

White Team

St. Ignatius

245 Points

Red Team

St. George

245 Points

Black Team

St. Catherine

305 Points

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The St. Bartholomew School

Rad Religious Retreat

By Erin Stevens, Teddy Smith and Johnny Loughran

On February 28th, the 8th grade traveled to the Catholic Student Center (CSC) at the University of Maryland. On this field trip, the 8th grade took part in games, listened to a presentation, went to Mass, and much more. To begin the day, the 8th grade participated in a

number of team building games. Then, before they went to Mass, the 8th grade opened letters that family members had written to them, preparing them for Confirmation and talking about their own experiences receiving the Sacrament. After that, they



went to Mass at the Maryland chapel. The priest there greeted them and offered the 8th grade words of encouragement on their journey through Confirmation. After Mass ended, the 8th grade went back to the CSC and ate lunch together. Before they re-

turned, Mrs. R treated them to a quick snack on the way back to school. In the end, the 8th grade had a great field trip with Mrs. R, that made them more excited and prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

St. Bart's School Swag

By Caitlin Federowicz

In early February the school created some new school swag for students and teachers to wear. Some of the most popular swag includes: shirts, sweatpants, quarter zips, hoodies, headbands, belts, and socks. Most of these spirit raising items are allowed to be worn everyday, but some are for P.E., like the sweatpants and the shirts. The school swag is a great way for students to express their school spirit inside and outside of school.

The Hilarious and Talented Mrs. Herndon

By Sophia Smith, Caitlin Federowicz, and Alexa Stevens

Mrs. Herndon became interested in teaching when her mom adopted a little girl with Down Syndrome, Maria. She has been teaching ever since. She was born in D.C. on August 13th, the same as her mother. She went to Boston College, but then moved back to MD to help Mercy's inclusion program. Mrs. Herndon worked with Mr. English before she came to St Bart's. Mrs. Herndon has been married for 18 years and has 3 children: Lila, Hannah, and AJ. She also has many pets, including 3 dogs, 2 chickens, 1 hedgehog, 4 fish, and 1 bearded dragon! Her favorite part of teaching is making kids laugh (and harassing Mrs. Brown!) She also loves it when kids stop by the resource room. Her favorite movies are Rocky 4 and Creed 2, and her favorite book is The Giving Tree. She says, "It's easier to be kind then it is to be mean. Saint Bart's has heart. I think this school is very special, [and] I feel so blessed to be part of this community."



The Creative and Kind Mrs. Slater

By Alexa Stevens

Mrs. Slater is another fantastic addition to St. Bart's! Her smile and kindness are contagious. She assists with the first grade, second grade, third grade and fourth grade. You will often find her working with the first graders in small reading groups. She helps the kids as well as the teachers and adds her creative touch everywhere. You can always see her playing at recess on the playground and in the courtyard. She is known for her fun and exciting stories. Mrs. Slater loves watching her students progress. Her favorite hobbies are to travel and watch her children play sports. She has three children named Grace, Jack and Luke. She also has two rescue dogs Dixie and Ruby. We are so happy to have her in our school community!



## Get Yourselves to Bethlehem

By Ashley Federowicz, Alex Zimmerman, and Zoe Brown

The Christmas Pageant was one to remember! The whole pageant was written and directed by our music teacher, Mr. Villar. Mr. Villar even created many of his own songs including: Get Yourself to Bethlehem, In the Christmas Pageant, All Good Gifts, Awful Things are Happening, and Ba Ba Bethlehem! Amazing scenes and props really made the whole pageant feel like you were present at the Nativity Scene. The pageant setup was the first and second grade as the angles on the right. The Color Choir on the left, and the third, fourth, and

fifth-grade choirs were on the altar. The sixth graders played the bells behind the piano. This Christmas pageant could not be any better and is sure to be remembered for many years to come!



## Lenten Pretzels

By Ashley Federowicz

Every Wednesday, all the St. Bart's students can be seen rushing over to the cafeteria to get their Lenten Pretzels. The fifth graders are continuing the tradition of selling Lenten pretzels to raise funds. The tradition of the Lenten pretzel began in the fourth century B.C. Lent was and still is about fasting, self-denial, and prayer to help us prepare for Easter. During lent you

were not allowed to have meat or dairy. "They made small breads of water, flour and salt, to remind themselves that Lent was a time of prayer. They shaped these breads in the form of crossed arms for in those days they crossed their arms over the breast while praying." (Catholic Culture.org). Eating Lenten pretzels is just one way we prepare for Easter as a community.

## Winter Wonderland Annual Ski Trip

By Caitlin McLearn

On February 23, the Eighth Graders could be seen zipping down the Liberty Ski Resort mountain on their ski trip. This year, they stayed at a beautiful local house in Emmitsburg where they were only ten minutes away from the slopes. On Friday, the Eighth Graders left school early after the Black History Month Presentations and made their journey to the Gettysburg War museum. There, they watched a movie, but quickly were on their way to lunch at Blue Gray, a local restaurant known for their burgers. The food was amazing but like the Gettysburg Museum, they left quickly, as they were all eager to get to the house and unpack their things. That night, The

Eighth Graders went tubing. Although a couple people lost a glove on the conveyor belt, it was an amazing night. The next day, the Eighth Graders left for the slopes very early in the morning. They waited patiently in line to get their boots, skis, and helmets. Finally, they stepped outside into the cold, harsh air, grateful that their parents made them bundle up, and looked up at the glistening snow that blanketed the mountain. They skied for almost the whole day, then returned to the house, where they ate dinner and watched a couple movies. The next day, all the eighth graders were disappointed that they had to leave their snowy paradise, but also ready for a good night's sleep.

## B-I-N-G-O

By Luke Bowen

On Friday, March 1st, St. Bart's held our annual Bingo night. For only fifteen dollars, you could receive 10 Bingo sheets, a piece of pizza, and a drink. Throughout the duration of the night, the 6th graders were selling candy and shaved ice to help pay for their awesome Outdoor Ed trip. During the Bingo games, there were many different ways to win. Sometimes, it was just traditional Bingo, 5 spots in a row. But what made this fun and interesting was that we sometimes played other variations, such as Blackout, where one must cover the whole board to win, or four corners, where one must cover every single corner. Another one of

the game modes was "L" where you had to make a L with your markers. The whole night was so much fun, with special guest callers such as Father Mark and Mr. English helping out the amazing Mrs. Bautista, and all of the other awesome parent volunteers who made this whole event possible. There were also many special prizes to win, such as T-shirts, games, and gift cards. There was a great turnout to Bingo night, with the whole church hall filled - some of us even had to sit in the back on the stairs. All in all, I think it really was a great time, and everyone had a blast at Bingo night.



## Spring Musical

By Ashley Federowicz, Alex Zimmerman, and Zoe Brown

Lights, camera, action! The St. Bart's Spring Musical this year, is Beauty and the Beast. All of the cast has practices for one and a half hours on Tuesdays and two hours on Fridays. This year Ms. Tehan has offered to help out with the spring musical. She works with the cast's dancing and choreography. All the cast and crew members are working up to the big moment on the stage when they perform in front of the entire school community. Mr. Villar is the director of the musical and has really made the show come together. Mrs. Bradley is

the stage crew head and has helped hours on making the props and play come to life! Each and every cast and crew member has put so much time into the musical so that it looks amazing!



## A Golden Apple for the teacher, Ms. Parker!

By Alexa Stevens

Recently, our school found out that our wonderful and amazing third grade teacher, Ms. Kerry Parker, has been awarded the Golden Apple Award. This award honors teachers for providing quality academic and faith filled instruction to their students. We are so proud of Ms. Parker!

Everyone was surprised when the superintendent of the Archdiocese of Washington visited St. Bart's and held an assembly to present Ms. Parker with her award! Caitlin Federowicz says, "As a St. Barts student I think third grade is one of the best grades ever!"



## Pi Day

By Zoe Brown and Jackie Federowicz

On the date 3/14, the world celebrated Pi Day! Pi is the never-ending quotient of the circumference of a circle. During math classes with Dr. Barad, all students celebrated Pi Day. Dr. Barad had so many fun games for us to play. The upper grades played a game where each place of pi was a different colored piece of paper and you had to place them in the order of the first 100 places of pi. You would make a chain using staples to connect it all together. In order to win, you had to connect the all the pieces of paper together to make a link chain of 100 places of pi. The first

team to get all the first 100 places of pi wins! After the games were done, we all got to have slices of real pie! There was chocolate cream pie, apple pie, pumpkin pie, and so much more. Dr. Barad made it a day to remember!



## Thank You Parents!

Dear Bobcat Times Parents,

As a group, the Bobcat Times writers would like to thank you for supplying our meetings with wonderful breakfasts and for waking up early to support us. We truly appreciate everything that you have done for us and we could not have done this without you.

Sincerely,  
Bobcat Times Journalists

## Rally for Life By Jackie Federowicz

The seventh and eighth graders got an early start at 6:30 in the morning, on January 10, because they were going to Rally for Life in D.C. The students arrived at St. Bart's bright and early and got onto the bus and headed for D.C. When the bus got to the Capital One Arena, they went into the arena, sat down and listened to what was going on around them. There was a Religious Sister who made the whole trip very memorable. She made everything relatable and even

rapped! There was also a band playing different church songs. After the Rally, the thousands of people got out of their seats for the Mass Section of the whole event. There were many religious people giving out the Eucharist so that all the other people could receive Jesus Christ. After the Mass, the students got back onto the bus and went back to St. Bart's. It was a very memorable and important experience for the seventh and eighth graders who attended!

## The Game of the Year By John Loughran

Keeping up the longstanding St. Bart's tradition, the eighth graders compete against the faculty and parents every year. All the students come cheer and it is a fun celebration of skill and sportsmanship for all grades. Spectators enjoy food and drinks while watching the exciting game. This year we played two games, one in the afternoon vs the faculty and one after school so the parents could play. The eighth grade took home the first game, winning 35-31, leaving an opportunity to make a big comeback by the faculty. During half-time of our game at 1:00 PM, we had an opportunity to sink a half court shot or a three pointer

to earn a pastor's day off. Giuliana made a three pointer, but unfortunately Father Mark wasn't there to witness it. Consequently, the 8th grade had to make another half court shot, where thankfully Sam and Anthony both drained it, achieving a day off for the whole school. The eighth graders handily beat the parents with a final score of 35 to 28.



# Congratulations Class of 2019!

## May God Bless You!

**LUKE BOWEN** ~ *Georgetown Preparatory School*

**GRACE BRYANT** ~ *The Academy of the Holy Cross*

**ANTHONY CASTIELLO** ~ *Gonzaga College High School*

**GIULIANA CONTE** ~ *Our Lady of Good Counsel*

**SEAN CULKIN** ~ *Our Lady of Good Counsel*

**KEVIN FEY** ~ *St. John's College High School*

**JACKIE FEDEROWICZ** ~ *Holton Arms School*

**JACK GALLAGHER** ~ *Gonzaga College High School*

**JOHN LOUGHRAN** ~ *St. John's College High School*

**CAITLIN MCLEARN** ~ *Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School*

**SAM MEYER** ~ *St. John's College High School*

**TYLER NEAL** ~ *St. John's College High School*

**ANTHONY RETTEW** ~ *St. John's College High School*

**SYDNEY SCHWENKER** ~ *Connelly School of the Holy Child*

**TEDDY SMITH** ~ *Sidwell Friends School*

**ERIN STEVENS** ~ *Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School*

**LIZA JANE TRIANDAFILOU** ~ *Connelly School of the Holy Child*

**JULIETA VESPERONI** ~ *St. John's College High School*