



Tales of DeSales

New Staff Adventures...

Even though we are losing a great teacher, we are not losing our core values. Fr. Seidel, Mrs. Richard, Mrs. Hamada, and Mrs. Sterns are all learning new things for this year's curriculum, some even learning an entire student body. Mrs. Sterns is the newest addition to our faculty, replacing Mr. Meldahl for art this year. As a newcomer, she is following along with past assignments and adding her own knowledge of new techniques into the class as well. Her favorite part of teaching art here is when she gets to see her students being able to fully grasp a skill they didn't think they could. Her main goal for her new classes is to see her students be able to express their God-given creativity in ways that are natural and empowering to them. We presume that she will bring great things for our students this year and hopefully more to come. Best Wishes Mrs. Sterns!



To ensure that Fr. Seidel, our president and senior and freshman religion teacher, doesn't get overwhelmed with his duties, Mrs. Richard and Mrs. Hamada are taking over the sophomore and junior religion classes. Mrs. Richard is ecstatic to be teaching religion again even with the other 5 classes she is currently teaching. She plans to help her new class appreciate the importance of knowing scripture, especially through Gospels. Mrs. Richard has her parents and childhood priests to thank for the foundation of faith she had growing up. She couldn't have done this alone. "I may not know what the day brings, but I know who brings the day".- We The Kingdom



Mrs. Hamada is also very excited to be teaching the junior class for religion. She is watching over Fr. Seidel until he turns his duties over to her, and her faith has led her into this position, she is welcoming this position with a newfound sense of hope.

We wish all our new teachers a great school year!
~Janie Doohan



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Fun In Fairadise!



Every year, the Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days highlights kids all around the valley and their talents and projects. From showing a steer, lamb, horse or pig, to turning in a photo, poster or a freshly baked cake, there are so many ways people can have their hard work paid off.

Notably, many students at DeSales and Assumption showed numerous animals throughout the weekend. Our students represented us well in showmanship, as in the steer barn, the championship drive for seniors had Diego Caso and Helen Hellberg-Wilson, as well as graduates from last year. Macy Chvatal and Regina Nelson (earning Grand Champion 4-H Showman in horses and

dairy respectively) both qualified and participated in the Round Robin contest where they showed a pig, horse, sheep, goat, steer, and dairy cow alongside the other champion showman from each division. DeSales and Assumption also had projects in the pavilion, with photography, cooking, sewing, and paintings just to name a few. Everyone, regardless of whether this was their first time showing or their last, they all succeeded and went home with a ton of personal victories and memories they will remember forever.

Congratulations to all our exhibitors and their successes this year at fair!
~Macy Chvatal

Happy Birthday!



Carter Green
8/2

Baker Basel	8/3
Jason Guest	8/3
Padraig Murphy	8/9
Jaxon Kezele	8/10
Martha Campos	8/13
Jake Wilson	8/17
Ambrose Goeden	8/29
Jeyten Strnadel	8/30
Martin Cervantes	9/6
Luke Haider	9/7
Allan Martinez	9/7
Evie Liberty	9/7
Maritza Hernandez	9/8
Tessa Klein	9/9
Evan Schafer	9/10
Matthew Vawter	9/14
Ashley Perez	9/19
Dalton Lopez	9/19
Tyce Wood	9/20
Madeline Scott	9/25
Madison Ortuno	9/26
Levi Bingham	9/30

Little Women Production Underway

Little Women has been an iconic novel for over a century, and now we have it here at DeSales. The story revolves around 4 sisters: Jo, Meg, Beth, and Amy. The story covers their adventures through childhood to their early adulthood told through the eyes of older Joesphine. This play has been highly anticipated by students and teachers alike. Mr Rohde, the director said, "I love when people are excited about the play. I usually have concerns about not having enough actors but now I am excited about having characters highlighting our female actresses. I am also excited to be doing another classic play since we haven't done one since *Pride and Prejudice*."

Kathy Rohde, the costume designer or more commonly known as Mama Rohde, has already made two custom dresses for the play. She's very excited to make outfits for all the main characters. Mama Rohde has designed many DeSales shows over the years and her costume designs continue to astound both our actors and audiences.

If you are interested in joining us in *Little Women* or any future productions no matter what your experience in theater is, talk to Mr. Rohde. Theater is all about getting out of your comfort zone and doing something different. It involves all types of skills from acting to stage building and so much more. Auditions for *Little Women* occurred September 11 to 14 for high school and September 13 for middle school during lunch. See the cast list in a separate box in this newsletter.

~Jeyten Strnadel



Football Season Kicks Off

On November 19, 2022, the DeSales Irish football team's season ended in heartbreaking fashion, a shootout loss against school rival Liberty Christian in the WIAA 1B State Quarterfinals. This loss set DeSales' 2022 record at 9-2, the best record since the school moved to the 1B ranks. With 8 returning seniors and the addition



of first year head coach Travis McCauley the Irish appear to be legit contenders for the second year in a row. When asked what he felt the teams biggest change from last year was, coach McCauley said, "I would say the amount of players that will be playing. With our depth, we can move the ball faster. Hopefully, it will allow for more touchdowns. I know we lost 2-3 seniors, but I feel like we have a lot of good athletes at all grades. When there's 8-10 guys getting touchdowns, it creates a more diverse offense"

After losing twelve 8th graders (8 which are now on the high school team) and ending the season with a perfect 5-0 record, this year's middle school football team will be tested. However 8th year head coach Chris Hyland isn't worried. "We have a lot of good players coming back, and three kids from Saint Basils are going to play for us which is really good."

The DeSales Irish football team will face a difficult schedule. Notable games include: the opener against Tekoa-Rosalia on 9/1, Liberty Christian on 9/7, Liberty Bell on 10/6, Pomeroy on 10/20 and senior night against Sunnyside Christian on 11/3. Middle school will begin their season on 9/18 at Waitsburg. ~Alan Campos

Volleyball Starts Season

With the 2023-24 school year coming to start, that also means a new year of fall sports. The DeSales varsity head coach Steve Ruthven has been coaching high school volleyball for five years. He loves this sport because he believes that it is the ultimate team sport. He also believes that the sport builds good character and that volleyball is a sport you can continue to play all your life. In regards to the upcoming season Coach Ruthven said, "We have the team dynamics and abilities and to make it as far or even better in the season than last year." Coach Ruthven is very excited for the season and hopes to create a program of culture and success.

A new addition to the lady Irish volleyball coaching staff is our new assistant coach Jamie Williams. "The lady Irish volleyball team has kicked off the year with an impressive show of strength and unity," said Coach Williams.

Along with the high school volleyball team starting up, the middle school season has also come to a start! Coached by Jenny Wood and Tessa Massey, the team has been able to start off the season strong. Seventh graders Addison, Tessa, and Hannah and eighth grader Evie Liberty are very excited to start playing games and working on their specific skills and positions. Coach Wood commented, "We have 20 girls out for this year's middle school squad! It is made up of mostly 6th and 7th graders and one 8th grader. We are looking forward to fostering strong fundamentals and fun this season to encourage the girls to continue to play volleyball throughout high school! Overall this should be an exciting year for Lady Irish volleyball!" Go Irish! ~Anniston Jimenez



Dress-Up Days

Monday 9/25: Celebrity Day

Tuesday 9/26: Barbie vs. Oppenheimer

Wednesday 9/27: Dress Up/Dress Down

Thursday 9/28: Bikers vs. Surfers

Friday 9/29: Green & Gold AND Anything but a Backpack

Events/Games

Sunday 9/24: Hall Decorating

Monday 9/25: Pool Noodle Relay

Tuesday 9/26: Family Feud

Wednesday 9/27: Pep Rally @ 6:30pm

Thursday 9/28: Tug O' War, Volleyball vs. Pomeroy @ 6pm

Friday 9/29: He-Man Volleyball and PowderPuff Football

Football vs. Waitsburg @ 7:00pm

Saturday 9/30: Homecoming Dance 7-10:30pm @ DeSales Alumni Center



Cheer Is Leading the Pub

The fall cheer season is off to a great start. Our team consists of ten enthusiastic, athletic, and talented young ladies who are so excited to be at practice every-day. Although there are no seniors this season, we have two amazing captains; Madison Ortu-no (co-captain) and Ashley Perez (captain).

The goals are to instill school spirit throughout the entire school for all sports this season. Another goal is to build their skills and master challenging

stunts.

Everyone has been working hard to learn and memorize the cheers. The girls are also grateful for the booster club purchasing the new uniforms for this season and many to come. They are so beautiful and the team is so blessed to have them. Coach Brinson said, "I am especially pleased with the team's positive and supportive attitudes. Together we will achieve our goals." Keep up that school spirit!

~Caroline Kutsch

Murder Mystery Thriller (Stay tuned!)

I miss summer. Walking into school I suspected to feel at least a little bit excited for the start of my junior year but yet all I can think about as I open my locker door is that I miss summer. This year is going to be just like every other year: wake up, go to school, go to practice, go home, do my homework, and go to bed. Mrs. Richard's English class starts off with a prayer and a short introduction of the material we will be covering this Semester. A knock at the door interrupts Mrs. Richard's speech.

"I wonder who that could be?" Mrs. Richard explains. She opens the door with a smile. "Well hello Peter Fazzari, what can we do for you?"

"Hello, I was just dropping by to see if you had my journal from last year. I seemed to have misplaced it," Mr. Fazzari shook his head.

"I haven't seen it, but I'll keep an eye out."

For the rest of class Mrs. Richard discussed how idioms can sometimes be misleading and how you properly use them. As I leave the first period I feel the shift in the hallway almost immediately. Something is off. The new freshmen are pale, the sophomores look sick, the other juniors are whispering among themselves, and the senior's faces hold no humor. I turn to one of my friends.

"What happened?" I ask slightly scared.

"I have no idea," she says.

We continue walking until we reach the ALC and my friend stops, her face going very white. I follow her line of sight and see five cops all surrounding a figure: Dead. I take one step closer; it's Mr. Peter Fazzari! I can't look anymore so I turn to the benches and sitting there underneath the benches is a notebook. I bend down to pick it up and written on the front cover is a name: Peter Fazzari.

Stay tuned to piece together the mystery!

~Tori Kimble



Welcome to the 7th Grade!

With the new school year, DeSales has welcomed a new group of seventh graders. They are all excited to become a part of the DeSales family. Their first few weeks of seventh grade have treated them well. They like the move from class to class and feel more freedom than being at Assumption.

All of them agreed that there was definitely more homework. They also enjoy feeling more mature. They enjoyed swimming in P.E., having lockers, vending machines, and longer lunches.

The things they wish they knew before coming are the amount of homework, how to stay organized, and knowing more people. They all agreed that the biggest differences between Assumption and DeSales were that there were more teachers, more friends and family, P.E. daily and that their friends have changed and gotten more mature.

Welcome 7th graders! We are excited to see how you have adapted to your new school environment. Make sure to make them feel welcome!

~Linley Donnelly



Building and Kitchen Commotion

Welcome back to DeSales! After undergoing a summer of construction, Father Seidel is proud to make known what changes the school has undergone throughout the summer. Since the 1950s, DeSales has relied on its boiler system to heat the school. Due to its old age, the boiler system required 10 to 40 thousand dollars a year to keep the system running.

This summer, to replace the Boiler, DeSales partnered with Garco Construction to put in a new HVAC heating and cooling system for the school. This new system works similar to a refrigerator, where pipes run along the roof top and pump either hot or cold air depending on the season. Hopefully the students and staff enjoy the cool air and come to enjoy the even heat throughout the school

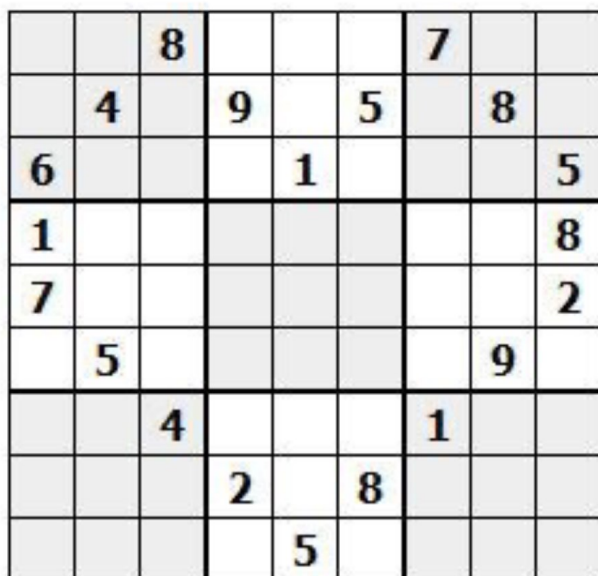
this winter. How will we deal without the noise of the radiators banging?

Another project being continued throughout the school this year is the new kitchen/cafeteria renovations. To have the kitchen meet current requirements, we needed to install a new grease trap, new drains, pipes and electrical support. A few new appliances include a new oven, sinks, and a new industrial dishwasher. With these new changes our kitchen will be much more useful in offering the possibilities of in house lunches, meals for the outside community, and more types of food we can prepare for sausage fest and games. The kitchen should be finished in October and then we will start moving towards fundraising our new chapel.

~Diego Caso



Sudoku/Crossword Puzzle



Meet the *Little Women* Cast

Josephine March....	Leah Ruthven
Mr. March....	Martin Cervantes
Mrs. March....	Lauren Rohde
Meg March....	Caroline Kutsch
Jo March....	Madison Ortuno
Beth March....	Orla McLaughlin
Amy March....	Jeyten Strnadel
Hannah....	Janie Doohan
Aunt March...	Ashley Perez
Mr. Laurence....	Lucas McEntire
Theodore Laurence...	Daniel Balof
John Brooke....	Jason Guest
Mrs. Moffett/Mrs. Tomlinson...	Haileigh Owsley
Clara Moffett/Mrs. Kirk...	Maddie Scott
Mary.....	Emma Edwards
Harry Watson/Sean Kirk...	Dominic Fazzari
Sarah/Minnie....	Makayla Hunt
Kitty Rutherford....	Kylee Rutherford
Professor Bhaer....	Ezra Scott

Back to School Crossword Puzzle

Across

- What is the last name of the new art teacher?
- An apple a day keeps the _____ away.
- Which sport is played on Baffney Field?
- What is the first name of our ASB president?
- What is Mrs. Sutlick's favorite football team?
- Chickens lay what?
- What do you carry all your books in?
- What is another name for theater?

Down

- What show is the Desales Drama program putting on?
- What is the name of Mrs. Brinson's hamster?
- Summer, _____, winter, and spring.
- What is the shortened name for Physical education?
- The Homecoming _____ is on Friday.
- What is Mrs Richard's favorite type of shoe?
- Walla Walla _____ and Frontier Days

