

Pennies update

Pennies from Heaven has been a success this year.

Saint Mary students are contributing their extra change to the collection. The money goes to the school for things like playground equipment.

As of Nov. 25, the leading class was Mrs. Minoletti's, with \$173. In second place was Mrs. Francis' class with \$169. Third was Mrs. Manore's class with \$143.

— Elyse Martel

Candy cane sale

The Student Council candy cane sale begins Dec. 1.

Students can send a Candy Cane Gram to friends by filling out and coloring the forms that were sent home recently.

The cost is 50 cents each; students should return forms and money to their teachers between Dec. 1-10.

Gift tree returns

A gift tree with ornament tags to help children of Centro de San Jose has been set in the foyer. Gifts should be given to the office by Dec. 15.

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Thanksgiving 2014

It's a Snap

SMS Lego Club builds on educational toy's popularity

BY GRACE SZALMA

Have you heard of St. Mary's new Lego Club?

If you want be an engineer, this club is for you. It is held every other Tuesday under the direc-

tion of Mrs. Megge and Mr. Anetrini.

In the Lego Club, students in grades 6-8 program Lego sets to do motions based on the object they are building. Each grade has a different

set to build and program.

About 25 students have signed up to participate in the club, which held its first meeting Nov. 11.

The club prepares

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Helping the Earth, one lunch at a time

BY GABRIELLE PETRELLA

Pizza Monday, Taco Tuesday, Throwback Thursday, Fajita Friday — all names we've heard and are familiar with.

St. Mary School has a new saying that will stick with you: Waste-Free Wednesday. Let's check out what this special day is all about.

Waste-Free Wednesday is a day made by St. Mary School where instead of throwing your plastic bags and containers away you bring your containers home, wash them, and reuse them in your next lunch. If you don't throw away your containers you're



awarded a sticker. Waste-Free Wednesday is every Wednesday at lunchtime for all grades. There are posters around the school remind-

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For Drama Club, the play's the thing

BY AMANDA NEWTON

Do you like acting? Do you like being on stage?

Mrs. Zanotti and Mrs. Willing have started the St. Mary School Drama Club for just those kinds of students.

Open to grades 4-8, Drama Club is held Mondays from 3:15-4 p.m. in the Assembly Room. You will learn about theater and acting.

Mrs. Zanotti and Mrs. Willing's main goal is to have everyone participate in some

kind of play. They have many ideas for plays, such as Reader's Theater, and one possible production is *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*.

They want to stage plays for audiences of students in pre-3rd grade.

Mrs. Zanotti and Mrs. Willing have partnered with Mrs. Crachiolo to do a musical with the 6th and 7th graders in the spring concert.

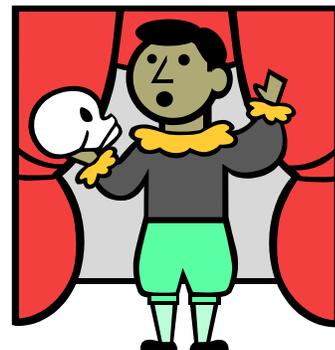
Mrs. Crachiolo will teach the songs, and Mrs. Zanotti

and Mrs. Willing will teach the script.

In the past, the Drama Club has done poems for two voices, tongue twisters, charades, and an activity in which members pretended to be Pinocchio, walking for the first time.

It is not too late if you want to join Drama Club. Future meeting dates are: Dec. 1; Jan. 12 and 26; Feb. 9; March 2 and 16; and April 27.

If you are a 4th-8th grader, contact Mrs. Zanotti if you



want to join. St. Mary Drama Club is the thing for you if you like acting or being on-stage!



Carmela Shorkey, left, and Kristianna Walters show off the first of their creations.

Legos

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members to become an engineer. The Lego kits have electrical cords and gears, so that when you plug in the finished product, it can move.

The Lego Club is interesting and very enjoyable, and it seems very popular among all the students who have joined.



Alex Scopone, Jake Pozar and Chris Shorkey work as a team to assemble a Lego kit at the first meeting of St. Mary's inaugural Lego Club, held Nov. 11.



Waste-free

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ing you about Waste-Free Wednesday. If you would like to make Waste-Free Wednesday posters ask your homeroom teacher for some posters to decorate.

Waste-Free Wednesday is important because it helps make more landfill space, helps conserve resources, and helps St. Mary School maintain its status as Macomb County's top Green School. Try some flip top containers, they're reusable, washable, and great for containing sandwiches, fruit, and crackers.

If we keep having Waste-Free Wednesday slowly but surely we will save some landfill space and conserve our resources.

Around School

Students brush up on creativity in Art Club

BY GABRIELLE
PETRELLA

Pencils, paper, crayons, markers, pastels — all materials we associate with art.

St. Mary School has a club that will allow you to use some of those materials, as well as your artistic ability: Art Club.

Run by Mrs. Clara, the club has 16 members. They meet the first and third Mondays every month from 3:15-4 p.m. in the art room.

Right now, Art Club is making sketchbooks and will be making Christmas cards for the parish to give to people who are lonely. In the past, Art Club has decorated stones for stations of the cross, and is happy to do it again, if needed.

Art Club is important because it gives students the opportunity to experiment with new supplies. The purpose of Art Club is to demonstrate methods of art, teach new techniques in art, and

encourage students to work together.

Last year, seventh graders did projects called Paper Sculptures. They worked in groups to solve a design problem, transforming a shape into a form and then reproduce that form to create a design.

Christina Nguyen, a club member, said, "I think Art Club is awesome."

Mrs. Clara is always looking for new members and it's not too late to join. Contact her if interested.



Art Club members have started their own sketchbooks.



Seventh graders (from left) Anna Cavalier, Alessandra Taranta, Elizabeth Malo, Andrea DeMaria, Robby Shiner and Austin Cooley prepare to add a cartful of boxed stuffing to the first grade tally of donations.

Donations roll in for canned food drive

BY KAYLA JOHN

Last year's canned food drive was great, but this year's was amazing!

First grade won the competition, accumulating more than 400 food items.

The drive ran from Nov. 10-21. Each grade competed to win a prize. The winner among grades 1-8 gets a free jeans day, while the top grade pre-K wins a popcorn treat.

For every five items, a grade gets a feather on its turkey. The grade with the most feathers wins.

Students brought in a lot of food for the St. Vincent De Paul Society. The food goes to less-fortunate people for Thanksgiving.

'Snowpile' up the gifts

Christmas can be difficult for those that are hospitalized. To help children and teens in that situation, the St. Mary National Junior Honor Society is collecting toys, batteries and gift cards through Dec. 12.

All donations brought to our school during Project Snowpile will be transported to Children's Hospital. For a list of suggested donations, go to www.stmarymtclemens.com.



Building blocks

Seventh grade students, under the direction of Mrs. Megge, recently built large-scale models of animal and plant cells. Made of assorted household materials, the science projects have been on display in the compass foyer. Each student gave a presentation to their classmates and teacher explaining how they made their model.

Features



Romania was reluctant player in World Wars

BY DANNY SCULLY

Have you ever wondered about the country of Romania?

The prime minister of Romania is Traian Basescu. This country has a birthrate of 9.27 per 1,000, which is pretty low. The population is 27.7 million people. The capital of this tiny country is also the largest city, Bucharest.

Romania was one of the

many countries involved in World War I. In the beginning of the war, Romania was declared neutral. Finally, in 1916, they joined the Allies.

In World War II, they again tried to remain neutral but joined the Axis under pressure from Russia.

Around the World 

Bald eagle has been protected - and beloved - for years in U.S.

BY BEN SCHMITT

The bald eagle is the national bird of the United States. It has held that title since 1782.

The bald eagle was one of the first animals on the endangered species list. "Endangered" means to expose or put in danger or imperil. How do animals get endangered? One way is that humans destroy their habitats. Our cars and factories pollute the air and water that we share with other living things. Humans also hunt the things that eagles eat, and even illegally hunt bald eagles, too.

Animal of the Month 

St. Martin de Porres

From www.catholic.org:

St. Martin de Porres was born in Lima, Peru, in 1579. His father was a Spanish gentleman and his mother was from Panama. At fifteen, he became a lay brother at the Dominican Friary in Lima and spent his whole life there as a barber, farm laborer, almoner, and infirmarian among other things.

Martin had a great desire to go off to some foreign mission and earn the palm of martyrdom. However, since this was not possible, he devoted himself to ceaseless and severe penances. In turn, God endowed him with many graces and wondrous gifts.

St. Martin's love was all-embracing, shown equally to humans and to animals,

Saint of the Month



and he maintained a cats and dogs hospital at his sister's house. He also possessed spiritual wisdom, demonstrated in his solving his sister's marriage problems, raising a dowry for his niece inside of three day's time, and resolving theological problems for the learned of his Order.

A close friend of St. Rose of Lima, this saintly man died on Nov. 3, 1639 and was canonized on May 6, 1962. He is the patron of barbers. His feast day is Nov. 3.

— Nico Moncaleano



The Day the Turkeys Disappeared

One day, Turkey and his turkey friend, Rooster, noticed their friends starting to disappear. Turkey and Rooster decided to run away so that they would not disappear, as well.

It was getting late, so they went to a neighbor's home and slept in the doghouse in the yard. In the morning, they continued their journey.

They walked a couple of miles through farms when they saw three other turkeys. Their names were Chiki, Lolo, and Ant. They said their friends were disappearing, too.

Turkey and Rooster asked if they would like to join them on their journey. They said they would love to. So, off they went.

They traveled a couple more miles and came across two more turkeys, Coco and Chip. They, too, said their friends were disappearing.

Turkey and Rooster asked them if they would like to come along. They said they would love to. So, off they went. They walked a couple more miles and came across one last turkey. Her name was Cici. She, too, said her friends were disappearing. She, too, joined Turkey and Rooster on their journey.

After walking a couple of miles, the group stopped by a tree to rest. In the morning they continued, and as they crossed a road, they saw something coming at them.

They ran as fast as they could on to the



**By Olivia
Westphal**

other side. All of them made it over safely, or so they thought. Coco and Chip still stood on the other side, scared to move.

Turkey looked both ways. "Run as fast as you can!" he yelled. They took off, and as they reached the other side of the road, they saw a car fly past.

"We made it just in time!" said Coco.

They continued their journey, stopping at times to snack on leaves. Later, they found a shallow stream they were able to wade across. In the water, they could see little fish, rocks of all sizes, and some seaweed.

The next day, they walked until discovering a building. They went inside and saw a bunch of turkeys just like them.

All of a sudden, a man behind them said, "Well, what do we have here?"

Then a lady came and said, "It looks like we have some more beautiful turkeys for our turkey sanctuary."

"Sanctuary!" Turkey said to his friends. "We are safe now, guys!"

Rooster pointed out a sign. It read, "Jack and Jill's Turkey Sanctuary: SAVE THE TURKEYS!!!"

Then they all lived happily ever after.

Opinions

Goulash is better than it sounds

BY LACEY MARTINEZ

Have you ever tasted goulash, or Hungarian gulyas? It sounds disgusting, but it is so delicious!

It is a mixture of tomato paste, onions, and pasta. (I recommend whole wheat pasta.) It tastes like a chewy soup.

According to Encyclopedia Britannica, goulash is from the 9th century and is from Hungary.

She'll take the bunny trail, thanks

BY ANNIE BERRY

If I were an animal, I would be a rabbit because it would be fun to hop all around.

I would want to be a pet rabbit because if you were a wild rabbit, you would have a good chance of death.



That is because there is a lot of predators in the forest, and as a rabbit, you wouldn't have a lot of defense on your side.

Fun & Games

Jokes!

Q: Why did the turkey cross the road?
A: Because he lost a feather!

Q: Why did turkeys wanted colorful feathers?
A: They were jealous of peacocks!

Q: Why did the turkey use the computer?
A: He wanted to use Gobble (which was really "Google")

Q: Why did the turkey want to learn how to spell?
A: So he could write a sign saying, "Don't eat me!!"

Q: Why did the turkey want to go to school?
A: He wanted to learn about the country, Turkey!

— Kayla John

WORD SEARCH

By Alexis Brunsten

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- TURKEY
- PILGRIM
- GOBBLE
- THANKSGIVING
- STUFFING
- CRANBERRY
- POTATOES
- INDIAN
- PUMPKIN PIE
- MAYFLOWER
- COLONIES
- SQUASH
- FAMILY
- FEAST
- CORN
- PLYMOUTH
- FALL
- THANKS
- GRAVY
- GRATEFUL

Katy:
Congratulations on an awesome first quarter! Nice job!
Love,
Mom & Dad
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Jane:
Super report card! Keep up the great work!
Love,
Mama & Dad
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Gabrielle P.:
We are so proud of your report card and you!
Love,
Mom, Dad and Furry



Anthony Almeranti:
Keep up the good work!
Love,
Mom and Dad
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Leah:
Congratulations on achieving First Honors! We're so proud of you!
Love,
Mom & Dad

Derek, Scott, Jeffrey and Kennedy:
Great first quarter! We're very proud of all of you!
Love,
Mom and Dad
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Adrian:
Congratulations on getting First Honors this quarter.

Keep it up!
Love,
Mom & Dad
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Mrs. Jen Muhlenkamp:
Thanks for paying it forward! Your help was greatly appreciated.
Love,
Melissa Kaleta

