



THE EMPEROR

St. Francis de Sales Catholic School

Event Spotlight

By: Emily Alessandrini

On Friday May 10 St. Francis had a “bike day.” Bike day was a time for blessing the bikes, being safe, and participating in a bike-a-thon. Students brought their bikes to school in the morning and left them in the parking lot bike rack with locks or left them in the Parish Center. After lunch at 1:30, students participated in a bike rodeo. A bike rodeo is when students learn about bikes, bike safety, and when they practiced riding their bikes. That ended at 3 o’clock. At 3:45 Father LaBarge conducted the “Blessing of the Bicycles” and Mr. Constante announced the winners of the raffle for bicycles and accessories. Connor Mull in 6th grade won the boy’s bike; Mrs. Maria Miller, Abril and Ambar’s mother, won the girl’s bike. At 4:00 the bike-a-thon began. It was a relaxing ride of one or three miles. About 90 riders participated. The funds raised are going to the completions of the Parish Center. There were lots of parent volunteers who did publicity and raffle ticket sales. Then after all the biking was done, St. Francis had a pizza and movie night!

From the Principal

Months of preparation...Hours of work...Countless volunteers...Make for a lifetime of memories. In many ways, this is how I sum up our school Auction. The months of preparation and the dedicated hearts who work to make this night a success, do it all for the St. Francis de Sales students.

This year’s Auction was held on Saturday, May 4th in the parish center. Each year, the Auction proves to be the largest event fundraiser that we hold for our community. The proceeds from this H.S.A. sponsored event annually fund transportation costs for our class field trips. What’s more, proceeds from last year’s Auction helped to fund the purchase of our iPads and other technological resources.

Some of the items that were donated to this year’s Auction were: a Disney vacation; a golf outing; a vacation in Cancun, Mexico; Chief of Police for the day; a motor scooter, tickets to Ravens and Orioles games; and much, much more!

If you never seen an auction in action, it is quite the event. The auctioneer starts the bidding off at a certain price and away they go! If more than one person has interest in an item, a “bidding war” will take place. Though the “bidding war” is spirited fun, all of the money they spend will benefit SFdS.

As I consider the best part of the Auction, I know well that watching current parents, past parents, teachers, alumni and parishioners all come together in support of SFdS and all of those students who call our school home are truly a blessed sight to see!

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8th Graders

Sadly, the 8th graders are graduating this year , and these are the high schools that they will be attending.

Samantha Miller- Bennett

Morgan Hall- Bennett

Lani O'Neill- Moving

Nicole Baumann- Bennett

Shayla Houlihan- Bennett

Lydia Marks- Bennett

Hayden Eutsler- Parkside

Sydney O'Dell- Moving

Elizabeth Bragdon- Delmar

Claire Bohlen- Bennett

Stefan Swierskosz- Bennett

Logan Stuchlik- Parkside

Jake Richardson- Salisbury Christian



Good Luck Next Year!



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The Blessing of Mary

By: Henry Elangwe & Connor Mull

On May 2, 2013, sixth grade lead the school community in the May crowning of Mary. This event was when we praised Mary during the month of May. First, the choir sang "Gentle Woman." Then Mr. Costante said an opening prayer to Mary. Owen, Nefret, Claire, Gregory, and Ada followed with prayers and a Gospel reading. Then, the choir sang "Immaculate Mary" while Connor, Gracie, Fedra, Jonathan, Alistair, Noah, Erin, Will Todd, Will Ward, and Savannah processed up the aisle to lay flowers at Mary's statue. After the flowers were placed, Blaise crowned Mary. Then Henry, Emily, and Lauren went to the podium for ending prayers. After Lauren finished her prayer, Mr. Costante talked about how our mothers love us and how kind and loving Mary was to everyone around her. This was a great way to honor Mary.

It's a girl!

By: Connor Mull, Liza Ervin & Abby Roskovich

On May 9, in the afternoon, I interviewed Mrs. Aswell by phone about her baby and when she left the school to have her baby. Here is our conversation:

Connor: What was your reaction when you found out you were having a baby?

Mrs. A: I was very, very excited about it.

Connor: Was it hard for you to leave the school and your class for a maternity leave?

Mrs. A: Yes, I cried a lot, and I think I almost cried more than the baby did.

Connor: Did you want the baby to be a boy or a girl?

Mrs. A: It didn't really matter to me, but my husband wanted a boy a little, but when he found out it was a girl, he was also really happy.

Connor: How did you decide the name Elise for your newly born daughter?

Mrs. A: It was hard because we couldn't decide on a name, so we went online to several websites and books and finally found the name Elise (short for Elizabeth) and decided on that because it was my middle name and my mother's first name.

Connor: What is her middle name?

Mrs. A: We decided Alexandra.

Connor: How much did Elise weigh?

Mrs. A: She weighed 7 pounds and 11 ounces.

Connor: My last question is -- you are coming back next fall, right?

Mrs. A: Yes, but I would like to come back by the end of the school year, if the doctor would let me.





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Sports

By: Liza Ervin & Abby Roskovich

The girl's lacrosse team has already played two games in their newly started season. The last game they played was against The Country School. The score for the game was 8-9. St. Francis almost won. In the beginning, the team was winning by a lot of points, but by the middle of the game it was tied and then the other team ended up winning at the last minute. Although we lost, we had many goals by, Abby Roskovich, Liza Ervin, Madison Synowiec, Taryn Houlihan, and Bridget Cosgrove.

The girl's lacrosse team was supposed to have two games the week of April 29. However, the games were canceled due to rain and The Country School not having transportation. Their next game is to be played on Wednesday, May 8th. They will be playing against The Salisbury School. This will be their first game against them and they hope to win. The game will be at 4 p.m., at Henry Parker Complex.



Dear Francis

To Who ever is getting criticized -

I'm sorry that a boy is criticizing you. I think that you should try to use an I message and express how you are feeling. If you have tried to use your words, and that did not work, you should try speaking to an adult about this, so they can help make your situation better. I hope this helps, and please keep writing to Francis so we can help solve your problems!

Love,

Francis



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