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Lenten Promises

By: Camper Marsh & Casey Mull

Lenten promises are promises to God to give up something or to try something new during the 40 days before Easter. We asked what student and faculty's Lenten promises were this year. Charlie Lageux from 3rd grade gave up video-games and pizza. Liza Ervin from 8th grade gave up pasta.

Mrs. Hastings, the 7th grade teacher, did not give up anything this year. Erin Welch from 5th grade gave up meat. The last person we asked was Timmy Synowiec from 4th grade. He gave up video-games and candy. Good luck to everyone who gave up something they love for Lent this year. Easter will be here before we know it!



Destination Imagination

By: Kerry Ervin

Destination Imagination, best known as DI, had their state competition on April 5. The students on the St. Francis' teams are Connor Balea, Nick von Kollmar, Luke Bozick, Abby Reilly, Laney Marsh, Liza Ervin, Kadija Diallo, and Alison Weeg in grade 8; Noah White, and Jonathan Maciarelo in 7th grade.

Their first competition was the regional tournament at Salisbury Middle School, held on March 1st. Both teams placed in their category. They earned the opportunity to participate at the state competition as they competed with teams all across the state of Maryland.

Although none of our teams placed high enough to win at the state level, the teams had a great year. We are proud of all that they accomplished. Congratulations DI!

Terra Nova Testing



From March 24-31, at St. Francis de Sales, students from Kindergarten through 8th grade, took a type of test called Terra Nova. Terra Nova is a standardized test of which students across the Diocese and the nation are tested.

By: Faith Lafferty

Terra Nova includes reading, language, math, science, social studies, spelling, grammar, and math computation. The results are expected to come out near the middle of May. Good luck to everyone!

Olympics

By: Wyatt Palenchar & Tyler Passarell

The sixth grade has been learning about ancient Greece. They held an Olympics in the Parish Center which included events like Pankration, Wrestling, Javelin Throwing, Chariot Racing, Discus Throwing, and the Standing Long Jump. Colton Provenza won Pankration which is like ultimate fighting.

Wyatt Palenchar won Wrestling. Faith Lafferty won Javelin Throwing. Taryn Houlihan and Leighton Marsh won the chariot race. Jack Riley won Discus Throwing, and Steve Perrotta won the Standing Long Jump. This was the first year there was a three way tie.

It was among Athens, Megara, and Sparta, which were some of the city-states. (The other city-states were Corinth and Argos.) To break the tie, each team had to undo the "human knot." The over-all winner was Sparta. Everyone learned a lot and had fun at the same time!

St. Patrick's Day

By: Faith Lafferty

On March 18th at St. Francis de Sales School, we had a N.U.T Day (no uniform today) for St. Patrick's Day. We celebrated the life of St. Patrick, and wore green clothing in honor of his Irish heritage. We were

supposed to celebrate on the 17th but it snowed, so we had to celebrate the next day. It was a fun day to wear normal clothes and to have a great time at SFdS. Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day!



April Fools

By: Wyatt Palenchar & Tyler Passarell

April Fool's Day was on April 1st, and of course, you get to play pranks on people and get away with them! There are good and bad things about April Fool's Day. One of the good things is that it's the first day of spring uniforms! A negative could be you might look silly.

Mrs. Chamberlin always has a fun 1st grade prank! Some great prank ideas that are always "fool-proof" is: to change the time on all clocks at your house, switch your cereals around so nobody knows which cereal is what; turn off all the lights in your house; and dress up as the scariest thing you can think of;

make sure someone walks in and turns on the lights without knowing you're in there; hide in a closet and pop out at somebody. And after any prank, make sure you say April Fools! We had a lot of friendly pranks played on campus that made the day extra good!



The Big “?”

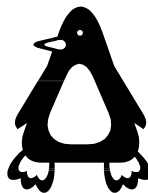
By: Rence Davis

I asked students **The Big Question:**

What is your dream job?

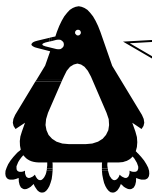
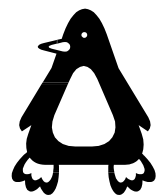


Erin (5th) said that she would like to work at an animal preserve in Hawaii.

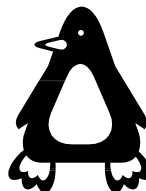


Breana (3rd) said she would like to work as a doctor in Washington, D.C.

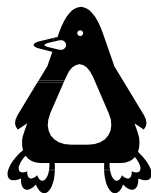
Alex (8th) said he would like to be an architect in New York.



Hailey (3rd) said she would like to be a famous horse-back rider in Texas.



Hannah (4th) said she wants to be on Broadway in New York.



Kerry (6th) would like to work at the HSUS, or the Humane Society of the United States.

The Elemental Adventures of Maddie Mercury



Into the Darkness part 2

By: Jayden Overton-O'Hara

Maddie eased her way onto the long, thin wooden plank that she had to walk across with her squad. She looked into the murky waters below. Maddie, Callem, Callie, Zulfy, and Nathan all held hands as they inched their way across the bridge. They were almost to the end when Callem tripped. Since they were all holding hands, when Callem started to fall off they all fell with him. Maddie saw it happen in slow motion. She heard a yell as she plummeted toward the dark water.

Once they were all on the bank, Callie started yelling at Callem.

"Why are you so clumsy?!" she shouted with anger.

"Hey Callie, calm down," Zulfy said trying to help, but it only got worse.

"How do you expect me to trust my life to someone like him? How do you know he won't make a mistake?!"

Mr. Thatcher came over and told everyone to pipe down. Once everyone stopped shouting, Mr. Thatcher dismissed the class and told the students to go back to their rooms. Later that night when Maddie was walking to her room she overheard the teachers talking.

"Hailey Hydrogen came back from her mission. Apparently she was seriously hurt and said her mission was a fail." Maddie heard a gasp from one of the teachers. "There's more. Her squad was captured by the Mod."

Maddie's surprise was apparently heard, because one of the teachers caught her eavesdropping.

"Explain yourself, young lady."

Before she even thought of it, Maddie said, "I would like permission to have my squad sent to rescue the others."

What? Are you crazy?! You can't go on a mission! Maddie thought.

The teacher looked at Maddie for a long time. "You will leave tomorrow morning. It may be best that you inform your squad now."

When Maddie told them, they were surprised. "What? You signed us up for a mission?!" Callie said.

"It's too late to go back now," Zulfy said.

When everyone left, Callie looked at Callem and said, "You better not mess up."

Maddie got ready and met everyone on the jet that would take them to their mission. When they were about to leave Principal Marco said, "You all are about to go on your first mission. Here's what you need to know. Hailey's squad is being held at a Mod fort in New Zealand. You will have to track through a jungle; a map will be uploaded onto your tracker. You will then infiltrate the fort and rescue Hailey's squad. Remember you all are a squad now—you depend on each other."

At the very end of his sentence, the floor dropped from beneath them. As they plummeted to the ground, Maddie pulled the string on her backpack and a parachute opened up.

Want to know what happens next? Be sure to read the next issue of *The Emperor!*



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Saturday, May 3rd, 2014

- Finishers medals for all children
- 5K medals for Top 3 Male and Top 3 Female in each bracket

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Fee</u>
8:30	Kids Dash	\$5 advance/\$10 day of
9:00	5K Walk/Run	\$20 advance/ \$25 day of
9:30-11	Pancake Breakfast	\$5 non-runners