



# THE ROYAL TIMES

## Academy of Our Lady of Grace

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

By: Andrea Chucaralao



#### What is Black History Month?

Black History Month is an annual observance in February, dedicated to celebrating and honoring the contributions and achievements of African Americans throughout history. It provides an opportunity to recognize the significant impact that African Americans have had on shaping culture, politics, and society, often in the face of adversity and discrimination.

The month is marked by educational events, discussions, and activities that highlight the rich heritage and diverse experiences of the African American community.

Originating in the United States, Black History Month is now also celebrated in countries like Canada and the United Kingdom, each with their own unique focus and historical context.

#### Key Aspects of Black History Month

The key aspects of Black History Month also include educating people about the struggles African Americans have faced in the fight for equality and justice. It is a time to honor influential figures such as Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Harriet Tubman, and countless others who have made significant impacts in the realms of civil rights, science, literature, and the arts.

Furthermore, Black History Month serves as a reminder of the ongoing journey toward racial equality and the importance of standing against discrimination and prejudice in all of its forms. Events, discussions, and educational programs held during this month aim to foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of the diverse experiences that have shaped the African American community and continue to influence society today.



# Emma's 1000 Point Game

By: Gia, Vasi, and Luciana



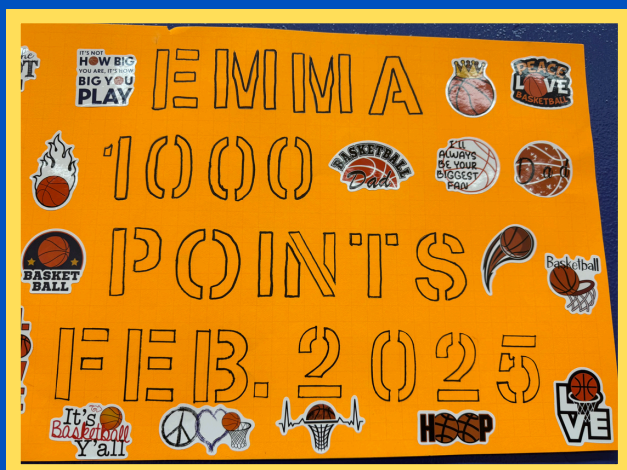
On Wednesday, February 12, 8th Grade student Emma Weintraub scored 1000 points.

Emma has been playing basketball since third grade, and she truly has a passion for the game.

The basketball game started at 7:30 p.m. and ended around 8:30 p.m. All of Emma's friends made posters for her and cheered her on.

When Emma hit a thousand points, she was given flowers and balloons.

Later, she took pictures with her family, Principal D'Amico, and Assistant Principal Cuoco.





# Confirmation Retreat

By: Fatna L. and Skylar G.

**On February 8, the 7th grade students were invited to participate in a confirmation retreat.**

**This year they will be receiving confirmation which is a very important sacrament in their lives.**

**During the retreat, they learned more about their faith, how to get closer to God, and what it is to receive confirmation.**

**Then the Youth Coming Together (YCT) gave the students paper to write their intentions and burned the paper so that their intentions would fly.**



# VALENTINE'S DRESS DOWN DAY!



7th grade girls wear their pretty red and pink outfits.

The 2nd grade class wears all of their hearts, red, and pink outfits.



6th and 7th grade girls stand in front of their Valentine's bulletin board on Valentine's Day.

## FEBRUARY 14TH

BY: CATALINA DAVILA



On February 11, 2025, the Academy of Our Lady of Grace hosted a successful dine-to-donate event at Dip and Drip.

*by Isabella Freda*





# The Christmas Pageant

By: Antonio Lindsley and Hector Hernandez

The Christmas concert was a fun time for parents because they saw their children sing and dance. The concert began on December 9, with 1st-4th grade performing at 6:30 p.m. December 10, PK-2 performed at 8:30 a.m., Pre K- 3 - Kindergarten at 9:30 a.m., and 5th-8th that night at 6:30 p.m.

Parents had been waiting to see their children dance and sing on stage. The students had also been preparing for a couple weeks to perform. Watching their children sing and dance like pros was a joy for the parents.

The 4th Graders did a Nativity Play; and the 5th through 8th Grades performed a play. Since there was not any homework, families were able to eat together after the pageant.

The Christmas concert was a great way to celebrate Christmas cheer. The children who performed in the Christmas concert were very happy to sing and dance in front of their parents or grandparents.

Parents had great opportunities to take pictures of their children, which they will never forget. And when the children and the parents grow older, they can look back at the photos to see how their children looked then and now.

It was a delight to see the children sing. The moms and dads made memories that they will never forget for the rest of their lives, especially for the 8th graders because it is their last year in the school.



Assistant Principal Cuoco teaches students new ways to use Canva.



## What Has the “Royal Times Club” Been Doing? Signora O.

**The “Royal Times Club” members continue to learn and teach each other new ways to use Canva. Canva is a graphic design platform which allows the students to create their own article and photo pages.**

**Recently, Assistant Principal Cuoco taught students how to solve problems in Canva and develop their skills.**

**On top of that, many of the students from last year continuously teach themselves new ways to use Canva and cheerfully teach other students what they have learned.**

**Recently, members have been planning new ideas for the upcoming March paper, where they will create their article and photo pages in Canva.**