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FEATURED ARTWORK

BY ALEXIS DELAAT

Artist: Lauren Drake, 7th grader
Title: "Watermelon Drape Bowl"

AD: How long did it take?
LD: About an hour and half, or about three art classes. I did start it in sixth grade though, and glazed it this year.

AD: What inspired the beautiful watermelon design?

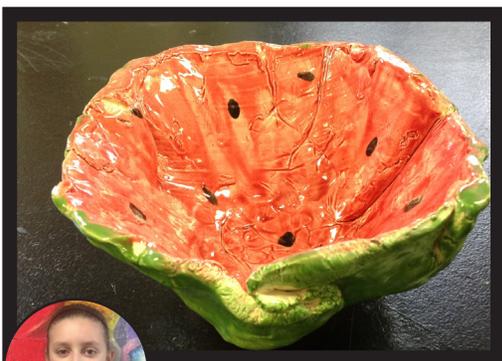
LD: I just found two colors that I really liked and realized that they would make a watermelon design.

AD: Is pottery something you really enjoy?

LD: Yes! It's actually one of my favorite things to do in art class.

AD: Anything else you would like the readers to know?

LD: I like abstract art, and I really love painting. Most recently, I finished my egyption painting.



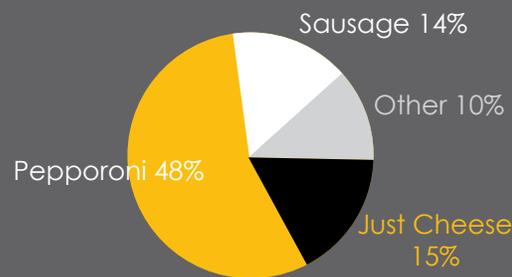
ATTENTION ARTISTS & WRITERS

We would love to feature your comic, drawing, photo or creative writing piece. Please send it to newspaper@saintcats.org for consideration.

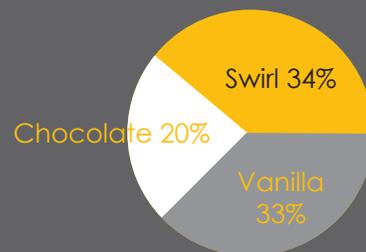
POLL

BY RACHEL COMANDE

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PIZZA TOPPING?



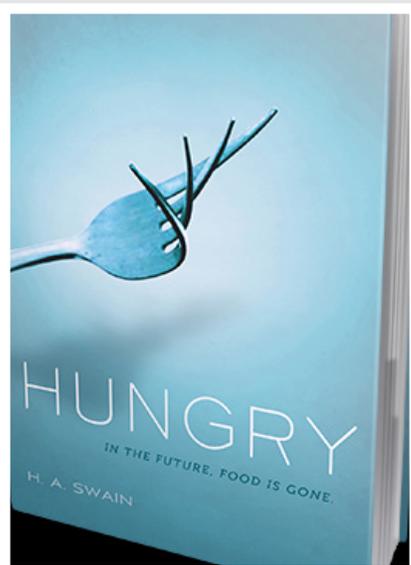
VANILLA VS. CHOCOLATE
ICE CREAM



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RESPONSES

BOOK REVIEW

BY LAUREN CHIAPETTA



Title: Hungry

Author: H.A. Swain

Summary:

In this not so far-fetched future, all food is gone and one big global power remains: a group called One World. With all the food gone, there's a substitute drug called synthamil which stops your hunger and nourishes you--at least that's what it's supposed to do. Read this novel yourself and find out why this 'miracle drug' isn't working for everyone.

Rating (LC): 5/5 **Lexile:** 760 **Genre:** Dystopian Future

“ THIS IS A FANTASTIC, FUNNY, AND HEARTBREAKING NOVEL THAT WILL APPEAL TO ALL AGES. ”
-R.M. (From Amazon.com)



SPORTS

BY BELLA DOMANICO



Andy,

Someone told me I wasn't their friend because of my beliefs. I really like them and I tried explaining it, but they still are ridiculing me. What do I do?

Sincerely,
Troubled Believer

Dear Troubled Believer,

In my opinion, a friend is someone who truly accepts you for who you are and what you believe in. Now, we use the word "friend" very lightly, and in reality, acquaintances might be more fit for those who don't fit the description above. Keep your friends close, because they should mean the most to you.

Good luck,

Andy



Please Put your anonymous questions in the advice box in the office for a chance for your question to appear in an issue of Wings.



The 7th grade boys basketball teams are off to a great start this season. On the Black Team, there are 2 wins and 1 loss. On the White Team, there are 3 wins and 1 loss. Both of the teams this season say basketball is "a lot of fun." I asked Colvin Kuehnl why he plays basketball. He said, "Never give up on what you want to do." Colvin meant that you should do what you love.

At their practices, they work on plays, scrimmage against each other, practice drills, but mostly they work together as a team. St. Catherine's wishes all the basketball teams good luck on all their games this Saturday. See the schedule for upcoming games below.

EVENT	DATE AND TIME	PLACE
6th Boys Basketball (White)	1/17 @ 8:00am	SCHS Small Gym
8th Girls Basketball	1/17 @ 8:00am	SCHS Big Gym
8th Boys Basketball (White)	1/17 @ 9:00am	SCHS Big Gym
7th Boys Basketball (Black)	1/17 @ 1:00pm	Holy Rosary
6/7th Girls Basketball	1/17 @ 3:00pm	Holy Rosary
6/7th Girls Basketball	1/24 @ 8:00am	Holy Rosary
8th Boys Basketball (White)	1/24 @ 10:00am	Holy Rosary
8th Girls Basketball	1/24 @ 11:00am	SCHS Big Gym
6th Boys Basketball (Black)	1/24 @ 12:00pm	John Paul II
7th Boys Basketball (White)	1/24 @ 1:00am	Holy Rosary
7th Boys Basketball (Black)	1/24 @ 2:00pm	Holy Rosary
7th Boys Basketball (Black)	1/31 @ 8:00am	SCHS Small Gym
7th Boys Basketball (White)	1/31 @ 9:00am	SCHS Small Gym
8th Girls Basketball	1/31 @ 9:00am	SCHS Big Gym
6th Boys Basketball (Black)	1/31 @ 10:00am	SCHS Small Gym
8th Boys Basketball (White)	1/31 @ 10:00am	SCHS Big Gym
6/7th Girls Basketball	1/31 @ 10:00am	John Paul II
6th Boys Basketball (White)	1/31 @ 11:00am	SCHS Small Gym
8th Boys Basketball (Black)	1/31 @ 11:00am	SCHS Big Gym
6th Boys Basketball (Black)	2/7 @ 8:00am	SCHS Small Gym
6th Boys Basketball (White)	2/7 @ 9:00am	SCHS Small Gym
8th Girls Basketball	2/7 @ 9:00am	St. Lucy's
7th Boys Basketball (White)	2/7 @ 10:00am	SCHS Small Gym
7th Boys Basketball (Black)	2/7 @ 11:00am	SCHS Small Gym
8th Boys Basketball (Black)	2/7 @ 11:00am	SCHS Big Gym
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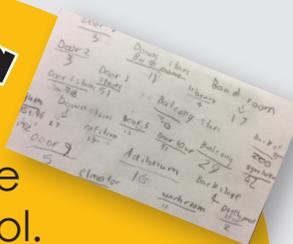
ANDY ADVICE: WE HAVE SOME TIPS AND TRICKS FOR THE ROAD AHEAD SO LISTEN UP!

Please know that your teachers are there to help you and guide you through school...please be respectful to your teachers. Remember, please move quickly and efficiently through the hallways to help prevent traffic jams.

FUN FACTS

BY MATTHEW DRAKE AND COLE DIXON

There are 824 steps inside St. Catherine's High School.





FLASHBACK

BY CAITLYN FELDPAUSCH

GOODBYE 2014

Towards the beginning of the year, our 8th grade class enjoyed one amazing and definitely interesting field trip to our nation's capital: Washington DC. They explored different landmarks, museums, and memorials in an educational way while having a great time.



On another note, homecoming week was filled with activities. The best part was an entertaining homecoming variety show where all grades performed in the auditorium. Thanks to the Middle School Student Council, the middle school had an adventure race. This included different fun tasks groups had to complete.



Finally, we welcomed all our new teachers that began this school year: Mr. Ness, Ms. Walsh and Ms. Kruser (pictured).

UPCOMING EVENTS

BY CAITLYN FELDPAUSCH

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16TH

- EARLY RELEASE!
- FARWELL TO DR. NOONAN
- MR. OLLEY TAKES OVER REST OF SEMESTER

MONDAY, JANUARY 19TH

- NO SCHOOL! WHY? MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR DAY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22ND

- CLUB PICTURE DAY

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK

MONDAY, JANUARY 26TH

- TRIVIA QUIZ!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28TH

- ALL SCHOOL LITURGY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29TH

- STEP EXCHANGE PRAYER SERVICE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30TH

- PANCAKE BREAKFAST
- SPIRIT WEAR DAY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- EARLY RELEASE
- PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

6TH GRADERS-

- PROJECT PRESENTATION

7TH GRADERS-

- PROJECT PRESENTATION
- EMPTY BOWLS MARCH 2

8TH GRADERS-

- PROJECT PRESENTATION
- PREPARE FOR HALO

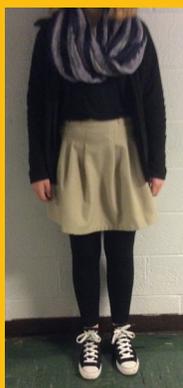
ALL:

- STUFF THE BUS! BRING IN FOOD/PAPER ITEMS. MORE DETAILS TO COME.

- YEARBOOK ORDER DUE MARCH 1

UNIFORM DO'S AND DON'TS

BY REAGAN MCKEOWN



DO:

- 1 accessorize with necklaces, scarves, barrettes, colorful shoes, etc
- 2 change up your hair and try new, fun hairstyles to make you stand out
- 3 paint your nails with bright colors

DON'T:

- 1 wear jeans or anything other than black pants or khakis
- 2 wear shirts that show your bellies or pants that are extremely tight
- 3 be cold, remember to bring a warm jacket to school



MR. PETER

MERKEL INTERVIEW

BY RACHEL COMANDE

ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, SAM DE GUIRE AND I INTERVIEWED MR. PETER MERKEL. MR. MERKEL IS A MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER WHO ALSO TEACHES A HIGH SCHOOL CLASS. HE WAS BORN IN HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT AND LIVED THERE UNTIL HE WAS 10 OR 11. HE THEN MOVED TO GURNEE, ILLINOIS AS A TEENAGER. HE ENJOYED LIVING IN BOTH PLACES.

MR. MERKEL WOULD DESCRIBE HIMSELF AS ENERGETIC, CARING, AND A THINKER. HE WISHES THAT HE COULD TRAVEL TO EUROPE TO SEE THE HISTORIC SITES HE HEARD ABOUT IN COLLEGE. WHEN IT COMES TO WHAT HE ENJOYS, THERE'S A LOT. HIS FAVORITE TV SHOW OF ALL TIME IS *LOST*, BUT CURRENTLY HE IS ENJOYING *THE COLBERT REPORT*. HIS FAVORITE FOOD IS PASTA, AND HIS FAVORITE SPORTS ARE BASEBALL AND SOCCER. WHEN IT COMES TO MOVIES, HIS FAVORITES ARE *UP* AND *STAR WARS*. "I'M A TOTAL GEEK AND I'LL ADMIT IT!"

ONE OF THE BEST THINGS ANYONE HAS EVER DONE FOR HIM WAS WHEN HIS WIFE AGREED TO MARRY HIM, WHICH LED TO HIS HAPPIEST MEMORY: HIS WEDDING DAY. HE AND HIS WIFE SPEND A LOT OF TIME TOGETHER--THEY LOVE TO GO THE MOVIES TOGETHER. WHEN ASKED WHAT THREE THINGS HE WOULD TAKE WITH HIM TO AN ISLAND, HE SAID THAT HE WOULD TAKE HIS WIFE, ALONG WITH AN IPAD AND KINDLE. ONE OF THREE WISHES HE WOULD MAKE WOULD BE THAT HIS WIFE WOULD LET HIM GET A DOG. HE HAD A CHOCOLATE LAB IN HIGH SCHOOL WHICH HE LOVED. THE OTHER TWO WISHES HE WOULD MAKE WOULD BE THAT SCHOOL WOULD START A LITTLE LATER AND THAT MARQUETTE WOULD WIN THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

MR. MERKEL WOULD LOVE TO BE A MONKEY FOR A DAY BECAUSE OF THEIR CAREFREE AND ENERGETIC LIFESTYLE. HIS TYPICAL DAY IS PRETTY BUSY. SOME OF HIS HOBBIES INCLUDE READING, HANGING OUT WITH FRIENDS, AND WATCHING SPORTS. MR. MERKEL'S STATES THAT HIS SECRET TALENT IS TRIVIA. HE WOULD LIKE TO BE ON *JEOPARDY* ONE DAY.

MR. MERKEL'S ORIGINAL LIFE PLAN WAS TO "CHANGE THE WORLD." HE WENT TO COLLEGE WITH A GOAL OF MAJORING IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND POSSIBLY GETTING A JOB IN POLITICS OR PUBLIC SERVICE. HIS EPIPHANY MOMENT CAME WHEN HE REALIZED THAT HE WAS LEARNING A LOT ABOUT POLITICS, BUT NOT WHAT TO DO ONCE YOU'RE IN POLITICS. IT REGISTERED THAT HE WOULD GET OUT OF COLLEGE WITH A MAJOR, BUT NO IDEA HOW TO DO THE JOB HE MAJORED IN. AFTER A LOT OF THOUGHT, HE DECIDED TO BE A TEACHER, LIKE HIS RELATIVES; HE COMES FROM A LONG LINE OF TEACHERS.

WHEN ASKED WHAT LEGACY HE WANTED TO LEAVE, HE RESPONDED BY SAYING "THIS IS A DEEP, DEEP QUESTION." AFTER THINKING FOR A WHILE, HE SAID THAT HE WANTS TO DO SOMETHING THAT WILL LEAVE HIM IN THE HISTORY BOOKS. "I KNOW THAT'S GRAND AND IDEALISTIC...I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF IT'S GONNA HAPPEN." HE WANTS HIS STUDENTS (AND POSSIBLY CHILDREN ONE DAY) TO LOOK UP TO HIM AND LEARN SOMETHING FROM HIM: WHETHER IT'S A LIFE LESSON, OR A SOCIAL STUDIES LESSON. HE WANTS THEM TO HAVE THE BEST LIFE THEY CAN.

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A SINCERE THANK YOU TO MR. MERKEL FOR LETTING "WINGS" INTERVIEW HIM.

"I LOVE STAR WARS. I'M A GEEK AND I'LL ADMIT IT."

-Mr. Peter Merkel

NEWSPAPER STAFF

- May Kohler
- Rachel Comande
- Reagan McKeown
- Kailey Smith / Bella Domanico
- Lauren Chiappetta
- Sam De Guire
- Alexis DeLaat
- Caitlyn Feldpausch

ADVISER Mrs. Aguila

WINGS LOGO CONTEST WINNERS

Thank you to those who participated! Here are the winners:

