

# SMS SCOOP

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The School News

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## MAY CROWNING

BY: GABBY S. & ALEENA P.

On Friday, May 10th, the School of St. Mary celebrated the annual May Crowning. This celebration honors our Beloved Mother and patron saint of our school, Mary. The 4th through 7th grade were in attendance, along with the 2nd and 8th graders, who were part of the ceremony. The 2nd graders wore their First Communion outfits and the 8th graders wore their Graduation clothes. The white dresses that the 2nd and 8th grade girls wore represented the purity of our Blessed Mother. 4 students in 8th grade were chosen to perform the crowning of the statue of Mary. Caroline H. was chosen to crown Mary, Jeffery C. assisted her, and Natalie M. and Jackson B. were their attendants. Overall, May Crowning is a special celebration that every student at SOSM looks forward to. Celebrating and honoring the patron saint of our school and our Blessed Mother is a great way to end the year!





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## 8TH GRADE TRIP - WASHINGTON D.C.

BY: JEFFREY C.

Recently, our 8th grade class traveled Washington D.C. where we visited many historic sites. Upon arriving, we stopped to watch the Presidential Motorcade pass by on our way to have lunch at the National Mall. We then walked to the Washington Monument. After dinner that first day, we were given an evening tour of the Vietnam War Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Korean War Memorial, and World War II Memorial. On our second day, our group visited the outside of the White House, the Library of Congress and the Congress building where we had lunch. We then traveled to Arlington National Cemetery and toured the Iwo Jima, Air Force, and 9/11 Memorials. On the third day of our trip, we attended Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and visited the Jefferson Memorial, FDR Memorial, Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial. We visited the Smithsonian Museum of American History, Smithsonian Museum of African American History, and the National Archives. On our last night, we partied on the Dinner Cruise and had lots of fun. The next day, the 8th Graders left D.C. and arrived back in Chicago safe and sound and with many wonderful memories.



## 8TH GRADE MUSICAL

BY: DIANE C. & MORGAN W.



This year's 8th grade musical was High School Musical. If you haven't watched High School Musical, it is about Troy Bolton, the basketball team captain, and Gabriella Montez, a gifted transfer student, trying out for the lead parts in their school musical, which causes division among the students.

The eighth graders did an amazing job of performing. The main characters were: Nicholas B. as Troy Bolton, Ava A. as Gabriella Montez, Aibhilin H. as Sharpay Evans, Henry L. as Chad Danforth, Lulu B. as Kelis, Rowan P. as Ms. Darbus, Dylan W. as Coach Bolton, and Hannah K. as Taylor McKessie. Mr. Manges and Mrs. Ferguson organized the play.

The background of the play was red lockers, the science lab, and drama room. Some of the costumes were just like they were in the movie.



## CONFIRMATION

BY: WILLIAM M. & JOEY B.

On Saturday, April 13th, the 8th grade received the holy sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation is the last Sacrament of Initiation in the Catholic Faith. It gives the confirmandi the Gift of the Holy Spirit, which will give them the power to spread the faith and bring more people into the Church. The Confirmation candidates prepared extensively, and for a long time, in order to receive this sacrament, and their hard work paid off. The Confirming Bishop was Bishop Kane, and the ceremony began as a typical Mass begins. After Bishop Kane gave his homily, he proceeded to anoint each of the Confirmands, one at a time, using the sacred chrism oil, which has a wonderful fragrance to it. Afterwards, the newly confirmed walked back to their pew with their sponsor, where their family had watched and waited. The Mass then continued on usual. In all, it was a beautiful ceremony on what ended up to be a beautiful Spring day. Congratulations to all the newly confirmed 8th graders and we hope that you go out and live your faith.



## LIVING STATIONS

BY: MAXTON F. & WILLIAM M.



The Living Stations is a reenactment by the 8th grade students, portraying the Stations of the Cross. The fifteen stations tell the story of Jesus, from the time he is sentenced to death by Pontius Pilate, to his crucifixion and resurrection. The stations show all the pain and suffering Jesus went through to save us and have our sins forgiven. The Living Stations were performed on March 15th, towards the end of Lent, with Jesus being played by Henry L. Throughout the fifteen stations, Jesus experiences being condemned, falling, talking to his mother and some of the local women, and much more. The stations were performed expertly and reverently by the 8th graders. This is a tradition presented by the School of St. Mary's 8th grade every year and it is one that is always looked forward to by all.

## SYNAGOGUE

BY: MORGAN W. & DIANE C.

This year in Religion, the 6th graders have been studying the Old Testament. On Wednesday, May 1st, the 6th class went to the North Shore Congregation Israel Synagogue. The Rabbi's name was Rabbi Jacob. He talked about and showed us the Torah, the Ark of the Covenant, some history of the faith and about the synagogue. The 6th graders saw that you read or write the Torah from right to left. They also learned some Hebrew. Before we were done learning, he showed us the smaller part of the synagogue. It was a very interesting experience.



## SPRINGFIELD TRIP

ON TUESDAY, APRIL 31ST, THE SEVENTH-GRADE CLASS VISITED OUR STATE CAPITAL OF SPRINGFIELD. THE DAY BEGAN AT THE CRACK OF DAWN, WITH STUDENTS GATHERING AT 5:15 AT THE UGC PARKING LOT TO BOARD THE BUS. AFTER A 4-HOUR BUS RIDE, EVERYONE WAS READY TO STRETCH THEIR LEGS AND TAKE IN THE SITES; LINCOLN'S HOME, THE CAPITAL BUILDING, LINCOLN'S TOMB, AND THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL MUSEUM. A SIDE TRIP TO THE WAR MEMORIALS AND A VISIT OUTSIDE THE STEPS OF THE ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT ADDED TO THIS MEMORABLE DAY! OF COURSE, THE STUDENTS' FAVORITE PART OF THE TRIP IS ALWAYS DINNER AT THE INFAMOUS PIZZA RANCH!





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## SOSM HAS GOT TALENT!!





## SENIOR LUNCHEON

BY: JOEY B.

The Senior Citizen Lunch is an event in which the School of St. Mary's hosts senior citizens for a lunch. It happened on Wednesday, March 13th and was a great event that brought a smile to everyone who was involved. The event started with the 8th graders walking the senior citizens into the gym. Then the seniors ate, watched the Irish dancers, and played bingo. The senior citizens always have such a great time and it is a great experience for the students by learning how to serve others.



## PEP RALLY

BY: DIANE C. & MORGAN W.

This year, we started the Crusader Chase with a pep rally in the gym a week before the event to get the students excited about it. Chase Hawkins and Ms. Pacheco organized the pep rally with games, like Hungry Hungry Hippos and a hula hoop game. The pep rally also included a video about the Crusader Chase and a beginning with all the basketball players running through a banner by grade levels while Mr. Hartman announced their names. There was one hula hoop round that was 8th grade girls vs. 8th grade boys. In the beginning of that game, the boys were winning; unfortunately though, one boy was having a great deal of difficulty and struggled to get the hoop over and around him. This gave the girls enough time to catch up until they fell behind again. In the end, the boys won, or did they? Apparently, at one point, two boys let go of each other's hands, which is against the rules, so the 8th grade boys were disqualified and made the 8th grade girls the winners. It was quite an exciting ending.





## SOLAR ECLIPSE

BY: ALEX C.

On April 8th, students at the School of St. Mary had the opportunity to witness a solar eclipse, which was very special because the next solar eclipse won't happen for another 20 years. Mr. Stanwood, Mr. Byers, and Mr. Schnide made many preparations. There were 4 stations. Station 1 was an activity for before the eclipse. Station 2 was for when the moon covered half the sun. Station 3 was for during the eclipse. and Station 4 was for feedback after the eclipse. We studied how the animals and plants would react to the changes. Mr. Stanwood brought his dog Duke to study how wildlife would react. All of the 6th graders had cameras to document the wildlife and plants during the eclipse. It was very exciting to see this event.



## PEN PAL PICNIC

BY: MORGAN W. AND DIANE C.

On Friday, May 31st, the 6th graders went to Queen of all Saints to meet their pen pals. After writing letters to one another throughout the school year, it was finally time to meet in person! The day was a beautiful sunny day. All the students had lunch with their pen pals, played games, and then the St. Mary students had a tour of the Basilica.





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## VALEDICTORIAN, SALUTATORIAN, AND ADDITIONAL AWARDS

BY: MORGAN W. & DIANE C.

**Valedictorian:** Henry L.

**Salutatorian:** Rowan P.

### **Spirit of a Crusader**

6th Grade: Morgan W.

7th Grade: Eloise H.

8th Grade: Lulu B.



### **Recognition of Current National Junior Honor Society Members**

Emmalyn N. Brooke B. Haley H. Lulu B. Ava A. Joey B. Jeffrey C. Charlie F. William M.  
Maria Jose M.

Carmen P. Paige R. Aleena P. Gabby S.

### **Induction of New National Junior Honor Society Members**

Carolina B. Maxton F. Chloe F. Ivanna G. James M. Christen H.n Eloise H. Paige T. Cosima D.  
Everett T. Will J.

### **Athletic Awards**

8th grade Boys Basketball Spirit of Sport Award: William M.

8th grade boys Basketball Inspired Athlete Award: Joey B.

Jim Campbell Award for Female Athlete of the Year: Hannah K.

Ralph Dunn Award for Male Athlete of the Year: Henry L.

### **Recognition of 8th Grade Altar Servers**

Isaac A. Maxton F. Jackson B. Charlie F. John L.  
Ava A.

### **Fine and Performing Art Awards**

**Choir:** Lulu B.

### **Art:**

Deer Path Art League Emerging Artist Blue Ribbon Winner: Kyle C.

6th Grade Art Apprentice Award: Emerson T.

7th Grade Art Apprentice Award: Eloise H.

6th Grade Art Apprentice Award: Dylan W.



### **Band**

Gold Medal Solo Festival: Vivienne C., Alto Saxophone



## VALEDICTORIAN, SALUTATORIAN, AND ADDITIONAL AWARDS BY: MORGAN W. & DIANE C.

### Academic Awards

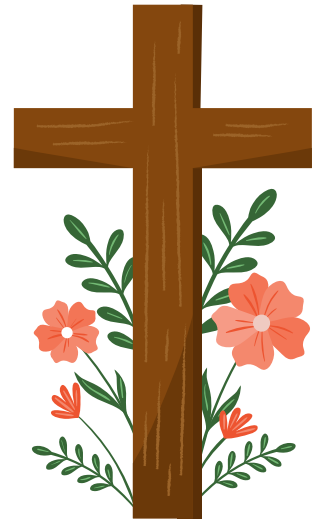
#### Religion

6th Grade Outstanding Effort all 3 Trimesters: Martina K. and Patrick S.

7th Grade Outstanding Effort all 3 Trimesters: Eleanor A. and Colm T.

8th Grade Outstanding Effort: Ava A.

8th Grade Superior Knowledge of Catholic Faith: Henry L.



#### Science

6th Grade Outstanding Effort: Martina K. and Liam L.

7th Grade Outstanding Effort: Eleanor A. and Colm T.

The School of St. Mary Science Award: Henry L. and William M.

The Society of Women Engineers Award: Carmen P. and Rowan P.

#### STEAM Engineering Awards for Bridge Building

6th Grade: Major M. & Teagan H. - 24 lbs

7th Grade: Ethan D., James M., & Anthony R. - 48 lbs

8th Grade: Maxton F., Kyle C., & Charles F. - 98 lbs



#### Math

6th Grade Outstanding Effort: Cece C., Patrick S., & Remle D.

7th Grade Outstanding Effort: Chloe F., Nicholas B., & Marco B.

Mullarkey-Borkowski Award for Math: Jackson B., Alex L., & Paige R.

#### Social Studies

Best Class Participator: Henry L., Ben R., & Patrick S.

Most Growth: Callan W., Charles C., & Donnacha M.

Love of History Award: Jackson B., Anthony R., & Buckley B.

Geography Wizard: Charlie F., Alex L., Luke N., Vivienne C., Will J., Alex C., Cece C.

Perfect Score: Cosima D.

8th Grade Outstanding Effort and Performance all Year: Caroline H.





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## VALEDICTORIAN, SALUTATORIAN, AND ADDITIONAL AWARDS BY: MORGAN W. & DIANE C.

### English Language Arts

6th Grade Outstanding Writer: Sophie B. & Andrew F.

7th Grade Outstanding Writer: Cosima D. & Will J.

### Outstanding Growth and Effort

#### Reading

Claire B.- 1300%

Katherine P.- 900%

Alex G.- 850%

#### Math

Kaylah L. - 300%

Will J.- 242%

Gabi S.- 522%



**Daughters of American Revolution Good Citizen Award:** Jeffrey C.

**American Legion Citizenship Award:** Hannah K.

**Distinguished Alumni Award:** Mr. Peter Hartman

**Volunteer of the Year:** Heidi C.

### Faculty Honors

5 years: Ms. Agostinelli, Mrs. Homan, Mrs Recker, Mrs. Rouse, Ms. Stride

10 years: Mrs. Gelderman

15 years: Mrs. Pacewicz

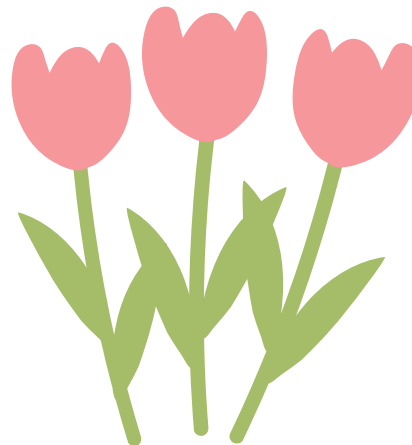
20 years: Mrs. Olson

25 years: Mrs. Kiwala

**Knights of Columbus Scholarship:** Dylan W.

**Lillian Olson Scholarship:** Gabi S.

**St. Sebastian Award for Courage:** Will J. & Andrew J.







# *Class of* 2024



*Goodbye, and God Bless!*



## Fun & Games

### Graduation Word Search

CONGRATULATIONS

ACCOMPLISHMENT

COMMENCEMENT

CELEBRATION

HIGH SCHOOL

GRADUATION

UNIVERSITY

CELEBRATE

EDUCATION

CEREMONY

COLLEGE

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One time I thought I saw a tree  
A tree through young eyes  
And life started

I was born in warmth and safeness  
Though it was the height of spring  
The outside world was a hard one

A deep, cold, hard one

As I grew up I tried to run out  
When I did I was unready  
With no coat or gloves or any of that

I didn't know what to do  
No fire, no warm clothing  
Then I remember

I wanted this,  
I wanted to go out and live here  
I didn't want to be little

A trio down to two  
My options blew away like sand  
And so young I'll have to work

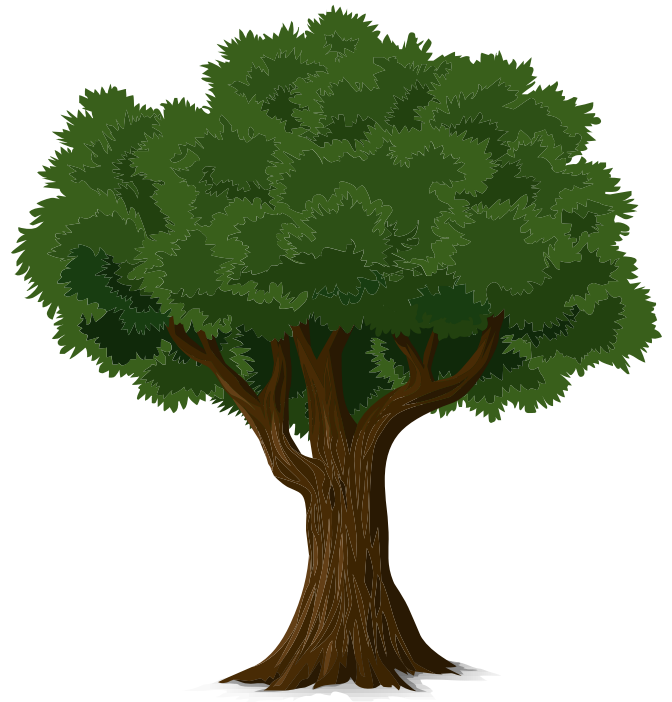
I'd remember  
If I'd stayed home  
I could learn how to survive

Or thrive

## When I Got Out

Anthony R.

5/15/2024

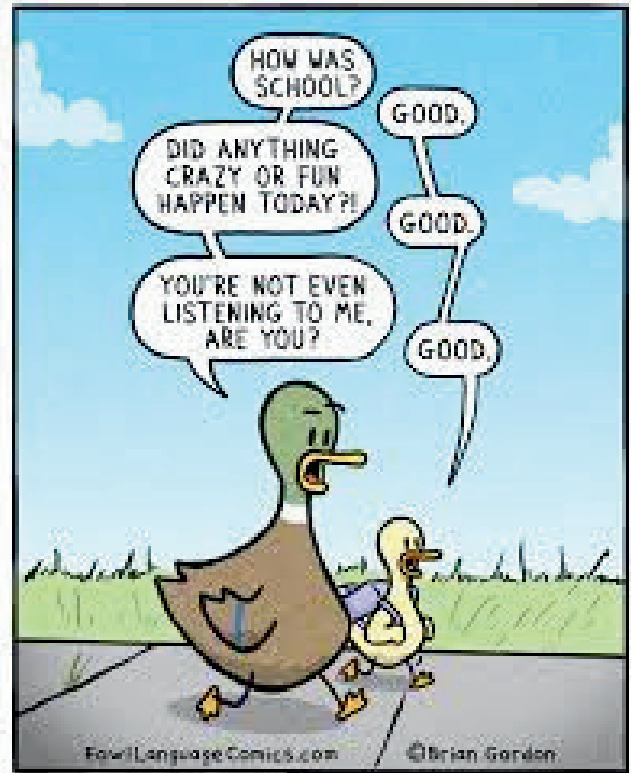


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## Fun & Games

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### Across:

- 2. A feline furry animal
- 4. The ability to understand and share the feelings of another
- 5. A small brown bird known for chirping

### Down:

- 1. A large, four-legged animal that is often used for transportation
- 3. Existing or available in large quantities