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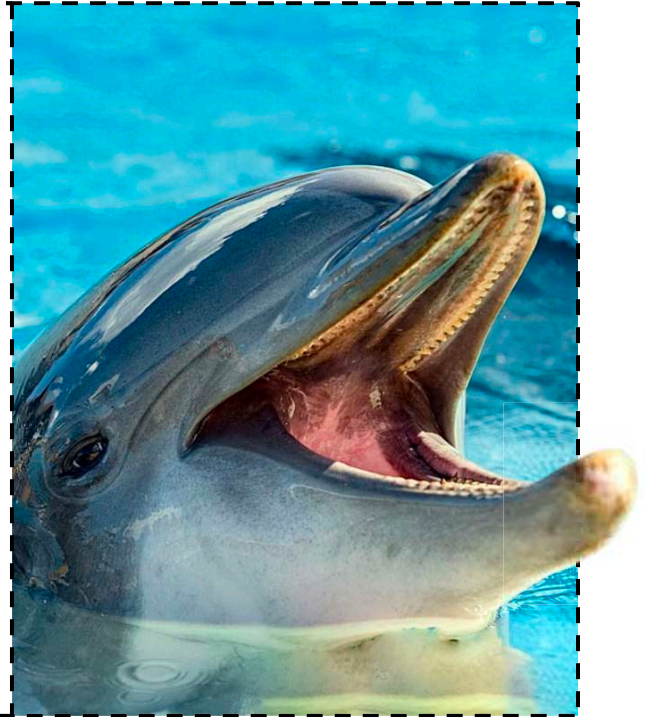
By Sam Owsley, 8A; Photo Credit: Mrs. Smith

Our Saint Brendan Middle School had been practicing since January to perfect the *Wizard of Oz* for their Performance in April. The cast traveled all the way from Saint Brendan to the land of Oz to ask the Wizard for a brain, heart, courage, and a home. Thanks to Mrs. Kapsch (Director), Mrs. Nugent (Assistant Director), Mrs. Whipp (Choreographer), Mr. Morris (Stage Crew), and Mr. Hamrock (Tech Crew) for an awesome performance!



Name Our Dolphin!

Have you noticed that our school mascot doesn't have a name? It's time to change that! During the last week of school, we invite you to Name Our Dolphin. All submissions should be delivered to *The Dolphin Dispatch* mailbox in the office. Be sure to include your name and homeroom! We hope you have some great names for us! The winning name will be chosen by Mr. DeMassimo and members of the office staff.



Find that Dolphin!

Our mascot thought it would be fun to play hide and seek with our school. He told us that he hid somewhere in this trimester's issue.

See if you can find him in ten places across this issue.



Your Work, In This Paper!



Want to be in *The Dolphin Dispatch*? Write something and send it in. Your work might be included in our next issue. You can tell us what is happening in your homeroom or something interesting about your teacher. Please submit your articles to *The Dolphin Dispatch* mailbox in the office. Be sure to include your name and homeroom! Happy Writing!

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LUCK OF THE IRISH

By Walden D'Souza, 7A; Photo Credit: Mrs. Smith



Center: Richens/Timm Irish dancers include some St. Brendan students to perform the *Reel Step*

Margaret Chillicki, 6A (in red) performs *Fast Hornpipe*



St. Brendan Irish Dancers - Students of Richens/Timm Academy of Irish Dance

St. Brendan students join the Irish dancers in the *Sweets of May*

DOLPHIN DANCERS DAZZLE

By Taryn VanCleve, 6B

You may be familiar with the Richens/Timm Academy of Irish Dance. They come to our school every year to perform, and share their love for both the Irish dance and Irish culture. This is why I decided to interview an Irish dancer to find out more information about Irish dance. I also wrote a small section on a popular Irish dance step that this dancer has danced at what they call "school shows".

Margaret Chillicki, a sixth grade student at St. Brendan (inset) has been learning Irish dancing for four years, and she states that she started because she saw a couple of shows from Richens/Timm and wanted to do it. So she told her mom and now she has a solo dress, and competes in the Prizewinner level for most of her dances. She is best at *Reels*, *St. Patrick's Day*, and *Light Jig* dances. You might've seen her dancing the *Four Hand Reel* and *Fast Hornpipe*. She also participated in the *Sweets of May* in addition to her dances. You would've seen her in her beautiful red, silver, and white solo dress. Even though there are so many dancers with dresses, Margaret explains, "It was really hard and it took me about 10 feises to finally earn my solo dress." Feises are Irish dance competitions, usually held in big gyms or arenas. Some common ones are held at Sports Ohio, Dayton, Indianapolis, and Pittsburgh. Dancers travel from everywhere to attend these competitions. "I think other people should join Irish dancing because you get to learn lots of fun dances and you get to travel to many different places." Margaret states. She has also been to Oireachtas, which is similar to a feis but is for the entire Midwest. There, she competed in *Four Hand Reel*. She and her group got 12th place, which is very good considering that there are around 30 teams.



The *Four Hand Reel* is a sequence of dance steps that is done with four dancers, two on top and two on the bottom. These pairs are called couples. Each couple has a ladies position and a gents position with the gents on the right and the ladies on the left. The ladies and gents are diagonal to each other. This dance involves skipping and sevens. Sevens includes moving seven steps to the right while alternating feet. You use whatever foot you're doing it with, and bring it to your knee. Then, you step that same foot on the floor and then step with your back foot. Keep alternating, until you count to seven, including the "up" part with your knee, and those are sevens. Skipping is putting one foot in front, in a pointed position, and stepping with the front foot, the back, then the front again. After that, you kick your behind with the back foot, and put that one in front. And begin alternating counting to three again. These are called skips, or skip 2-3's. The Four Hand Reel is performed the same way all over the world. Except for maybe doing the sevens slightly differently. This means Margaret and I could go to Ireland, find two more people to be the second, or bottom couple and be able to dance the *Four Hand Reel*.

FOLDS OF HONOR: A LOOK AT THE HISTORY OF OUR COUNTRY

By TJ Cutler, 6B

This year we celebrate the 250th birthday of America! Here are some cool historical facts about the national anthem and the flag that you probably didn't know.

During the night of September 13, 1814, the British fleet bombarded Fort McHenry at the harbor in Baltimore, Maryland. Francis Scott Key, a 34-year old lawyer-poet, watched the attack from the deck of a British prisoner-exchange ship. He had gone to seek the release of a friend but was denied permission to go ashore until after the attack occurred.

As the battle ceased the following morning, Key turned his telescope to the fort and saw that the American flag was still waving. This sight inspired him so much that he pulled a paper from his pocket and began to write the poem that was eventually adopted as the national anthem of the United States, "The Star-Spangled Banner."

If you've ever attended a military funeral, perhaps you noticed that the honor guards pay very close attention to folding the U.S. flag that once draped the casket. Guards make crisp, precise folds a total of 13 times to complete the ceremony. Much like every other aspect of our nation's greatest symbol, each of the 13 folds holds a special significance. This is what the 13 folds mean:

1. The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.
2. The second fold signifies our belief in eternal life.
3. The third fold is made in honor of and pays tribute to the veteran departing our ranks, who gave a portion of his or her life in defense of our country to attain peace.
4. The fourth fold exemplifies our weaker nature as citizens trusting in God; it is to Him we turn for divine guidance.
5. The fifth fold is an acknowledgement to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may not always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."
6. The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our hearts that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation

under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

7. The seventh fold is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies.
8. The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.
9. The ninth fold is an honor to womanhood, for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty, and devotion that the character of men and women who have made this country great has been molded.
10. The tenth fold is a tribute to fathers, for they, too, have given us their sons and daughters for the defense of our country.
11. The eleventh fold, in the eyes of Hebrew citizens, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
12. The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost.
13. The last fold is when the flag is completely folded and the stars are uppermost. This reminds us of our national motto, "In God We Trust."

Each year we celebrate National Flag Day on June 14th. The flag started out with only 13 stars. There are six flags currently on the moon. I hope you enjoyed learning more about the flag and our country. Happy birthday, America!

OUR SCHOOL IN NUMBERS

By Walden D'Souza, 7A; Paolo Bariani, 6A



TEACHER CREATURES

By Ryan Tesmann, 6B



When asked what their favorite animals were, Mr. McManus and Mrs. Boyle both agree the dog is pretty special. Mr. McManus said wolf was his favorite animal because they are like dogs, but are more independent and go off to do their own thing. Mrs. Boyle says dogs are her favorite because she's always grown up around them. She says she likes how you can just talk to them and they understand, unlike any other animal.

CHASING THE CUP 2026

By Paolo Bariani, 6A



The 2026 World Cup will be held in the United States, Mexico, and Canada. There will be 16 host cities spread across the three countries. The World Cup has been updated so that it now includes 48 teams. There will be 104 games throughout the World Cup. The World Cup games will run from June 11 to July 19. There will be 12 groups, A-L, with four teams each. The top two teams in each group progress and the eight best third place teams also progress. There will be many new and returning stars as well as many new players making their debut. There will also be new teams and old teams coming again. At the last World Cup, Argentina was crowned champion by beating France with penalty kicks. This year's first game is Mexico vs. South Africa in Mexico City. This year from players from Asia, Australia, Iran, Japan, South Korea, Iraq, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia are all

returning from previous years and Uzbekistan and Jordan are going playing their first World Cup. The returning African teams from Algeria, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Morocco, Ghana, Senegal, South Africa, and Tunisia are joined by newcomers Cabo Verde and Congo DR. The North and Central American host countries Canada, Mexico and USA are joined by Panama and Haiti and Curaçao is the only team making its debut from this region. From South America Argentina, Brazil, Columbia, Ecuador, Paraguay, and Uruguay are all returning. New Zealand is the only team from the Oceania Football Confederation that qualified. From Europe, Austria, Belgium, Croatia, England, France, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Scotland, Spain, Türkiye, Sweden, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Czechia, and Switzerland are all coming back to the World Cup. This is the 23rd edition of the World Cup which started in 1934 and is played every four years (the World Cup was not played during 1939-1949 because of WWII). Brazil is the most successful team in history because they have won five World Cups and have been runners up twice. They are also the only team to have qualified for every single World Cup tournament. Italy and Germany/West Germany have each won four times. Germany has been runners up 4 times while Italy has secured this position twice. Argentina has won three tournaments and placed second three times. France and Uruguay have won twice but France has also lost twice. Both England and Spain have won once so far. The Netherlands have lost three times in the final, Hungary and Czechoslovakia have lost twice, and Sweden and Croatia have lost once. With this World Cup, Mexico will become the first nation to host three World Cups (1970, 1986). The all-time highest goal scorer in the World Cup is Miroslav Klose with 16 goals. Just Fontaine scored the most goals in one tournament with 13 in 1958 when France finished third.

Fun Facts: Uruguay won the first World Cup in 1930 against Argentina on home soil. In 1966, the World Cup trophy was stolen and found by a dog named Pickles! In the 2002 World Cup, Hanna Sükür scored the fastest goal, 11 seconds, in the third place game against South Korea. The highest-scoring match was in 1954, with Austria defeating Switzerland 7-5. I hope you watch some of the World Cup games this summer and enjoy it.

NATIONAL DAYS

By Sam Owsley, 8A

1 National Barista Day 	2 National Banana Cream Pie Day 	3 National Anthem Day 	4 National Sons Day 	5 National Cheese Doodle Day 	6 National Dress In Blue Day 	7 National Pancake Day 
8 National Peanut Cluster Day 	9 National Barbie Day 	10 National Pack Your Lunch Day 	11 National Oatmeal Nut Waffles Day 	12 National Plant A Flower Day 	13 National Jewel Day 	14 National Potato Chip Day 
15 National Pears Helene Day 	16 National Panda Day 	17 Saint Patricks Day 	18 National Sloppy Joe Day 	19 National Backyard Day 	20 National Macaron Day 	21 National French Bread Day 
22 National Goof Around Day 	23 National Tamale Day 	24 National Cheesesteak Day 	25 National Manatee Appreciation Day 	26 National Spinach Day 	27 National Scribble Day 	28 National Black Forest Cake Day 
29 National Vietnam War Veterans Day 	30 National Pencil Day 	31 National Prom Day 	<h1>March</h1>			

<h1>April</h1>				1 National One Cent Day 	2 National Ferret Day 	3 National Rainbow Day 	4 National Handmade Day 
5 National Flash Drive Day 	6 National Tartan Day 	7 National Coffee Cake Day 	8 National Zoo Lovers Day 	9 National Unicorn Day 	10 National Sibling Day 	11 National Submarine Day 	
12 National Grilled Cheese Day 	13 National Scrabble Day 	14 National Dolphin Day 	15 National Laundry Day 	16 National Banana Day 	17 National Crawfish Day 	18 National Exercise Day 	
19 National Garlic Day 	20 National Cheddar Fries Day 	21 National Kindergarten Day 	22 National Jelly Bean Day 	23 National Picnic Day 	24 National Mini Hot Dog Day 	25 National DNA Day 	
26 National Pool Opening Day 	27 National Gummy Bear Day 	28 National Superhero Day 	29 National Zipper Day 	30 National Bubble Tea Day 	1	2	

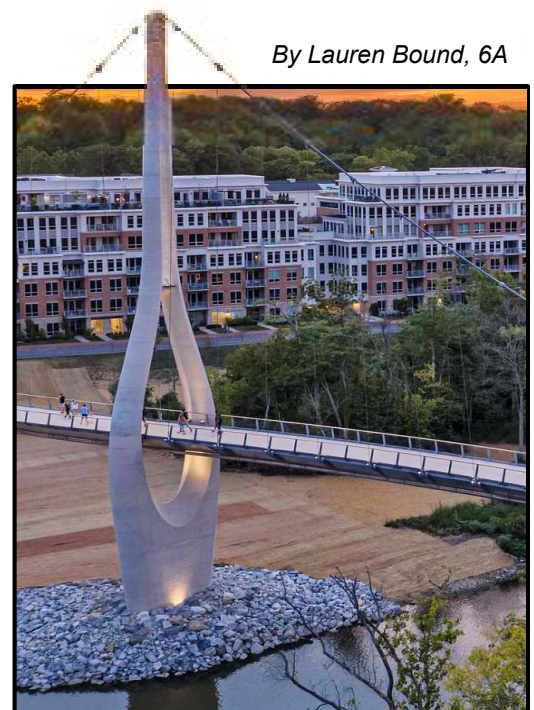
<h1>May</h1>						1 National Chocolate parfait Day 	2 National Truffle Day 
3 National Comic Book Day 	4 National Firefighter's Day 	5 National Hoagie Day 	6 National Nurse Day 	7 National Skill Trades Day 	8 National Coca Cola Day 	9 National Sleepover Day 	
10 National Mini Golf Day 	11 National Mother's Day 	12 National Checkup Day 	13 National Apple Pie Day 	14 National Buttermilk Biscuit Day 	15 National Chocolate Chip Day 	16 National Pizza Party Day 	
17 National Swimming Day 	18 National No Dirty Dishes Day 	19 National Roadie Day 	20 National Be A Millionaire Day 	21 National Strawberries and Cream Day 	22 National Solitaire Day 	23 National Taffy Day 	
24 National Brother's Day 	25 National Towel Day 	26 National Paper Airplane Day 	27 National Grape Day 	28 National Hamburger Day 	29 National Paperclip Day 	30 National Water A Flower Day 	
31 National Parrot Day 	1	2	3	4	5	6	

SUMMER BREAK BORED BUSTERS

By Lauren Bound, 6A

Bored this summer break? Don't know what to do? Have no fear! Here are some ideas for summer break!

Bridge Park in Dublin has activities you can do. There's a disc golf course that is free for people who want to play. All around Dublin and Columbus, there are pools where you can buy a swim pass to go swimming! You could also go to the Columbus Zoo. Did you know that Ohio is known for having more than one amusement park? We have both Cedar Point and Kings Island. Do you like rock and roll? Here in Ohio we have the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. If you're a lake person, Lake Erie Shoreline might be the perfect choice for you! If you're not into all the action, maybe try going to the library to chill out for a while with a good book. Happy Exploring!

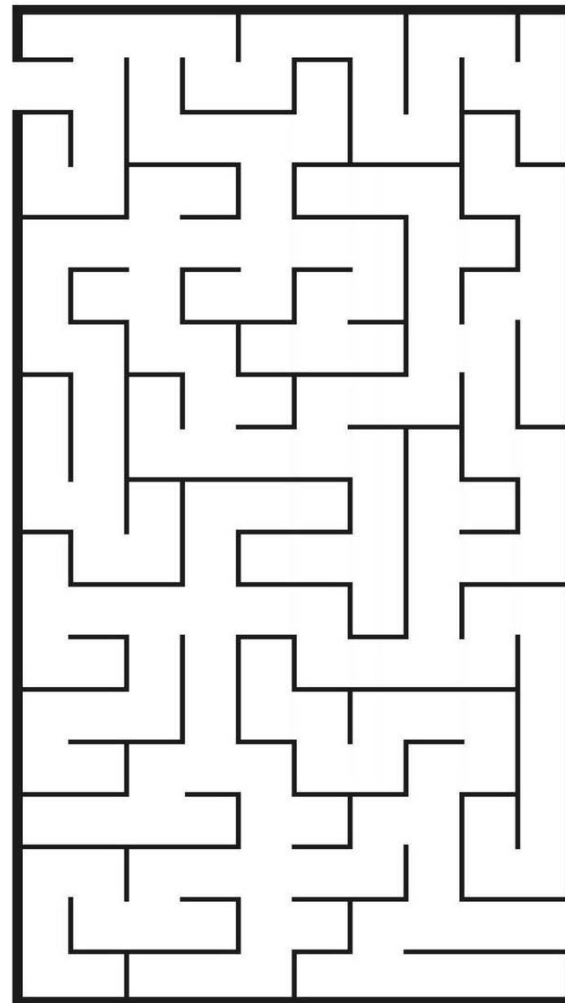


JOKES

By Zack Cutler, 6B; Anna Gluys, 6B

- Why could the flower not ride the bike?** *Because it had no pedals!*
- What is a flower's favorite kind of pickle?** *Daffo-dills!*
- What kind of shoes do frogs wear during spring?** *Open-toad!*
- Why was the strawberry sad?** *His mom was in a jam!*
- What is the best time to get a trampoline?** *Spring time!*
- Why are flowers so popular?** *Because they have so many buds!*

<p>What do you call a snowman in the summer? A puddle.</p> 	<p>The sun must be so smart. It has a million degrees.</p> 
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SOLVE THIS MAZE!

How To Make An Easter Egg Catapult!

- You Will Need:**
- 10 popsicle sticks
 - Rubber Bands
 - 1 Spoon
 - 1 Egg

PLEASE DON'T USE A REAL EGG!

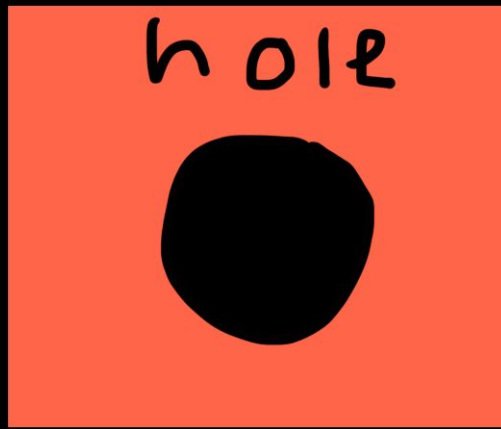
- Step 1.** Stack 8 popsicle sticks together
- Step 2.** Put one popsicle stick into the stack resting on top of the button last stick. Just a small portion should stick out to the other side
- Step 3.** Tightly rubber band the ends of the stacks
- Step 4.** Place the last popsicle stick on top of the stack in the same position as the stick at the bottom.
- Step 5.** Wind a rubber band around the small ends, this shouldn't be super tight.



By Sam Owsley, 8A

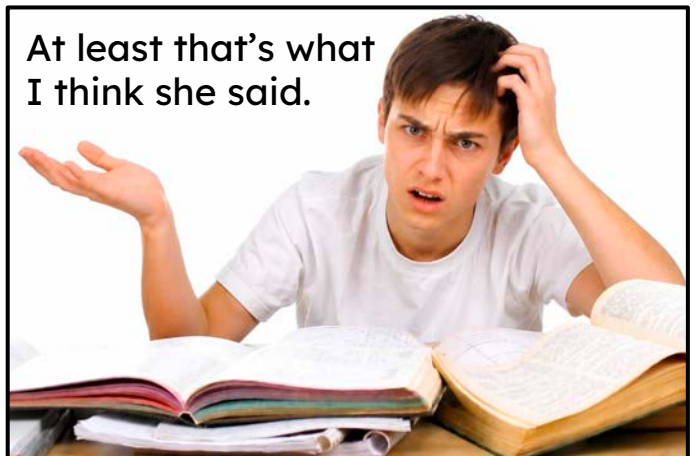
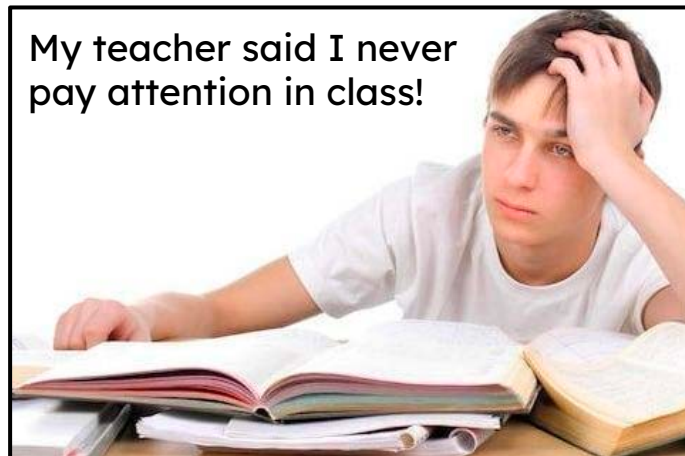
Wormhole

By Ryan Tessman, 6B



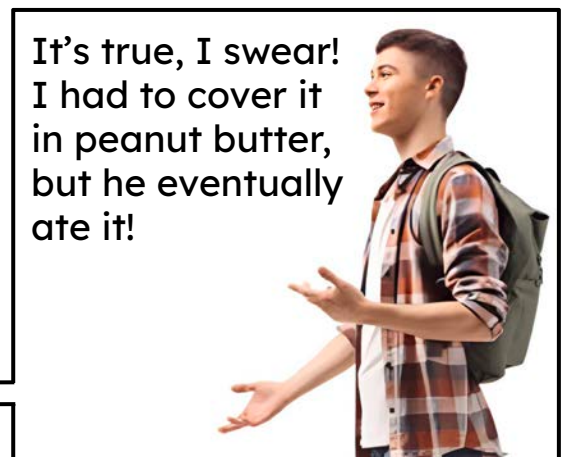
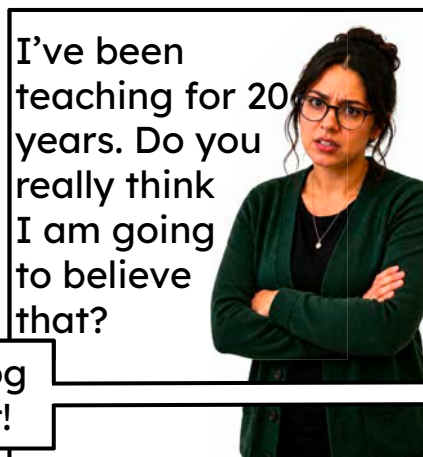
Pay Attention!

By Walden D'Souza, 7A



Where's the peanut butter?

By Walden D'Souza, 7A



COLOR ME SUMMER!



DOLPHINS FEED THE HUNGRY

By Walden D'Souza, 7A



"Is everything cleaned up? Did you turn off the lights?"

"All done," I say.

Walking to my mom's car, carrying a box full of sandwiches, I think to myself, *There goes another successful sandwich making session.*

Do you know as disciples of Christ we are called to practice the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy? The Corporal Works of Mercy focus on helping the physical needs of people, while the Spiritual Works of Mercy help their mental and spiritual needs. One of the Corporal Works of Mercy is feeding the hungry.

Last fall, I started a service opportunity for middle schoolers, leading students in making sandwiches for the Holy Family Soup Kitchen. Over 13 weeks, Saint Brendan students made 2100 sandwiches. These sandwiches are distributed to the poor in our community.

This service project has shown me that helping the world starts with helping those around me. Next school year, middle school students are invited to join me in helping our local community through the bimonthly sandwich making sessions.

DESIGN-A-FLOAT CHALLENGE

Swimming alone in a pool in the middle of summer Joseph Smith was bored. Help Joseph beat his boredom by designing a pool float or a toy for him to play with. Remember to put your name and homeroom on the back of the paper and drop it in the office mailbox, "Dolphin Dispatch," and maybe your drawing will be featured in a future issue!



2026 HOUSE OLYMPICS IN PHOTOS

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our mascot
came to
celebrate this
special day
with us!

Congratulations to the KATERI
house for winning the House Cup!

Let the games begin!

Mr. white
delivers his
speech with our
mascot!



Students had fun competing in games to earn house points!

Congratulations to the teachers for maintaining their winning streak in the volleyball game!

GO Mrs. Wolf