

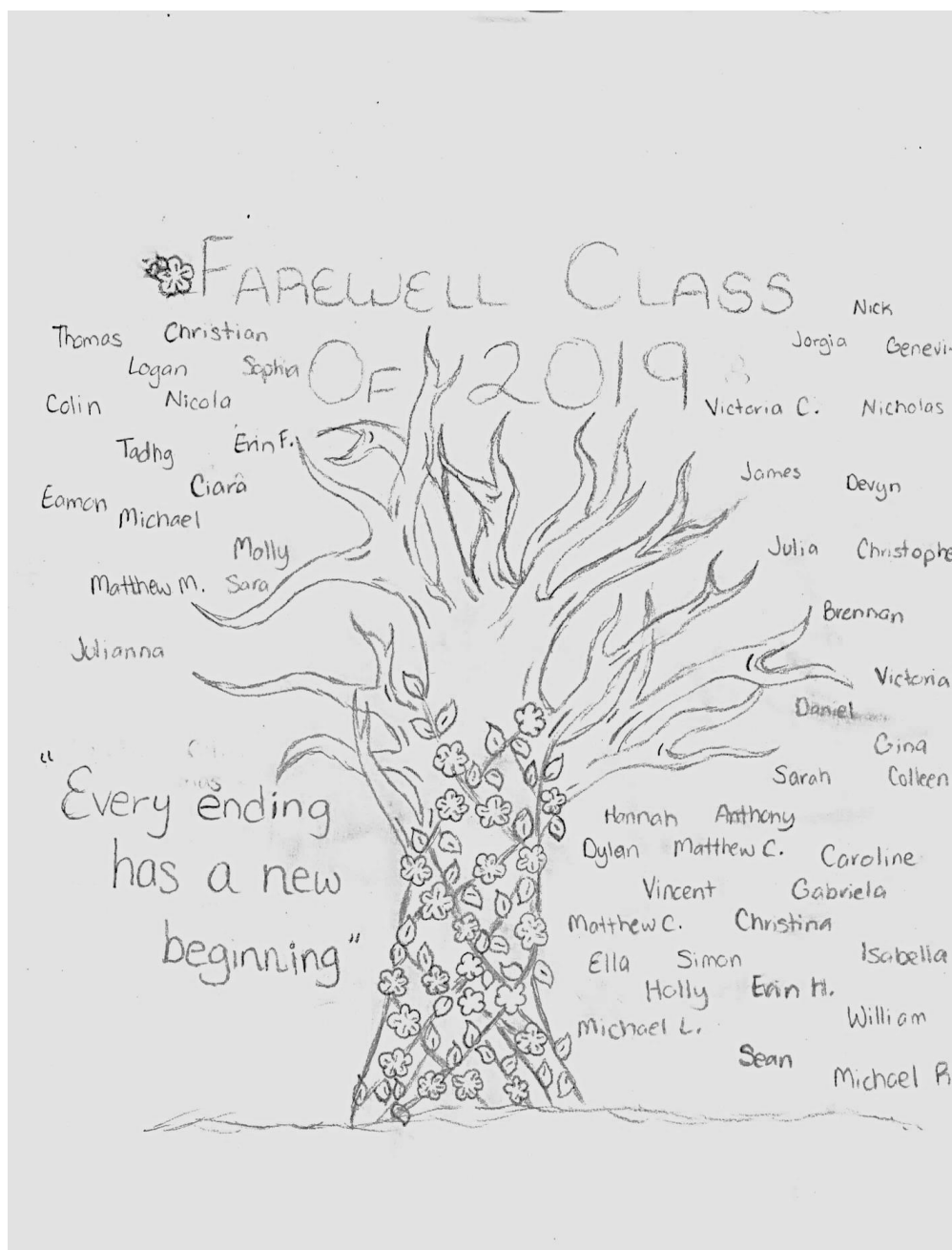


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Easter Eggs Everywhere

by: Isabel Manrique, Alexa Lakeman

On April 16, 2019 the kindergarten students participated in an Easter egg hunt. In class the teacher helped the kids make the milk cartons into Easter baskets. The kids then decorated the baskets into little cute bunnies. After that, the children went outside with their 8th grade buddies to take a picture, and collect eggs. Each student got 5 Easter eggs per person. The kindergarten children had so much fun. It was a blast.



Mock Trial

By: Alexa Lakeman and Norah Cizin

This year Mrs. Tommolino and Mrs. Hanlon are working with the 8th graders to make two cases for mock trial. These cases are The Case of a Soulful Song and Hacking the Grade. They will perform at Saint Leo the Great on May 15, 2019. In The Case of a Soulful Song, Selina Saul is suing Maine Melody University for taking her song that she wrote and using it to raise money for the music department. The people performing in this case are: Sophia Almeida, Logan Connor, Erin Fitzgerald, Michael Lawson, Sean Lawson, Molly Mark, Eamon Sullivan, and Colleen Yurcisin.

The second case is called Hacking the Grade. Katie Coder, a student at Hillsdale High Tech Academy, is being prosecuted for hacking into the school grading system for a Hackathon competition. The student performing this case are: Holly Hanlon, Matthew Colannino, Victoria Conrad, Victoria Perella, Julianna Merendino, Colin Torres, Ciera Hurley, and Sara McKeon.



DAR Essay Winners

by Matthew Haddad

At Saint Leo the Great there were several winners of the DAR essay competition sponsored by The Daughters of the American Revolution. Saint Leo excelled and it made the school community very proud and excited for the winners. The winners in eighth grade were Ella Dougherty placing third and Sophia Almeida achieved honorable mention. The seventh grade winners included Patrick Durkin and honorable mention went to Matthew Pascucci. The sixth grade winners were Danny Russo in first place, Emily Deluca in second place. There was a tie in third place shared by Keira Murphy and Steven Yurcisin. The essay submitted by Dan Russo also went to state level.

The topic this year was women's suffrage. The essay discussed the women's right to vote.

Dan Russo said that he was excited and proud. Kiera shared that her grandmother was very proud of her,

Congratulations to all the winners.



2019 Spring Play

by: Brooklyn Taylor

This year Saint Leo the Great School put on a play called *Rapunzel, Rapunzel a Very Hairy Fairy Tale*. It was directed by Mrs. Brennan and the cast included Erin Fitzgerald, Colleen Yurcisin, Sarah Wiesel, Sophia Almeida, Eamon Sullivan, Dylan Bucci, Matt Celli, Logan



Connor, Holly Hanlon, Sienna Connor, Emma Tava, Caitlin Zacardo, Grace Sullivan, Emily Rae Johns, Isabelle Manrique, and Alexa Lakeman. They all put on an amazing and very entertaining play. They worked so hard during the little time that they had, and that hard work definitely payed off. Congrats on such an amazing performance.

Bike Assembly

by: Alexa Lakeman and Grace Kreft

On April 2, a Mountain Bike expert came to our school and he talked about big and small personal goals. Craig Wright was bullied when he was younger in school but now he is a brave and confident man. Mr. Wright uses his bicycle to prove a point. He stresses helmet safety and confidence in each person. Craig can jump up to a 6 foot platforms. Craig also talked about the need to stop bullying and not giving up in school. He also stressed the importance of meeting your goals in everyday life.



The Rainforest play

By: Audrey Haugh and Sienna Connor

On May 3rd, the third graders performed their rainforest play. They entertained all of the grandparents on Grandparents day. They all have unique roles and were all very excited. Every class made their own special tree resembling the tree in the rainforest play. The



purpose of this play was to inform the audience about how important it is to help save the rainforest. Each third grader had an important role in this play. The parts included are the bee, boa, macaw, porcupine, tree frog, jaguar, ant eater, monkey, sloth, toucan, the child, the narrator, and the man with an axe.

Green Ribbon

By John Ferry

This year at Saint Leo the Great there were ribbons everywhere! We won the Blue Ribbon award for being one of the best private schools in America, and we also got some cool shirts for that. Not only that but we won the Green Ribbon. This award acknowledges schools that conserve our environment and contribute to a healthy world. This is such a great honor because Saint Leo Great was one of the two schools in all of New Jersey to win. We are also the first Catholic school to ever win this award. This is amazing that we were noticed for our environmental efforts!





Grandparents Day

By: Anthony Venezia

On Friday, May 3rd, 2019, there were grandparents filling the school. In third grade, there was a rainforest play and in fourth grade, castles for Harry Potter. There was also a Mass, which was very crowded. Grandparents and grand friends visited classrooms and we played games with them. The best part was that students got to leave early with their guests. It was a fun and exciting experience. The grandparents also enjoyed it. We are looking forward to next year's Grandparents Day.



CUPCAKE WARS

by: Brooklyn Taylor

On Monday, March 25, 2019, cupcake wars took place in the AAC. Students from K-7 grade entered cupcakes and displayed them in the gym. All the designs were both creative and original. After the judges tasted all the cupcakes, people were allowed to buy what was left over. They were judged on both taste and decoration. The students that participated were invited to wear their cupcake wars t-shirt the following day.

On top of all the cupcakes that were made, the students in the younger grades colored paper cupcakes and hung them up in the gym. Students were allowed to guess how many cupcakes, including the edible ones, were in the gym. Whoever guessed the closest to the actual amount was given an Amazon gift card. The winner was Brady Welch in 5th grade.



The cupcake wars were a huge success this year with over 72 entries altogether. The judges did an amazing job choosing the winners for each grade. Hopefully, future cupcake wars will have the same amount of success as it did this year.



5th Grade Composting Bin

by: Grace Kreft



In 2018 and 2019 the fifth graders made a composting bin. A composting bin is a bin that has decomposing items in it. The items go back in the soil to decompose. This also eliminates garbage and serves to enhance soil with nutrients. The bin is located in the courtyard. The whole school is helping with this project. The cafeteria kept lettuce and left over food that will



decompose. The fifth graders took the leftovers into the courtyard to put in the bin. The cafeteria may even be getting a decomposing garbage can so that the school will be able to put the decomposing items into it. The fifth graders then put it out in the courtyard bin. We hope everyone will help with this cause and may be able to put their own items into the composting bin.

Help Save The Earth!

Harry Potter Day

By: Sienna Connor, Audrey Haugh, and Alexa Lakeman

The fourth grade recently had Harry Potter day, which is a day where after they read the first Harry Potter book they do many events based on the book. They also watch the first movie. One of the events is the Quidditch match. Each of the house teams compete to win the house cup. Each player on their team gets a special position in the match. The winner of the house cup this year was Gryffindor. In addition to the Quidditch match they also have potion classes and a big feast in the cafeteria. All in all it was a fun day.

Confirmation

By Sienna Connor

On March 29th, 2019, the eighth grade students from Saint Leo the Great School and parish received the sacrament of Confirmation. 138 students were present at the beautiful ceremony. Monsignor Thomas J. Mullelly officiated at the ceremony. Each student renewed their Baptismal promises and was anointed with Holy Chrism. Each person left the church feeling strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit.



The Spanish Fiesta

By Audrey Haugh

On May 20th, each of the 7th graders broke up into groups and made a special Spanish meal for the Spanish Fiesta. The 7th grade dressed up and ate the meals they made for the fiesta. They celebrated a real life fiesta that would take place in Mexico. This was a very exciting day for the 7th graders and each of them had a fun time.

Career Day

by: Brooklyn Taylor

On April 5, 2019 Career Day took place in the Saint Leo the Great classrooms. Many parents, family members, parents, and friends of students volunteered to speak about their job professions. Some of the people that came included a chef, a NJ state trooper, a marketer, and even a doctor. They told the students what they do every day and how they were able to pursue their dreams. They hoped to inspire the students to do what they loved and find something that makes them happy.

Father Albert

By George William and John Ferry

On Wednesday April 10, 2019, Father Albert came to our school; Father Albert helps people in Nigeria with water supplies because people in Nigeria have to walk 4 or 5 miles just to get water, dirty water. It is sad but true. They have to first



boil the water to drink it. Father Albert makes water walls where they find water in the soil and it is already clean. Father Albert helped already 130 villages in Nigeria with clean water. Father Albert always thinks of others and that is how we should all think.

Football Game

by George William and Anthony Venezia

This year at Saint Leos we had a football game. There were the black team, the green team, the blue team, and the red team. The first game was the black team vs the red team (4 points to 2 points) and the black team won. Next, the green team vs the blue team happened. The game was 3-1 and the blue team won.

The Super Bowl of flag football was intense: the black team took an early lead, 1-0. But, the blue team got a really good kick return and got an easy score 1-1. The game was a nail biter. The black team lost the ball and the blue team used that mistake to score 2-1. The black team was struggling to move the ball with little time left. It is 3rd down far away from the end zone. The black team had to throw a Hail Mary or a deep pass, and the black team caught it. They were close to the end zone it was an easy score.

It was the coin flip where the blue team called heads and got the ball. Everything was going bad for the black team because the blue team made an insane tip-toe catch. The blue team won. Every 8th grader played their hardest.



Book Fair

By Anthony Venezia, John Ferry

This year at our school, we had a book fair. It was a fun and great way to raise money. The bestselling book was Dog Man. There were many types of books. One type was a world record book. This event took place in the cafeteria and went from Monday through Friday. Don't worry; there were plenty of books for everyone. So, next time there is a book fair, make sure to drop by and help support the school with raising money and add to your personal yearly list of books read.



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