and anxious (in a good way). Mrs. Tayler announced the winners as… drumroll please…

Emma Wheatley as president,
Bayley Grossnickle for vice president,
G.K. Odjidja as secretary,
and Sadie Soule as treasurer!

Congrats to all the candidates, and have a great day. Thank you for reading! Make sure to congratulate everyone who ran!

Prayer Corner

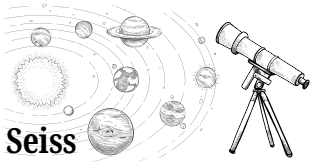
By Ava Fout

Dear God,

Please help me focus on my homework and schoolwork and do my best. Give me patience when things are difficult and help me understand what I'm learning. Guide me to use my time wisely and to finish my work with a positive attitude.

Amen.

The New NASA Telescope



By Piper Seiss

Imagine having a camera so powerful it could take a picture of a million stars with just one click. On 8/30/26, NASA launched a brand-new space telescope named Nancy Grace Roman, or just Roman. The telescope was named after the female scientist known as the mother of Hubble. While older telescopes take pictures of singular planets or galaxies, Roman has a massive camera that can see a piece of the sky 100 times bigger than others have.

It is going through space right now, getting ready to search for exploding stars, "rogue" planets that are drifting all by themselves, and more things that we've never been able to see.

Fingerprints



By Luke Gannon

Why are everyone's fingerprints different? Our fingerprints are passed down by genes from our parents' DNA. There are three different types of fingerprints: whorls, loops, and arches. Scientists are still trying to figure out what fingerprints are for. Most scientists think it's for the sense of touch. My fingerprints are loops. Look at your thumb and see what your fingerprint type is!

What Are Kids Saying?

By Harley Blankenship

I found some answers to some questions that are silly but fun. So, let's have some fun hearing some answers.

What is your favorite subject? Many kids said science. What would you say? I'd say the same!

What is your favorite animal? Aven from fourth grade said a dog. She has one named Kevin. I have two. They are Cash and Ruby. Who can resist those cute faces!

This or that: white or dark chocolate. White chocolate was the winner there! Who is your favorite teacher? I heard Mrs. Marr, Mrs. K, and Mrs. Baker, but a lot of us think all of the teachers are our favorites!

What is your favorite food? These kids have expensive taste with crab legs, steak, and shrimp with a side of birthday cake. My personal fav is oysters. It was really fun talking to everyone! Thank you to everyone who helped!

My Dog, Charli

By Joanna Schaffer

My dog's name is Charli. She is six years old and still is very playful.

Here are some fun facts about her:

- She is what you call a Hungarian Vizsla.
- She is a junior hunter in bird hunting.
- Hungarian Vizslas are Velcro dogs.
- They are also a rusty brown color.

So, you are probably thinking, "So what's so special about her, and what's her story?" My Poppy and Gigi had a litter of puppies, and there was one girl with a pink collar. When I held her, I felt really warm and happy. I knew I had to have her because she was so cuddly and cute. When I brought her home, I got to hold her on the car ride. She fell asleep while she was cuddling me for the 30-minute car ride.

I played with her a lot, and when I got back from school, she was always there, ready to play and greet me with a wagging tail. Now, she really likes to cuddle, chase birds, and she hits you with her paw when she wants to cuddle. So, you're probably thinking, "What does a Vizsla look like anyway?" Well, here are some pictures:







Hidden Message Puzzle

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- This puzzle is a word search puzzle that has a hidden message in it.
- First find all the words in the list.
- Words can go in any direction and share letters as well as cross over each other.
- Once you find all the words. Copy the unused letters starting in the top left corner into the blanks to reveal the hidden message.

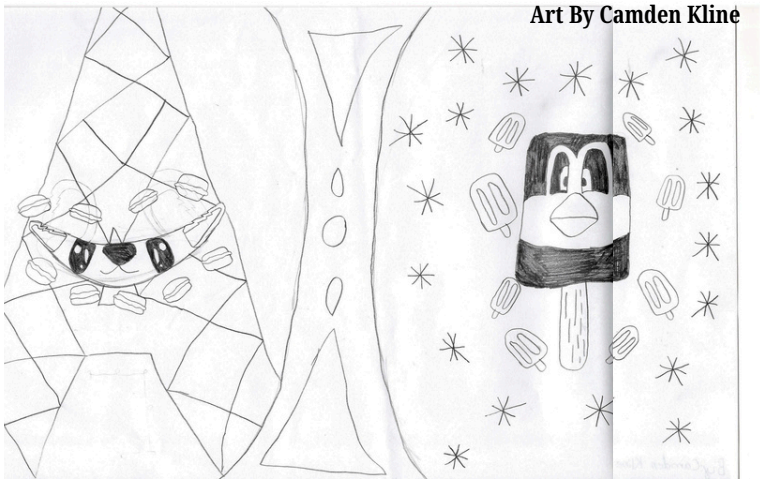
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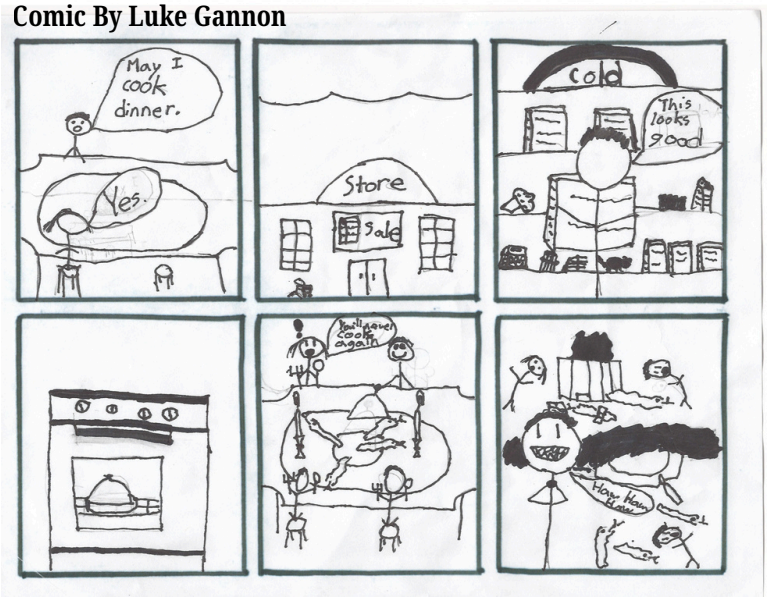
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Math Squares Puzzle

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	+		−		5
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	+	9	+	4	14
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- Fill in the missing numbers
- The missing values are the whole numbers between 1 and 9.
- Each number is only used once.
- Each row is a math equation.
- Each column is a math equation.



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