

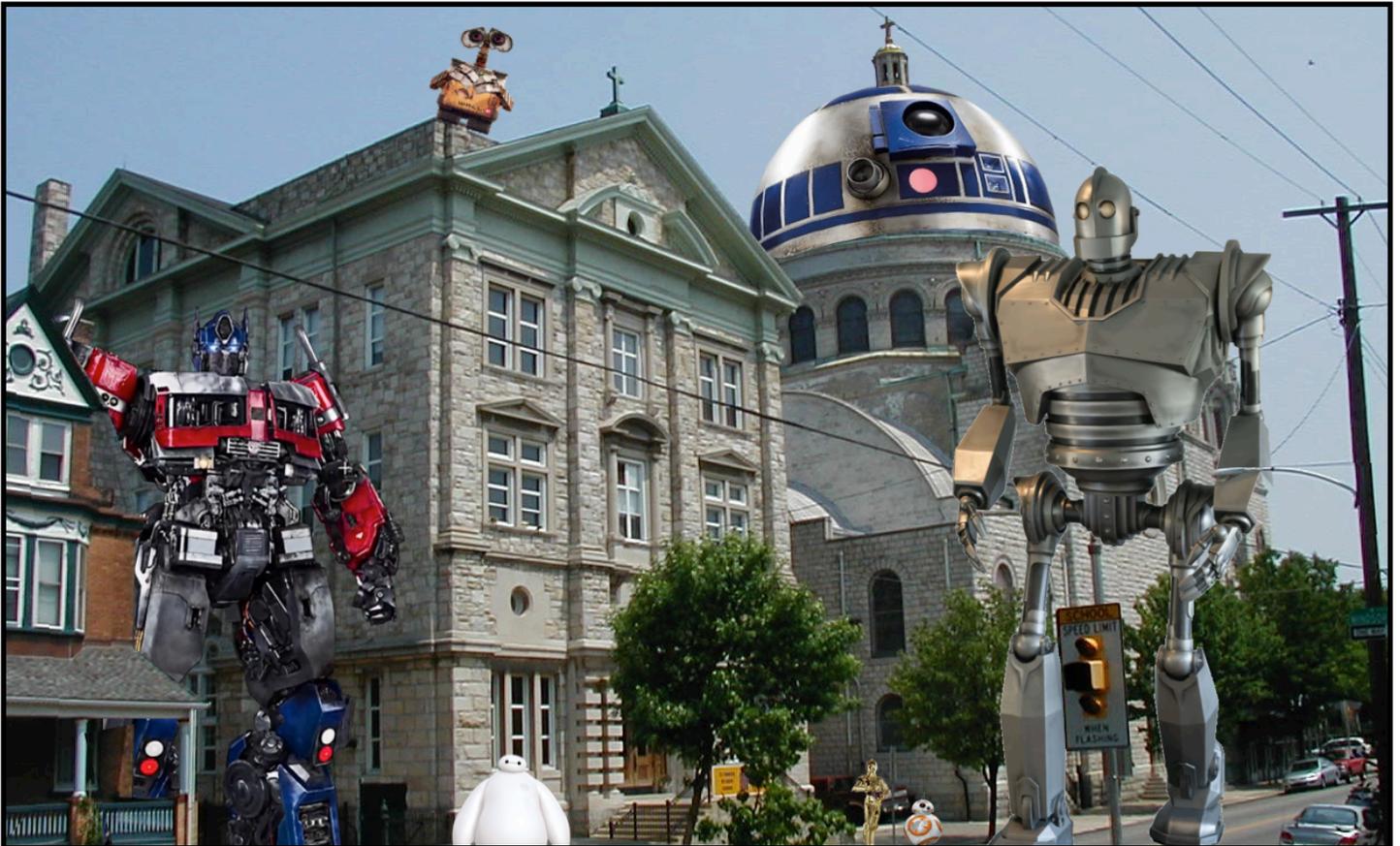
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ROBOTS AT DE SALES



In March, SFDS welcomed a thrilling addition: two robots, meticulously programmed by Mrs. Flynn's computer expertise. These robots were a rare find, with only a select few being distributed to various schools. Fortunately, our school was among the chosen few to receive a pair. We thank the Foundation for Catholic Education & Jerry Parsons and his staff.

To determine their identities, the student council conducted a survey soliciting suggestions for names. The criteria? They had to be complementary or rhyming. After thorough analysis and data collection, the names "Mr. Bob" and "Coach D" emerged victorious.

Excitement for these robots is palpable, but their unveiling awaits your class's turn in STEM. Under Mrs. Flynn's skilled guidance, these robots have been programmed to manipulate solid shapes and objects effortlessly. Additionally, they possess a nifty feature similar to a mini vacuum, ideal for handling delicate items like paper.

SFDS is not stopping there. Plans are underway to establish a robotics program, offering students opportunities to delve into the fascinating realms of robot studies, construction, coding, and cryptography. The future at SFDS is certainly looking innovative and bright.

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT



March's Teacher Spotlight is shining brightly on Miss AnnaVictoria Duzinski, our amazing Pre-K teacher here at St. Francis De Sales. Miss Duzinski initially joined our school as an art teacher and has since dedicated five wonderful years to shaping young minds in our Pre-K program.

Her passion for teaching Pre-K shines through in the way she prepares her students for the exciting journey into kindergarten. It's no surprise that her Pre-K students adore her just as much as she adores them.

We are incredibly grateful to have Miss Duzinski as part of our St. Francis De Sales family. Her unwavering commitment to our students' growth and development truly makes her a shining star in our school community.

POP CONCERT

At St. Francis de Sales, the after-school program known as POP recently hosted an exciting concert. Held in our school's auditorium, the event welcomed over 300 guests. Participants ranged from kindergarten to 8th grade students, all showcasing their talents. The concert featured performances by PCO, CO1, and CO2, including choir and studio pieces from every class. Attendees also enjoyed a concession stand offering a variety of snacks and drinks. Congratulations to all the performers who took part in the Play on Philly Concert!



ST. PATRICK'S BREAKFAST

One of our 7th grade reporters had the pleasure of speaking with Ms. Bradley about the recent St. Patrick's Day breakfast, and here's what she shared: Ms. Bradley mentioned that Judges Jimmy Lynn's 25th Annual St. Patrick's Day breakfast was held at the Plough and the Stars. The event was attended by Judge Lynn, as well as friends and family of St. Francis de Sales School. Everyone was served a delightful full Irish breakfast at the event. Ms. Bradley praised the delicious food and expressed that she had a wonderful time.



READ ACROSS AMERICA



Each year, Read Across America is celebrated on March 2nd to commemorate the birthday of Dr. Seuss. The event aims to encourage children all over the United States to embrace reading. At Saint Francis de Sales, Read Across America was marked by seventh-grade students pairing up with kindergarteners for a day of literary fun. The seventh graders read Dr. Seuss books to the kindergarteners and everyone enjoyed a meal of green eggs and ham, inspired by one of Dr. Seuss's books. The children engaged in activities together, played games outdoors, and concluded the day by watching "The Cat in the Hat".

6TH GRADE SCIENTIST

This month, we had the opportunity to interview Ms. Purdy to learn about the ongoing projects in the 6th grade. Currently, the focus is on the big third trimester science unit. Throughout this unit, students will delve into various fascinating topics such as slime molds, different types of amoebas, maze design, mushroom cultivation, ant behavior in farms, and the creation of terrariums.

The 6th graders are gearing up to commence their slime molds assignment in approximately a week. They will also be tasked with designing mazes for the slime molds to navigate, utilizing techniques learned in STEM class, including the use of 3D printing technology.



Looking ahead, the students will dive into other engaging assignments such as studying amoebas, exploring mushroom cultivation through logs, observing ant behavior in farms, and creating their own miniature ecosystems in terrariums. These activities are scheduled to begin in about four weeks, towards the end of April.

In summary, the 6th grade is embarking on a month filled with exciting scientific explorations and hands-on learning experiences.

WE WILL MISS YOU MR. ROB



Mr. Rob, a seminarian student on his journey to become a priest, dedicated his Thursdays to teaching religion to the 7th grade class. He began teaching us in October and shared insights into his life, including the duration of seminary school, the length of priestly studies, and his own progress in becoming a priest.

In Mr. Rob's classes, we not only learned but also had fun playing games and discovering new knowledge. One memorable activity involved analyzing pictures to uncover their backstories and hidden shapes within them. Mr. Rob's lessons over the past few months have been enlightening.

Towards the end of February, Mr. Rob faced a significant challenge: a pivotal test to determine his readiness for priesthood. The following week, he joyously informed us that he had successfully passed the test. Unfortunately, due to changes in his schedule, Mr. Rob had to conclude his teaching duties and return to his studies and classes.

HIGH SCHOOL VISITATION DAY



On March 21, 2024, many 7th graders from various Catholic schools, including St. Francis de Sales, participated in High School Visitation Day, visiting the high schools they were considering attending. This day-long event allowed them to gain insight into the types of classes offered and experience a typical day in high school.

The high schools organized various activities to engage the visiting students. For instance, some schools showcased magic tricks, while others hosted mini-games in the gym. The day began with groups of 7th graders paired with 1 to 3 students from the hosting high school, who guided them to their classes and throughout the day's activities.

— PHILLY SPORTS —

EAGLES

In NFL free agency, the Eagles made a significant acquisition by securing star running back Saquon Barkley, an alumni Penn State. This addition has sparked hope among Eagles fans, who see Barkley as the potential missing piece to get them back to the Super Bowl.

The Eagles faced an emotional moment as veteran center Jason Kelce announced his retirement in a heartfelt speech at the NovaCare Complex. Kelce's amazing career with the Eagles included being one of just three centers in NFL history to receive All-Pro honors five times. His will with out a doubt be missed, and be a legend forever.



Adding to the emotional toll, Fletcher Cox, the Eagles' defensive tackle, also declared his retirement.

Cox's leadership both on and off the field will undoubtedly be sorely missed by his teammates and fans.

SIXERS

The 76ers are currently 40-35, holding the eighth spot in the Eastern Conference with seven games left. Soon, the Philadelphia 76ers could receive a massive boost as their All-Star big man, Joel Embiid, is on track to make his return very soon. This couldn't come at a better time as the Sixers are battling for the playoffs. The team has sorely missed the MVP's two-way dominance.

Tyrese Maxey, the Sixers' first-time All-Star, has kept them in contention and should continue to excel when Embiid returns. Though the season hasn't unfolded as hoped, the Sixers can find comfort in knowing that their star player is on pace to return. Let's hope the Sixers can come together and bring another championship back to the City of Brotherly Love.

Photographed to the right is second grader Farrah with her favorite player Tyrese Maxey. Farrah was able to go down on the court and meet him on her birthday.



The Office



St. Francis de Sales School is not only known for its exceptional education but also for its dedicated office staff who play a crucial role in keeping the school running smoothly. Let's take a closer look at some of the key members of the office staff and their contributions to the vibrant de Sales community.

Mrs. Henry - Main Office Manager

Mrs. Henry, the main office manager, brings 12 years of experience and a deep appreciation for the diverse student body at Desales. She believes that the rich cultural tapestry woven by the students enriches the school's atmosphere. When asked which office supply she would be, Mrs. Henry humorously remarked, "If I were an office supply, I would be a pencil because I am sharp at all times."



Ms. Yirandy - Office Manager

Ms. Yirandy, another essential member of the office team, has been part of the Desales community for 2 years. She finds joy in the dynamic environment of Desales, where there's never a dull moment. Describing herself as a paperclip, Ms. Yirandy explained, "I'm good at organizing things and keeping everyone together on the same team."

Ms. Bradley - Development Director

With 6 years of dedicated service, Ms. Bradley, the Development Director, cherishes the interactions with the amazing students at Desales. Whether it's organizing events, clubs, or fundraisers, she finds immense fulfillment in being part of the vibrant St. Francis de Sales School community. Ms. Bradley humorously compared herself to a sticky note, saying, "I would be a sticky note - underrated yet essential for leaving memorable or positive notes."



Mr. Coyne - Business Manager

Mr. Coyne, who joined Desales ten years ago, shares Mrs. Henry's appreciation for the uplifting atmosphere created by the students. However, his least favorite task is collecting money. Mr. Coyne humorously remarked that if he were an office supply, he would be a highlighter, bringing brightness to the school.

The office staff at St. Francis de Sales School plays a pivotal role in maintaining a welcoming and organized environment for students, staff, and parents alike. Their dedication and passion contribute significantly to the school's success and positive atmosphere. Let's continue to appreciate and support their efforts as they continue to enrich the de Sales community.

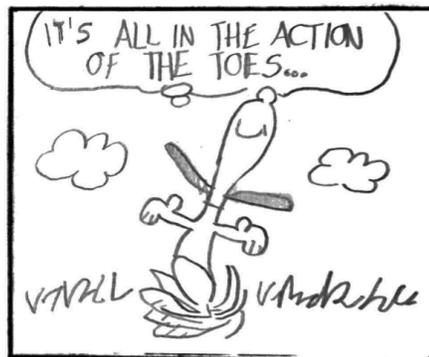
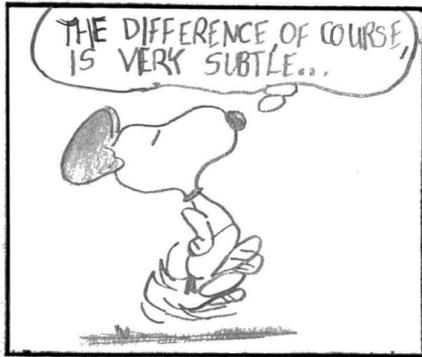
**ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL
SECOND TRIMESTER HONOR STUDENTS**

DISTINGUISHED HONORS

<u>2ND GRADE</u>	<u>3RD GRADE</u>	<u>4TH GRADE</u>	<u>5TH GRADE</u>	<u>7TH GRADE</u>	<u>8TH GRADE</u>
GENEVIEVE	KRUZE	AMANI	SOLYANA	ANTHONY	CLAYTON
MILKA		IVAN	SARON	VISION	CARLA
LEVI		LAURO		KHLOE	YOLENY
CIVIL		SYDNEY		JEWEL	SIDONA
RYLEIGH		SENAY			YOSHUA
MAX		CECILIA			ALYNA
AMAIA		MAYA			JASON
NAELY					PHANTA
JIDECHUKWU					JASON
DAGAGA					AALIYAH
CARRIE					ANIYAH
PHANTA					ALEX
					KEVIN
					VERA
					ZULMA
					CHRISTOPHER

ACADEMIC HONORS

<u>2ND GRADE</u>	<u>4TH GRADE</u>	<u>5TH GRADE</u>	<u>6TH GRADE</u>	<u>7TH GRADE</u>	<u>8TH GRADE</u>
NAOD	MAYA	KENDALL	NARDOS	ARJUMMAA	NOAH
	KATE	GIOVANNI	JEREMY	ANNALENA	EMMANUEL
	DILLON			JULIE	JONALIS
	CAMERON			TRINITY	ROBERT
	ALAYAH			YURI	
	CHRISTOPHER			TRINITY	
				ZION	
				ZAHMIIR	
				VICTOR	
				GISELLE	
				NALAH	



JOKES AND RIDDLES

- Humpty Dumpty had a great fall, and his Spring apparently wasn't bad either.
- What do bees use to fix their hair? Honeycombs.
- Why is April the cleanest month? April Showers
- What type of bow can not be tied? A rainbow

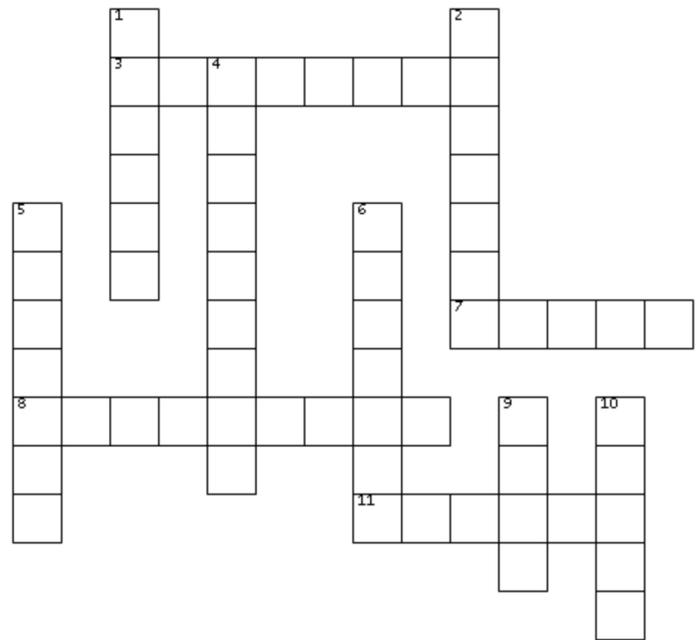
SPRING CROSSWORD

ACROSS

3. It's supposed to rain today. Take an _____.
7. The color of spring grass.
8. Black and yellow insect that pollinates flowers
11. There are 4 of these each year.

DOWN

1. The season after Spring is _____.
2. It's supposed to rain today. Take an _____.
4. An adult caterpillar.
5. Colorful arc in the sky.
6. April _____ bring May flowers.
9. Where a bird lives.
10. It's supposed to rain today. Take an _____.



Prayers and Intentions

Sean Casey
 Mr. Moore
 James Lafferty
 Dan
 Tanner
 Joanne Reswski
 Julie
 Donna Conway



Every morning when we are done listing all the intentions we lift them up to The Lord and we pray the Our Father. In the month of April, the saints we can pray to Saint Juan Diego, and Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini.

"The prayers of the St. Francis' children are very powerful." – Sister Mary