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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF EASTER

By: Andrea Chucaralao

Easter: A Celebration of Faith, Renewal, and Community

Easter, the cornerstone of the Christian calendar, holds profound significance for millions of believers around the globe. Commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, this sacred day surpasses religious boundaries, inviting people to reflect on themes of hope, renewal, and the enduring power of faith.

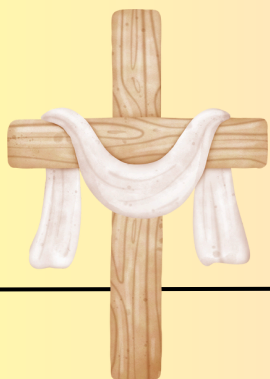
Central to the Easter celebration is the powerful message of triumph over adversity. For Christians, it represents Jesus' victory over sin and death, a cornerstone of their faith. The resurrection story inspires individuals to confront their own challenges with courage and to find strength in the promise of new beginnings.



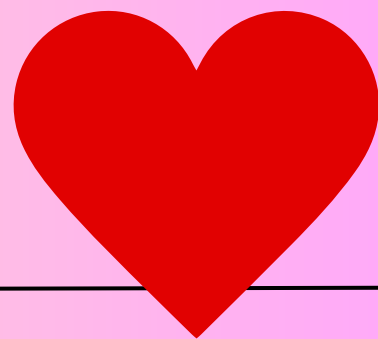
Beyond its spiritual essence, Easter fosters a sense of togetherness within families and communities. It is a time for gathering, sharing meals, and participating in cherished traditions. Activities such as egg decorating, Easter egg hunts, and gift-giving bring joy, especially to children, adding a depth to the holiday.

The impact of Easter extends beyond the perimeters of religious observance. It serves as a reminder of the importance of gratitude, love, and compassion in daily life. In a world often marked by division, the universal themes of Easter encourage acts of kindness and efforts to strengthen bonds with others.

As spring awakens nature with vibrant colors and new life, Easter inspires individuals to embrace renewal—whether by deepening their faith, reconnecting with loved ones, or seeking personal growth. Its message resonates with the shared human desire for hope, making it a celebration that touches the hearts of many, regardless of creed.



GODSPELL



BY: FATNA LAHBICHI



As part of the cherished Palm Sunday tradition, the youth group and children of AOLG performed an excerpt from “Godspell.” This special presentation sets the church apart in a meaningful way by bringing the community together each year, and allowing the youth to deepen their faith and share it in a beautiful, memorable way.

“Godspell” portrays the teachings of Jesus Christ and the events leading up to His death on the cross.

The young performers spent a lot of time preparing and practicing for the day. Their hard work and dedication truly showed. The church was filled with emotion as families and parishioners watched the story in a vivid way.

The performances took place during the 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 12:15 p.m. Masses.



Empowering Earth Day: Small Changes, Big Impact

By: Andrea Chucaralao

What is Earth Day, and what is its importance?

Earth Day is celebrated every year on April 22 around the world in a gesture of unity for protecting the environment. It was first celebrated in 1970 and is now recognized as the world's largest earthly holiday. More than one billion people are involved annually. The objective of Earth Day is to educate individuals about environmental issues such as: pollution, tree cutting, and climate change. Furthermore, it is intended to motivate individuals to take action to help the planet.



What can one do on Earth Day?

One may start by planting a tree. Trees are crucial to the well-being of the planet because they absorb carbon dioxide, provide oxygen, and enhance the ecosystem. Planting one tree can help fight global warming, purify the air one breathes, and offer wildlife habitat.

Trees are nature's air purifiers, filtering toxins from the air. They cool the air, conserve energy, and provide shade during hot summer afternoons. Trees also prevent soil erosion, conserve water, and support a vast range of plant and animal life.

How can one get involved in planting trees on Earth Day?

One might participate in a tree-planting initiative, join a nature preservation organization, or start one. Also, one may plant a tree in the backyard, corner park, or cut-over forest habitat in order to fight against pollution.

In short, Earth Day is a day to reflect on how crucial it is to preserve the world and act towards creating a better, more sustainable world for all living creatures. By planting one tree on Earth Day, one does one's part in helping to contribute to the health and well-being of the world.

Truly, the power to change the world is in everyone's hands – one plant at a time.

Father/Daughter Dance

By: Alana Mederos

The Father/Daughter Dance allows girls to go to a school dance with their dads or their dad substitutes. The dads and daughters played games and danced during the evening

Also, the SCC members made drinks and gave hand tattoos.

This event created a great memory for the students and their dads.



Book Fair

By Fatna L. and Skylar G.

AOLG had their first book fair of the year.

It was filled with exciting books for everyone in the school, including Pre-K. There were books regarding: adventure, growing up, lesson learning, and comedy.

Many parents attended and helped the students find the books which they wanted.

The Book Fair is any amazing way to get everyone to open a book and start reading.



“BY THE NUMBERS” - AUTHOR ROBERT SKEAD VISITS AOLG

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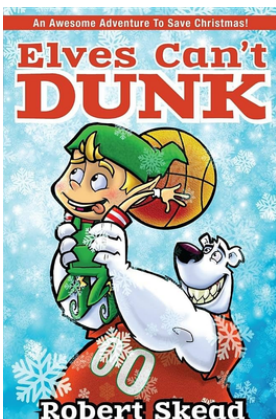
On Friday, March 21, 2025, author Robert Skead visited AOLG. Skead is the author of 13 books for readers ages 6 through 14. He usually writes about sports and American history.

During his assembly presentation, he spoke about creative writing to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades. There were 112 students in the two sessions.

Then he presented about the American Revolution to the 4th through 8th grades. There were 181 students in those two sessions.

The author presold 76 copies of his books which he signed.

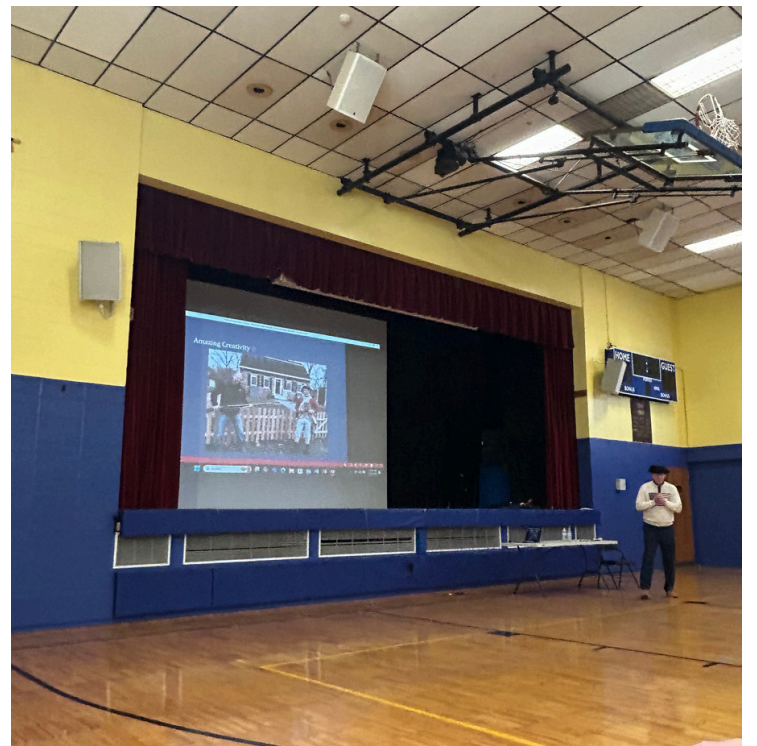
Everyone enjoyed learning about Mr. Skead's career. It was perfect timing that his visit took place during “Reader's are Royalty Month.”



Declan chose, “Elves Can't Dunk” to pre-order.
Photo: Amazon.com

The author speaks to the students.

Photo: Mr. Freddy Burke (7F)



The author explains the American Revolution.

Photo: Mr. Freddy Burke (7F)

7th Grade Class

Trip



The Seventh Grade started their field trip at the New Jersey Hall of Fame. While there, they enjoyed many interactive experiences.

The space activity showed a movie about space and the people who went there. The students sat in seats which moved around, making them feel like they were in space also.

Next, they went to the boardwalk to take pictures with a famous New Jerseyan and sang karaoke with a famous singer. [The students enjoyed cheering for their friends while singing.]

They also interviewed famous people from New Jersey and enjoyed a virtual reality experience, where they learned about famous New Jerseyans. The VR was so well done that the students felt like they were really there.

Later, they went to a mirror maze, where they had to find their way out of the mystery. About five people went in at a time. Some students thought it was a little difficult, but others breezed through easily.

The students also played black light mini-golf in groups of four or five. They used a glow in the dark golf ball, along with a club.

At the end of the day, the Seventh Grade loved their class trip.

By: Gia and Vasi

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4th grade field trip

BY:
ISABELLA
GAYOMA

BY: MARY
LEACH

ELLIS ISLAND

Ellis Island was an immigration center for immigrants coming to America. It operated from 1892- 1954. The main building was built in 1900, and the hospital was built in 1911.

Abigail looks at an artifact in the Ellis Island museum.



The photo below shows a display model of the nose of the Statue of Liberty. Many of the students found this display very interesting.

Overall, every student had a great time at the statue of liberty and Ellis island.

THE FOURTH
GRADE HAD LOTS
OF FUN ON THE
FIELD TRIP TO
ELLIS ISLAND.



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SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

BY: ANTONIO LINDSLEY

Saint Patrick's Day is based on Saint Patrick. He is the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland.

It is believed that Saint Patrick died on March 17, 481, which is why the holiday is celebrated on this date. Saint Patrick was born during the Fourth Century in Roman Britain.

The holiday is associated with parades, shamrocks and everything Irish. The color green is associated with Saint Patrick's Day because it is linked to the lush landscape of Ireland.

Saint Patrick's Day is a fun time to try to trap the leprechaun, find gold coins, and chocolate.



MARCH 17TH



Royal Times members work together on the April paper.



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

The “Royal Times Club” members continue to produce articles and photo pages through Canva. [Canva is a graphic design platform which allows the students to create their own layout pages for the paper.]

The students frequently work together on projects. Sometimes when two students want to work on the same article, they gladly decide to work together. It is refreshing to see them willingly share with one another.

Furthermore, the students are grateful to AOLG for allowing them to use the Technology room to produce the monthly paper. They truly enjoy working together toward the shared goal of producing the “Royal Times” paper.