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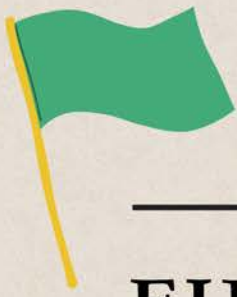
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FIELD DAY FUN

Upper school field day, 2024 is one we will not soon forget. Grades 5-8 participated in our relays, fun games, and prizes. At Saint Gregory's, field day is a time to bond with upper and lower-school classmates and compete with each other. But we do not let our competitive spirit get in the way of our fun! From tug-of-war battles to capture the flag games, our school shows our pride and competitive nature through our field day fun. We thank Coach Seymour for all the fun activities and lessons he taught us throughout the day. We cannot wait for next year!

Mady Hession





FIELD DAY FUN



FIELD DAY PLAY BY PLAY

Wednesday, May 22. The day we were all waiting for, some calmly, some impatiently. Field Day had finally come around to the upper school. The day was muggy, sweltering, 90-degree weather, but all we wanted was to get outside and start on the glorious fun of Field Day. We began with relays, and the Green team took a far lead in those. Leaving the fantastic, air-conditioned gym, the day's heat felt like a slap, but no one could focus on that today! Coach Seymour split up the color-coded teams to play the enjoyable games. The Blue team faced off against the Red team in Wiffle Ball, and the White team went up against the Green team in Capture The Flag. In Capture The Flag, Green smoked the White team, with the final score being sixteen to four. In Wiffle Ball, the Red team won by a hair, only being one point above. After these games, the teams entered the gym, where the flat, polished hardwood floor felt much different from the uneven, grassy ground outside. An eighth grader, Austin LedDuke, made a spectacular

half-court shot and won an NBA-all star-signed basketball! After a quick, intense game of Up Down, in which Mason O'Leary of the Blue team won a pair of Saint Gregory's School socks, we had a delectable lunch of burgers, hot dogs, and sweet watermelon. We were energized and ready to get back to the amazing day. The four teams faced off in Capture The Flag Four, and despite the intense, nail-biting feeling in the air, everyone was enjoying themselves. However, no one saw *this* coming. After what seemed like a win for the Green team, the Blue team said they had won first. Arguments ensued, and Coach Seymour reminded us of the importance of good sportsmanship. Afterward, Julia Bette made an amazing three-point shot for a baseball T-shirt. In the Great Alaskan Shootout, the teams lined up, two on two at either end of the court, and in no time, the sound of basketballs hitting the hard floor filled the air, as well as the cheering for teams. After this game, the fifth, sixth, and seventh graders made a tunnel for the eighth grade, as this was their last Field Day. This day was memorable, with many more memories to come.

By Aleeza Fahad



SGS SPRING SPORTS & CLUBS

TRACK & FIELD

This year we had an outstanding track team.

Everyone could tell our coaches were proud. Our

SGS track team won multiple ribbons. Doc, Mrs. Campbell, and Mr.

White were beyond amazing coaches this year. A big round of applause to our fast and fair track team.



CHESS CLUB

This year, Ms. Delaney's Chess Club was a huge hit! The club is open to second graders and up and is beginner-friendly. One of the participants, Hans Werner, states that the Club was a great experience that allowed him to play against new opponents, learn new strategies, and advance his skills. Hans continues to say how he will join next year and is excited to match up against new opponents. Ms. Delaney's Chess Club has been a great experience for all those wanting to learn and play chess.



HOLY MOMENTS



Second Grade Communion

First Holy Communion is a large milestone in the Catholic religion. It is when a child usually receives communion at holy masses. We are lucky to have our second-grade communion at Saint Gregory's School. On April 12, the second-grade class had their first holy communion. Father Vosko celebrated the Mass with help from the second grade. Mrs. Ouderkirck, Coach Seymour, Mr. Bond, and many Saint Gregory's School families helped add a special touch to the second graders' First Holy Communion.

-Ryhan Hotaling

Ascension of Mary Mass

On May 9, 1st grade hosted the Ascension of Mary Mass. They sang beautifully, and the crowd was proud and impressed. On the stage was a lovely statue of Mother Mary. Scarlett Miron, followed by her 2nd-grade friends, crowned the stunning Mary. Charlotte Foley, Mary Conway, Heidi MacCrea, and Remi Abele adorned Mary with flowers. The first-grade class did an exceptional job.

-Jackie Kubikian



PUZZLE PLACE



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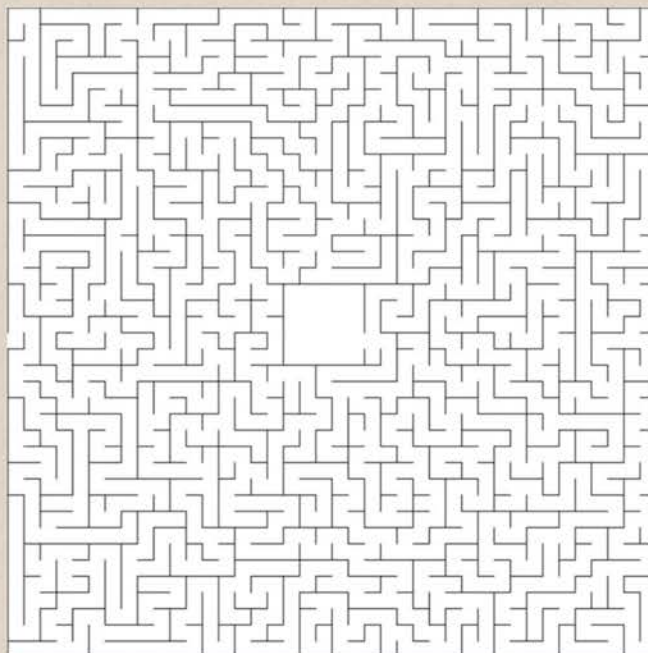


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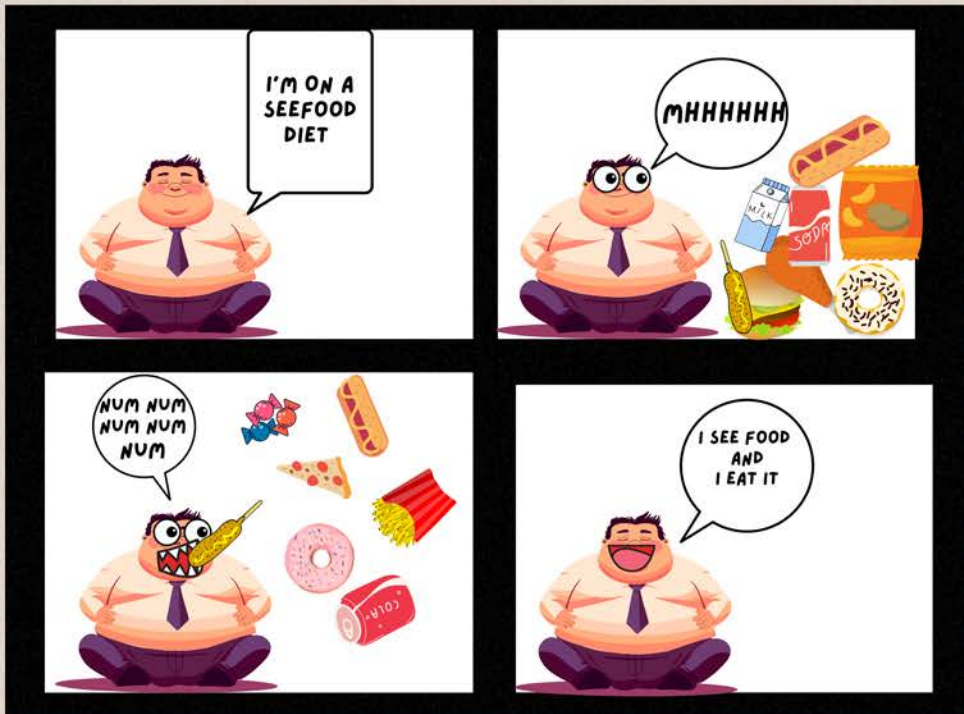
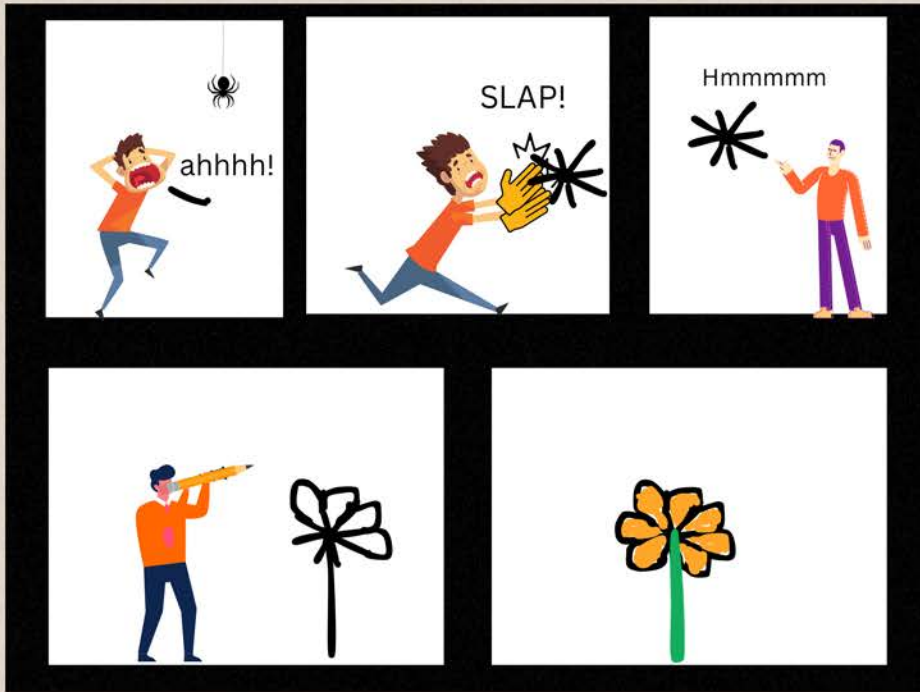


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COMICS & CODES



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



SPRING CONCERT



This year's Spring Concert and Art show were stellar! With an out-of-this-world theme, it proved that all of our students truly shine through their voices and talent. This year's bell pieces included The 5th Grade playing *Morning by Edvard Greig*, The 6th Grade playing *Star Wars: Main Theme by John Williams*, The 7th Grade playing *Here Comes the Sun by The Beatles*, and the 8th Grade playing *Moon River by Johnny Mercer*. All grades performed wonderfully and sang phenomenally. Our music director, Mrs. Ouderkirk, chose all the songs and spent many hours perfecting the show down to every detail. Some of the songs performed were *Alone in the Universe*, *Here Comes the Sun*, *Shine Bright Like A Diamond*, *Dancing in the Dark*, *Pompeii*, *Counting Stars*, *Sky Full of Stars*, *Wheels on the Bus*, *Mr. Sun*, and many more! Thanks to all the faculty's assistance, the show was outstanding and well-arranged.

By Maeve Haggerty



ART SHOW

This year's Saint Gregory's Art Show was a vibrant display of creativity and talent from our young artists. The dedication and hard work of the students shine through each piece, reflecting their unique perspectives and imaginative skills. We owe a huge thank you to our wonderful art teacher, Ms. Delaney, who, through her guidance and inspiration, helped us perfect this year's art show, showcasing our students' artistic talent! A special thanks to Mrs. Helm for supporting the arts.

- Maeve Haggerty



Staff Spotlight

MR. BOND

Mr. Bond has been a valuable asset to Saint Gregory's School, assisting with background work, events, maintenance, technology, and numerous improvements. He has worked at Saint Gregory's

School for almost two years, focusing on enhancements like a new sign, garden, and "Singing in the Rain" stage extension. Currently, Mr. Bond lives in Waterville, but he initially lived in Latham. He has a wife, Erin, and a son, Kyle.

His greatest pleasure is seeing the school transform into a more modern and welcoming facility.

- Maeve Haggerty

Words of Wisdom

"The most honorable employment you can have is a consideration in which you can work with your hands."



Woman of Distinction Award

This year, on May 24th at the Niskayuna Town Hall, "The 2024 Woman of Distinction Award" was given to Saint Gregory's Teacher, Ms. Megan Reagan.

Assemblyman Phil Steck awarded it to her. Ms. Reagan is a sweet pre-k 2 teacher at our school who helps and comes up with ideas for charity projects. She deserves this award because of her willingness to give and help others in need. During COVID-19, Ms. Megan also created "The Tulip Project," which assisted in giving back to seniors in nursing homes. Congratulations to our very own Ms. Megan Reagan!



GLOBAL, LOCAL, AND SCHOOL EVENTS

8TH GRADE VISITS WASHINGTON, D.C.



As the end of the year approached, the eighth grade started packing their bags and planning their trip to Washington, D.C. This field trip marks the end of the eighth graders' journey at Saint Gregory's and the start of their high school careers.

The trip to D.C. significantly impacted many of them. Eden Haggerty says that the Holocaust Museum was an impactful experience and one of her favorite memories from the trip. In addition, Julia Bette said that she enjoyed the tour of the White House and Capital Building. As the last weeks of the school year approaches, the eighth graders have become very excited about their next steps. Although sad to leave the amazing Saint Gregory's community, they are excited to begin their high school careers while staying connected to Saint Gregory's School. We wish our eighth graders luck as they continue their journeys.



GLOBAL, LOCAL, AND SCHOOL EVENTS



Boston 2024 Field Trip

By: William Murphy

On May 2, grades 5-7 went on a field trip to Boston. They saw many historical, cultural, and scientific sights. You can just read on to learn about all the cool things they saw at places such as the Freedom Trail, the New England Aquarium, and more interesting sights.

The day commenced with a bus ride to Boston. The bus left early in the morning, and the group had plenty of time to wait for the tour guide. Our tour guide was supposed to be Dorthy Hancock, John Hancock's wife. She told us many interesting facts about Boston Commons, the oldest public park in the United States. The students learned that it was originally supposed to be a cow's pasture, and it stayed that way until 1830. They also learned that the Puritan inhabitants could be arrested for dancing, celebrating Christmas, and even playing on a Sunday afternoon! There were the gallows where they would hang "witches" and murderers. The area where the trees once stood is now a playground! The group also learned the meaning of "Huzzah!", an expression used during the 1700s to show gratitude.

Soon after, they continued the tour to the Granary Burial Grounds. Here, famous founding fathers such as John Hancock, Paul Revere, Samuel Adams, and James Odis are buried. They saw the graves of people important to U.S. history, such as Ben Franklin's parents and the Boston Massacre victims.

John Hancock is most well-known for being the governor of Massachusetts and the first signer of the Declaration of Independence. Paul Revere is mostly known for his gold smithery and his midnight ride where he didn't yell, "The British are coming!" but instead yelled, "The Redcoats are coming!". Interestingly enough, he didn't become famous until after his death. Samuel Adams was famous for being the mastermind of the Boston Tea Party, where hundreds of gallons of tea were dumped into Boston Harbor. James Odis went insane after being struck by the cane of a tax collector and died from a bolt of lightning.

The trip then continued to the site of the Boston Massacre, where a British soldier accidentally fired at a teenager who was daring him to do so. The teenager then died. Other soldiers misinterpreted the question from the officer, "Who told you to fire?" as "Fire!". More soldiers opened fire on pedestrians, killing four more people.

Then they walked to Faneuil Hall, where they learned about the spy trap. Locals would ask someone what sits atop Faneuil Hall, and if they didn't answer correctly, they would be accused of being a spy. The correct answer was a golden grasshopper.

After a quick lunch break at Quincy Markets, the group set out for the New England Aquarium. Here, they would see oodles of interesting marine creatures. They also got to watch sea lions do tricks, penguins get fed, and even watch a diver feed a massive sea turtle the size of a car! They also got to touch various types of sharks and rays.

After a long day, the group took the long bus ride back to Albany, where a field trip to remember accumulated at last.



GLOBAL, LOCAL, AND SCHOOL EVENTS

First-Grade Animal Research Project



The Gregorian Gazette has put together yet another exciting interview and is pleased to present its latest interview on the 1st grade's animal research projects. Massive thank-yous to Mrs. Fratianni, the class representative, and her class. (The answers are just summaries of what she said.)

Gazette: What animals did they research?

Mrs. Fratianni: They researched red wolves, snow leopards, elephants, pandas, koalas, and brown hyenas.

Gazette: What did the class need to know?

Mrs. Fratianni: They all researched endangered animals. Because of this, they had to learn why they were endangered. They also needed to know a few basic facts.

Gazette: What were the most common reasons for the animals' endangerment?

Mrs. Fratianni: The main reasons for their animals' endangerment were deforestation and habitat destruction.

Gazette: What were their resources?

Mrs. Fratianni: They used the internet, articles, books, and videos.

Gazette: How did they convey their information?

Mrs. Fratianni: They made a report to convince the reader to protect the animals and made clay dioramas of their animals. They then painted the dioramas and decorated them with recyclables.

Gazette: What was the purpose of the project?

Mrs. Fratianni: It was an Earth Day project because they started it in April, about protecting animals' habitats.

Gazette: How do you feel about how your class did?

Mrs. Fratianni: They have been working towards this project all year, and they did well because they worked hard. This project also included the most extended paper they wrote all year.



GLOBAL, LOCAL, AND SCHOOL EVENTS

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

On February 26, Saint Gregory held their annual Battle of the Books. With grades 4th and 3rd, students were placed in teams and were assigned 12 books to read in six weeks. The teams had 4-5 kids in each group, so they had to read 3-4 books each. Ian says, "We cooked at the battle and destroyed all the teams!"

In the battle with four teams and six weeks to read all the books, the battle started with all the teams getting a T-shirt and writing their team name. Ronan's team (Ian, Jack, and Eren) called themselves the "Bombastic Side Eye Friers." Isla's team (Robert, Pierce, and Martha) called themselves the "Smarty Bubbles."

Isla's (3rd grade) team is the "Thunder Chickens" (Nate, Tara, Vince, and Gabriel). The last team is the "Banana na na nas," with Coco as team captain and Luke, Jack, and Tegan. Ronan's team beat the Smarty Bubbles. The thunder chickens beat the Banana na na nas. That meant the Bombastic Side Eye Friers faced the Thunder Chickens and won! Overall, Saint Gregory Lower School had a fantastic battle and learned a lot.

Yao Yang



Indian Ladder Farm Field Trip

The pre-k 3 and 4 grades went on a field trip to Indian Ladder Farm. They enjoyed hanging out with the animals and with each other. They saw sheep, goats, and more cute animals. Students, teachers, and parents had a picnic lunch under a big tent. This trip was just another example of how learning can occur outside the building walls.

Jackie Kubikian

ANNUAL SPORTS BANQUET

On May 23, 2024, Saint Gregory's had our annual sports banquet to honor our student-athletes. The banquet recognizes the soccer, cross country, basketball, and track teams to congratulate them for their awesome season.

The delicious food, drinks, and amazing talks made for an enjoyable and educational evening. We thank everyone involved for making it such a special evening, and we congratulate the athletes for their hard work and dedication this 2023-2024 season.



GLOBAL, LOCAL, AND SCHOOL EVENTS

PI DAY

On March 13, our school hosted a Pi Day competition. The students competed to see who could memorize the most digits of Pi. Mr. White certainly played a large part in how well the students performed. There were two winners, one from lower school and one from upper school. The winner from the lower school was Isla Sanders. The upper school winner was Ronith Arvind. The winner got to “pie” a teacher in the face. Isla pied Mr. Martell. Ronith pied Mrs. Harris.

Sophia Segovia



Federal Courthouse Field Trip

On April 22, the seventh and eighth-grade classes took a field trip to the Federal Courthouse.

There, they saw a court proceeding, a courthouse tour, and learned about the rich history of Albany. In addition, the seventh and eighth-grade classes learned about a career in law and fun facts about the original courthouse. They explored and learned about the complex architecture of the Federal Courthouse, which was built in the 1930s to be a post office. Encountering a real court proceeding was a remarkable experience for both classes. The field trip to the Federal Courthouse was an extraordinary opportunity for the seventh and eighth-grade students.



THANK YOU!



Mr. Shepard has been teaching for 44 years, 17 of which were spent at Saint Gregory's. He has been an amazing educator and role model to all his students. Not only was he a teacher, but also a soccer coach, adviser, and ski instructor. Although Mr. Shepard is retiring this year, we will never forget his impact on the Saint Gregory's community. Thank you, Mr. Shepard!

Over the past three years, Mr. White has been an excellent teacher and role model to his students. Even though he has not been a part of the Saint Gregory's community for long, his contribution is noteworthy. Mr. White is an amazing educator, but more than that, he is a role model for his students. We thank Mr. White for his hard work, commitment, and dedication to Saint Gregory's School.



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“And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as things grow in fast movies, I had the similar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer. There is an almost religious rebirth that comes with the end of the winter.

The Great Gatsby



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