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Health Care Explorers Day

On Tuesday, May 23, 7th grade students had health care explorers day. First, students saw a live kidney surgery performed by Dr. Baccala at the LVHN. Students saw several vital organs, such as a spleen, kidney, and many major arteries. It was amazing! The seventh grade then went to various stations in which they learned a variety of skills like CPR, checking vitals, using an EpiPen, stopping the bleed, and the Heimlich Maneuver. They also had the opportunity to dissect a cow eye, which was a favorite! It was a very hands-on experience, and students got to touch pig lungs and sheep and cow hearts. Mrs. Tighe was there with the school's resident therapy dog, Bo! During lunch, which was donated by a generous benefactor and was a delicious turkey and cheese sandwich and an apple, students saw a presentation by a long-time pediatric plastic surgeon. It was very educational and the 7th graders learned a lot about cleft lips, cleft palettes, ear and head deformities. Students received special T-Shirts that had designs made by Makenzie Y and Maya M. All in all, it was a huge success and a wonderful, informative experience for all of STM's 7th grade students!

3rd Grade Wax Museum

The 3rd Grade participated in the Living Wax Museum, a fun and looked-forward-to event where students dress up as their favorite characters from history and tell their families and friends about them. What a wonderful way to learn about exciting historical figures!



Ainsley T's Irish Dance Win

Last weekend Ainsley T. placed 1st in the U13 NCH competition at the Sweets of May Feis in Orangeburg NY. With this win, Ainsley earned the prestigious level of an Open Champion Dancer in USA Irish Dance Association! Congrats Ainsley!



Chancellor Games

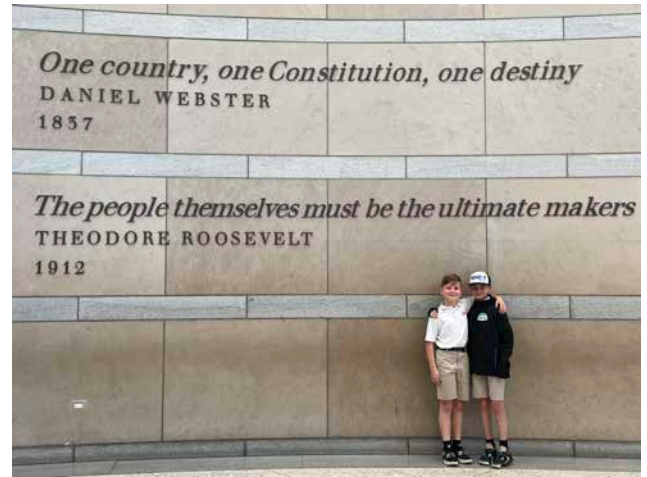
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This year, Chancellor Games were kicked off by assigning each homeroom a color during the Scoop broadcasts. Chancellor Games 2023 colors were green, purple, pink, and blue. Students used duct tape and other accessories to decorate their t-shirts. The activities our 8th Grade decided to go with this year were the obstacle course, hula hoop paths, tug of war, and a water balloon toss, and over under sponge relay. Every grade had an amazing time out there. The games had friendly competition and teamwork. The hula hoop path showed teamwork with classmates and tug of war showed friendly competition. All the teams played hard and gave it their all! The first place winners for each grade this year were: Kindergarten -Team Pink Mrs. Schnabel, 1st Grade- Team Pink Mrs. Lawler, 2nd Grade- Team Pink Mrs Tatum, 3rd Grade- Team Green Mrs. Smith, 4th Grade- A tie between Green Mrs. O'brien and Pink Mrs. Chaya, 5th Grade- Team Pink Mrs. McCarthy , 6th Grade- Team Purple Mrs. Buccigrossi, 7th Grade- Team Purple Ms. K, and 8th Grade- Team Purple Mrs Melnick. Overall Winner was determined by the average score .. total points earned by that color divided by the number of teams in that color. It was a close one but Team Green came out on top with 74.6 points, runner up Team Purple with 74.2 points! It was a great day and an amazing end to the 2022-2023 school year!



5th Grade's Trip to Philadelphia

After the long bus ride from STM to Philadelphia, the grade was split into two groups. One went into the Revolutionary War Museum while the second group went to see famous landmarks in Philly. They went to the Carpenters Guild! Once they got to the Museum they saw an amazing presentation about Washington's War Tent and even got to see the real tent! The 5th Grade also got to see and exhibit the before, during, and after events of the war. After the Museum everyone was free to go anywhere they wanted so they went to see many sights like Betsy Ross' house, the Liberty Bell, Old City Hall, and Elfreth's alley. Once it was time, they went to the Constitution Center and saw a presentation in a round auditorium with a live narrator. The presentation was about how the Constitution was made from scratch by our founding fathers. They got on a bus and came back to STM after a long, informational, and fun day.



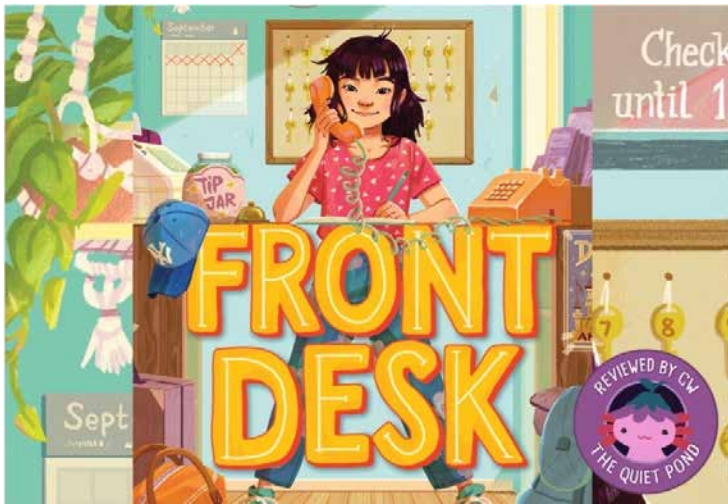
Hershey Chocolate World

On Wednesday, May 16 the 6th graders took a field trip to Chocolate World in Hershey, Pennsylvania. We started the trip off with a trolley ride. During the trolley ride we drove around the city and were told the story of Milton Hershey's life, company and legacy. After the trolley ride we went to a theater where we could pick different locations as an audience and find out where and how different candies were made. Next, we went on a ride where it walked us through the process of making and packaging Hershey chocolates. After the ride we enjoyed a lunch break where we got to hang out and eat with our friends. Next, we went to a presentation of how to use our 5 senses to determine the chocolate we're eating and also learned of the different types of chocolate made. Following the presentation we broke into groups of 8 and were able to test out secret new chocolates and candies Hershey would like to try and make. We wrote reviews and our opinions on each of them so they could determine if it would be released someday. Our last activity was making our own chocolate; we could choose what to add and got to create our own packaging and watch it all be put together. This field trip was an amazing experience that we all enjoyed and are looking forward to our next one.

Front Desk

By: Kelly Yang

Front Desk is a middle grade book written by Kelly Yang. This engaging and humorous book is about ten-year-old Mia Tang and her family who, after a couple years struggling financially, are hired to manage a motel. The book is found in the library, so make sure to check it out!



The Super Mario Bros Movie



With help from Princess Peach, Mario gets ready to square off against the all-powerful Bowser to stop his plans from conquering the world. Filled with funny, dry humor and edge of your seat action, this engaging adaptation to the famous video game series is a great pick for all ages. Rated PG.

Easter at STM

On April 9th, the church celebrated the well known holiday, Easter! To prepare, during the Lenten season students went to Stations of the Cross every Friday. Teachers read to students in the 2nd Grade about the all important holiday and its meaning for us as children of God. Some students even participated in an egg hunt on the soccer field! Meanwhile, the 7th grade students watched Jesus of Nazareth, a movie made in the 1970s that shows Jesus' life and ministry. What a busy Easter Season!



Notre Dame Speech Competition

This year, Notre Dame high school held its first annual speech competition for students in 7th and 8th grade. There were 6 categories: Dramatic performance, Duo interpretation, Original Oratory, Poetry, and Short Story. Lindsay D., Mary R., Makenzie Y. and Julian B. Mary R. and Makenzie Y. placed 3rd in Duo interpretation, Makenzie Y. also placed 1st in Dramatic performance, followed by Lindsay D. in 2nd place. Lastly, Julian B. placed first in Original oratory. Congratulations to all the participants! You should feel very proud of your amazing performances! Thanks also to Mrs. B for making this fun club possible!



Congratulations to our STM Merit Scholarship Winners!

Ella Dorward - Walter Beadling III Memorial Scholarship winner
Aidan Reed - Jack & Marian Stolz Memorial Scholarship winner



Teacher Feature: Mrs. Smith!

Mrs Smith is a 3rd Grade teacher here at STM. She's been teaching at STM for about 20 years! That's a long time! She loves reading and exercising outside of school. Her favorite book is My Dear Hamilton. She has four daughters and one dog. Her favorite animal is a sloth and her favorite color is pink. She enjoys eating soft pretzels and enjoys teaching math and reading. Overall, Mrs. Smith is a wonderful, loved teacher at STM. Hopefully she will continue have many more special years here at St Thomas.



Recipe

Lemon Lush Dessert

Ingredients

Crepes:

1 Large Egg

6 tbsp Milk

¼ cup Water

½ cup Flour

1½ tbsp Butter melted

Butter for cooking

Filling:

1 cup heavy cream

2 tbsp instant cheesecake pudding mix dry

¼ cup confectioners' sugar

Icing:

1 cup confectioner's sugar

1 tbsp fresh squeezed lemon juice

1 tsp lemon zest

lemon and extra zest for garnish optional

Instructions

Crepes:

Combine all ingredients in a blender and pulse for 10 seconds. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour and up to 48.

Once the batter has set, heat a small pan and add butter.

Pour about an ounce of batter into the center of the pan and swirl around to spread evenly.

Cook for about 30 seconds, then flip and cook for another 10 seconds.

Move them to a flat cutting board to cool and continue until the batter is gone.

Filling:

Combine all ingredients in a bowl or stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment and beat until light and fluffy, about 2 to 3 minutes.

Pipe filling down the center of each crepe, rolling the sides up over the filling and plate.

Icing:

Stir together ingredients until smooth icing forms. Drizzle over prepared crepes.

Garnish with lemon slices and extra lemon zest if desired.



The Wizard of Oz

June 2, 2023



On May 12th and 13th the first through eighth grade participated in the *Wizard of Oz*. The 1st-4th grade students played all-important residents of munchkin land, the munchkins! They were adorable! The lollipop guild, lullaby league, and poppies stole the show! The play featured Samantha M. as Dorothy, Massimo S. as the Tin Woodsman, Makayla O. as the Scarecrow, Claire D as the lion, and Mary R as the wicked witch. Everyone watching was transported into a world of fun! The over 150 cast members and stage crew had been practicing since January, and their hard work paid off! It was a huge success! Thanks to Mrs. Buccigrossi for putting together such a wonderful production.

First Communion

2nd Grade received First Holy Communion on May 7. The girls wore beautiful dresses and the boys all wore suits. The teen choir sang Eucharist themed hymns like “Find us Faithful”, and “At This Table”. All of the new receivers loved Communion and felt very holy and excited after receiving the Eucharist for the first time!

ACCHS Music and Writing Contests and PML Awards

The Pennsylvania Math League Contest for 7th and 8th graders builds student interest and confidence in mathematics. Over 1 million students around the world participate in Math League Contests each year. The students who placed among the top scores in their grade were recognized for their achievement at an awards ceremony at Allentown Central Catholic High School. Congratulations to all the PML winners, and especially Landon S. and Julian B for scoring first place! There were also ACCHS awards for writing and music. The judges say they were “blown away” by the creativity and Catholic spirit in this year's poetry and L story entries. A special congratulations to Nina R. for winning in the Intermediate Poetry category, and Claire D. for winning in the Junior High Prose category. Thank you so much to STM's Language Arts and Writing teachers. It is with your help that St. Thomas' students can write such wonderful stories and poems! The ACCHS music awards, which have been given out to students of partner schools for more than 40 years, celebrates the musical talents of students in the Allentown Diocese. After receiving their awards, the first place musicals played a piece for the audience. They were wonderful! Thank you also to Mrs. DePietro, Head of Band at St. Thomas, for nurturing the musical talents of all band members. Emily S. and Beatrice R, you did a fantastic job in the Intermediate and Junior High Instrumental categories! In all three contests, all participants did a great job and should feel proud.



8th Grade at Gettysburg National Park

To remember the 159 year old battle, the eighth grade traveled to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Separated into two groups and assigned a soldier, they learned how to march and follow specific commands. They marched the same path the Confederate soldiers took on the third day of the Battle of Gettysburg so long ago in battle formation. To learn their fate, the guide stopped along different moments to tell who survived, was injured, or died. Students charged up to their finish line with their flags raised high. After lunch everyone visited the cemetery dedicated to those who died in battle. The museum was the next stop. It was filled with old items, facts, and videos about the battle. Finally, everyone left with a new experience, lots of memories, and the thoughts of a soldier in 1863.



PJAS States Competition



On Monday the 14th and Tuesday the 15th, students who won first place in PJAS had the opportunity to go to Penn State college to present their project again in front of an impressive panel of judges. The students stayed in college dorms and were allowed to roam around the campus freely. The students were granted the opportunity to go stargazing, and watch Ant Man and the Wasp in one of the school's many lecture halls. It was like a movie theater—with a huge screen and a hundred seats—only in a college! The award ceremony was at 7pm on Monday night. Makenzie Y. was presented with a perfect score award. Congratulations Makenzie! We are so proud of you! Overall, students had a fun time hanging out with their friends, while also being engaged in science.

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