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Meet Mrs. Collom



This month Mrs. Collom was interviewed. Mrs. Collom is the AIS teacher at St. Lawrence Elementary School.

Is it difficult having to work all day and then take care of the baby at home?

“Yes!” Mrs. Collom said. “I am very lucky I have help though. My mother and mother-in-law help during the week. I also have a very nice daycare person. My husband also helps out when he’s home. Even with all the help it is still very tiring. The hardest part of all though, is leaving my daughter at home in the morning and having to come to work.” Mrs. Collom exclaimed.

What teaching jobs have you had in the past?

“I have taught several different grade levels in the past. I have taught elementary students and high school Earth Science and Biology. I have also taught k-transition kids ranging from ages 18-21 and now my current teaching position as an AIS teacher.”

What has been your favorite grade level to teach?

“My favorite grade level to teach would probably be students in grades five through eight. I like teaching these students because they are more mature and independent” Mrs. Collom says. They also get my sarcastic sense of humor!”

How did you choose your daughter’s name Cassandra?

“Being a teacher I have met many people and that meant I had heard many names. So I tried to find a few names that no other students I had taught had. I looked into a few baby books and jotted down a few names. My husband and I then chose a name that we both liked. My daughter was then named Cassandra!”

By: Madison Wegman

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By Paige Bennett.

And in Other News...

The Man, the Myth, and the Controversy

Donald Trump is going to be our 2017-2021 President. He will be the 45th President of the United States. Trump was a real estate mogul with his father, until he was given the company in 1971. He was also a reality T.V. star in the show, "The Apprentice", starting in 2004. Trump also wrote the best-selling book *Art of the Deal* in 1987. All of these examples made Trump known through the decades.

Donald Trump has tried running for President many times. Nobody took him seriously until he made his announcement and started his campaigning. Trump started by making illegal immigration his top cause, as he was calling Mexicans crossing the southern border into the United States criminals. Trump has also criticized his fellow Republicans, and often in personal ways.

Not many people believed that Donald Trump would win the election against Hillary Clinton. Throughout the months, Hillary was winning the vote of the states from Trump. But in the end, Trump gave it his all and managed to push past Hillary. He will be our President. On Inauguration Day, January 20th, Donald Trump will be moving into the White House. Who knows? Maybe he will become President again in 2021. Maybe the United States will get a new President. Until that happens, I hope Trump will do the right thing to protect the USA.

Catholic Schools Week Fun

During Catholic Schools Week, there is a very exciting event happening at St. Lawrence School. This event will be exciting for all students of all ages. The activity we will be discussing is roller skating. The roller skating will be held on Friday, February 3rd during school hours. The school has had this event for many years and kids have enjoyed it. Kids like this event for many reasons. For example, kids get exercise, they get to have a snack and a drink, and they get to show off their snazzy helmets. There will be music playing while the kids skate. There are several types of skating including boys skate, girls skate, and grade skates. If you are a kindergartener, don't be worried. Your fifth grade partners will help you!!! For the finale, there will be a hokey pokey skate for everyone to enjoy. This is a nice way for the students to come together as one school during Catholic Schools Week.

By Alex Strebenis



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Author's Corner

Cooperating Classes

This month in Classroom News, we interviewed the fifth graders and their kindergarten partners. The fifth graders have partners to go to Mass with, read Bible stories to them, and do special activities. "They really do like this," says a fifth grader. "We made gingerbread houses back in December; it was messy but fun." The gingerbread houses looked great, and the kindergarteners were proud of their creations. Some of the houses fell apart, but the kindergarteners were surprisingly calm. "Oh, well," one said.

When they go to Mass, it is a challenge to remember all the parts of the Mass and when to do them, especially when you have someone to look after, too. Thankfully, our school made laminated sheets of paper that give all the parts of the Mass. "I really like that we read stories to them, and they are interested in it." So far, the 5th graders and kindergarteners are doing a great job together.

By Emma Roberts



Next Top Villain

The book I did for this month's book review is Next Top Villain. This book is about six general Villainy students who are running for Next Top Villain. Their names are Ginger Breadhouse, Sparrow Hood, Faybelle Thorn, Lizzie Hearts, Raven Queen, and Duchess Swan. This whole Next Top Villain thing started with the general Villain student's throne work to do something nasty by Friday afternoon. The students all find something to do but Duchess Swan sabotages everyone's plans so she can win. But at Princessology, Lizzie's horse goes wild and she gets thrown into a ravine. Duchess is the daughter of the swan queen so she turns into her swan form and grabbed Lizzie. Then she lowers her onto the ground. Because she saved Lizzie, someone else gets the A. That person is Sparrow Hood because he disrupted Princessology. Whoever got the A got to get something from Mr. Badwolf, which is their teacher, because he has a treasure vault. If you like Ever After High, this book is for you.

By Nadia Dabrowny

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Star Wars Poem 7



Poe a pilot a Resistance pilot.
Ray a scavenger from Jakku.
Han was killed by his own son.
Leia just wants her family back.
Luke is running from Snoke.
Snoke is trying to find Luke.
And that brings us back to Poe.

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By Brigid Thaney

The Latest and Greatest!

Learning in a fun way!

New technology that came out around now is Osmo. Osmo is a gaming system that interacts with kids and makes learning fun! Osmo teaches kids how to draw, write, read and do math. There are different games you can use with Osmo like Tangram, Monster, Numbers, Coding, Masterpiece, Pizza Co., Words and Newton. All of them are really fun!

I am choosing to talk about Numbers. This set includes a base, reflector, and number tiles. In the app, there is an underwater world with 90 fish you can collect. The app is available for free in the App store. There are many different levels. Once you master addition you can do multiplication. You can not use Osmo with

iPad cases because the pieces will not fit or it will not work right. I hope you enjoyed reading about Osmo and I hope you can purchase one for yourself!

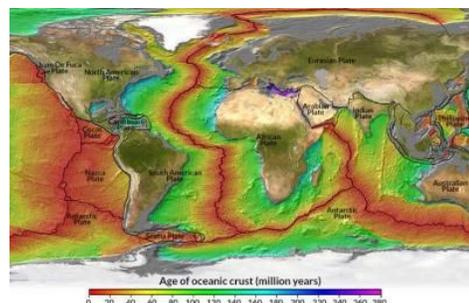
By: Haley Bennett

Earth's Mantle

Earth's mantle is cooling faster than expected. Earth's crust has gotten more thin over the last 170 million years. This tells scientists that the underlying mantle is cooling 2 times faster than expected. A tectonic plate is like a puzzle piece in Earth's crust. Scientists are now discovering that the tectonic plates are controlling Earth's temperature. Earth's mantle is made up of hot rock under pressure. At the beginning of the mantle the temperatures are 932 degrees to 1652 degrees fahrenheit. Earth's mantle has cooled 6 to 11 degrees every 100 million years. Since mid Jurassic time the Earth's mantle has cooled 15 to 20 degrees every 100 million years.

Plate tectonics are causing this rapid cooldown. The mantle below the Pacific Plate is at normal temp. Millions of years ago, the supercontinent Pangea existed. When it ripped apart, the plates moved causing the mantle to cool faster. The convection currents under have changed too, by being less wide there are now more convection currents. As you can see, Earth's mantle is cooling quicker than expected.

By Dominic Sansone



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Alzheimer's And Hearing Loss

Study investigators are now saying that hearing loss is now linked to Alzheimer's and Dementia. Dementia is a process of being able to understand through thought, experience and sense. Dementia is a chronic or persistent disorder. Those with mild hearing loss are nearly twice as likely to develop dementia. Study investigators speculate that hearing loss could lead to dementia by making individuals more socially isolated, which is a known factor for dementia.

Hearing loss worsens the symptoms of these diseases when they are already present. These symptoms include impaired memory, the inability to learn new tasks, reduced alertness, compromised personal safety, irritability, anger, fatigue, stress, depression, and diminished overall health. Generally speaking hearing loss develops slowly. It is extremely important to have an annual hearing evaluation. Experts encourage people as young as 45 to have a baseline hearing screening. Catching and treating hearing loss early can slow, or stop, Alzheimer's progression.

By Leslie Phan

I need some help!

Ask Dominic DiLettera

I was playing a game with my friends and we stopped playing. We disagreed stopping and playing a different game so we got in a fight. What should we do?

You should ask your friends what they want to play. Play that then do what you want to do until everyone gets even.

I cannot figure out a math problem can you please help me?

First of all you should ask your teacher for help. If your teacher doesn't know then ask your parents.

I am addicted to video games what do I do to stop playing video games?

If you are addicted to video games you should ask your parents to hide the electronics and spend more time outside.

*This month, many
years ago....*

A Man and his Dream

Martin Luther King Jr. did a lot for our country. This year, the holiday for him is officially celebrated on January 16, 2017. Martin Luther King Jr. wanted everyone, no matter their race, to have equal rights and to be treated equally. His holiday is observed to encourage fairness among all people.

King was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 15, 1929. King is well known for his campaigns to end segregation on public transport. In protesting for equal rights for all, King was sent to jail twenty-nine times. King wanted everyone to have the same rights and privileges.

In 1963, King addressed his famous, "I have a dream" speech. In 1964, King was the youngest man ever to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. Then, in 1968, he was assassinated. King taught us through his example of courage, justice, truth, and service, to treat others the way we want to be treated. He showed us that it didn't matter

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what was on the outside, but what was on the inside. Martin Luther King Jr. worked hard for the freedom of others. He truly made a difference for our country.

By Sydney Horn

What's new in the Catholic Community?

The Pope Turns 80!

On December 17, 2016 the pope turned 80 years old. To celebrate, he shared breakfast with 8 homeless people. He talked to them each individually. There were four Italians, two Romanians, a Moldovan, and a Peruvian. They celebrated at the Vatican Hotel. He offered his guests pastries, meats, nutella, and orange juice from his native Argentina. He received 50,000 Happy Birthday emails from around the world. The Vatican released a postal stamp in honor of his 80th birthday.

Pope Francis was born on December 17, 1936. His birth name was Jorge Mario Bergoglio. He is the first Jesuit pope from the Americas. He became the 266th pope of the Roman Catholic Church on March 13, 2013.

By Maddie Strauss

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