



THE EMPEROR

St. Francis De Sales catholic school

Event Spotlight

By: Emily Alessandrini

During February 23- March 8, Mrs. White, the Kindergarten teacher of St. Francis, is in charge of the homeless project. Each class is being asked to bring in food for the less fortunate. They have different things to bring into school, such as, eggs or lunch meat. Mrs. White started this project, eight years ago, and has continued to do a great job.

“I like working on this project because it brings satisfaction and rewarding to see all people happy,” said Mrs. White.



From the Principal

When I think about all of the excitement that has happened on our campus this year, I just smile. One of these fond memories came during Catholic Schools Week (January 27th – February 1st). This special week began during weekend mass when a number of our SFdS graduates spoke to our parish community about what being a St. Francis Penguin has meant to their lives.

As the week continued, Sherman the Shorebird came to campus and read a memorable story of never giving up even when you are down to your last swing. Later that same day, Mayor Jim Ireton, States Attorney Matt Maciarelo and our Chief of Police Barbara Duncan all played a special part in making the 7th/8th versus the faculty basketball game one for the ages. And did you know that each of these local government leaders all attended a Catholic school when they were in elementary school?!!

As the week wound down, an extraordinary part of our salute to Catholic education was watching our proud Penguins parade around campus with their grandparents and special friends. This blessed day included the celebration of mass in our church, as well as enjoying a delicious lunch together in the parish center. What an unforgettable week!

Having now begun the third trimester, I am grateful for all of Penguin Nation and the fantastic work our students have offered in making St. Francis de Sales the best school on the Eastern Shore! What’s more, I am thankful for the *Emperor* staff for producing such an amazing newspaper! Keep up the great work everyone!!



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Classroom News

By: Emily Alessandrini

The 6th graders at St. Francis have been learning about Ancient Greece. They had four different sections to learn about. The four are sections were the Academy, Theater, Acropolis, and the Olympics. The Academy is when all students learn about Greece. Theater is when groups get a chance to rewrite a play from ancient Greece and act them out. Acropolis means temple. During the Acropolis they got to build temples out of cardboard. The Olympics is when they took class time and did all the things the Greeks did during the Olympics.



“I liked the Greek plays,” said Ada Kennedy. “I got to watch and create plays.”

“I like the Olympics the best because, it was fun to do all the different activities” said Alistair Sweirkosz.

The 6th grade split up into little groups called “city-states.” A city-state is an anonymous state consisting of a city and surrounding territory. Sparta, Athens,

Faith Filled Leaders

By: Rossalynn Lynch

Miss. Phillips picked 8th grader, Nicole Baumann for Spanish student of the month. Nicole was chosen based on her good work ethic in the classroom, and her overall character.

“Nicole is a fabulous student and studies very hard,” said Miss. Phillips. “She has very good grammar and neat hand writing.”

Nicole enjoys being in Miss. Phillips Spanish class and is learning a lot. She appreciates the award, and will continue to strive throughout her classes.

“Nicole is always prepared for any test and or homework,” said Miss. Phillips. “Whenever she has been absent she makes up her work immediately.”

Mr. Robins picked 5th grader Sarah McDonald for Math student of the month. Sarah was chosen because of her class participation and the way she conducts herself.



Student Profiles

By: Logan Stuchlik

8th Grade Profile

Student: Stefan Sweirkosz

Age: 13

Likes: Soccer, Food and Cars

Dislikes: School and Basketball



Creative Corner



Clay models by 5th Grade



Rossalynn Lynch and Anna Palenchar holding their clay models.

National Junior Honor Society

By: Wyatt Palenchar and Rossalynn Lynch

Seventh and Eighth grade are chosen to participate in the Junior Honor Society by receiving a 93 or higher all the way through middle school, by leadership, extracurricular activities, and good qualities. In May, new sixth graders will be chosen since the eighth graders will be graduating. The Junior Honor Society does things such as bake sales, pancake dinners, babysitting, and holiday crafts. Last year we had a bake sale and it was very successful. The Junior Honor Society is a wonderful way to take part in the St. Francis community and to learn important life experiences.



Sports

By: Sean Richardson and Wyatt Palenchar

Monday, February 11, 2013, the 5th grade boys' basketball team played Most Blessed Sacrament's 6th, 7th, and 8th graders in Ocean Pines at 5 p.m. When the boys arrived at MBS, the home team was wearing the colors that the SFDS Penguins were wearing! Our boys were originally wearing white, but changed to red before the game. Jack Reilly had six points including four for four free-throws. Sean Richardson scored on a rebound, and Leighton Marsh scored on a breakaway and on one free-throw. "They played well, but MBS was much older and bigger," said Coach Larry Korrigan



Dear Francis

By: Emily Reda

Dear Dara,

I have received your letter in regards to your concerns about your friends fighting. I am sorry to hear that, and I am here to give you some advice. I think you should gather the two friends together, and have them calmly talk to one another about the situation. You should allow both of them to talk, and truly listen to what they have to say. I don't think you should pick sides between your two friends. Friendships are very important in life, and you should cherish them. I hope they can work it out, and you all remain friends.



Thank You Staff

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