

## Golf program adds extra class

A second session of the popular TGA after-school golf program has been added.

The 4:15 p.m. sessions will be held the same dates as the 3:15 program: Feb. 28; March 7, 14, 21, 28; and April 11.

Visit [playtga.com/semichigan/](http://playtga.com/semichigan/) to register.

## Tech trash time

St. Mary will hold its annual electronics recycling drive March 23, 9 a.m. to noon, and March 24, 11-3.

Please check your inbox for more information and a list of what types of items can be dropped off.

## Yearbook orders

A yearbook order form is coming home only to students that did not order a picture packet that included a yearbook.

Order forms must be turned in by March 5. Checks payable to 'Kaiser Studio'.

## Save the date

- **March 6:** Ash Wednesday all-school Mass
- **March 8:** No school, Skate Night
- **March 22:** End of 3rd Quarter
- **April 4:** Spring concert

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# The Messenger

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## Winter weather alters CSW plans

BY AVA ESQUIVEL

Rough winter weather threw a wrench into St. Mary's 2019 Catholic Schools Week.

Three snow days during the week of Jan. 28 wreaked havoc on the schedule of CSW events, but it could not

ruin plans entirely.

Sports Jersey and Jeans Day went off as planned Jan. 29, a day highlighted as well by the COSI science exhibit. School was also in session Friday, which was designated for spirit wear.

Dress for the Decades Day was rescheduled to Feb. 5;

Wacky Hair and Mix-Match Day was pushed to Feb. 12; and Super Hero, Star Wars & Disney Villain Day on Feb. 21.

Honestly, many parents might have to call Catholic Schools Week 'the most ex-

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## Slippery fun

**Moira Walker (far left) and Lauren Muhlenkamp were among a group of St. Mary students who made the most snow and ice covering the school playground last week.**

## We all celebrate black history

BY AVA ESQUIVEL

Harriet Tubman. Martin Luther King. Serena Williams. Michelle Obama.

Step by step, all of these people have been fighting to make our world a better place. And life isn't always easy. You must learn to deal with things head on, even with all of the other side pressures.

These people are outstand-

ing examples, as well as role models, to show others that anyone can accomplish anything if they really try.

Harriet Tubman created the underground railroad, helping hundreds of slaves escape the grasp of their cruel masters. Martin Luther King made a stand against unfair treatment to black citizens, eventually changing the rules, just as he anticipated.

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## Geography Bee champion named

BY JAMES ANDARY

This year's Geography Bee had 30 student contenders in grades 4-8.

The tension was high at the Jan. 14 competition, with lots of hard questions and great answers.

All of the contenders did very well but there could only be one winner. That person: was seventh-grader Andrew Itchon.

As the rounds went by, seats began to empty. The adrenaline really on now.

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**A former slave, Harriet Tubman was an abolitionist.**



## Student Spotlight: Kevin and Kaylee Esch

Kevin and Kaylee Esch, both 10, were born May 28, 2008. They have attended St. Mary's since 4th grade. Kevin is in Ms. Venditto 5th grade class; Kaylee is in Mrs. Sorgeloos' 5th grade class.

### What is your best subject in school and why?

Kaylee: Art, because I get to be creative.

Kevin: Art, 'cause I like it.

### What is your favorite hobby?



Kaylee: I love playing soccer.

Kevin: Video games

### What is your dream job?

Kaylee: To work for my

dad at Kaylee's Collision.

Kevin: To work for my dad at Kevin's Marysville.

### What is your idea of a perfect day?

Kaylee: To have my friends over and watch a movie in my movie theater and have pizza.

Kevin: Playing Fortnite

### What superpower would you choose and why?

Kaylee: Definitely invisibility so I can spy on Kevin."

Kevin: Speed, so I can run fast.

### What would your friends say is the best thing about you?

Kaylee: My sense of humor and my power to stand up for them.

Kevin: I'm funny.

### What is something most people don't know about you?

Kaylee: My eyes change from blue to green.

Kevin: That I'm older than Kaylee.

— Katelyn Catana

## Student Spotlight: Mason O'Connell

The student spotlight for today will be Mason O'Connell. He is 10 years old and has been at St. Mary's for 7 years. He has 2 brothers and 1 sister. He is to be described as a nice and funny person.



He said his most embarrassing moment was when he crashed a dirt bike in front of his family.

His happiest moment was when he made a home run in baseball. He likes being a kid by going outside to play.

One describing word of him is friendly. His hidden talent is computer skills. The nicest thing he has done is picking up a dropped item. He said he would be nice and friendly 10 years from now.

— Nicholas Gorday

## Ancient Egypt entrances sixth-graders

BY ERICA JOHNSON

Sixth grade is currently completing the D.A.R.E. program. Deputy Twomey is our D.A.R.E. Officer who really makes this program informative and fun!

In D.A.R.E. we are learning to stay safe, drug-free, and how to make good decisions now and in the future. We are planning for our DARE graduation on March 1.

Some other things going on include our study of Egyptian pharaohs. Each student was given a pharaoh to research. We prepared a report, a mummy of the pharaoh and a tomb to represent their life. These projects were on display in the compass area during the Open

## Geography

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Two mess ups and you're gone. Then all of a sudden it got down to the final three. The second- and third-place contenders who were tied competed, while the first-place contender waited to compete in the championship round.

The third-place contender, James Andary, was eliminat-

ed and the championship round began with Andrew versus defending champion Jack Cook! The two competitors had to write out the answers to the questions given on a handheld whiteboard. The first contender to get three answers correct won the St. Mary's Catholic School National Geographic Geography Bee!

Jack got the first question correct, while Andrew did not. Then, Andrew got the next answer correct while Jack did not.

### SIXTH-GRADE NEWS

House on Jan. 28 and the week after. Hope you had a chance to see our work!

Another thing we have been doing is getting together with our first grade buddies. We have been making cute little crafts, including placemats and snow globes. The last time we got together was for Valentine's Day.

Lastly, we have been busy with class work. In math, we are learning how to order and compare integers. In L.A., we are presenting our newspapers we had made to go along with the book "Number the Stars". They will be hung up in the halls by the two sixth grade classrooms.

After that, they both got the answer correct. The next contender to get an answer right when the other didn't would be declared the winner.

The pressure was on and the crowd was choosing sides of who they wanted to win! Andrew won the geography bee when he wrote down the correct answer to a question that Jack did not.

There judges were Mr. Kowalski and teachers Mrs. Falk, Ms. Belknap and Ms. Venditto.



## Any way you slice it, pizza is king in America

BY ANGIE ITCHON

Pizza is so popular in America that the average American consumes 23 pounds of this delicious food pizza a year.

But, pizza isn't just popular in the United States, which celebrated National Pizza Day on Feb. 9. The country that consumes the most pizza each year is Norway.

Pizza as we know it started in Naples, Italy. In the 18th or early 19th century, flatbread was often served. It was usually topped by garlic, lard, cheese, or basil. Later, sauce got added, and the modern-day pizza was born. Pizza was introduced to America in the late 19th century, when Italians immigrated to the United States.

Even though pizza is pizza for the most part, there are differences between American and Italian pies. First, there's the sauce. On American pizza, you get tomato sauce. On Italian pizza, you see olive oil mixed with pureed fresh toma-



atoes, oregano, and garlic.

Another difference is found in the meat. The most popular meats on American pizza are pepperoni, bacon, and sausage. In Italy, meat usually isn't served on pizza.

The last difference is the crust. Most Italian pizza crust is very thin and crunchy. American pizza crust is thick, thin, or even stuffed.

Pizza is a \$37 billion industry. About 3 billion pizzas are sold in America every

year. Super Bowl Sunday is the biggest pizza delivery day of the year. Saturday night is the most popular night for pizza.

Pizzerias represent 17% of all restaurants in the U.S. Kids ages 3 to 11 choose pizza over all food groups for lunch and dinner. The most popular topping in America is pepperoni; the least favorite is anchovies. In Philadelphia, there is a pizza museum called Pizza Brain.

Some other interesting pizza-related facts:

- Pizza comes from a Latin word *Picea*, which means "the blackening of bread by fire".
- The most expensive pizza ever cost \$12,000.
- Japanese people put mayo on their pizza.

Let's face it: Pizza is delicious. You can eat it for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. You can eat it hot or cold. You can customize your pizza if you want. Pick pepperoni, sausage, green pepper, bacon; or even better, just plain old cheese. You can do almost anything with pizza.

## She's brave enough to unveil her hidden talents... Are you?

BY ABIGAIL FARAH

If you're reading this, I most likely know you. If you're still reading this, you're almost definitely very interested about what I do without you knowing. Maybe you just have nothing else to do. No matter what the reason, I'll tell you out of the kindness of my soul. So get ready, im starting...wait for it.....NOW!

First up, i'm a pretty good drawer. You probably knew that, but did you know I used an entire notebook on drawings and stories when I was in

fourth grade? I also write a book series called USA books. They're about the USA who loves to tangle with China and Germany. I can draw the best thing ever, and the worst.

I also can cook very well. I once made cookie bars for a family reunion. They were the only food OR dessert that didn't have any leftovers. My aunt said it was so good that she wanted me to make her some for her birthday. But I totally forgot.

The last thing i'm going to mention is something I bet you didn't know. I am actual-

ly a pretty good singer. Two of my friends told me that when I sang a little bit at school, which I barely ever do. In case you were wondering... no, I do not sing in the shower. That is weird, in my opinion. I have two sisters who both say my singing is annoying and bad, but I trust my opinion more than theirs.

How many of these things did you know about me? None? Not surprising. Well, congrats! You're my favorite person besides every other person I know. Wanna know my other talent? I can throw a SICK burn when I want to.

## Let's salute Boy Scouts

BY CADEN SILER

Boy Scouts have been learning survival skills and doing good deeds for more than a century.

National Boy Scouts Day was observed Feb. 8 to mark the anniversary of the creation of the Boy Scouts in 1910.

The idea for Boy Scouts came from Robert Baden-Powell's experiences in the British army in South America.

The Boy Scouts have had a great impact on the United States. The purpose of Boy Scouts is to serve others and prepare scouts to make moral decisions, as well as find meaning in the Scout Law and the Scout Oath.



## Top tech trends led by online shopping and robots

BY GAVIN GAYNOR

Tech is like the top thing right now, with robots, virtual reality sets and even phones, because many teens use them all the time.

According to Medium.com, the top two technologies trends at the moment are:

1. Robots: I want to be an engineer when I grow up, but I do not know which one yet. Maybe I will be a robot engineer; you never know.

Robots have also taken a big leap for-

ward, from shopping to delivery, like self-driving cars. These vehicles have detectors all around that sense where you can go. But some of these cars have been involved in crashes.

Online shopping: I'm mad at this form of technology, and at the same time, I like it. I'm mad because it made Toys R Us go out of business. The reason I like it is because you don't need to go to the store anymore, you can just buy it online. It is so easy. You can buy something with just the click of a button and it will be delivered to your house.



Le auto a guida autonoma, the Driverless Cars by automobilitalia (2016)  
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Driverless vehicles are becoming an increasingly common sight on roads today.

## Black History

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Serena Williams is a famous tennis player, and every day she inspires people to keep trying, no matter how tough the issue may seem. Michelle Obama was the First Lady while Barack Obama, our former president, was in office. Even though it may look like she did nothing to get into that spot, she truly did.

Helping her husband when he didn't know how to handle a situation, or even helping him decide how to word a speech must have been challenging. And to believe that new generations of these kinds of people are still beginning to make a difference is amazing!

Black History Month is not only meant to honor those who came before us, but also to embrace who you are. If you are black, white, whatever!

Don't make being a different race a bad thing, make it a good thing. As long as you love yourself, and others among you.



### Important message

Students and staff gathered recently for a group photo in St. Mary School's new gymnasium as a way of saying thanks to the generous donors who made the \$2 million project happen. A blessing ceremony will be held in the gym Sunday around 1:15.

### BECAUSE THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO

## Jesus saw allies where others did not

BY DASH HEATH

Luke 9:49-50

49 "Master," said John, "we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we tried to stop him, because he is not one of us."

50 "Do not stop him," Jesus said, "for whoever is not against you is for you."

Here, John the Apostle tells Jesus that someone was healing people who were possessed by demons. He says that he and the other Apostles tried to stop him, since he was not a follower, but Jesus reprimanded him, saying that if one is not against somebody, they must be for them.

By this, he means: who-

ever was driving out demons did it in Jesus' name, so he must believe Jesus could drive out demons.

If he was saying he was Jesus, or even was a follower of Jesus, and was driving out demons, then he would only bring more glory to Jesus, even if that man was not a follower.

## Hidden Word Poetry

BY ERICA JOHNSON

Colors is the hint

**I am.....**

**Not going to be**

**Did I do.....**

**I will be.....**

**Going to the top...**

**On top now.....**

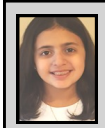
Did you find it?

It was.....Indigo



## She feels like second fiddle to her sister **CSW**

Dear Rita,  
My parents always favor my sister and when it comes to doing work, I am always the first one picked. It really gets on my nerves, and my sister never goes out of her way and says, "Wait, she's been doing a lot of work lately. I'll help her out." Am I not important to my parents anymore? I know I should speak my mind, but I will get super nervous. What do I do?  
Abandoned Andie



**DEAR RITA**

in certain situations. The only thing I DON'T want you to do is let this conflict consume your time. Just stay optimistic, and when you are ready, talk to your parents. I assure you that as long as you are confident in your words, your parents will realize that if this is how you feel, they'll understand it's important. And so are you!

Dear Rita,  
My mother has seasonal depression, which is basically when how you feel is based on mother nature. For example: If it's cold outside, like it is now, you tend to feel sad and very forlorn for no reason besides the weather. Which is exactly how my mom is feeling. I know it's common for her, but it feels like this year hit her harder than ever. I know i can't control the weather, but is there anything I can do to help her?

Concerned Cerena

Dear Cerena,

The first thing I want you to do is pray. Seasonal depression is hard to handle because you know you can't control the elements outside, but it's so hard to not spend time thinking whether that loved one is going to be okay.

Also, try to be optimistic and encouraging when talking with your mom. She'll realize if you're willing to have a good attitude, she will too. Just be sure to never blame yourself for what is going on. Just because you can't solve everything means the conflict is your fault. A true problem solver is someone who can comprehend the problem, pray on the problem, and then have the confidence to fix it.

As Wayne Dyer once said, "If you believe it will work out, you will see the opportunities. If you believe it won't, you will see the obstacles."

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hausting week in the school year!' But, as the week drew to an end, so did the craziness. Though parents believe it to be a hectic week, almost every student favors it among others.

Russell Griffore stated, "St. Mary has definitely come up with some really fun events, and of all of them, I have to say my favorite is 'Wacky Day'. I enjoy how we get to mix-match our outfits and are able to express ourselves."

Vitina DiGuseppi had a little trouble choosing which event was her favorite, but after all, all of them are equally exciting. "I am going to have to say that 'Wacky Day' was probably my favorite event. Although, if I had to choose something to improve on, I would choose to expand our dress code options for that particular day."

### DECODING THE BIBLE

By Alexis Byks

Instructions: use the chart below to decode the bible passage

1/A 2/B 3/C 4/D 5/E 6/F 7/G 8/H 9/I 10/J 11/K 12/L  
13/M 14/N 15/O 16/P 17/Q 18/R 19/S 20/T 21/U  
22/V 23/W 24/X 25/Y 26/Z

9-1 20-8-5 2-5-7-9-14-14-9-14-7 23-1-19  
20-8-5 23-15-18-4, 1-14-4 20-8-5 23-1-1  
23-9-20-8 7-15-4, 1-14-4 20-8-5 23-1-19  
7-15-5.

Answer: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

## Patriots shut down Rams for sixth Super Bowl win

BY CADEN SILER

The New England Patriots beat the Los Angeles Rams, 13-3, in the lowest-scoring Super Bowl ever Feb. 3.

Super Bowl LIII wasn't the type of game in which both teams score back and forth.

It was scoreless until the Patriots got a field goal from Steven Gostkowski in the second quarter. The Rams countered with a field goal and the game went into

halftime tied, 3-3.

The Patriots scored on a Sony Michel rushing touchdown midway through the fourth quarter. New England added a late field goal and hung on for the win.

Patriots wide receiver Julian Edelman was named the game's MVP. It was New England's sixth title.

The spotlight for the halftime show was on Maroon 5, Travis Scott, Big Boi. Gladys Knight sang the National Anthem.