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MOTHER SETON SCHOOL STUDENT NEWSPAPER

MSS Penny Power Raises Over $26,000! By Ava Fout



Every year at Mother Seton School, Penny Power is held. Penny Power is a week-long fundraiser where MSS students bring in money to help raise funds for a specific school need. This year, we raised money for a new freezer and convection oven for the cafeteria. Penny Power 2026 lasted from October 19th to October 23rd.

At the end of the week, the Piglet Prize, the Porky Pig, and the BIG PIG winners are announced. The Piglet Prize goes to the classes in each unit that raised the most money but did not win the Big Pig or Porky Pig prizes. These winners were…in Primary, Mrs. McIlrath's 1st grade with $2,807.98; in Intermediate, Mrs. Bidinger's 2nd grade class with $3,245.82; and in Middle School, Mrs. Marr's 5th grade class with $1,353.16. These three classes earned an Out-of-Uniform Pass.

The Porky Pig prize goes to the class whose donations weighed the most. They win an ice cream party and an Out-of-Uniform Pass. The Porky Pig prize went to Sr. Margaret Ann's 1st grade class, weighing in at 104.75 lbs! That's a lot of bacon! And finally, the Big Pig prize goes to the class that brought in the most money altogether. The class that wins the Big Pig prize gets an Out-of-Uniform Pass, a pizza party, and the coveted Big Pig trophy. The winner of the Big Pig prize was…Mrs. Kuykendall's 8th grade class with $3,722.16!

Thanks to everyone's generosity, we raised a whopping $26,269.98! That's 741.48 lbs of money! Since everybody smashed the original goal of $15,000, Mr. Fanning rewarded the whole school with Out-of-Uniform Fridays all through November and December! Everyone did amazing this year, and I'm sure next year will be just the same.
P.S. Way to go, 8th grade!

Fall Facepainting Fun! By Gemma Common



This year's Mother Seton School fall fest got a major splash of color thanks to a wildly popular, free facepainting booth run entirely by student artists.

The booth was easily one of the biggest highlights of the night, bringing the whole autumn celebration to life. I was lucky enough to be one of the painters, working alongside Sadie Grubby to transform the faces of everyone who stopped by. Whether it was spooky designs or bright fall patterns, we had a blast matching the energy of every one around us

The station stayed packed from start to finish. We had line of students, and families waiting patiently for a turn, and it was awesome seeing everyone walking around the festival showing off their costumes and school spirit.



The Scholastic Book Fair! By Piper Seiss

If you like reading then you should go to the Mother Seton School book fair .The book fair has so many different types of books. No matter what you like to read the book probably has something for you. Mrs. Monacelli runs the book fair so you wont have library class that week. You can go to the book fair with your class or in the evenings. To go to the book fair with your class you get a wishlist and write down stuff you like, then when you get home you show your parents and they will tell you if you can get it. The book fair is from Nov 9 -Nov.13. You can probably tell that I'm excited, but are you?

Prayer

By Bayley Grossnickle

Dear Lord,
We pray for Pope Leo and wish him a safe recovery after his surgery.
We pray for all those who serve in the military, fire and police department, as well as nurses. Please keep them safe.
We also pray for all the students and teachers at Mother Seton School. Help us continue to grow and receive a strong education.
Amen.

L.A.S.E.R. Tags By Francesca Kinnamont

What are Laser Tag cards? This is a question commonly asked by MSS students younger than 5th grade, since they don't usually get any. When I was younger, I had no idea what "Laser Tag" meant. Did you get invited to play a game of laser tag?

Turns out, the "Laser" in Laser Tag doesn't mean—ahem—"a device that sends out light waves in a very narrow and strong beam" (Webster's New World Dictionary), but instead, it's an acronym! L.A.S.E.R. stands for leadership, accountability, service, excellence, and respect. It's often given out to students who show these personality traits—for example, sitting next to a lonely student or carrying a bag for someone who can't. If you turn 5 into Mrs. Smith's office, you can get an Out of Uniform pass to use on a day of your choosing, except for Mass days.

But that's not the only reason you should be kind to people! One act of kindness can lead to many! One person talking to someone lonely in class can lead to more people talking to them, and soon they're the most popular kid in the class! One person helping a classmate carry a bag they're not able to carry leads to more people carrying their stuff. The moral of the story? Be kind, even when no one's watching—because God is watching.

Halloween By Joanna Schaeffer

Halloween has been around for a really long time. Many people have different traditions to celebrate this holiday. We like to celebrate all month long. From October 1st to October 31st, we watch Halloween movies such as Hocus Pocus, Halloweentown, Spookley the Square Pumpkin, and others. We also eat themed food and go to the pumpkin patch.

This year on October 30th, I went with my friend Haleigh to go trick-or-treating around her neighborhood. We got a lot of candy. On October 31st, also known as Halloween, I went trick-or-treating around my great-grandparents' neighborhood with my cousins. We got a TON of candy, and I got six FULL-size candy bars! I got a Reese's Big Cup, two Peanut M&M's, one Hershey's Almond bar, one Kit Kat, and one Twix. After we went trick-or-treating, we all dumped out our candy and traded for what we wanted. That is what I did to celebrate Halloween! I hope you had a good one! Boo!







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November Events

By Sonia Keppel

Some of the upcoming events in the month of November are the midterm elections, taking place on November 3rd. Another event that is happening soon is the MSS Night at the Mount; this is on the 17th from 7:00 pm–9:00 pm. Coming up just this week is picture makeup day; this will be an extra opportunity for people to get another chance to make their pictures to their liking. This will be on Friday, November 6th. Next week will be exciting because the book fair is finally opening up, November 9th–12th. Last but not least, it is one of my best friends' birthdays very soon.

Bayley Days

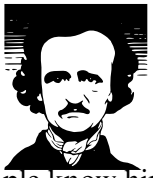
By Rowan Burns



Our second Bayley day was on October 29th. The next Bayley day is December 18th. A Bayley Day is a different type of out-of-uniform day. You still must wear your gym pants and your school shoes, but you get to wear your special Bayley shirt instead. Camden likes Bayley Days because she gets to wear a different shirt and not her regular uniform.

Edgar Allan Poe: One of the Greatest American Writers in History

By Bayley Grossnickle



Edgar Allan Poe was a master of suspense. He wrote poetry, fiction, and mystery, but what most people know him for is his horror stories. Edgar Allan Poe was born on January 19th, 1809, in Boston, Massachusetts. At the age of 2, his mother passed away, and by this point, his father had already left the family. So he was adopted because he had no family to go to. The Allan family adopted him. Edgar adored and loved his adoptive mother, but she died of tuberculosis. I know what you're thinking: he has no family, he is lonely, and he has lost both of his mother figures. But he had an adoptive father who abandoned him. So Edgar enrolled in the University of Virginia, but tragedy strikes again—he then goes into debt. Edgar then had a great idea, or what he thought was a great idea, to gamble to try to pay it off, and ended up going deeper into debt. So then he had to withdraw from the college. In 1830, he enrolled in a military academy called West Point. After living in a lot of cities, he ultimately decided to do writing full time and move to Richmond, Virginia. But a light of happiness comes in for Poe. He finds his cousin and aunt, and since this is his only family, he decides to marry his cousin, which was very common in his time. But at the age of 20, his wife and cousin, Virginia, dies. Soon after, his aunt dies. He had been writing love poems about his wife. Some of his most romantic poems were "Annabel Lee," which symbolizes his wife, and "To Helen," which is about the Greek gods. These never made any money, but this is when he changed his genre to horror. These horror stories were creepy, including "The Raven," which was his first poem to make a decent amount of money. His other horror works were "The Murders in the Rue Morgue," which is a detective story, "The Black Cat," and "The Tell-Tale Heart." He was the first writer to write detective fiction. So he started as a romantic and moved to horror. But he was the most influential writer in history. I highly recommend that you read his writings.

This or That?

By Camden Kline

Lindt vs. Hershey
Trick vs. Treat
Forest vs. Mountain
Summer vs. Winter
Cabin vs. Beach House
Halloween vs. Christmas
Van vs. Truck
Red vs. Blue
Universal vs. Disney

Bible Verse

By Bayley Grossnickle

Have you ever opened your Bible to the Gospel of Luke to the parable of the lost sheep? In the parable of the lost sheep, Jesus said, 'What man among you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!" I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.' In this parable, Jesus is saying he deeply values every individual and pursues sinners with great joy when they return.

Student Interview

By Harley Blankenship

I interviewed Leah in 5th grade. Here are the questions: What is your favorite recess activity? Leah says spending time with friends. I love that, Leah! Tell me something interesting about you. She loves to paint and one time painted my bathroom wall (with permission). How many pets do you have? She has 2 dogs, sheep, and chickens. Who is your favorite teacher? She likes Mrs. Warthen in fourth. What is your favorite animal? She likes red pandas. What do you do in your free time? She likes to draw in her free time. Where is your favorite place to travel? Leah says El Salvador. Wow! I didn't expect that answer! How many siblings do you have? She has 6! I only have 2, so that is crazy! Thank you for helping us learn more about you, Leah!

A Poem About School

This is a poem, a poem about school.
This is my school; it's my honor to
tell you of this fine school.

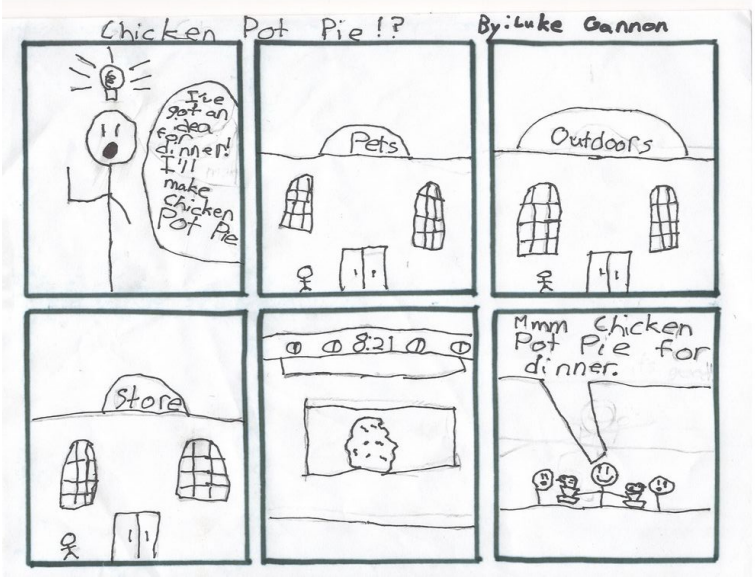
In my school, almost everyone tries,
And even if not, nobody shies
From the work that our educators,
trying their best, Give us—quizzes
and tests, notes and the rest.

And now on to lunch! I love lunch a
bunch. One time, I was alone at the
end of the table,
When all who were able came and sat
over here, At the end of my table.

I love school a lot, even when it gets
hard. I tell myself that we're all just a
part Of this school—this school in
my heart.

By Elliott Brown





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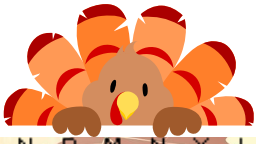
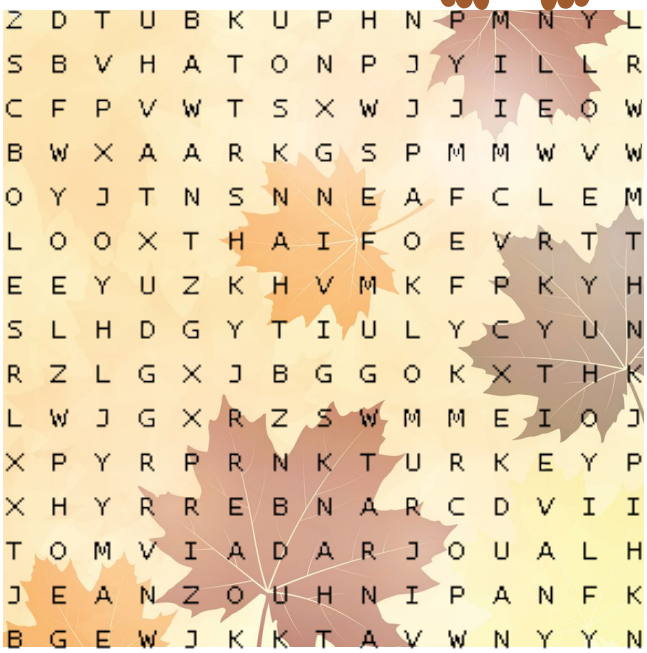


By Sophia Monsour



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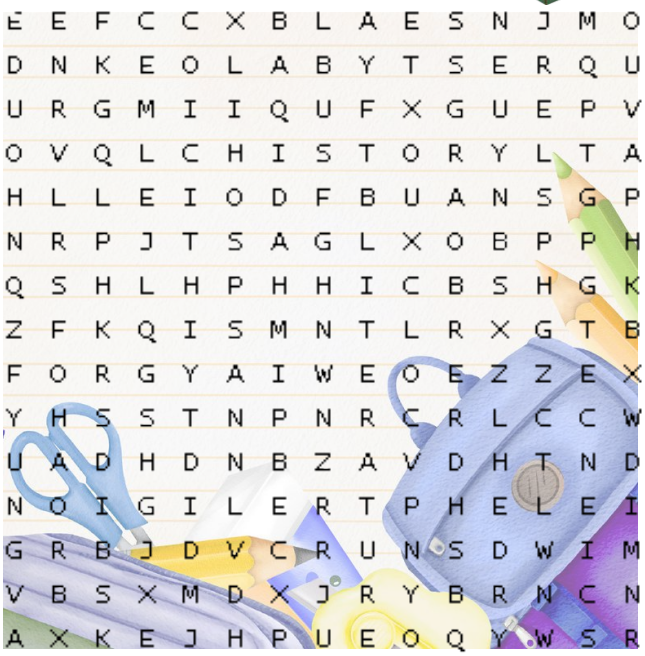
Class Schedules



By Agnes Field



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