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## Meet Ms. Toscano



This month Ms. Toscano was interviewed. Ms. Toscano is the former Physical Education Teacher at St. Lawrence School.

### **Did you have any jobs before becoming a PE teacher? If so what were they?**

"I had many jobs, like a substitute teacher for several of different grades and different subjects," Ms. Toscano said. "I was also a waitress and caterer and now my current position as a gym teacher."

### **Why did you want to become a PE teacher?**

"I became a gym teacher because I love being physically active, I love kids, and because of my teachers' influence in school," Ms. Toscano said.

### **If you could stay at St. Lawrence and keep teaching, would you?**

"Absolutely!" Ms. Toscano exclaimed. "I love working here and teaching all of the kids at St. Lawrence."

### **Are you planning to have kids with your soon-to-be-husband?**

"Yes!" said Ms. Toscano. "Someday I would like to have kids, start a family, and hopefully move back to Rochester to raise them!"

By: Leslie Phan

## *And in Other News...*

### **Trump Nominates Supreme Court Justice**

This month Neil Gorsuch was nominated Supreme Court Justice. Gorsuch was nominated by President Donald J. Trump. The 49 year old man from Colorado gives the Republicans the opportunity to confirm the direction of the court for decades. This selection could end up in an intense fight between the two parties, the Republicans and the Democrats. The Supreme Court has been operating with 8

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Supreme Court Justices since the death of Antonin Scalia in February 2016.

Gorsuch went to Harvard and Columbia Universities. While studying at Oxford, he earned a degree in Legal Philosophy. Trump said, "It's an extraordinary resume, as good as it gets." Gorsuch said he will faithfully uphold the laws of the nation. Gorsuch was a hard choice for Donald Trump to pick for the job but will serve this nation well.

By Dominic Sansone

## The Air Plant Terrarium Workshop

In Greece, New York, there was an Air Plant Terrarium Workshop on Anderson Ave. The workshop took place on February 2nd. The starting time for the Air Plant Terrarium Workshop was 7:00 P.M. and the ending time was 8:00 P.M. The admission was \$30.00. If you needed information about the event you could have called (585)730-7034 or emailed [info@rochesterbrainery.com](mailto:info@rochesterbrainery.com).

In this event, you had a chance to make 2 different terrariums. Air plant terrariums are living and breathing works of art and can add character to your home or office space. Also, air plant terrariums make great gifts. If this sounds interesting to you, keep an eye out for future air plant terrarium workshops.

By Dominic DiLettera

## Ms. Toscano Leaves!!!!

As Ms. Toscano departs from St. Lawrence, we all have something to say. The entire school community, including faculty, staff, and parents will miss her. I asked 4 people "What is your favorite

memory of Ms. Toscano? What will you miss about her?" Here are their responses:

"My favorite memory of Ms. Toscano is when we bounced balls at each other's heads. I will miss her PE class." - Kindergartener

"My favorite memory of Ms. Toscano is the games we played in 2016. I will miss her fun games." - First Grader

"My favorite memory of Ms. Toscano is when she helped me climb the rock wall. I will miss her kind attitude." - Second Grader

"My favorite memory of Ms. Toscano is her favoritism of the Bills. I will miss her parachute games". - Sixth Grader

I know every single person will miss Ms. Toscano. I know I will. We are a treasure to her as much as she is a treasure to us. Goodbye Ms. Toscano!



By Robert Lann

## 6th Grade Service

The sixth graders have been completing service hours. They have been volunteering and helping out with jobs within the school since the first day of the school

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year. As sixth graders and the oldest in the school, they are required to be responsible and complete twenty hours of service before the end of the year. "I think that having the sixth graders do the jobs the teachers normally do is a good thing. It helps us to be responsible," says Paige Bennett, a door holder in the morning.

There are many things that need to be done. In the morning, some students who arrive earlier open the front doors for the students being dropped off. Music and art class take place in the same room, so depending on the day, the students help set up the risers for music or tables for art. Also in the morning, a few sixth graders help the first and second graders take their AR tests. This is a program where you can earn points by taking an online quiz about a book you read. "I like helping out and interacting with the younger students," says Madison Wegman.

In the afternoon, there are dismissal jobs where the sixth graders must help out. Towards the end of the day, they record the order of the buses lined up outside for the office to read over the loudspeaker. Sixth graders must also collect the list of students from each class who will be picked up in cars at dismissal. As the last job of the day, the sixth graders are responsible for leading out students to their buses.

There are many jobs needed to be done throughout the day. By completing these jobs, the sixth grade class helps keep the school running smoothly.

By Sydney Horn

## *Author's Corner*

**Cinder**

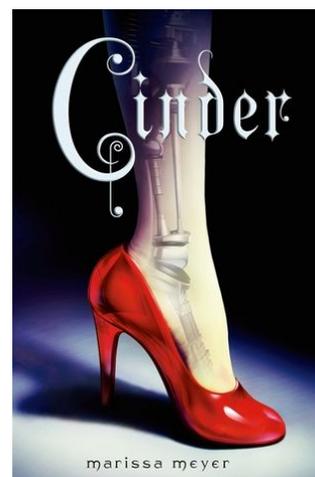
This month, I read the book *Cinder*, by Marissa Meyer.

This book is about a girl named Cinder and she is a mechanic. She's also a cyborg, which means she has some metal parts instead of human parts. Cinder lives in New Beijing in the future. She was at her booth at the market one day, selling different Android parts, when a man wearing a hoodie came up to her booth. When he took off his hood, Cinder realized it was Prince Kai! He said his Android, Nainsi, wasn't working right, and people told him to bring the Android to Cinder. She was honored to fix it for him.

When Cinder was at home, Cinder's step-mom, Adri (who Cinder didn't like) volunteered her to be a test subject for a plague antidote. The plague was a horrible disease that many people were dying from because there was no antidote. She was horrified that her step-mom would do that to her because she could die! Cinder was taken away to the New Beijing palace, where doctors would see if they could use her.

If you want to know what will happen to Cinder, check out the series *The Lunar Chronicles*, by Marissa Meyer. There are many other books to the series, so Cinder's story won't end!

By Paige Bennett



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## Valentines Day Poem

(Acrostic Poem)

Venus

Adored Day

Loving

Enjoying

Nice

Terrific

Incredible

Never-ending Love

Enthralling



By Emma Roberts

## *The Latest and Greatest!*

### The Future of Cars



Starting in 2009, Google started creating self-driving cars. The project is now called Waymo (A new way forward in mobility). This car has no pedals and no steering wheel. Instead the car is controlled by buttons. You start by pressing a button. You then type your destination into a GPS and the car will take you where you want to go. In case you were wondering how the car can tell where you are going and what its surroundings are, it has sensors. These sensors can detect things up to two football fields away in all directions. It can sense pedestrians, cyclists, cars, upcoming roadwork, any problems on the road up ahead, and many other things too. The car predicts how other things around it are going to move. Waymo looks at over two million different situations that have happened on the road and then predicts how other objects around it are going to move. Waymo completed the car in 2015.

Waymo still continues to test out these cars on public roads. They had a blind man, named Steve Mahan, try out the car. Mahan says, " It's a profound experience for me to be alone in a car. A very important segment of my life was cut away when my vision

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failed and this self driving car would give me a huge part of my life back.” So this car doesn’t only make people’s lives easier, it can also allow people who aren’t able to drive, drive again. These cars aren’t perfect, but Waymo is still continuing to work on them. For more information on Waymo and self-driving cars visit <https://waymo.com>.

By: Madison Wegman

## **The Nigerian Giraffe**

The Nigerian giraffe, also known as the African giraffe, is close to extinction. Over the last 30 years, their population has dropped by 40%. Around 15 years ago, 140,000 giraffes roamed the planet. Now, there are only about 80,000 giraffes left. Giraffes are suffering from habitat loss and human activity, such as poaching and hunting, that are endangering these giraffes. People have been killing giraffes for their tails to make good luck bracelets and thread for sewing. Now giraffes are mostly hunted for their meat. As the human population grows, giraffes lose their homes and food. Giraffes eat trees, leaves, and twigs from the Acacia, Mimosa tree, and the wild Apricot trees. These trees are being cut down to build homes and other buildings.

Giraffes live in dry savanna zones south of the Sahara. Giraffes are the tallest mammal on Earth, with an average height of 18 feet tall. Giraffes can weigh up to 3,000 pounds. Their predators are lions, crocodiles, and even humans. I hope that the Nigerian giraffes won’t go extinct and get the attention they need because they are beautiful animals.

By Maddie Strauss

## *I need some help!*

### **Ask Haley Bennett**

*At lunch I want to sit with the boys for a change but my best friend wants to sit with me. If I don't she will be alone at lunch. What should I do?*

You should still sit with your friend but sit with the boys as well. You can have your friend on one side of you and the boys on the other. Then you can talk to both of them.

*The talent show is coming up but I don't have a talent. I decided to sing but I can't pick a song, Rock and Roll or a peaceful song. How do I choose?*

You should choose the one that makes you happy. The one that makes you feel like yourself. If you still can't pick, then find a completely different style like pop or hip hop.

*Sometimes I have band lessons at the same time as a class I really like. Which should I choose?*

You should go to the band lessons because you can always have your class at another time and day.

## *This month, many (or a few) years ago....*

### **Black History Month**

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In the month of February, we celebrate Black History Month. Black History Month was created by Carter G. Woodson. In 1976, this event became a month long celebration of African American history and people. Michael Jordan, Barack Obama, Michelle Obama, and Oprah Winfrey are all famous African Americans from our time.

The month of February was chosen to honor the birthday of Frederick Douglass. Frederick Douglass was an abolitionist. An abolitionist is someone who does not support slavery. One way to celebrate Black History Month is to sing songs of the civil rights movement. You can also bake sweet potato biscuits, a traditional soul food treat. Black History Month is important because it is a month to recognize African American culture and history.

By Alex Strebenis

## *What's new in the Catholic Community?*

### **\$60,000.00 Donation**

Fedelis Care, the New York State Catholic Health Plan, donated \$60,000 to the Diocese of Rochester Catholic Schools K-8. The money was donated to support Math in Movement. Math in Movement is a program that helps students learn through exercise, stretching, cross body movements, and a visually pleasing floor mat. The purpose of the program is to combine health, wellness and academic growth through a multi-sensory approach to teaching math. The program also helps students retain more information over the

course of a day. Students learn more information through movement than just through sitting and listening. Math and Movement is a great way to learn.

By Sean Masiuk

## *Riddle Me This with Nadia Dabrowny*

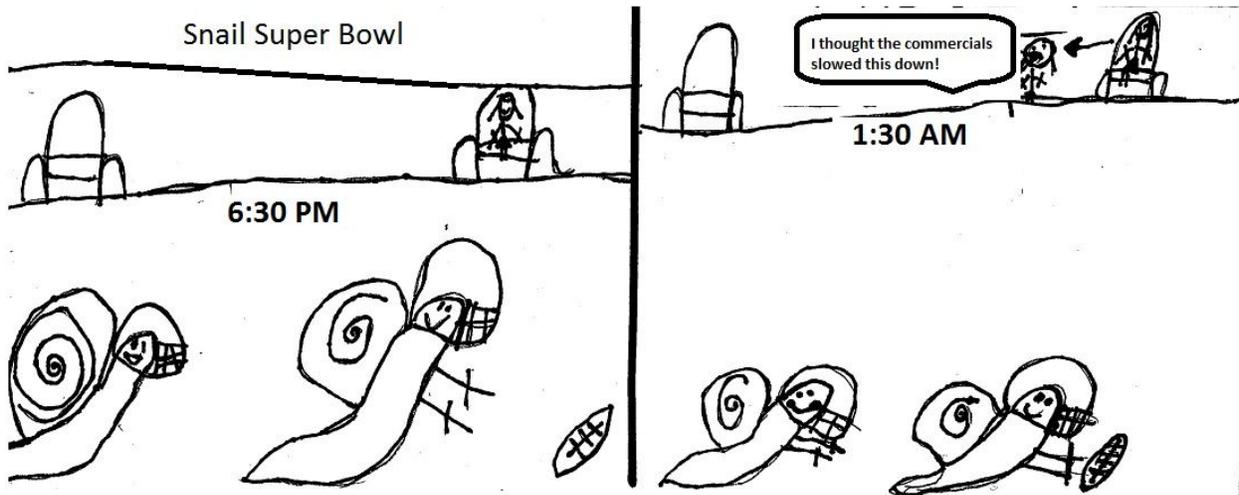
Try to see if you can solve some of these math riddles. The answers will be posted in March's edition.

1. If  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 5 is 3, then what is  $\frac{1}{3}$  of 10?
2. What 3 positive numbers give the same result when multiplied and added together?
3. If 2's company and 3's a crowd, what are 4 and 5?
4. Two fathers and two sons go fishing. Each of them brings home 1 fish. Why do they bring home only 3 fish?

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By Brigid Thaney



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