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ASK ANDY ADVICE COLUMN



Dear Andy,

Do you think testing is a foolproof way of judging how smart a student is?

Sincerely,
Smart Student

Dear Smart Student,

I don't believe that testing is a foolproof way of judging a student, but it can show the effort and attention that a student put into learning that lesson. Also, tests are to help the teachers know if they need to change their lesson plans for the future. Just make sure to try your best, and you'll show that you're a growing student.

Sincerely,



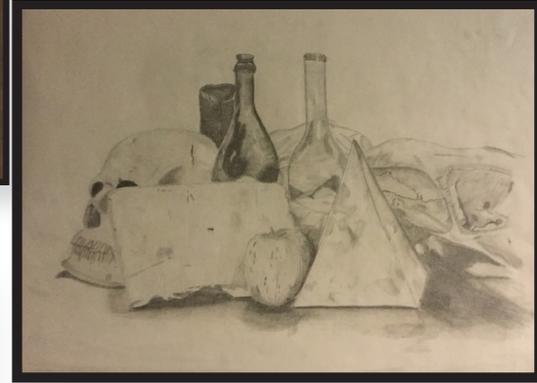
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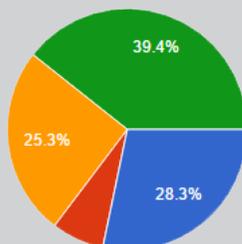
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BY JENESSA GONZALES

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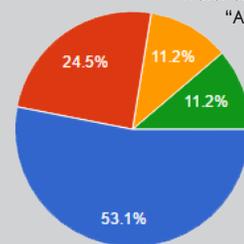
VALENTINE'S DAY IS COMING UP! WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS?

- Go on a dinner date ●
- Watch romantic comedies ●
- Buy yourself a large teddy bear ●
- Eat heart shaped chocolates ●



WHAT SONG MAKES YOU WANT TO SING OR DANCE?

- "Bad and Boujee" by Migos ●
- featuring Lil Uzi Vert ●
- "Closer" by The Chainsmokers ●
- featuring Halsey ●
- "Water Under the Bridge" by Adele ●
- "All Time Low" by Jon Bellion ●



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Show Review

Rating: 5/5

BY EMMA SCOTT

The show, *Victoria*, is about Queen Victoria and all of the hardships she had to face at the beginning of her rule. *Victoria* is often about how those closest to her are trying to control her and pressuring her into marrying someone. This show is currently on the PBS channel and app, and only a few episodes have aired so far. If you're a history geek, like me, I would suggest you watch it!

Star Wars: The Force Awakens

Movie Review

BY MICHAEL DeGUIRE



This month's movie is *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*. This movie is about a girl named Rey who lives on a desert planet and finds out that she has Jedi powers. Along the way, she meets Finn who is a rogue Storm Trooper who tries to get away from the Empire by releasing a Rebel and fleeing to the closest planet, which happens to be where Rey is from.

Rey and Finn escape that planet after the Empire tracks them down and attacks them (and the robot, BB-8, that she has in her possession). That's when they steal the Millennium Falcon and meet Han Solo and Chewbacca. For me, the movie was great and made up for the horrible prequels (1,2, and 3). I just hope that the next movie in the series is just as great.

9.5/10 Stars ■ PG-13



APP OF THE MONTH

Goat Simulator

RECOMMENDED MOVIES AND T.V. SHOWS

- *Finding Vivian Maier*
- *Series of Unfortunate Events*
- *Arrested Development*
- *Diners, Drive ins, and Dives*



TOP MUSIC

BY KEYAIRA MARSHALL

Top Songs

1. "Million Reasons" - Lady Gaga
2. "Shape of You" - Ed Sheeran
3. "I Don't Wanna Live Forever" - ZAYN & Taylor Swift
4. "Born This Way" - Lady Gaga
5. "Body Like a Back Road" - Sam Hunt
6. "Poker Face" - Lady Gaga
7. "Bad Romance" - Lady Gaga
8. "Believer" - Imagine Dragon
9. "Just Dance" - Lady Gaga feat. Colby O'Donis
10. "My Old Man" - Zac Brown Band

Albums



1. *Joanne (Deluxe)* - Lady Gaga
2. *I Decided.* - Big Sean
3. *Joanne* - Lady Gaga
4. *Sing It Now: Songs of Faith & Hope* - Reba McEntire
5. *The Fame Monster* - Lady Gaga
6. *Dear Evan Hansen* (Original Broadway Cast Recording) - Various Artist
7. *Born This Way* - Lady Gaga
8. *La La Land* (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack)
9. *The Garden (Deluxe Edition)* - Kari Jobe
10. *The Fame* - Lady Gaga

Music Videos

1. "I Don't" - Mariah Carey feat. YG
2. "Million Reasons" - Lady Gaga
3. "I Don't Wanna Live Forever" - ZAYN & Taylor Swift
4. "24K Magic" - Bruno Mars
5. "Shape of You" - Ed Sheeran
6. "Poker Face" - Lady Gaga
7. "Bad Romance" - Lady Gaga
8. "Forever Country" - Artists of Then, Now & Forever
9. "Back to God" - Reba McEntire
10. "Perfect Illusion" - Lady Gaga

GAME REVIEW *Minecraft*

BY: MICHAEL DE GUIRE

Rating: 9/10 | Age level: E for everyone | Platform: PC, Xbox, PlayStation, tablet, phone. Xbox 1, PC

This month's game is *Minecraft*, which I really enjoy playing in my down time. *Minecraft* basically consists of a block world where you can build just about anything you can think of- besides a circle. (No matter how good you think you are, everyone messes that up.) Other things you can do in *Minecraft* include visiting the Nether, going to "The End", and even killing the Ender Dragon among many other things.



UPCOMING EVENTS

BY DAISY ROBLES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

- 12:15 EARLY RELEASE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

- JUNIOR ACT TESTING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1ST

- ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

THURSDAY, MARCH 9H - SATURDAY, MARCH 11TH

- ANYTHING GOES AT 7PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH

- ANYTHING GOES AT 2PM

MONDAY, MARCH 13TH

- 12:15 EARLY RELEASE

THURSDAY, MARCH 16TH

- QUARTER ENDS/PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES 5-8

MONDAY, MARCH 20TH

- JUNIOR RETREAT

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22ND

- BLOOD DRIVE

SPORTS INTERVIEW ANDREW CHRISTMAN

BY: OLIVIA HELBLING

Q) What is your dream job?

A) I would really enjoy being a broadcaster for a professional sports team.

Q) What's the best part about playing baseball?

A) I feel the best part is the incredible camaraderie; it is a great thing to experience.

Q) What are your expectations for the upcoming baseball season?

A) I am expecting to make this my best year and be a role model for the underclassmen on the team. I am expecting the team to give 100% at all practices and games so that we can have a great season.

Q) Why do you play baseball?

A) I play baseball because I enjoy it, and it gives me confidence. My family really enjoys the sport, so it creates great memories and bonds.

Q) Who do you look up to?

A) I look up to Tim Tebow, because he is a great Christian athlete.

Q) When you graduate, what do you want be remembered for?

A) I want to be remembered for being a good friend, having respect for others, & always giving my best & being a hard worker.

Q) What is your favorite song and/or artist?

A) My favorite song is "Rise and Shine" by J Cole, and my favorite artists are J. Cole, and Logic.



- **Biology:** We are learning about the dichotomous key

- **Geometry:** We're learning about square roots.

- **Physics:** Mr. Miles is throwing eggs out the window.

- **ATIPS:** We're building the Rube Goldberg machine.

- **Algebra:** We are taking a test.

- **Theatre Arts:** We are learning about tools and how to use them.

Thank You Mr. Hagopian!



CLASSROOM UPDATES

BY: EMMA SCOTT

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

CELEBRATING 4 WOMEN WHO BROUGHT FORTH GROWTH

BY: AJE WILLIAMS

ALICE PARKER

Did you know that the gas heating furnace was created by an African American woman? Thanks to Alice Parker, we will never have cold toes again. On December 23, 1919, Mrs. Parker patented her design for the gas heating furnace. Her idea ignited from her irritation with being cold, so she found a way to heat her home safely. Thanks for the heat Alice Parker!



SHIRLEY CHISHOLM (1924-2005)

In 1986, Shirley was honored to become the first U.S. African American Congresswoman and also, the first black major-party presidential candidate. Before all of Shirley's greatest achievements, she worked for many different organizations that focused on Child Welfare and Education. Although Shirley was part of many great things, her passion was teaching and in 1983, she became a teacher. Her legacy still lives on today. In 2015, she was awarded with the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Shirley set examples for women around the world to always reach their goals and dreams.



ELLEN JOHNSON-SIRLEAF (1938-Present)

Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf is the first black woman to be elected as President and Head of State in Liberia. She was born in Liberia and sent to the U.S. to be educated, leading her to return home with a degree in economics. After returning home, Sirleaf served as an Assistant Minister of Finance. However, that didn't last long as she was soon exiled from her home and went back to the U.S. In 1985, Sirleaf went home and took a seat on the Senate, where she spoke against Doe's military regime. She was sent to jail for ten years, but her term wasn't fully served. Shortly after her time in prison, Sirleaf ran unsuccessfully against Charles Taylor for President in Liberia. Although, she didn't win the presidency, she never gave up. She traveled back and forth several times between the U.S. and Liberia and was treated with no respect, yet that still didn't stop her. She is now the successful, current day president of Liberia.



DAME MARY EUGENIA CHARLES (1919-2005)

Mary was born into a loving family and was sent to school. She completed high school in Dominica, but came to America and received her Bachelor's Degree and Law Degree. She became politically involved in the 1960's. According to Britannica.com, "She was selected to be head of the Dominica Freedom Party, a political party comprising diverse opposition groups, which she helped found in 1968..." In 1970, she was appointed to legislature, and 5 years later, she was sitting in the House of Assembly. Also according to Britannica.com, "When the Dominica Freedom Party won the 1980 elections, Charles became prime minister. Also serving as her own foreign affairs and finance and development minister, Charles fought government corruption, attempted to limit tax evasion, and rejected overtures from foreign business interests to legalize casino gambling on the island." Her success as a woman has taught many girls that once you reach your goal, don't ever stop there. Keep going and try to make this world a better place!

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BOOK REVIEW

BY: SAM DE GUIRE

Title: *A Dog's Purpose*

Author: W. Bruce Cameron

Suggested Audiences: 14-18

Lexile Level: 970

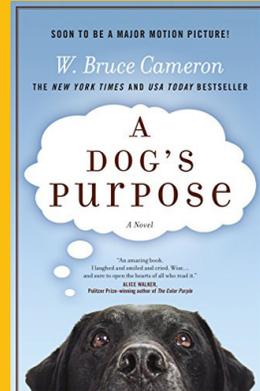
Genre: Fiction

(SD) Rating: 4/5

Summary: This is the story of a dog who is searching for his purpose (hence the name of the book). However, the twist is that the dog is reincarnated when he dies and gets to live multiple lives. The first incarnation follows a Golden Retriever named Bailey that gets his first taste of the world after being rescued by a caring family. He grows up and has a great attachment to his owner, Ethan Montgomery. As Ethan goes to college, Bailey gets old and eventually passes away. But, he comes back to life as a different dog. This happens a few other times throughout the book. Eventually, the ending brings a smile to your face as the story makes a complete circle and makes you want to reread this cute story.

“This book is really cute and is the heartwarming story of a dog trying to find his place in the world.”

~ SAM DE GUIRE



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

BY DAISY ROBLES

MARCH

- Cynthia M. 03/01
- Paloma H. 03/02
- Rachel F. 03/02
- Ivan N. 03/02
- Daniel N. 03/02
- Nancy V. 03/03
- Austin M. 03/04
- Adam B. 03/06
- Catherine P. 03/06
- Delaney P. 03/06
- Quinn C. 03/07
- Stesy G. 03/07
- Emma S. 03/08
- Carlos L. 03/11
- Citlalli G. 03/12
- Robert M. 03/18
- Keenan C. 03/19
- Vincenzo R. 03/19
- Grant W. 03/19
- Sophie W. 03/20
- Keegan K. 03/22
- Emma S. 03/22
- Chloe P. 03/23
- Robert L. 03/24
- Cordell C. 03/27
- Sophia H. 03/28
- Abigail C. 03/29
- Hailey F. 03/29
- Samantha D. 03/30
- Manuel B. 03/30
- Emily B. 03/30
- Mara L. 03/31

Happy 16th Birthday Sophie! From Esme and Julissa

Happy 16th Birthday Sam De Guire! From Taylor, Abby, Daisy and Rachel!

Happy 16th "Grant the Goof" From Jared Sandkuhler

Happy 16th birthday Quinn!! From your bro Nick

Happy Birthday Emma! From Mr. Trenier, Sophie, Sarah, and Michele

Daniel Nichols!! From Andrew Christman and the squad!!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

BY: LORENC GASPAROV

From January 30 to February 3, 2017, St. Catherine's, along with other Catholic schools, celebrated Catholic Schools Week. Starting on Monday, Father Allen began collecting donations of money and canned goods for the Stuff the Bus campaign for the needy, which continued until Thursday, February 2. That same day, the school came together for a mass celebrating the feast day of the Presentation of the Lord. On Friday, there was a dress down day if you donated to Stuff the Bus. Also on Friday, the school hosted a pancake breakfast for the students. The students were split into three shifts in order to try and keep the lines orderly and timely. While it did take much longer than expected, it was still a lot of fun. Overall, Catholic Schools Week was a great success for both the students and the school.



Meet THE Staff Joe Paiga



WHAT ARE THREE WORDS YOU WOULD USE TO DESCRIBE YOURSELF?

CREATIVE, FLEXIBLE, LAID-BACK.

DESCRIBE A TYPICAL DAY IN YOUR LIFE.

I OFTEN WAKE UP AND EAT PANCAKES. WHENEVER I HAVE A NEW CARTOON FILLED UP, I BIKE OUT INTO SCHOOLS AND PARKS AROUND RACINE DELIVERING COMIC STRIPS TO PEOPLE, IF THE WEATHER HOLDS UP.

DO YOU HAVE A DREAM JOB? WHAT IS IT?

A FAMOUS YOUTUBER WHO IS ALSO A WRITER/DIRECTOR OF A TV CARTOON.



ASK FATHER ALLEN



THANKS for submitting your questions to the St. Cat's Newspaper Poll-Father Allen answered a few here! Go to the link for the rest.
<http://www.saintcats.org/campus-ministry/>

WHAT IS YOUR MIDDLE NAME?

JOSEPH



WHERE DOES THE STORY OF St. VALENTINE TAKE PLACE?

THE STORY OF St. VALENTINE TAKES PLACE IN ITALY. HE WAS BORN IN TERNI JUST OVER 60 MILES FROM ROME. THERE HE BECAME A PRIEST AND LATER A BISHOP. STORIES TELL OF HOW PEOPLE WERE CURED WHEN HE PRAYED FOR THEM. IN ONE STORY, IT SAYS THAT WHILE IN PRISON, HE SENT A LETTER TO THE JAILER'S DAUGHTER WHOM HE HAD CURED, AND SIGNED IT "YOUR VALENTINE."

HE WAS MARTYRED IN ROME ON FEB 14TH BY THE EMPEROR CLAUDIUS GOTHICUS FOR PERFORMING CHRISTIAN MARRIAGES AND ATTEMPTING TO CONVERT PEOPLE TO CHRISTIANITY. HE WAS CLUBBED AND BEHEADED, THEN BURIED AT A CEMETERY ON THE VIA FLAMINIA, JUST NORTH OF ROME. HIS SKULL CAN BE SEEN IN BASILICA OF SANTA MARIA IN COSMEDIN, ROME.

St. VALENTINE IS THE PATRON SAINT OF LOVERS, HAPPY MARRIAGES, ENGAGED COUPLES, YOUNG PEOPLE, GREETING CARDS, EPILEPSY, BEEKEEPERS, TRAVELERS AND FAINTING.

CAN YOU TALK WITH ME IN PRIVATE?

YES. I AM HAPPY TO MEET WITH ANY STUDENTS OR FACULTY AND I MAKE IT A PRIORITY TO BE AVAILABLE TO YOU. JUST EMAIL ME SO THAT WE CAN SET UP A TIME THAT WORKS FOR OUR SCHEDULES.

QUOTES

By: OLIVIA HELBLING

"We must let go of the life we have planned, so as to accept the one that is waiting for us." Joseph Campbell

"Happiness is not something you postpone for the future; it is something you design for the present." Jim Rohn

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." John F. Kennedy

DIY CONFETTI BALLOON

By: STEPHANIE MANLEY

YOU WILL NEED:

- Clear 36" inch balloon
- Tissue paper in various colors or pre-cut confetti
- A ribbon



WHAT TO DO:

1. First, stuff the balloon with confetti.
2. Then, inflate the balloon.
3. Finally, enjoy the balloon until the confetti explodes into a burst of color.

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FLASHBACK

By SAM DE GUIRE

To start off the month, we celebrated Catholic Schools Week and did lots of fun things. On that Wednesday, new members were inducted into the National Honor Society (NHS). In the following weeks, we had class registration for the Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshmen for next school year. On February 17th and 20th, we had off!



Fun Facts

By: ABBY REINHOLD

- The largest joint in your body is the knee.
- The human head has about 100,000 hairs on it.
- It has been estimated that 1.8 million Purple Hearts have been awarded.



STAR TESTING

By: MRS. DIXON
& MS. LANTZ

Why do students take STAR tests?

STAR Reading and STAR Math test scores help students further develop their reading and math skills by giving teachers and administration data to drive instruction. The STAR tests give specific data relating to skills that individual students need to work on, and this allows teachers to better differentiate instruction.

Why do students take STAR tests three times a year (fall, winter, spring)?

Taking the tests three times a year lets the teachers, the students and the parents see if the students are growing. Students should be growing their learning as the year goes on, and this also gives the school multiple points of data to use when planning for instruction. If students are not growing, teachers will be able to address those issues more immediately.

Do STAR tests determine placement in classes?

Yes. However the school also uses other data as well, such as classroom performance, Wisconsin Forward, ACT, Aspire, teacher recommendation, etc. More than one source of information should always be considered before making decisions.

Why should students try their best on these tests?

The teachers use the data to see where students are in relation to their grade level and to set personal goals. In addition, the STAR tests are aligned with the Wisconsin Forward and the ACT, which makes it a great practice and a predictor of student performance on those tests.

How many tests does the state require a student to take each year?

In most grades students only take one state assessment per year.



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BY: JOE PAIGA

SMOOTH AND PRICKLEY: TRUE LOVE

