

Officers elected

The first week of October we had our school elections. Five positions were decided.

The winners were: Michael Fogel as president, Rory Jones as vice president, Victoria Barney as secretary, Lauren Carroll as treasurer, and Derek Roskopp as NJHS representative.

— Nick Fallon

Take a bow

Congratulations to eighth-grader Natalie Aggeler on her performance as a mermaid in “Disney’s Peter Pan Jr.” at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts.

The show was staged Oct. 18 by the All the World’s a Stage youth theater program.

Mark your calendars

- Oct. 28: DTE Arcs & Sparks assembly
- Oct. 29: Fall sports recognition, cafeteria
- Oct. 31: Noon dis-

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Happy Halloween!



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Halloween 2014



Julia Helferty, left, and Amanda Newton tend to one of the gardens outside St. Mary School, where the Ecology Club has made its presence felt with an array of eye-catching plant and flower beds.

Ecology Club has everyone seeing green

BY GABRIELLE PETRELLA

Do you want to save the environment? Then join Ecology Club!

In Ecology Club, you learn about the Earth and how to protect it. Let’s see what “green” things they’re doing!

The moderators of Ecology Club are Mrs. Newlin, Mrs. Minoletti, and Mr. Pierce. They meet once a month on Mondays from 3:10-4 p.m. in the Assembly Room. Their first meeting was Oct. 20.

Members of Ecology Club do Green School projects, get Green School points, and have lots of fun! What’s the purpose of Ecology Club

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Who dares to enter the Haunted House?

Spookhouse opens this Friday night

BY LILLIAN GEML

The St. Mary School annual Haunted House will be a blast!

The SMS Booster Club will be running this spooktastic haunted



house! Kids of all ages are welcome to come. Please come to

the old main campus building, inside the gym. This Haunted House

will be running for two nights only, Oct. 24 and 25, from 6-9p.m. We would run it longer but we don’t want our zombies to get too tired!

A one-time-through ticket is only \$5. That is a “fangtastic” price! An unlimited-visits ticket is

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Around School



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\$10 at the door, \$7.50 in advance. For advance tickets, please send cash to school with your child in an envelope marked "Haunted House Tickets" (with child's first and last name).

Get excited and prepare to scream! Reader beware: YOU'RE IN FOR A SCARE!



Buddy time

First-grader Ava Janusch, above right, proudly displays the construction-paper pumpkin she made with the help of her sixth-grade buddy, Gabrielle Sells. The two grades held their first Buddy Day get-together Oct. 17. At left, Jonathan Heppler assists Brady O'Donnell with a numbers activity.

Sixth grade back in fold

BY LOGAN MARTIN

The sixth graders are starting off the year great!

They just finished making their paper airplanes for the airplane challenge. They all had a lot of fun.

Iowa testing just ended, and they are very happy about that.

The classes were scheduled to go on a field trip to Wolcott Mill on Thursday, joined by Mrs. Newlin. They will be studying the water for pollution.

The sixth graders were given the names of their first grade buddies, and were able to meet them Oct. 17. (See photos at left.)

Ecology

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you ask? The purpose is to promote sustainable living conditions, learn how to protect and preserve our environment, learn about different habitats, and how to take care of God's green Earth!

In September, fifth- and sixth-grade students helped plant sun and shade plants in the gardens of St. Mary School on South Gratiot and Grand Avenue. The plants were donated by the Macomb County Master Gardener. Students planted foamflower, black



Ecology Club members fill a planting bed by the Gratiot entrance with Solomon's seal and other plants.

cohosh, wild ginger, astilbe, fairy wings and sweet flag in the gardens on Grand Avenue. Solomon's seal and wild geranium were planted in the native plant garden on South Gratiot.

If you feel like helping the Earth, why don't you clean up the parks, streets or even your own backyard litter?

Or better yet, why not join Ecology Club?

Plant Facts

Foamflower: There are 700 species of foamflower, which blooms April-June. The maximum height of a foamflower is 6-12 inches. This plant likes partially shaded places.

Black cohosh: A medicine for pains, it is native to North America.

Solomon's seal: Found in dry moist wooded areas, it blooms April-June and gives away blackberries from August-October. Solomon's seal like shade and only enjoy sun when the climate is cool.

Wild Geranium: A woodland perennial that likes shade, it is native to North America and blooms May-June. It averages 1-2 feet in height. Another name for this plant is spotted geranium.

Around School

SMS students have more playground options than ever

BY ELYSE MARTEL

There have been many new changes to the playground including a soccer field, a volleyball net, and better basketball rims. These changes have made the students very happy at recess.

The new soccer field is a very popular place for the students. All of the younger

students play soccer almost every day. Also, the soccer teams have a better place to practice. The school gym teacher, Ms. Hughes, is teaching the students soccer indoors and outdoors for gym class.

The volleyball net has improved recess for our school's older students. They like to play volleyball, and they like to get creative. Some students like to play football by the new net. Others like to

play house under the net. It also improves the student's recess.

The new basketball rims are improving recess for some of our school's older boys. (And some girls!) The basketball rims last year were not fun to play with, but this year, they are much better. The students who play basketball look much happier than last year.



Chess Club making its move into a new year

BY GABRIELLE PETRELLA

Most people don't know about the game of chess but Chess Club is here to change that. Chess is a game of strategy and thinking. In the game of chess there are two players. The objective of chess is to capture the other player's king.

Chess Club is taught by Mr. Pierce and meets every other Tuesday in the Assembly Room. Their first meeting is Nov. 24 from 3:15-4:00 p.m. Grades 4-8 are eligible to join.

In Chess Club, you learn the basic and complex moves, strategy, and have lots of fun. You even get to compete in chess tournaments against grade-level students from different schools. The purpose of Chess Club is for students to learn an interesting, brain-building game.

So, next time you're looking for something challenging and competitive, get out your chess board and play a game of chess!

Current events, ancient empires keep 'em busy

BY NICO MONCALEANO

We are very busy in seventh grade.

In math with Mrs. Sheils, we are working with the distributive property and integers.

In language arts, we are working on a current events project in which we pick a news article and write about it.

In history with Mrs. Will-

ing, we have been learning about the Byzantine Empire and are currently working on an icon project.

In science with Mrs. Megge, we are just beginning a big unit about cells. We are wrapping up our Iowa tests this week, and we have a field trip this month to Wolcott Mill to retest water samples and compare them to our previous testing.

Busy, busy, busy!

Fifth grade off and running

BY ETHAN MARTIN

The fifth grade is off to a great start this 2014-15 school year.

Two weeks of Iowa testing is complete, and the 5th graders will be making their Reconciliation this week at St. Peter's Church.

In math they are learning about the Distribution Property of Multiplication. They are also starting a unit of reciting a monologue to the class using expression and fluency.

As you can see, they are very busy.



Features

Once two nations, Poland boasts a colorful history

BY VICTORIA
DAWIDOWICZ

Poland is a country in north-central Europe that is about the size of New Mexico.

Two of their major cities are Warsaw, the capital, and Krakow. The type of government they have is a democratic republic.

Poland used to be split

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into two countries: Great Poland, which was formed in 966; the other Little Poland, which was formed around the same time. They were brought together in 1047 by Casimir the Restorer. Poland and

Lithuania became one country in 1386 because of the royal marriage. The army of the two countries was at its highest point from the fourteenth century to the sixteenth century.

During the 1700s there was no Poland because Russia, Prussia, and Austria all took over a part of it.

Poland later regained its independence in the nineteenth century.

Poland was also taken over by Germany and Russia again.

Poland is an amazing country with a

very colorful history!

Source: <http://www.infoplease.com/>



St. Wolfgang

Died: 994
Feast Day: Oct. 31

Born in Swabia, Germany, he studied at Reichenau under the Benedictines and at Wurzburg before serving as a teacher in the cathedral school of Trier.

He soon entered the Benedictines at Einsiedeln (964) and was appointed head of the monastery school, receiving ordination in 971. He then set out with a group of monks to preach among the Magyars of Hungary, but the following year (972) was named bishop of Regensburg by Emperor Otto II (r. 973-983).

As bishop, he distinguished himself brilliantly for his reforming zeal and his skills as a statesman. He brought the clergy of the diocese into his reforms, restored monasteries, promoted education, preached enthusiastically, and was renowned for his charity and aid to the poor, receiving the title Eleemosynarius Major (Grand Almoner). He also served as tutor to Emperor Henry II (r. 1014-1024) while he was still king.

Wolfgang died at Puppington near Linz, Austria. He was canonized in 1052 by Pope St. Leo IX (r. 1049-1054).

Source: Catholic.org



Saint of
the Month



Fashion The Nightmare before Halloween

BY OLIVIA
WESTPHAL

It was Halloween night and Grace was so excited. She couldn't wait to go trick-or-treating and then eat all of her candy.

There was one problem. What would she wear? She couldn't decide. She could be a character from "Frozen", a fairy, a princess, a zombie princess, or Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz.

She didn't have much time either -- just two hours.

She didn't like snowmen that much, so she ruled out Olaf. She couldn't fly, so she decided against a fairy. She wasn't

dead, so she couldn't be a zombie princess. She couldn't freeze stuff without a freezer, so Elsa wasn't a choice. She didn't have red shoes, so she dropped the idea of Dorothy. Finally, she couldn't be a princess because she couldn't walk in high heels.

The choice was made: Anna! She even made it with ten minutes to spare. Later, she got 197 pieces of candy and counted every last one. She loved her costume so much she wore it a week after Halloween. She ate all of her candy, too.

Then she turned into Anna and lived in Anna's castle for a week. Then she went back home.

Features

From battlefields to barns, horses are beloved

BY SAMANTHA BENFORD

Did you know a male horse is called a stallion? Did you know a female horse is called a mare?

Horses first appeared 4,000 years ago. The people in Asia were the first to tame horses. They were used for war and were also a big help to Native Americans, because they made their hunting easier.

There are a lots of great books about horses, including *Black Beauty* and *Misty*

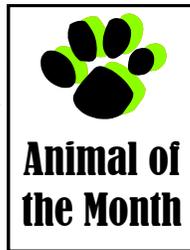
of *Chincoteague*.

You can tell how old a horses is by looking at their teeth. A healthy horse has bright eyes and a shiny coat. There are many horse breeds. Horses are a great pet but they are hard to care for. There are three main types of brushes to groom them with: Curry comb, soft brush, and hard brush. On a hot summer day you should give your horse a lot of water.

When you change up your horse's feed you need to still use a little bit of the



old food with new food. Horses need a lot of exercise, and should be ridden once a day. You need to own a lot of space to own a horse.



This creepy vampire changes at nightfall

BY LILLIAN GEML

The Penanggalan is a Malaysian vampire said to be instantly recognizable.

By day, she looks like a normal woman who uses spells to enhance her looks. By night she leaves her body behind, and flies around as only a head.

She grows her hair long, adding to the effect of looking like an octopus when she moves. The Penanggalan all have vicious fangs. Many tales say



they also have a very long, invisible tongue.

Even in human form, she smells of vinegar, which she uses to preserve her body.

The Penanggalan is said to exist around the Malay Peninsula, a hot area where the houses are commonly built on stilts, allowing her access through the floorboards.

Halloween Poem

The wind was blowing, and
The pumpkins were glowing.

The witch flew on her broom.
I thought she was flying to the moon.

I sat on the floor, and
I heard a knock on the door.

They said "Trick-or-treat!"
So I gave them some candy to eat.



By: Kayla John

Fun & Games

Jokes

BY GRACE SZALMA

Q: What is the most important subject witches learn in school?
A: Spelling!

Q: When is it bad luck to be followed by a black cat?
A: When you are a mouse!

Q: What do you get when you cross a Cocker spaniel, a Poodle, and ghost?
A: Cocker poodle boo!

Q: What do moms dress up as for halloween?
A: Mummies!

Word Up!

masquerade

- **Part of speech:** noun
- **Definition:** a party, dance, or other festive gathering of persons wearing masks and other disguises, and often elegant, historical, or fantastic costumes; a costume or disguise worn at such a gathering.
- **Synonyms:** Mardi Gras, costume party
- **Antonyms:** unmask, reveal
- **Example:** John went to the annual Halloween *masquerade* at Marie's house.

— Nico Moncaleano

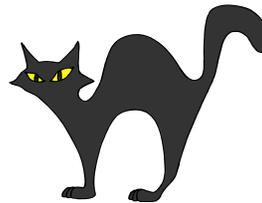
WORD SEARCH By Grace Szalma

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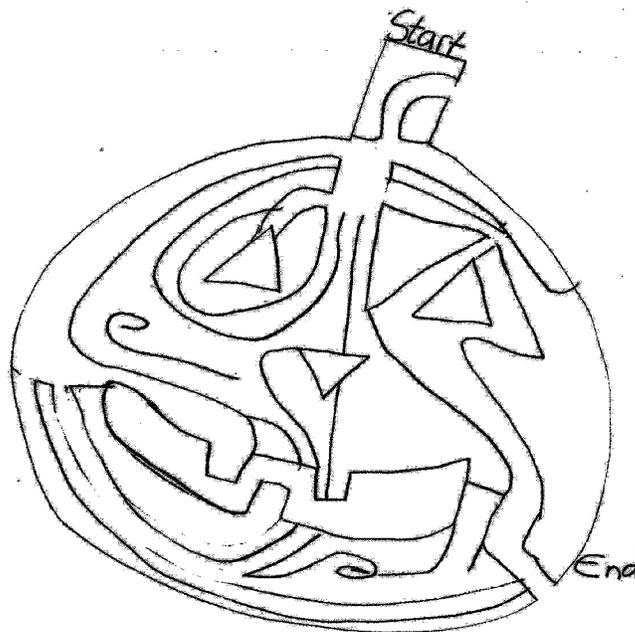
WORD LIST

BOO
HALLOWEEN
COSTUME
BLACK CAT

PUMPKIN
WITCH
GHOST



MAZE By Ben Schmitt



JV soccer wraps up campaign

BY ETHAN MARTIN

The St. Mary J.V. boys soccer team just finished a successful season. I managed to interview one of their head coaches, whose name is Keenan, for a question-and-answer session.

Q: How do you think our team did?
A: I think we did great!

Q: What was our record?
A: 9-1-1

Q: Do you think your players are good soccer players?
A: Yes, my team has great players!

I also managed to interview one of their captains whose name is Logan Martin.

Q: How do you think our team did this season?
A: I think we did fantastic!

Q: Did you find any team difficult to beat?
A: Yes, St. Anne's.

Q: Did the team play well together?
A: Yes, everyone got along as a team, and played great together.



Fun & Games

Gino, Hailey & Dante:
Winners in fall sports! Looking forward to winning report cards.

Very proud,
Mom & Dad



Cub Scouts:
Thank you for selling so much popcorn! Keep going!

From,
All the Den Leaders



Domenic Battaglia:
We are happy to see you on the green list!

Love always,
Mom, Dad & Luisa



Shout Outs!

Austin C.:
We're so proud of you. Keep up the great work!

Love you,
Mom and Dad



Natalie Aggeler:
You are a special daughter and a beautiful young lady.

With love,
Dad



Mr. Willard:
You rock the megaphone!
All of us in line

Alec and Olivia W.:
We are so proud of you both
And your accomplishments!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Ben, And "Rex"



Mrs. Manore:
I'm so glad that you are my teacher!

Love,
Jane



Paige:
Keep up the good work!
Mom & Dad

Jake & Katelyn:
We love you! Wishing you both a great school year!

Love,
Mom & Dad



Boys Varsity 1 Soccer:
Together since the 4th grade!
Congratulations on an awesome season!

From,
Mr. & Mrs. Pozar

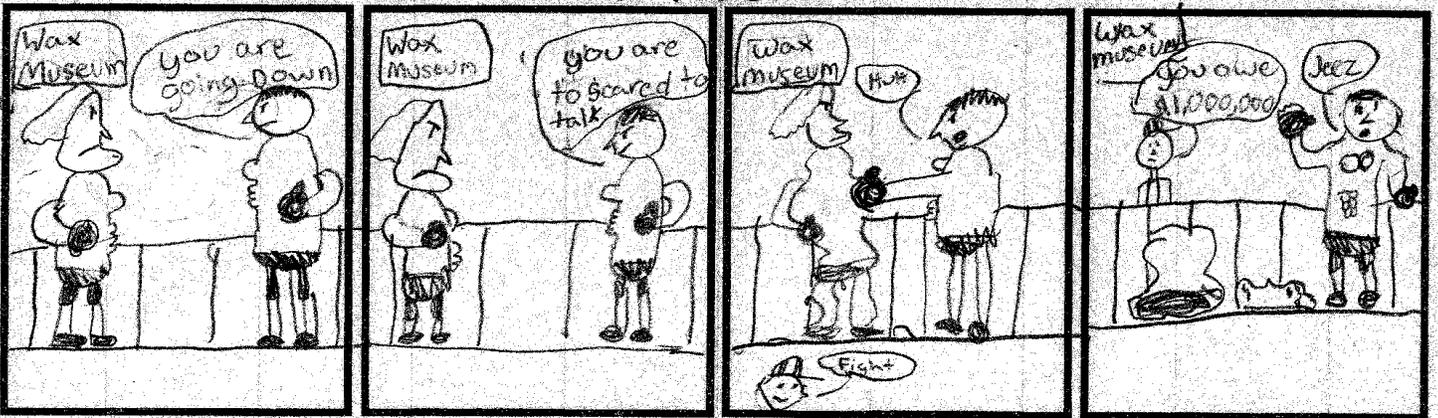


Helayna:
Congratulations on a great start at St. Mary.

Love,
Grandma and Papa

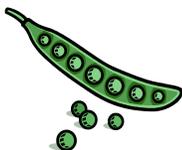
Waxy Boxing

By Anthony Martinez



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Answer: Happy Halloween