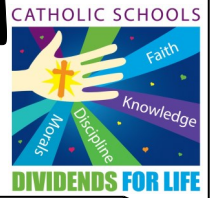


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H.O.O.K.S. Dinner Reels In School Support

By: Audrey Ferrari



The Interact Club cooking basket was one of several student contributions to the H.O.O.K.S. silent auction. It sold for \$120. (More on page 4)

First Career Fair Offered

By Erika Gonzalez and Mandy Shum



Eighth graders Trysta Taylor and Maggie Mooney are seen above speaking to dentist Dr. Greg Simon at the Career Fair held February 1st. "It was very successful," Academic Dean Teri Breeding said. "Everyone seemed very excited to try something new and to talk to all the different representatives. They were very impressed with the questions asked by the students." (continued on page 9)

Teen Court Members Sworn In

By: Michael Frost



(Left to Right) Chloe Kordsmeier, Judge Troy Braswell, Kaitlyn Shockley, and Michael Frost

Three seniors from St. Joseph High School were sworn-in as members Teen Court on January 2nd by Circuit Judge Troy Braswell, Jr. Chloe Kordsmeier (left), Kaitlyn Shockley and Michael Frost applied for positions on the court back in October.

Judge Braswell, who's also the current Juvenile Court Judge, presides over Teen Court proceedings where trained teens act as prosecuting and defense attorneys, bailiffs, clerks, and jurors who will hear actual cases of juveniles charged with violating state law. Certain youthful offenders can choose to participate in Teen Court over a

traditional court case. "Youthful offenders who participate in Teen Court are 20-25% less likely to re-offend than those who don't," Judge Braswell said. These St. Joseph students, along with other selectees from the area, took part in a mock-trial on January 8 to prepare them for an actual trial January 29. A couple of such trials will be held each month through May.



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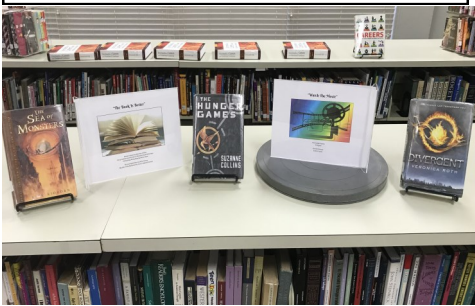
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Library Poll Prompts Displays
by Brent Yrle

In December 2017, Librarian Karen Wilson polled high school students posing a series of questions about books and movies. She asked how certain books compared to movie adaptations of those same stories.

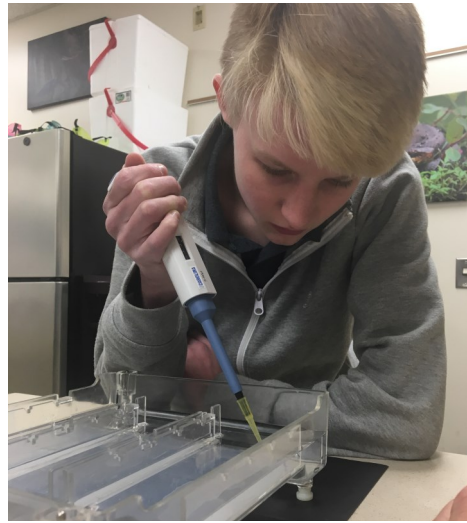
Ms. Wilson took the aggregated results from those polls and set up three displays around the library exhibiting which books the majority of students felt were better as books or movies. She also had a display spotlighting books students want to see cinematically adapted.



Books such as *The Hunger Games* were on display in the library.

Biology Students Solve Crime

by Brent Yrle

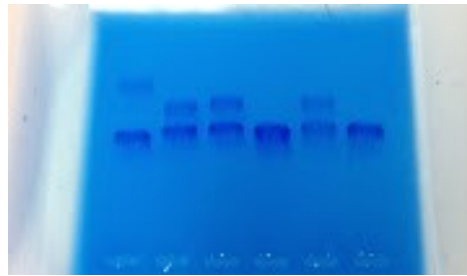


Austin Parker loads the DNA sample into a pipette.

Mr. Jim Belote's Biology students conducted an experiment involving gel electrophoresis on January 4th.

The students loaded the gel with sample DNA from a simulated crime scene with a pipette and electric currents pushed the DNA into the gel. This process is used to show how DNA taken from a crime scene is compared with DNA taken from a suspect to determine if his or her DNA matches the crime scene DNA.

Experiments like this is so important because of the use DNA testing in modern day criminal justice. Countless people have been found wrongly imprisoned because such testing wasn't available when they were tried, but were later vindicated when it was brought into evidence.



The two DNA samples in the center match the crime DNA samples on the right.

Cutest Friends

By Emily Hambuchen & Jensen Kordsmeier



Julia Hambuchen and Alli Felts

Q: How long have y'all been best buds?

Alli: Really at first we were best friends in first grade then we became best friends again in 8th grade.

Q: How did you meet?

Alli: In kindergarten at school.

Q: What is your favorite activity to do together?

Julia: We have picnics and we bowl a lot.

Alli: Really anything we do together ends up being really fun!

Q: What is your favorite memory?

Alli: Our weird laughing moments in the worst times.

Julia: Apparently in first grade we used to cheat off of each other.

Q: What are your similarities?

Both: Nothing, we have nothing in common.

Q: What are your differences?

Both: Everything!

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Chemistry Class Is Really Cool

By Staton Holbrook



Donnie Belote explains what the liquid nitrogen does to a rose.



Anna Wade gets ready to dip a rose into liquid nitrogen.



Natalie Ross eats Cheetos dipped in liquid nitrogen.



A banana frozen by liquid nitrogen becomes a hammer in Mr. Belote's hands.

Students in Mr. Jim Belote's chemistry classes saw eye-opening demonstrations on January 11th as to how common items had their properties affected by liquid nitrogen.

Mr. Belote's cousin Donnie works for a specialty gas distributor and has handled liquid nitrogen a lot. He explained that liquid nitrogen "boils" at almost 320 degrees below zero Fahrenheit.

When such objects as flowers, bananas, balloons, and snack foods were immersed in the nitrogen, funny things happened. Flower petals shattered like glass, a banana became rigid enough to drive a nail through a board, and a bounced racket ball broke into pieces.

Top Speller Wins Prize

By Austin Parker



Ashleigh Mallett holds her 2nd Place trophy at the Faulkner County Spelling Bee

Eighth grader Ashleigh Mallett won 2nd Place in the Faulkner County Spelling Bee held January 13 at Conway High School. Braden Eason from Frank Mitchell Intermediate School in Vilonia earned 1st Place.

It was the second time for Ashleigh to stand out in the Faulkner County Spelling Bee. She won 1st Place when she was in the 5th grade three years ago.

Ashleigh was down to the final four spellers out of around 50 contestants when she misspelled "moxibustion." After Eason was declared the winner, another round of spelling was held with Ashleigh and two others to determine the runner-up. Ashleigh won that round by spelling "kanji."

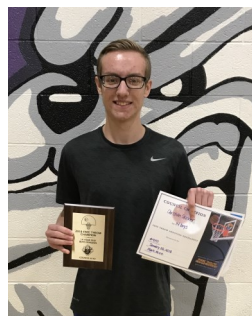
Eighth grader Olivia Pasierb and 5th grader Ann Harvey were also in the Bee.

Free Throw Contest Held

By Emily Hambuchen

On January 28th St. Joseph held the annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest at the Family Activities Center.

For the 12 year-olds, Olivia Williams and Logan Bruich won their divisions. Thirteen year-olds Chloe Skinner and Jacob Williams won theirs, as did 14-year old Christian Skinner. They'll all be moving on to compete at the District level in Wonderview on February 11th.



Christian Skinner



Chloe Skinner and Jacob Williams



Olivia Williams and Logan Bruich



Cool Trucks

By Timmy Coney and Triple Williams



Two road-worthy trucks are featured in this month's column. Ryan Davis is seen at left with his '95 model Chevy Silverado 1500. It has a 5.7 motor with a twin turbo set up. He tells us that when he punches the gas it will hold a wheelie for a full mile. Ryan adds he can fit six boys in his cab. He also says he's reached 153 m.p.h. on a cow pasture. He calls her "Bessie" because he treats her like his women; very nice and very man-like. Good job, bro!

To the right, we have Caleb Schafers with his 2003 Toyota Tundra with a 4.7 I-Force with a four-stage nitrous. He says once it takes off, it's like he's in a tornado it goes so fast. Caleb's gotten his truck up to 167 m.p.h. on the Lollie Bottoms where law dogs are as rare as hens' teeth. He adds that he can only get five boys on his bench seat. His truck is named "Yota" because "It's been rode hard and put up wet."



Ryan Davis and Caleb Schafers

H.O.O.K.S. (from page 1)

For the past 13 years, the H.O.O.K.S. dinner and silent auction have been a part of St. Joseph's Catholic Schools Week. This tradition was started by two St. Joseph Alumni, Bob Imboden and Ray Luyet. It's now headed by Jeff and Beth Crowder and Frederic Simon.

Many silent auction items were donated by our students. Each class came up with a themed basket which ranged from "Lottery" to "Family Game Night" to "Tools." Each grade had fun choosing items to go along with their theme!

The Interact Club also participated in H.O.O.K.S. and donated its own cooking-themed basket. Members brought in kitchen towels, utensils, seasonings, and short-bread cookies in order to make a beautiful basket.

Last year's event raised \$60,000. This time, the receipts jumped up to \$70,000. The money will pay for a variety of needs. In the past, its gone towards the purchase of chrome books, classroom teacher microphones, library materials, or other items not part of the school's annual budget.



Faculty Funnies

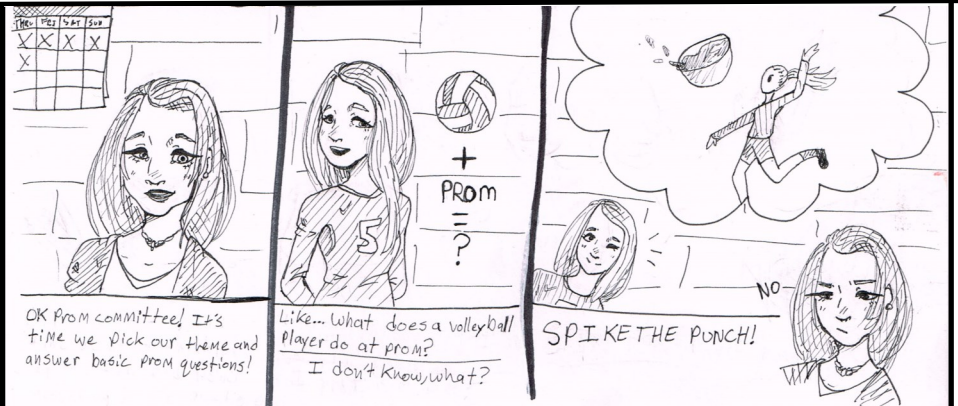
By Leah Miller

Featuring: Ms. Alicia Yrle and Alexis Roach



Wish exchange student Mandy Shum well on February 16.

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Bottles Change Babies' Lives

By: Elizabeth Whitley



Pictured above, from left to right, are Brayan Cana, Thomas Royal, and Michael Emerick.

St. Joseph School began its 13th year of support for Life Choices, Incorporated's annual "Change For Life" fundraising campaign. Life Choices empowers women to make life-affirming decisions in pregnancy situations.

The school picked up boxes of empty baby bottles from Life choices on January 22nd, which will be filled with loose change donated by students and teachers. The money collected will help underwrite pregnancy tests, obstetrical ultrasounds,

parenting education and assistance, and post abortion support. Last year, St. Joseph donated \$1,700.00 to this cause. The campaign will last through the end of February.



Pastor Fulfills Promise



Father Tony instructs seniors on distribution of Our Lady of Guadalupe pictures.

Father Tony Robbins had a special gift for St. Joseph School students during Mass on January 31. He called up seniors Kaitlyn Shockley, Chloe Kordsmeier, Caroline Hambuchen, and Audrey Ferrari to hand out small photos

Of Our Lady of Guadalupe to everyone in the church sanctuary. He'd brought them back from Mexico where he'd recently gone to fulfill a promise he made a decade ago.

At that time, Father prayed to Our Lady at Mexico's Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe asking her to help him learn Spanish and to finish his seminary studies so he could become a priest. If she would, he promised, Father said he'd return to the Basilica one day to celebrate Mass there. This is what prompted his recent trip. He said it was "an incredible experience of God's love for him through the Blessed Virgin Mary."

With his gift to the students, Father wanted them to remember the story of Saint Juan Diego's apparition in 1531 and to have a piece of his recent experience in Mexico.



Audrey Ferrari displays the picture of Our Lady that Father Tony gave out at Mass.



Anatomy Class Uses Its Brains

by Michael Frost



On January 9th Mr. Jim Belote's anatomy classes had the opportunity to dissect sheep brains. The classes were studying the nervous system, so they looked at sheep brains which are very similar to human brains. The main difference is the size.

Students cut along the brains and identified different areas and their functions. "It sure was swell," anatomy student Brent Yrle said. "I love brains! Mr Belote's class is super cool!"

This dissection was the first of many for the anatomy students who will dissect cow eyes and cats in coming weeks.



Senior Abby McKenna is impatient to begin dissecting the tasty brain.

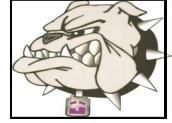


Brent Yrle cuts down the longitudinal fissure.



High School Profiles

by Elizabeth Whitley, Caroline Hambuchen & Staton Holbrook



Tyler Parker

Tyler~

1. Trampoline
2. Ham
3. Two inches
4. To try and be more positive

Luke~

1. Money
2. Turkey
3. Zero
4. To do better in school



Luke Potts

Cynthia~

1. Iphone 8
2. Ice cream
3. Two inches
4. I really haven't thought of anything.

1. What was your favorite Christmas present?
2. What was your favorite food that you ate over Christmas break?
3. How many inches of snow did you think we'd get?
4. Do you have any new year's resolutions?



Bo Davis

Bo~

1. Money
2. Turkey
3. None
4. To do better in school

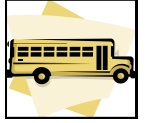


Cynthia Castro



High School Profiles

by Elizabeth Whitley, Caroline Hambuchen & Staton Holbrook



Shelby Shearer

Shelby~

1. My true grit jacket
2. Dressing
3. Two or three inches
4. I want to make my grades go up.

Caleb~

1. Muzzleloader
2. Spaghetti and meatballs
3. None
4. I would like to be a better person.



Caleb Strack

Brent~

1. Spending time with my family, especially my baby cousin
2. Pumpkin pie
3. Zero
4. To make more and better friends



Lauren Holbrook

Lauren~

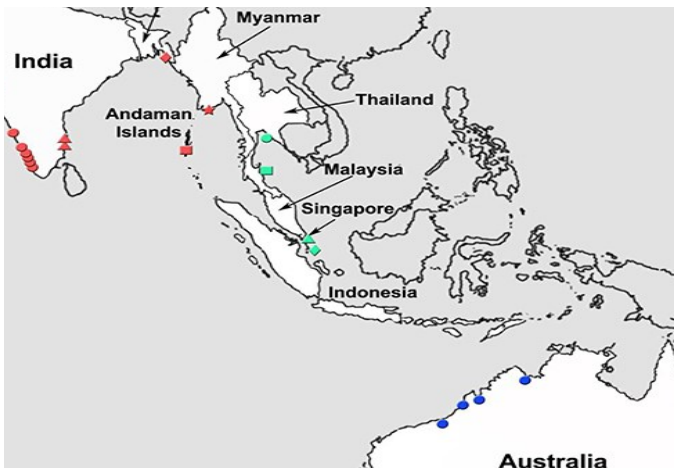
1. A trip to Disney World
2. My aunt's mac & cheese
3. Five inches
4. Go to the gym more!



Brent Yrle

Malaysia Is Culturally Diverse

By Sze Ying "Mandy" Shum



Malaysia is situated between Thailand and Singapore. It's known for its Malay, Chinese, Indian and European cultural influences.

Kuala Lumpur is the capital of Malaysia where the tallest building in the country, the Petronas Twin Towers are located.



Jonker Street is one of the busiest and most famous streets in Melaka, my hometown.

Hi everyone! I'm Mandy Shum from Malaysia. It's nice to meet you all. I'm turning 18 this coming June, and I'm now a senior. I love my classes here so much. The students are so lovely and friendly. They're helping me a lot.

I'm from Melaka, a small state in Malaysia. It's a historical city. Jonker Walk, or Jonker Street, is a very attractive place in Melaka and a popular area to visit. This street is one of the best places to buy food, clothing, and souvenirs.

I'm the only child in my family, and I went to a government high school. The biggest difference between my Malaysian school and St. Joseph is that we stay in one class for the whole day and teachers come to us. At St. Joseph, we go to different classes for different periods. The way we interact with teachers is also quite different. At St. Joseph, students and teachers are like friends.

Malaysia is a country in Asia, a tropical country, where temperatures range between 77 and 95 degrees Fahrenheit throughout the year.

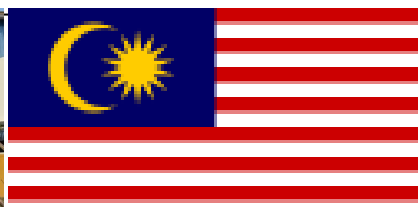
Kuala Lumpur is the capital of Malaysia. Its modern skyline is dominated by the 1,483 foot tall Petronas Twin Towers, which is a pair of glass-and-steel-clad skyscrapers. They look like two stalks of corn. Kuala Lumpur is also known for its shopping and dining, with options ranging from large malls and contemporary restaurants to storefronts and food courts.



These girls are three classmates of mine in my Malaysia school, SMJK Notre Dame Convent. We were in our classroom posing for a graduation video.



All of us wearing the green color uniforms are in the Girl Guides Society which is like the Girl Scouts. This was during the preparation of campfire night. We set up the structure ourselves which is lit up to glow.



This is the Malaysian flag. The 14 stripes and 14-pointed star represent the 13 states and one federal territory. The crescent symbolizes Islam, the official religion of the country. The blue background symbolizes unity among the people and yellow is color of royalty in Malaysia.



This photo was taken after a traditional costume competition in my Malaysian school. I am the third one wearing a traditional Chinese costume.



Career Fair (from page 1)

Representatives from such career fields as health and medicine, law and public safety, along with trades and personal services, visited with students to speak about the opportunities each offers.

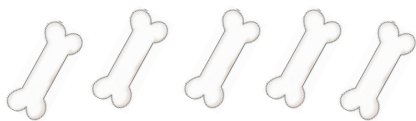
“I talked to attorney Cheryl Barnard,” Michael Frost said. “I learned about the legal profession and I’ll probably follow this career path.” “It was a very good experience,” Triple Williams added. “Luke Kordsmeier told me what the industrial mechanics program at U.A.C.C.M. will be like.” “I learned about a career I didn’t know I would be interested in,” Alli Felts noted. “But I will now look into forensics after talking to Doralee Chandler from the Arkansas State Crime Lab. I also learned about being a labor and delivery nurse from Nurse Practitioner Meghan Mallett.” “I talked Dr. Gary Bunn from the UCA College of Education,” Audrey Ferrari said. “He was able to explain in depth the steps I will need to become a high school math teacher.”

Even the younger students gained a lot from Career Day. “I talked with UAMS Pre-Health Recruiter Lighla Watson,” Josie Gamble said. “She talked about all the different fields there are in health and medicine.” Marketing Manager Veronica Palmer shared a lot of materials with Emily Berumen. “She gave me paper flowers, a catalog, a gel pen, and some coloring notecards,” Emily said. “I went to the National Guard booth,” Noah Decker said. “I found out they have 130 jobs in the military.” Ashleigh Mallett spoke with retired airline pilot Keith Wolfe. “He said before he could really fly for Southwest he had to work for smaller companies first.” Jonathan Deen heard from Biomedical Research Scientist Dr. Mariana Linck. “She had a pamphlet explaining how much engineering fields are increasing and what you can make.”

Overview: The atmosphere was fun and bright. The staff was extremely welcoming, and even made sure to get the door for you both on your way in and out! The menu has plenty of options from salads and wings, to sandwiches and pastas. Of course, their lengthy menu also has a large variety of delicious sounding pizzas.

Audrey’s Review:

I have been to the original Hideaway Pizza, in Stillwater, Oklahoma several times while on summer road trips! It was always bursting with people, enjoying wonderful pizza and the fun décor. One of the best parts of this restaurant, besides their food, is the colorful collection of kites. I was very excited to see that the Hideaway in our town incorporated this into their own decorations. Now on to the food, I ordered the good ‘ole classic Pepperoni Hand-Tossed Pizza. It was absolutely amazing, with the perfect amount of sauce and pepperonis. The cheese was incredibly gooey, and it went perfect with the airy, yet crispy crust. Just a heads up — if you are in a hurry then Hideaway is probably not the best place to go, but if you have some time this pizza is certainly worth the wait!



Michael’s (Subbing for Alli) Review:

I ordered a pizza called the “Sicilian” which was an expertly blended combination of olive oil, garlic glaze, mozzarella, provolone, genoa salami, pepperoni, and Italian sausage, topped with Hideaway Red Sauce. Pizza is not usually considered a delicacy, but the way these ingredients combined was heavenly. Upon arriving, we were seated immediately and our food was brought to us in a timely manner. The “after dinner mint” is my only reservation as it tasted like a squishy lemon dipped in mint. This was obviously a minor problem only though. Overall it was great, and I would highly recommend it.



Want a chance to win a \$25 gift card to our favorite place to eat? Scan the QR Code for more information!



Anointed By The Holy Spirit

Freshman Rebecca Chamoun was one of 33 St. Joseph School students who received Confirmation on January 28 from Bishop Anthony Taylor. A total of 75 Confirmands from within the parish received the Sacrament. Rebecca’s sister, Hannah Yrle, stood with her as her sponsor.



Magic Kingdom Lives Up to Its Billing

By Jensen Kordsmeier



Senior Emily Hambuchen took a trip to Orlando, Florida to visit the amusement parks Universal Studios and Walt Disney World. She went as a family vacation with her siblings Nathan, Melissa, and Holly and her parents Jill and Charlie.

“Because of my dad’s work schedule we ended up leaving on the fourth day into the third quarter” Emily explained. “My siblings colleges were still on Christmas break so the only person who was effected was me but I didn’t mind.”

They spent the first three days at Universal Studios then moved over to Disney World for the last five days. Emily said that she prefers Disney World over Universal but she couldn’t pick her favorite park at Disney because they had so different yet fun rides at each of them.



Family in front of the Magic Kingdom Castle



Tower of Terror at Hollywood Studios Park



Hogwarts at Universal Studios



On the Rock 'n' Roller Coaster



Meeting the Minions



Historical Downtown Tampico, MX.



Erika stands in front of the Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Church, a historical church in Villa Manuel.



Boardwalk to the beach in Tampico

Sophomore Traces Her Roots

By Shelby Shearer

Sophomore Erika Gonzalez took a trip to Tampico and Villa Manuel, Tamaulipas, Mexico during the Christmas season. She went down there to spend time with some of her aunts, uncles, cousins, family friends, and her grandmother.

“We went down there to spend time with my family that lives down there.” Erika explained “We also decided to go to the beach and visit a historical church.” She said that the temperature down there was around 65 degrees and it felt perfect.

Erika and her family spent 17 days in this part of Mexico. They plan on going back there in 2018 to visit her father’s side of the family.



Eagles Come Out on Top in Super Bowl Thriller by Brent Yrle



The 52nd Annual Super Bowl was held on Sunday, February 4th at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The teams competing for the Lombardi Trophy were the New England Patriots and the Philadelphia Eagles. Both of these teams were number one seeds going into the playoffs, meaning that they both enjoyed a first-round bye and home field advantage throughout the playoffs up to the Super Bowl.

The New England Patriots finished the regular season 13-3, and, after a first-round bye, hosted the Tennessee Titans in the divisional round of the playoffs, comfortably beating them 35-14. With the Pittsburgh Steelers taking the number two seed in the AFC, many fans expected the AFC Championship Game to be between New England and Pittsburgh, but the Steelers were upset 45-42 by the Jacksonville Jaguars in the divisional

round, meaning that the AFC Championship Game was set between New England and Jacksonville. Jacksonville had a lead for most of the game, but a few questionable calls turned the game around for New England, and a late touchdown was enough to beat the Jaguars with a score of 24-20.

The Philadelphia Eagles were the team to beat for the majority of the regular season until losing their starting quarterback Carson Wentz to an ACL injury late in the year. They finished with a record of 13-3, good enough for the number one seed in the playoffs as well. However, with Nick Foles as quarterback, many fans did not expect the Eagles to get past their divisional round game against the Atlanta Falcons, becoming the first ever number one seeded team to be projected to lose in the this round. However, they stunned last year's NFC Champions at home in a low scoring affair, 15-10.

The following week, they hosted the Minnesota Vikings in the NFC Championship Game. If Minnesota were to win this game, they would have become the first team to ever host a Super Bowl, but were surprisingly crushed by the Eagles, 38-7.

The New England Patriots were looking for their sixth super bowl win as a franchise, all with Tom Brady as the starting quarterback. The Philadelphia Eagles were looking for their first Super Bowl win as a franchise, as this is only their third Super Bowl ever to participate in, the last one being a 24-21 loss to the New England Patriots, so this game was a rematch of Super Bowl XXXIX.

On that night, the Eagles pulled off one more upset, surprisingly coming out on top with a score of 41-33. A strip-sack towards the end of the game on Tom Brady sealed the result in favor of the Philadelphia Eagles, grabbing the first Lombardi Trophy in their history. Backup quarterback Nick Foles was the Super Bowl MVP with 373 pass yards, three touchdown passes, and a receiving touchdown of his own.

Morning Meal Memories by Lauren Holbrook, Marley Spradlin, Abby McKenna, and Olivia Huett



Four senior girls recently had breakfast at the Waffle House off of Highway 65 near the Towne Center Mall.

"I had the biscuits and gravy," Lauren said. "This was a great morning breakfast for anyone wanting a country style meal! The biscuits were cooked perfectly, with crispy edges and the gravy was the perfect topping. It had a little more pepper in it than I usually like, but I

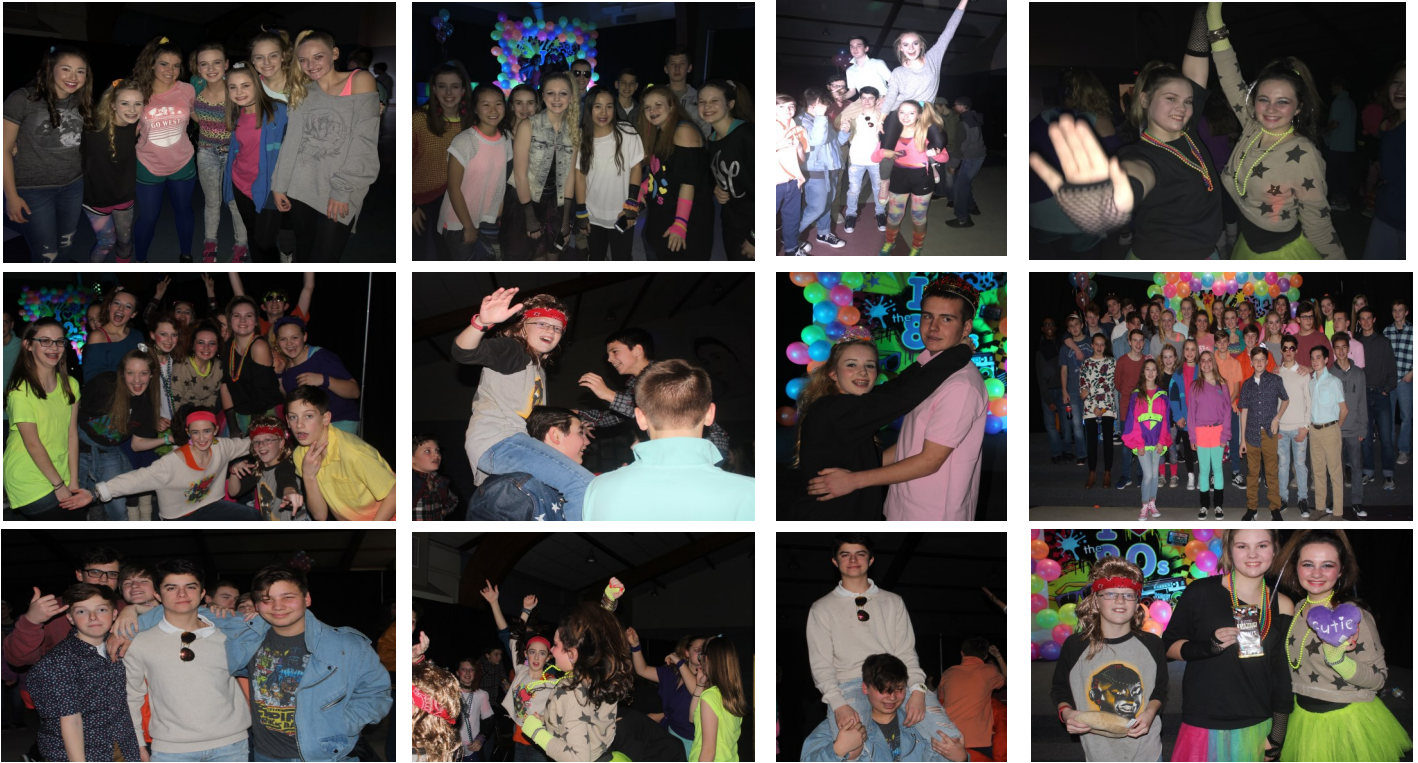
would definitely get it again." "I ordered a waffle, hash browns, and coffee," Marley said. "This was a great kick to my morning, and the waffle was perfectly made to where the inside was fluffy and the outside had a nice crunch to it. I would definitely recommend Waffle House for your next breakfast, not only for the food but also for the fun atmosphere!!"

"I have been to Waffle House many times and have always loved getting a waffle and eggs," Abby said. "However, I was not very pleased this time. My waffle was not warm, and the eggs had a strange taste. Even though it was not very good this time, I will still go back because the restaurant has a great atmosphere."

"I had a fast meal that filled me up," Olivia said. "I ordered one chocolate chip waffle. I don't know what kind of chocolate chip waffles others have had, but the chips are usually inside the waffles. At Waffle House, they sprinkle the chocolate on top which was a difference I liked. I like chocolate, so this choice was perfect for me. If you don't like a lot of it on your waffles, I wouldn't recommend this choice because it is very chocolaty, The waffle was fluffy and soaked up all the syrup just perfect. I ate it all. I would also add that the bathrooms were pretty nice."



Junior High Dance: "Dancing Through the 80's" By: Abby McKenna



Rally Beats Drum for Catholic Schools

A special pep rally held in honor of Catholic Schools Week took place on February 2nd. Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week has been the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. This year's theme was "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed."

Schools typically observe this annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through such events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

