

SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW - MR. STEWART

Written By: By: Joey B. and William M.



We have been lucky enough to interview Mr. Stewart, who worked as an aid at the School of St. Mary these past few months. Mr. Stewart had to end his job at SOSM, as he will now be playing football for the Pforzhiem Wild Dogs, a football team in Germany. He said he would be very excited to sub again if the opportunity presented itself. He has greatly enjoyed subbing and said that his favorite thing that he did while being at St. Mary's was playing in the teacher student volleyball game. Mr. Stewart has 2 sisters, one who goes to Northwestern and the other one goes to DePaul. He has played for many different teams such as Centennial High School and Wheaton College for 2 ½ years and he has also played for Lake Forest College. Mr. Stewart uses many training methods: such as lifting, running, stretching, and also has a quarterback coach and therapist.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - DOOR DECORATING

BY DIANE C. AND MORGAN W.

For Catholic Schools Week, homerooms were asked to decorate their classroom doors using the themes of a jungle and/or our Archdiocese's theme of Courageously United in Faith & Community. The homerooms had a week, prior to Catholic Schools Week, to plan and then decorate their doors. Students had a great time thinking about what ideas they wanted to use and how to then show those ideas on their doors. On the day students were to decorate their doors, the school ran a Mass Schedule so that students could use the time they would have normally been at mass to decorate. The winner of the Door Decorating Contest would win a Pizza or Donut Party. Most of the classroom doors when done showed a jungle with various wild animals, many with the idea of courage as part of the decorations. Doors that did not have a jungle also mentioned courage, such as the "Courage of Oz" or "NFL, Courage Baby." Along with these, one door had the character Curious George as part of its decor, while another door had a theme of Jumanji. Even the Art teacher, Mrs. Antrim and the Math teacher, Mrs. Swanson, got in on the fun by decorating their doors, too. In the end, even though you could easily say that all doors seemed to be winners, only one could win. Congratulations to Mrs. Tazioli's homeroom for winning the Door Decorating contest.

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SPELLING BEE

BY: WILLIAM M.

This year's Spelling Bee was hosted on Monday, January 29. 11 contestants were competing against each other for the winning position. It was a fun experience for all the participants. There were multiple rounds, and with each round, the words got harder. Our school champion was Cosima, and our runner up was Buckly B. It was a fast-paced bee and overall, fun to watch. Everyone did an amazing job, but only one got to move to the state championship. The winning word was centrifuge.



RELIGION BEE

BY: KATHERINE P.

During Catholic Schools Week, we had our Religion Bee on Wednesday, January 31st. The Religion Bee tests students on their knowledge about our Catholic faith. There are four tables, each with students from grades 4-8. The teams are set up like this, since an 8th grader would know something that students in the younger grades wouldn't know, or a student from 5th grade might remember something that a student from 7th forgot. Prior to the bee, students from each grade participated in an activity to test their religious knowledge in order to qualify for the bee. Questions ranged in topics, for example, the Bible, or the Mass. Each table of qualifying students got to choose a name for their group. This year's winning table was "No idea." The members of that team were: Jeffrey C., Will J., Logan A. and Abby K.. The other teams were named "Team Jesus Christ" and "Team Golden Capybaras". Remember to congratulate them all. It takes a lot of study and focus to win a bee. Congratulations to team "No Idea"!

GEOGRAPHY BEE

BY: JEFFREY C.

This year's Geography Bee was held on January 30. The annual UGC Geography Bee is a fun competition where students from each Social Studies class compete to move on to the school championship. The questions come from the National Geographic website. This year's winner was Charlie F. (8th grade). In second place was Alex C. (6th grade). Everyone did an amazing job and it was an amazing competition.



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8TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL

BY: JEFFERY C., ALEENA P., AND JOEY B.

The 8th graders have had a very successful season. During this season for the 8th grade boys basketball and has been a season of learning and developing sportsmanship for each of the players. All of the players have their strengths and weaknesses and they have been encouraging each other. Whether its celebrating success or learning from defeat the 8th graders have flourished this year and we look forward to seeing a great rest of the season and we hope they carry the sport of basketball into their high school careers.

8TH GRADE VS FACULTY VOLLEYBALL

BY: JEFFREY C., WILLIAM M., ALEENA P., AND JOEY B.

The annual 8th grade versus faculty volleyball game is a fun event held during Catholic Schools Week where 8th graders and faculty face off in a very competitive volleyball game. This was a very fast-paced game, and all the 8th graders had a chance to play. All the students dressed up in different crazy styles such as bodyguards, girls dressed up as boys, and some were even chickens! The 8th graders were divided into teams of 1 through 10. Every 7 points a new team was substituted in. In the end the teachers were victorious, but the students played to the best of their ability and played a great game.



CAREER DAY

BY: AVA L.

Career Day is a SOSM tradition which is held every year during Catholic Schools Week. This year, I saw the advertiser, doctor, and interior designer. My personal favorite was the doctor because it was really cool to see what they wear and how to stitch up a wound. We had many volunteers who signed up for career day. Some examples are, the civil rights activist, police officers, NFL player, florist, rugby player, and a navy seal.



6TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

BY: MORGAN W. AND DIANE C.

We interviewed Isa C.:

Q. How many players are on your team?

A. We have 7 players.

Q. Who are your coaches?

A. Coach Denninger, Coach Coffee, and Coach Mallory.

Q. What is your team really good at?

A. Our team has good defense.

Q. What do you think your team needs to improve on?

A. WE need to improve on making all of our shots which we are working on right now.

Q. Who is your biggest competitor?

A. Saint Francis Xavier.

Q. Was basketball challenging this year so far?

A. The amount of subs we had this year was very small. So we had to do so much conditioning.

Q. What was your favorite game you played?

A. The Saint Catherines Tournament.

Q. How many wins and losses does your team have so far?

A. Won a tournament and won every game after the tournament so far.

Q. What were your improvements?

A. I improved my shot confidence. I became confident in my basketball abilities and I worked harder than I worked before.

Q. How many games have you played so far?

A. I have played 30 games this whole season.



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FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN FIELD TRIP

BY: ANDREW F.

All of 6th grade went on a field trip to Feed My Starving Children and we all had a blast. The 6th grade went with their third grade buddies and they finally got to have some fun together. For about an hour and half we watched a video and packed lunches for the poor families in Ukraine. We even got to taste the food at the end. The video taught us how hard the people in Ukraine are living right now and it also taught us how to pack the lunches that we give out. After we packed all the lunches we blessed the food with a prayer. Then we all got to go and eat Culvers with our third grade buddies. At the end, we thanked the teachers for buying us all lunch and thanked the restaurant for letting us all eat there.

MS. FRANCO INTERVIEW

BY: AVA L.

- Why did you choose to teach at SOSM? "I heard from my professor that there was an opportunity at the school. I am also catholic, so that was a bonus."
- Where did you go to college? "Elmhurst University"
- How do you like SOSM so far? "I really love it. It is very welcoming, the teachers here are very nice. I received lots of help and I really appreciate it. Also, the students are really fun"
- Why did you choose to become a teacher? "Being a teacher is something I always wanted to do. I did do other stuff, I was an accountant and a nurse assistant, but I always preferred teaching."
- Do you have any pets? "I don't. Unfortunately I am allergic."
- What do you hope to teach your students before the end of the school year? "Just that God loves them, and that they're here for a reason. I also want them to know that when their teacher left in the middle of the year that it had nothing to do with them, and that they are worthy of a good education."
- How long have you been teaching? "This is my first teaching job. I just graduated in December."
- How do you like to spend your free time? "I recently have gotten into running. I like to hang out with friends, and here and there I will indulge in anime watching."



MEET OUR NEW SPANISH TEACHER - MS. PERDOMO

BY: KATHERINE P.

1.Q: What is your favorite Spanish phrase and what does it translate to?

A: My favorite phrase is “todo va a estar bien”; “everything is going to be okay”

2. Q: Do you or have you had any pets? Tell me about them.

A: Yes, I have a chocolate lab. His name is Fito Cocosette, and he is about 1 year old. His first name is from favorite argentinian singer, and his middle name is favorite candy from Venezuela.

3. Q: What was your favorite school project when you were little?

A: We had Class debates about different topics. We often talked about politics, and how we would respond or contribute to fight for our country when we were older. Sometimes it would be a class debate or a grade debate. Other times the whole school came together and had a little competition.

4. Q: What was your favorite subject besides Spanish that you took at school?

A: psychologist; (the study of one’s mind regarding behavior.)

5. Q: When you were deciding what you wanted to do when you grew up, what other things did you consider doing besides teaching Spanish?

A: When I was younger, I wanted to be a singer. When I got older I wanted to be a nutritionist or baker.

6. Q: What is your favorite place to travel to when you are not visiting family?

A: I do not have a preference on where I would go, but that there would be a beach.

7. Q: What is your favorite thing about teaching

A: I love being able to teach other students the language that I speak.

8. Q: What do you do in your free time?

A: In my freetime I like to workout, explore new restaurants in the area, rollerskate, and enjoy time with my dog at home.

9. Q: What’s your favorite season and why?

A: I love the summer because it reminds me of my country.

10. Q: What’s your favorite holiday and why?

A: I used to love Christmas, and still do, but ever since I moved here and learned about Thanksgiving, it has become my new favorite holiday.



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Name: _____ Date: _____

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the
vocabulary words
in the grid. Look
for them in all
directions including
backwards and
diagonally.

Saint Patrick's Day

MarCh 17th



BLARNEY

GOLD

LUCK

CHARM

GREEN

MARCH

CLOVER

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