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Representing MSS at the FOCE Dinner

By Francesca Kinnamont

Last Tuesday, October 6th, was a day of lots of honor for me. The Friends of Catholic Education and Catholic school board members choose one student every year from a Catholic school (you get the picture…) to represent their schools at Dutch's Daughter. And GUESS who they chose this year?? IT'S YOUR GIRL, FRANCESCA!!! When I got the news, I was literally jaw-dropping onto the ground. ME? Why would they pick ME?? I was extremely honored.





You're probably wondering, 'Yay, congratulations, and all, but WHAT ARE The Friends of Catholic Education?' Luckily for my wondering readers, you came to the right place! The Friends of Catholic Education is an organization in Frederick County that helps Catholic students throughout the county. My sister, Maria Kinnamont, and I both got a scholarship to cover our tuition, and I was chosen to represent at the FOCE dinner hosted at Dutch's Daughter.

My experience there was so cool! I saw many teachers I knew, met new people, and refused the yummy food (guess which one isn't true). Yup, the third one. The food was REALLY good.

The people who sat at my table included our principal, Mr. Fanning, our president, Ms. Kilty, Mr. Cosentino, Mrs. Buchheister, and many other board members of MSS and other Catholic schools.

Something I was ABSOLUTELY. BLOWN. AWAY BY. was how the waiters and waitresses manage to carry heavy trays, go around the entire room asking people whether or not they want an appetizer, and still manage to be helpful and kind. Thank you, waiters and waitresses, not just at Dutch's Daughter, but everywhere. We notice your kindness and agility.

I didn't know many people there, but BOY, did they know me! People kept coming up to me, congratulating me and saying how happy they were that I was there. I felt so, so happy. That brings me to my conclusion.

Thank you, everyone there at Dutch's Daughter, for being so kind. Thank you, waiters and waitresses. Thank you, my fellow tablemates, for an unforgettable night. Congratulations, Archbishop Lori, for winning The Father John McElroy Award. You should be very proud. And thank you, finally, MSS board members, for choosing me to represent the school. I'm forever grateful and will try to represent MSS not just that night, but for the rest of my years with a loyal and proud spirit.

Fall Adventures: Ghost Tours, Apples & Autumn Trails

By Gemma Common

Since it's autumn and it gets dark early, a ghost tour is a total must-do. Gettysburg is supposed to be one of the most haunted places in the whole country. A night walk with a company like Ghostly Images of Gettysburg is perfect for this. It generally costs $18 to $20 for adults and older children, while children ages 7 and under can join for free. The guides carry lanterns, which makes it way more creepy. The tour leads past the Jennie Wade House, which is where the only civilian lost her life during the battle. Walking past those old brick houses at night when the crisp autumn wind is blowing is seriously spooky. It feels like something is going to move in the windows.

If you visit during the first two weekends of October, you can go to the National Apple Harvest Festival, which costs $15 for anyone ages 12 and up, and those under twelve are free. This is a massive celebration dedicated entirely to apples. The festival has more than 25 different fall activities. There are tractor displays, puppet shows, and a petting zoo with farm animals. You can watch people make real apple butter in giant copper pots over open fires. The best part is the food because they serve hot apple fritters, apple pie, and fresh cider gingerbread.

Another great activity is walking along the North Gettysburg Trail. This path is entirely free to use. This is a smoother, paved path that goes through the northern part of the battlefield. It is much quieter than the main roads. Walking here allows you to see open fields and thick woods filled with fall colors. It is common to see white-tailed deer running through the grass or red foxes hiding in the trees. The path passes by old farms that were used as hospitals during the war, which is a very interesting sight.

What are Middle School Students Thinking?

By Bayley Grossnickle

There are so many fun things that you can do or that happen at school. Let's see what middle school students think.
In middle school, we have a couple of football fans. 7th grader Morgan Fogle's favorite football team is the "Ravens because they're the closest team to where I live." Betsy Putman from 5th grade says her favorite team is the "Commanders because that is her family's favorite team." So soon I will see who is gonna make it to the Super Bowl!!
In fall, we have a muffin lover, Winnie Lucas. She says they taste best homemade. Another sweet treat lover is Gemma Common from 7th grade. She loves caramel apples. She said she hasn't had one in so long, but she is so excited to have one this fall season.

On October 19th, we will be voting for the next student council. Lyla Doll "doesn't care who wins the election as long as their best interest is going to benefit the school." 5th grader Grayson says he's "soo... excited for the elections and he can't wait," he said excitedly. So I will have to wait and see how the elections come out!

Our last fun fall thing the school hosts every year is the Trunk or Treat. 7th grader Ava Donovan is so excited because she loves seeing all the cool costumes, but mostly for the candy. She even told me last year she took the whole bucket of candy and ran, she explained while laughing. 5th grader Brody Whiteman is also excited for the Trunk or Treat because of the candy. He says "he loves candy," he said while smiling happily, thinking about eating all that candy.

So, if it's the Trunk or Treat you're looking forward to, or the elections, or any other exciting fall activities, ask your friend or your peer. They got fun things to say!

Why Do Leaves Change Color?

By Luke Gannon

Have you ever asked yourself why leaves change colors in autumn? The answer is kind of simple, Chlorophyll. Chlorophyll is a green color that hides the other colors present on the leaf. The tree uses chlorophyll to make food. However, in fall there is less sunlight and leaves stop making food to prepare the tree for winter. This means the green color (chlorophyll) will fade revealing red, yellow, or orange colors on the leaf. The leaves then fall because they are weak without food and to also protect the tree during winter. I found this interesting, I hope you did too!



Hispanic Heritage Month

By Elliott Brown

September 15-October 15 is an important month for Hispanic people, as it is the date for Hispanic Heritage Month. People celebrate Hispanic culture, participate in traditional events (like last month's article on Mrs. Thomas's Torch Run) and eat delicious food. Many Central American countries celebrate their independence days during this month, too, including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua on 9\15, Mexico the next day, 9\16, and Chile on 9\18.

If you want a snack or are exploring tonight's meal options, consider the dishes below:

- Suspiro a la limeña (sus-PEER-o a la li-MENYA)- a Peruvian favorite comprised of caramel meringue pudding.
- Tequeños (te-QUENYOS) - a cheese stick appetizer the Venezuelans love.
- Pozole (po-ZOL-le) - hominy, meat, and seasoning team up to create this Mexican soup.

Music is quite popular, too. Dances like the salsa, cumbia, cha-cha, and traditional folk dances such as folklorico are amazing choices if you need to bust a move during this month. Over at the crafts table, papel picado (a kind of paper banner), handmade paper flowers, and pinatas are your best options. You can also participate in community events. Try attending local festivals, film screenings, and concerts hosted by libraries and cultural centers.

My Favorite Place to Travel!

By Camden Kline

Hawaii is my favorite place that I have traveled to, and the best vacation spot. When I was in Hawaii, we were on the island of Oahu and at Waikiki, which is somewhere in Honolulu. My favorite part about the trip was the aquarium, where you can see many animals and swim and encounter some of the animals, such as dolphins and seals. Some of my other favorite activities were snorkeling above and through coral and a behind-the-scenes Jurassic Park Jeep tour.
We also climbed Diamond Head, which is a volcano. Now, I know what you are thinking: how could I have climbed a volcano? Well, it was an extinct volcano, which means it has not erupted in one thousand years!
The malls and hotels are gigantic, and the hotels have a great view of the ocean. Some interesting parts about the trip were the traditions, including their language. Some of their most common words are aloha, mahalo, and ohana, which to us means hello/goodbye, thank you, and family.
The luau was the best! Oh, sorry, forgot you were there. A luau is what a party is in Hawaii. When I went to a luau, we heard about how they cook the pig, and the lady running it couldn't say the Hawaiian word mele, which means merry!

THIS OR THAT?

Circle or highlight your pick!

By Joanna Schaeffer

Hamsters Or Guinea Pigs
Lacrosse Or Soccer
Ice Cream Or Candy
Inside Or Outside
Hunting Or Fishing
Coke Or Pepsi
Sprite Or Mr.Pibb
Dogs Or Cats

Foster Kitties!

By Gabriel Lucas

So, I foster kitties. You might have seen from the title that I fostered 5. One we are still fostering, her name is Honey, and the other 5 got forever homes. All the kittens that I fostered were (saying this in one breath) Cinnamon, Bun, Chili, Pepper, Lemon, and Honey. They are all the kittens we have fostered, and Honey is the one we are currently fostering.

How I got into fostering was by volunteering at a cat shelter, and the "person on the side" asked, "Wants to foster cats?" So here we are now, fostering Honey, and I love her. She loves to snuggle with people.

And fostering cats really boosted my mental state and got me more active.

And that is the end of this article. If you want to adopt Honey, go to Frederick County Animal Welfare League.

JOKES & RIDDLES

By Agnes Field

1.ls your refrigerator running?

2.Why do math books always look so sad?

3.Why shouldn't you use glue on your math homework?

4.Who is the king of the classroom?

GUESS WHO ?

By Harley Blankenship

Use these clues to figure out who the mystery teacher or staff member is. The answer will be revealed in the next edition!

1. Sushi is the best in my opinion.
2. At home I have three boys.
3. My hobbies are reading a good book or watching movies.
4. Outside of school I am mostly seen at my kids' sporting events or taking pictures around the community. If I could, I would spend most of my days at the beach. I just love spending time with my dogs and family.
5. I have worked at MSS for seven years, but substituted for two years prior to that.
6. Fun facts: Part of my childhood I lived in Germany. Coca-Cola is my favorite treat from time to time. Summer is my favorite season. My favorite sport is lacrosse; however, football is right up there with it. My favorite Ravens player is Zay Flowers.
7. One other thing I enjoy is going to the gym.

Fall Themed Cryptogram

Each letter in the phrase has been replaced with a random letter or number.
Try to decode the message.

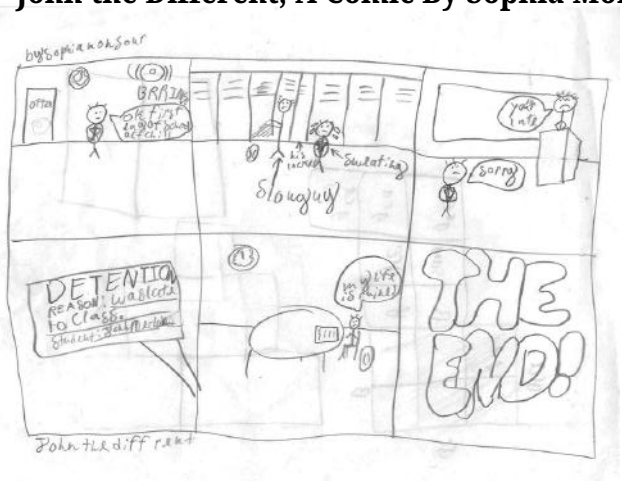
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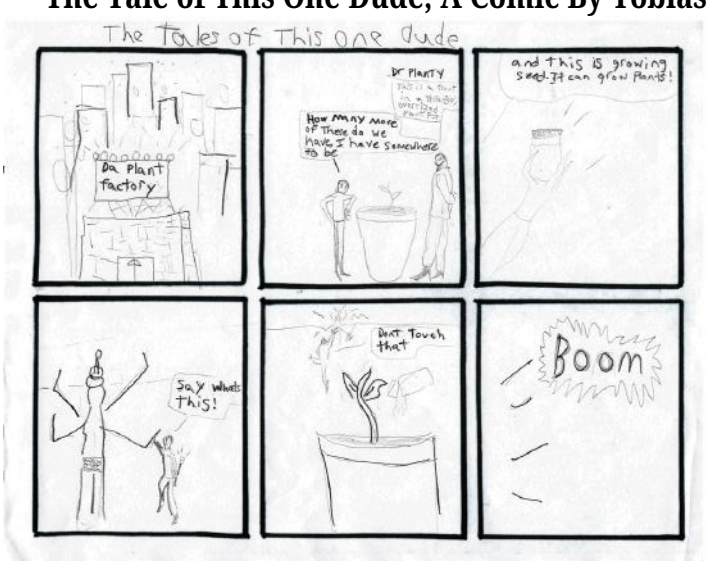


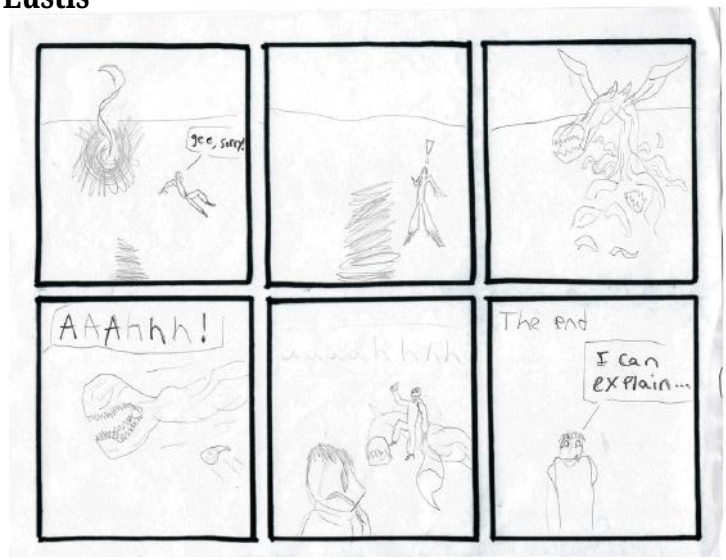
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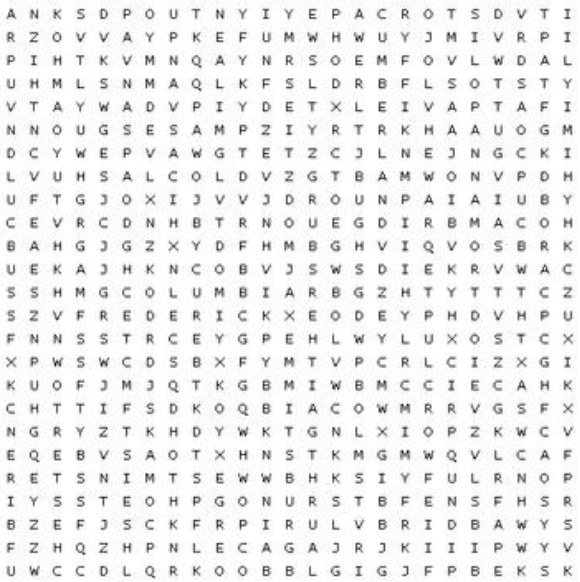
The Tale of This One Dude, A Comic By Tobias Eustis



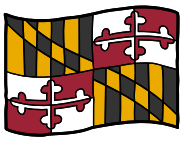


Maryland Towns & Cities Crossword

Annapolis	Hagerstown
Baltimore	Oakland
Bethesda	Rockville
Cambridge	Thurmont
Chestertown	Towson
Columbia	Westminster
Cumberland	
Easton	
Emmitsburg	
Frederick	
Gaithersburg	







Joke/ Riddle Answers

1....Then you'd better go catch it!
2. Because they're full of problems!
3. You'll get stuck on the same problem!
4.The ruler!

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