



Gregorian Gazette



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A Knight's Honor

2024

A SCHOOL OF CHAMPIONS!

GAME OVER



Our Junior Boys Basketball team has had a great season and made the playoffs. This year, we had a very large team, the cause of which was that we didn't have enough 7th-8th graders to participate this past season. But overall, our team had a great season!



Greyson Rigolosi swims for USA Swimming 11-12 and is in the top five for his age group. His time for a 100 freestyle is 1 minute 11 seconds. His best event was a 50 butterfly - 36.668 seconds! Greyson likes to listen to music, stretch, and do 300 freestyles, two individual medleys, and three practice dives to warm up. He has been swimming for six years; his inspiration is Caleb Dressel. Greyson hopes to attend Stanford University and make it to the Zone Championships. He advises aspiring swimmers, "Don't focus on getting 1st, 2nd, or 3rd; focus on getting new best times." - Mustafa Bhatti



SPELLING BEE



This year's impressive school Spelling Bee took place on January 10. It was open to the winners of individual class spelling bees 4-8. Although it was a close match between Ali Bawla, Eden Haggerty, and Ronith Arvind, Ali came out on top.



A SCHOOL OF CHAMPIONS!



GO, KNIGHTS, GO!

By: William Murphy

After two losing seasons, the SGS pee-wee basketball team seemed to be back on track.

After an overtime win over Clifton Park, the Knights have reached a record above .500! With a horrendous 1-9 year in the 2022-2023 season and a 4-6 record in the 2021-2022 season. It is the first time since the pandemic that the pee-wee boys basketball team had had a winning record. Read on to discover why the road ahead looked optimistic for the knights and how this happened!

On December 6, 2023, Saint Gregory's played Clifton Park in overtime, but thanks to outstanding play by the Knights, they won 31-25. This was primarily because of Nicky O'Leary's six points in overtime.

Although they lost to Clifton Park a week later, the energy of their opening game carried over to their next game, where they beat Christ the King 25-23.

The Knights had many more tough opponents this season. Luke Murphy stated, "The team has lots of stamina and momentum. I hope it stays that way in the coming games." This is incredibly true, as the team demonstrated this against every opponent thus far.

One last reason the team had the potential to be good this year is a sturdy bench with Luke Murphy, Gabriel Martinez, Vince Rigolosi, Eren Yildirm, Ian Yang, Bradley Emott, Pierce O'Connor, and Jack Lamar. This gives all the starters plenty of resting time and ensures dominance for next season.



GO KNIGHTS!



WINTER FUN!!

“Winter Trees”

William Carlos Williams

All the complicated details of the attiring and the disattiring are completed! A liquid moon moves gently among the long branches. Thus, having prepared their buds against a sure winter, the wise trees stand sleeping in the cold.



KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATES 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL!

On February 26, Lower School celebrated the 100th day of school. Kindergarten had tons of activities throughout the day. They stacked 100 cups on each other, made a gumball machine with 100 gumballs, tried to see how filled a cup would be with 100 drops, read books about the 100th day of school, and made crowns that said, “100 days smarter”.





Trivia

1. Art: Which famous Spanish woman was in a bus accident but proceeded to become a famous artist?
2. Sports: Zack LaVine won the 2016 dunk contest. Which team was he on at the time?
3. History: Which English explorer was the second to circumnavigate the globe?
4. Geography: What is the smallest ocean in the world?
5. Science: This human bone is commonly known as the kneecap.
6. Literature: What is the name of the elephant in the book _____, *The Patchwork Elephant*, which sends the message that it is okay to be different?

Answer Key

Frida Kahlo The Arctic Ocean
 Minnesota Timberwolves Patella
 Francis Drake Elmer
 By: Will G.

ACROSS

4. THIS PERSON CAN SHRINK HIMSELF TO AN ANT
6. THIS PERSON HAS CLAWS ON HIS HANDS
8. THIS PERSON IS A MULTIMILLIONAIRE
9. THIS PERSON IS GREEN
10. IS AN EXCELLENT FRIEND TO SONY STARK
12. THIS PERSON IS A MASTER OF THE MYSTIC ARTS

DOWN

1. THIS PERSON WAS FROZEN IN ICE
2. THIS PERSON IS AN EXPERT AT BOW ARROW
3. ULRON CREATED THIS PERSON
5. THIS PERSON IS THE KING OF WAKANDA
7. A SPIDER BIT THIS PERSON
11. THIS PERSON IS THE BROTHER OF THOR

BY: YAO YANG

GAMES

PLEASE ANSWER THE QUESTIONS CORRECTLY, THEN ADD THE FIRST LETTER OF THE ANSWER TO THE SPACE BELOW. YOU WILL THEN GET THE LAST NAME OF A FAMOUS ATHLETE.

WHAT WORD IS ADDED IN FRONT OF THE NAME OF A KNIGHT IN THE UK?

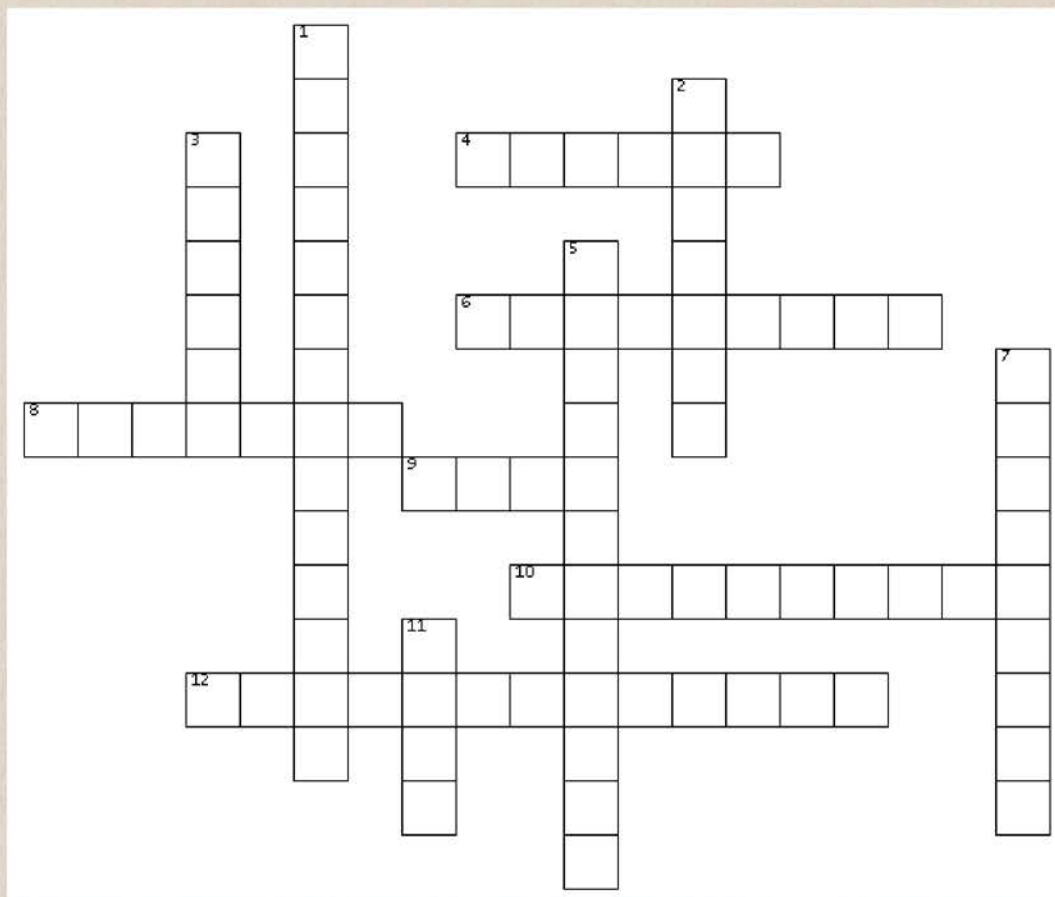
WHAT COUNTRY HAS A TWO-HEADED EAGLE ON ITS FLAG?

WHAT BALTIC SISTER HAS A YELLOW, GREEN, AND RED FLAG?

WHAT LETTER IS THE THIRD MOST USED IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH, SECOND IN SPANISH, AND THE MOST USED IN PORTUGUESE?

JOHN _____ WAS THE FIRST TO SIGN THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

BY: WILLIAM MURPHY.





COMICS AND CODES



Free
Puzzle

By Hans Werner



Free
Sudoku

By Ali Bawla

Knight Pizza Party By Yao Yang





ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

TOP SONGS OF 2023

Spring

1. I Ain't Worried, by OneRepublic,
2. Anti Hero, by Taylor Swift
3. Everybody Wants To Rule The World, by Tears For Fears.

Summer

1. Cruel Summer, By Taylor Swift
2. As It Was, By Harry Styles
3. Dance The Night, By Dua Lipa
4. Dandelions, By Ruth B.
5. Party In The USA By Miley Cyrus.

Fall

1. Visiting Hours, by Ed Sheeran
2. Easy On Me, Adele
3. Our Song, by P!nk
4. Shivers, by Ed Sheeran

Winter

1. Winter Things, by Ariana Grande,
2. Snowman, by Sia
3. Let It Go, by Idina Menzel
4. Back To December, by Taylor Swift.

- Ryhan Hotaling



This year, we had two Christmas concerts. One was for K-8, and the other was for Prek-3 and 4. To start the K-8 concert on December 12 was a success. This year, Ms. Oudir Kirk considered doing a play for the lower school, including 5th grade. It went successfully and was enjoyed by the whole audience. Next, the upper school sang "Run, Run, Rudolph" and played the handbells. Lastly, the kindergarteners stole the show with their cute looks and costumes. Then, the Pre-K kids who performed on December 14 were adorable with their dancing and singing—big thanks to Ms. O, Mrs. Helm, Mrs. Barna, Mr. Martell, and Mr. Bond.

-Jacqueline Kubikian

GREGORIANS GO TO THE BALLET

On December 9, 2023, Ryhan Hotaling played the role of "Clara" in the Albany Berkshire Ballet's production of the Nutcracker. Ryhan shares that her dance company was a huge part of her Nutcracker debut. Ryhan states, "My dance company is super friendly, and I have many friends that dance with me. They were more excited about me playing Clara than I was. I am so grateful to have been with them on stage." Ryhan also states that she enjoyed dancing her solo. "I especially enjoyed my solo because I felt confident and prepared."

-Madelyn Hession



Teacher Spotlight

Ms. Delaney
Art Teacher



On December 12, 2023, the winter art contest was held at Saint Gregory's School. "The winning artworks were based on time, attention to detail, and meaningfulness." The theme of the contest was *Winter Wonderland*. There were many close runner-ups, and choosing a few winning artworks was challenging. The judges (administrators and teachers) had to judge from kindergarten through the eighth-grade classes. The winning artists were Eden Haggerty (8th Grade), Mady Hession (7th Grade), Isla Fagan (3rd Grade), and Teagan Waters-Gardinier (3rd Grade). All of the winners' artwork was presented in the Christmas concert programs.

-Rhyan Hotaling

"Creativity is seeing what everyone else has seen and thinking what no one else has thought."

-Albert Einstein



GLOBAL, LOCAL, AND SCHOOL EVENTS

NOVEL PROJECTS

This trimester, the 5th and 6th grades read *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry (5th grade) and *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio (6th grade). We had a variety of projects, such as drawings, informational passages, songs, puzzles, posters, and movies. Mrs. Harris, the English teacher, was very proud. *Wonder* is about a young boy with Treacher Collins Syndrome (TCS). He goes to a new school and is bullied. However, he makes friends and faces challenges. *Number the Stars* takes place in WW2. Will the two best friends survive?

-By Jackie Kubikian



Saint Gregory's School Cultural Fair



On March 7th, 2024, Saint Gregory's School hosted its annual Multi-Cultural Fair to celebrate our school's diversity and culture. Food, games, traditions, and culture were exhibited. Almost 25 countries were represented. The Saint Gregory's School honors cultures and diversities from every corner of the earth.

- Mustafa Bhatti



MT. ETNA STRIKES AGAIN

In December 2023, there was an eruption that hadn't happened in years. This eruption of Mt. Etna was a shock to the people of Sicily. Many scientists have been enjoying studying the latest eruption of Mt. Etna.

The spewing lava could have been confused with fireworks in the sky. Scientists now believe that Mt. Etna is the most active volcano in Europe. The eruption was extremely noticeable.

As the red streams of lava flew down the side of the mountain, they turned into rocks that rolled on the ground, and ash clouds clumped together. Because of the ash on the ground, many people cleaned the streets by putting the ash and rocks in bags, and the ash clouds are stopping airports surrounding Sicily. It is a relief to those who suffered during the eruption and are now resting.

-By Jackie Kubikian



Flamenco Dancers Visit Saint Gregory's

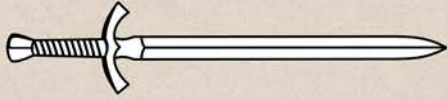
By: William Murphy

On October 16th, 2023, a group of Flamenco dancers visited Saint Gregory's. They educated all students on the different instruments, their origins, and how they emerged. The main instruments used in Flamenco are guitar, castanets, and cajón flamenco. Flamenco originated in India. When people from India migrated to Spain, they brought their traditions, including Flamenco. Young single adults also used flamenco to communicate romantically. The group did a fabulous job showing me how vibrant Flamenco is.



ST. GREGORY'S BOOK NOOK

CRISPIN: THE CROSS OF LEAD



In Medieval England, a thirteen-year-old boy named "Asta's son" was declared a "wolf's head" in the fourteenth century: anyone could kill him. Being hunted was due to a crime he did not commit. He flees his small town with nothing but his mother's cross and a new name, Crispin. On his journey, he meets a man named Bear, who teaches him how to survive. Bear promises to take care of Crispin, but he gets captured, and it is up to Crispin to take care of his master and come home with his new, free, and very different life.

-Ronith Arvind, Kathleen Clark, Will Gary, Ben Miron

THE EGYPT GAME

From August through December, a group of ethnically distinct children play an imaginative game about ancient Egypt. The game takes place in a university town in California. Much of the book happens near A-Z Antiques, Curios, and Used Merchandise. The main character is April Hall, a lonely sixth-grade girl from Hollywood who seeks help from her friends. The book's other important characters are the five children who participate in the game along with April. There is also the mysterious owner of the antique store He is known as the professor. The play proceeds in an orderly fashion until a local girl gets murdered, so all the children are restricted from engaging in outdoor activity. As a result, they can not play the Egypt game. At the end of the story, April gets grabbed by the murderer, but the professor screams for help. The professor has saved April. Then, he asks to have a meeting with April and her friends. He gives the six members of the Egypt Game the keys to the yard in which the game is played. All previous suspicions about the professor were relieved. The children are now free to go into the yard as they please

-William Murphy

The two book summaries above were selected as the winning pieces from the 5th and 6th grade English classes.



ST. GREGORY'S BOOK NOOK



4TH GRADE FAVORITES!



Martha Fahy - *Hook* by Miriam Bonastre Tur

This fantastical story is about twin siblings, Dani and Dorian, who have missed the bus to magic school and scramble to find a mentor to teach them before their parents find out.



Why this is Martha's favorite:

"*Hooky* is one of my favorite books because it covers many genres, including romance, action, comedy, and fantasy. It is also one of the many books in the series. With the diverse cast of characters, you can have favorites!"

Nicholas O'Leary - *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan
is a story about a troubled young boy who discovers his father is a Greek god, making him a demigod.



Why this is Nicky's favorite:

"*The Lightning Thief* is one of my favorite books because of the action-packed plot and the intense parts carried throughout the story!"



Community Outreach



During Thanksgiving this trimester, the St. Gregory community donated two dozen turkeys and over three hundred pounds of food for St. John's and St. Anne's Outreach Center. We also donated hundreds of cans of peanut butter, soups, and canned vegetables for our "Souperbowl" fundraiser.



2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-8

"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

SGS ANNUAL FUND

Please consider giving to our Annual Fund. We are incredibly grateful to all of you who help keep Saint Gregory's exemplary education available.

ANNUAL GALA

MAY 4

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

222 MADISON AVENUE

6:00 P.M.

Simply scan the QR Code to support the Annual Fund, pay for school lunch, the gala, or donate to the Ellen Marohn Scholarship Fund



Save the Date

April 13-14 - SGS "Singing in the Rain"
April 19-SGS 4-8 Grade Dance
May 3 - Grades 5 & 6 & 7 Boston Field Trip
May 4 - SGS Annual Gala
May 17-19 - 8th-grade D.C trip

SGS Mass Schedule

April 12 - First Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.
May 9 - Ascension Thursday/May Crowning 8:45 a.m.
June 7 - Graduation Mass & Ceremony 9:00 a.m.

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