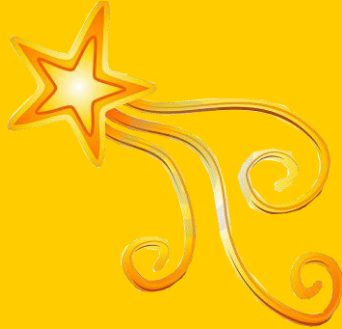


The Star Gazer



March 2018

"GOD LOVES EACH OF US AS IF THERE WERE ONLY ONE OF US." (SAINT AUGUSTINE)



A time to reflect and
repent.



We Recognize The Feast Day of

St. Albinus: March 1st

Patron saint for protection against pirate attacks.

MARCH NEWS AT SAINT ELIZABETH...



The Super Bowl Parade!

By: Trevor Barbadora (6A)

On February 15th, 2018 the city of Philadelphia made history. It was the first Eagles Super Bowl world champion parade. There were around 6 million Eagles fans in attendance, including myself. I'm telling you about the experience.

I had to get up and leave around 5 in the morning to get into the city. Once we arrived in the city, we posted up right next to the action, so we had a great spot. I

had to wait 7 hours for everything to begin. For those hours I talked

to my friends and every couple of minutes everyone was screaming E-A-G-L-E-S so much that I lost my voice. After a couple hours of no one there, people piled in around 10:00. Then, it was no moving and you had elbows and forearms dug into your ribs for 2 hours. After that, the police cars got in order and that's when the parade was going to start. First, it was the bus led by Coach Doug Pederson and star quarterback, Carson Wentz and some other Eagles superstars. Then I pointed to Carson Wentz and then Doug Pederson. My friends and I got handshakes from both of them and a football with an autograph. The parade rolled on, more chants, more handshakes, more footballs, and more fun. We

struggled to get to the Art Museum, where all the players made their speeches. It was loaded with people. When the

speeches started, they were insane. Some speeches were about God, others about family, more about teammates, some of them about fans. Then there was a player named Jason Kelce. He was wearing a Mummer's outfit. His speech is being called the greatest speech of all time. Half of the speech was beeped out by the TV. I later learned it was because of his language, but it was the speech that everyone will remember for the time to come. That was my experience at the Eagles parade.



Chess Club

By: JD Fiore (6A)

The newest after-school activity at our school is the Chess Club. Chess Club meetings are every Thursday and it is open to Kindergarten through Sixth Grade. You can join if you are a beginner who wants to learn to play or an advanced player wanting to learn more about the game. The Knight School is the group that runs Chess Club. Our team motto is "Checkmate"!

At the beginning of every meeting, our coach says, "Welcome to the Knight School. How do you feel?" and everyone answers "GREAT" as loud as they can for 3 seconds. This intro gets us excited and ready to go. Each week we learn a new chess skill, usually it is some type of checkmate, like laddersmate, scholarsmate, or just a plain

checkmate. If we demonstrate this skill in one of our games then we get a "belt." The belts are rubber wristbands that you wear during Chess Club. The point is to try to get all the belts, and then you will be the master.

Every meeting we have a "Black Bead Tournament" where we all put on one black bead necklace and play chess games against each other. If you win then you get your opponent's black bead necklace. During these games if you demonstrate the skill of the week then you get that belt. The black bead tournament goes until there are two people left. The last two face off and the winner gets an extra piece of candy.

At the end we all get candy. You can get up to 3 pieces of candy if you show up, wear your shirt and belts and do your homework (play 3 games outside of chess club). Chess club is a lot of fun, because you get to hang out with friends while playing a really cool game...and you get candy!



****ART****

@ St. Elizabeth

By: Suzanne Gatti (6A)

At Saint Elizabeth School we enjoy creating things. Students take art class once a week as a special period. The art teacher, Miss Dwyer, makes sure students

are doing projects that are modern and fun. Each class gets to create many projects during the school year. However, we also do school-wide projects. An example of this would be the "Lift Up Your Peers" project. Every student in the school created a colorful textured feather with an inspiring quote on it. Then the feathers were assorted to create giant wings on the wall, with a spot in the center where a person can stand. You can see this project along with many others on

<http://theartroomatstelizabeth.blogspot.com>

Some other projects that you might find interesting are the "Winter Sunsets" by Kindergarten, "Scratch board animals" by eighth grade, and "Character Books" by sixth grade.



6th Grade Report...

By: Mandy Grawl (6A)

Sixth grade is very busy doing lots of different things in each subject. In ELA, they are learning about verbs. Lots of verbs: action verbs, helping verbs, being verbs, transitive and intransitive verbs... the list goes on and on! In Science, they are learning about rocks and how they are formed. Did you know every rock on Earth

has been magma or lava before? In Social Studies, they are learning about Europe. Europe has so many unique countries, and it's hard to remember each one! In Math, they are learning about statistics, and just finished a project on it! For the project, they had to pick a question (for example: How many orange M&Ms are in a pack?) and plot the data in at least 3 different charts! In Religion, they are learning about Confirmation and why it is so important. John Paul, a seminarian, is also visiting the sixth grade and various other grades during religion on Thursdays.



Eighth Grade Interview

By: Ben Csernek (6A)

The eighth graders are learning about WWI in Social Studies. They are learning about radioactivity and the elements in Science. In pre-algebra they are learning about slope. In ELA they are learning about verbs. They are starting a new unit in Spanish and went on a field trip on February 28, 2018 to see the production of "The Diary of Anne Frank."



My Vacation to Boston

By: Connor Hill (6A)

My trip to Boston was fun, exciting but also educational. It took us almost 7 hours to get to our hotel in Boston. During our car ride the eclipse was happening, so we didn't dare to look up at the sky.

First, we took a tour around Fenway Park. It looks small on the outside but it is really huge. Then we went to the Boston Tea Party Museum. They had boats similar to the actual ones. You got to throw pretend boxes of tea over the ship. We took a tour of Harvard University and found out what life is like on campus. We went to the New England Aquarium. There were lots of penguins, fish and also several large turtles. We boarded a ship called the USS Cassin Young. It used to be a battle destroyer in WWII. It got hit by two kamikaze dive-bombers but still survived. We took a tour of haunted cemeteries. It was only scary when one of the leaders jumped out of nowhere and scared everyone there. Our trip ended with a baseball game at Fenway Park. We saw the Red Sox play the Baltimore Orioles. They lost but we still had an awesome time in Boston.

7th Grade

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN 7TH GRADE?

By: Tori Ebert (6A)

I decided to interview a seventh grader to find out what the seventh graders were learning in their class. I had the perfect interviewee. It was my sister, Ashleigh Ebert (7A). I sat down with her to find out what was happening in her seventh grade classes that are taught by many great teachers. I asked what her class was currently studying. Ashleigh gave me the scoop.

In seventh grade, everyone is working hard in Math learning shapes, angles and geometry with Mrs. Schoen and Mrs. Ringenbach. In Science with Ms. Nangle, they are learning about the skeletal system. In Religion, they are learning about the miracles of Jesus. Mrs. D'Amelio and Ms. Markiewicz teach seventh graders ELA. They are working on verbs, adjectives and really focusing on vocabulary for the 2nd trimester. The classes are really enjoying reading *Romeo and Juliet* and *The Westing Game*. In seventh grade Social Studies, the class is learning about the events leading up to the Revolutionary War with Mrs. D'Amelio. Looks like seventh grade is an exciting year!



What's Happening in Second Grade?

By: Grace Inman (6A)

In the past month the second grade has done a lot of new things. This year the second graders are receiving their Holy Communion! So, they are almost done learning about Reconciliation and are starting to learn about Holy Communion. Also, the second graders have started cursive letters. They will soon be making words with the cursive letters. This usually takes place on Friday mornings. For Mrs. Nawn's father passing they played kickball in honor of him. They are also learning about playing fair and teamwork.

In Math class they started bar models. The second grade has been using bar models to add and soon to subtract. The second graders have also made their own bar graphs with the data they are given. They learned how to regroup in adding and subtracting problems. In Music they are learning music notes and the music scale. So far, a method they use to remember the first set of notes are "Every Good Boy Does Fine." One of their songs that they recently learned is "There is a Ladybug in my Soda."

In Art class they are learning about Kente cloth. This cloth is

used by Native Americans and they use it for the tribe leader's clothing which he can only wear. They did their amazing jungle animals which can be found upstairs by the library. Also, they are reading many stories. They just started reading stories in honor of Presidents Day. The historical figures they are reading about are George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. They are learning about their lives and the things they accomplished. In Technology they are learning about the keys on the keyboard and how to use them. They also are sharing stories on Storybird.

The teachers also teach the children about their emotions. The teachers want them to know how to control their actions and emotions. In Spelling they do Tic-Tac Toe spelling, which they are allowed to pick what things they have to do with the spelling words. An example is ABC order with the words. I was able to get the information from James Inman (2B).



Past School Happenings

By: Catvan Tran (6A)

Starting on January 29th (Sunday), we celebrated Catholic's School Week. Catholic School's Week is also when the Book Fair shows up. This year, the theme for the book fair was pets.

If you decided to look around the school on that Sunday, you probably would've seen a student dress up as Clifford the Red Dog.

Something great about Catholic's School Week is that 6th and 7th (and maybe some 8th) graders would finally be done with their Science Fair. The science teachers would put up the boards for everybody to see. Science Fair is this big project where students would choose a topic and do lots of research and experimenting on a question. Nothing feels better than handing in a 4-month assignment you just wanted to be done with.

Fast forward to February. February is Black History Month where we learn about brave African Americans who did anything for their rights. It is also the month for Valentine's Day. This year, Ash Wednesday just so happened to fall on Valentine's Day. Every student got their ashes and chose to give something up for Christ.

These are only some of the recent January to February events that have happened. A lot more has happened in the 6 months we students have been in school but it is too much to fit into one article.



What's Happening in Technology?

By: Eva Krug (6A)

One day every week we take the class, Technology. Technology is taught by Mr. Kuhn. Mr. Kuhn has been teaching at Saint Elizabeth for a while. He is 1 of only 2 male teachers in our school. He is a great teacher and he makes learning technology interesting and fun. Our school is fortunate enough that there are enough computers for everyone in a class.

In Technology we usually do different stuff every week. Some sites we use are Code, Scratch, PowerPoint, and Storybird. Code is a site where you need to complete this puzzle by coding. Scratch is another site where you can create something by coding with little objects and characters. In PowerPoint you can create slides and write stuff. You can also put transitions on the slides to make your presentation look cool. Storybird is another site we sometimes use. It is a site where you can write your own story. After we are finished with the main thing we do we can have free time. Free time is when we can do almost whatever we want. Sometimes we can work on projects. Like one time we did a mineral science project and typed many projects during computers. I think that Technology is a very necessary subject and it helps us to prepare for the future.



CHEER!!

CYO Cheerleading at St. Elizabeth

By: Lindsay Jones (6A)

CYO Cheerleading is a lot more than you may think it is. While most people see us on the sidelines at basketball games, cheering for our regional and parish teams, that is just a small part of what the St. Elizabeth cheerleaders do. Cheerleading is actually a competitive team sport, where squads from all over the region compete against each other with complex routines that include a cheer portion, dance portion, tumbling and extremely difficult stunts. These routines require months of practice to safely learn stunts, perfect them, and make them look easy to do. However, they are not easy at all. Stunting involves lifting people that are almost your same size high above your head and carefully catching them safely and returning them to the ground. Partner stunts require a group of four people, including 2 bases, 1 flyer, and 1 backspot. One of the more difficult partner stunts we perform is called the Liberty, where the flyer stands on one foot, on the extended arms of the bases, and is supported by the backspot. If you think balancing on one foot is hard, try doing it 8 feet off the ground like cheerleaders do.

Pyramids are also very challenging to do. Every member of the team is involved and every part of the pyramid relies on the other parts to work. One of our

most difficult pyramids this year included flips by two of our fliers while they were already five feet off the ground. The coordination and synchronization of motions in the dance and cheer require countless hours of hard work, too. But, above all, competitive cheerleading requires great teamwork. Cheerleading is a sport where every single member of the team is critical to our success. Team members perform different jobs such as base, flyer, and backspot, and often have to be trained to perform more than one of these roles in a single routine. Without all teammates working well together, stunts cannot be performed, because each person is critical to its execution.

This year, we had an amazing group that worked very well together and were very dedicated to each other. There were 20 people on my cheer team. In 5th grade, Rachel Bauhaus, Katie Henshall, Katie Kolimago, Maeve Lawlor, Lily Maahs, Grace Magee, Jane Maguire, Meghan McGonagle, Rachel Metzger, Maggie Mullen, and Lauren Slade do cheer. In 6th grade, Tori Ebert, Emma Eitzen, Ava Fraser, Suzanne Gatti, and I (Lindsay Jones) cheer. In 7th and 8th grade, Gianna Callahan, Abbey Henshall, Samantha Sims, and Morgan Kalmbach cheer. Our cheerleaders are multi-sport athletes who also play sports like soccer, field hockey, lacrosse, volleyball, basketball, swimming, and dance. At our two competitions this year, we took

home trophies for 2nd and 4th place, and we won the Spirit Award, which goes to the squad with the most spirit across all categories. We performed many hard stunts that were created by Coach Jen Arocho and Coach Christa Jones. I love cheerleading!



Saint Patrick's Day Acrostic Poem

By: Logan Williams (6A)

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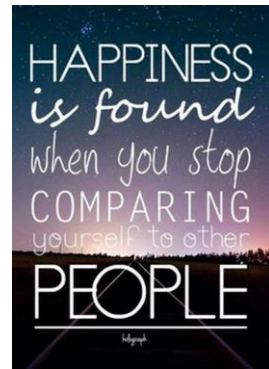
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Fourth Grade

By: Hunter Hughes (6A)

4A is learning Geometry in Math class. In ELA they are practicing spelling and vocabulary. While they are doing that, they are also learning about the Ten Commandments in Religion. In Spanish they are learning the numbers up to 31. They are learning about the Civil War in Social Studies. In Art class they just finished up learning about facial emotions. In Library they are having a book writing contest. They are also learning how to use the home row in Technology. Lastly, in Music they just finished up making their musical instruments and they are now presenting them.



First Grade Report

By: Anne Mesiarik (6A)

1st grade has been doing lots of cool and interesting things lately. For this project I interviewed my younger sister, Elisabeth (1B). They are learning many new and interesting things in first grade. According to Elisabeth, they are working on greater or less than in Math. In ELA they work hard on their handwriting and spelling. They then have spelling tests on ten words each week. Her favorite parts about first grade are the brain breaks after tests where they dance to fun videos and music. Sometimes first grade even does centers in the Social Hall! Wow! It sure sounds like first grade is having an awesome year and is learning so much more!



Our New Kindergarten Teacher

By: Ava Fraser (6A)

For my newspaper article I decided to interview Ms. Benner, the new Kindergarten teacher. I asked her a series of questions that some people might not know about her. For starters Ms. Benner is class KB, room 114, and she is helped by Mrs. Kilcoyne. She has 14 students in her class. Ms. Benner went to college at Penn State, Harrisburg. Her favorite subjects to teach are ELA and writing. She has two pets - a horse and a kitten. The horse's name is Harey. She has had her since she was a little girl. The kitten's name is Jay, who she got at the SPCA. One thing she loves about teaching is the impact she has on the students' lives and helping them to learn. One of her hobbies is riding her horse because she says it is a good stress reliever. Ms. Benner loves teaching kindergarten and she wouldn't change grades. I enjoyed learning about our new kindergarten teacher. I hope you did, too.



3rd Grade Report

By: Tommy Duncheskie (6A)

I asked my sister, Fiona (3B), what they were learning. In Math they are dividing fractions and doing their 8 times tables. In Religion they are learning the 4 parts of the Mass and the responses to

the Mass. In ELA they are learning about idioms and root words. In Science they are learning about simple machines (ex. screw, incline plane, pulley). In Social Studies they are learning about the United States Presidents.

On Wednesday February 21 they had a baby shower for their teacher, Mrs. Nemic.



What's Going on in Music Class at St. Elizabeth?

By: Zach Ferraro (6A)

I am going to be walking you through what the different grades are doing in music class.

In K-5, everybody is working on the Clash of the Choruses song that they will be performing. In 8th Grade, the students are all working on music of the 20th century. They are currently on the Jazz age. In 3rd Grade everyone is learning how to use recorders. Jumping over to 6th Grade now, where all of the 6th Graders finished a game called Composer Survivor. If you are familiar with a

TV Show called Survivor, it is just like that, but with famous composers. I'm not going to talk about every grade but I have to talk about the 4th graders, they just made and presented their own instruments! All of the instruments look so cool! I want to give a shout out to them because that takes some time to make a great instrument. In 7th Grade, the students are currently studying the Science of Sound. There is only so much I can fit in one article of a newspaper, but I'm sure Mrs. Shanley will have a lot more music lessons and activities planned for the future.



