

Meet Our New Teachers!
ASCA goes behind the scenes to meet the newest staff!

Good things coming soon!
Clubs are back, will field trips be next?

Comics and Puzzles!
Need a challenge or a laugh? Check out our puzzle and comic pages!

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SAINTS IN ACTION!

Welcome to All Saints Catholic Academy, the home of just about 200 students in nursery--grade 8!

As we bring back clubs for the first time since pre-COVID times, some 6th and 7th grade students came together to found journalism club. Our monthly publication will report on the news, propose new ideas, and get the scoop on what's new and exciting.

We hope you enjoy our first edition of our school newspaper--Saints In Action! Check out what our saints are up to as we start to wrap up our school year!



Featured above is Miss Tsakpiakos' new Move and Groove Club! Read more about this club and some of the others in the clubs spotlight article!

The Inside Scoop on Coming Events

"My favorite activity is the talent show, back after a two year hiatus" -Ms. Johnson, Principal

By: Juniper F.
Grade 6

I interviewed Ms. Johnson and got some of the inside details about the end and beginning of next school year. For student appreciation day the PTO has a long list of activities planned. On May 26 there will be bounce houses, cotton candy, popcorn, field day games and a picnic lunch. The bubble party for fifth grade and

under will be held on the last day of school this year. Ms. Johnson is excited to announce, "the talent show is coming back after a 2 year hiatus." The Kona Ice truck tradition is coming back for summer birthdays on June 13. Some of the eighth graders have been coming here since they were in kindergarten, in about a month they'll be leaving to become high schoolers. In their last month here they're going to Syracuse, having a class dinner and officially graduating on June 21.

Inside Scoop CTD.

I asked her about uniforms next year and sadly the answer is we're going back to dress uniforms, but I have some good news for the ladies. By next year we should be able to have lighter skirts for the summer and slacks!

Summer is coming soon, but there is still a lot to be excited about before we get there!

Future Field Trip Ideas

**By: Madison P.
Grade 7**

Are you bored in school? Our last school field trip was to Ellms farm in October of 2019 (thanks, COVID). Field trips are important because they allow a mental health break from school and help students build a better relationship with their classmates and teachers. Next year, we are hoping COVID numbers will go down, and restrictions will lessen, which will allow us to go on field trips again! Here are some future field trip ideas to help our staff to start planning field trips for next year!

Idea #1: Lake Lauderdale

Fun Facts:
*\$2 per person to enter
*Only 30 min--an hour away from ASCA
*Activities: Fishing, swimming, a playground, kayaking and canoeing, trails, swimming, jet skiing, BBQ or have a cookout
*They have summer camp opportunities
*If you're lucky, an ice cream truck will stop by!
*Wear footwear--water has rocks

Idea #2: Six Flags

Fun Facts:
*\$30 a person to get in the park
*1.5-2 hours away
*Many fun rides, including Kingda Ka, their biggest ride
*This trip would be most suitable for the older students

Idea #3: Normanskill Creek

Fun Facts:
*Free to visit!
*Activities: Fishing, swimming, walking trails, and camping!

We can't wait to see what opportunities will come when field trips come back soon!



Lake Lauderdale



Kingda Ka--Six Flags



Normanskill Creek

Introducing: Mr. Naylor

**By: Giavanna R.
Grade 7**

At the beginning of this month, Mr. Naylor joined our ASCA family as the new social studies teacher after Mr. Calzone took a new job. SAINTS IN ACTION reporter Gia R. sat down with him to get to know his story!

GR: Are you enjoying this school so far?

MN: Yes! Actually, very much.

GR: What is your favorite part of social studies to teach?

MN: I like the history part of it and the 1800's civil war era.

GR: What are your goals for the year?

MN: To get to know all the students and to get ready for next year.

My goals are to get to know students and get ready for next year –Mr. Naylor

GR: Do you like the other teachers?

MN: The ones I know, yes.

GR: What was your other work experience like?

MN: I was at Bishop Maginn and I taught global history and prior to that I was at Hudson Valley for 11 years and taught sociology and cultural diversity.

GR: What prompted your decision to join All Saints in late spring?

MN: As you know Bishop Maginn is closing so I wanted to find another position and this happened to have a spot open and this is close to my home and also I like to teach social studies in total.

GR: What did you like about being a coach?

MN: Teaching players how to play better and improve on their skills.

GR: What the best piece of advice you ever received?

MN: To stay in school I had a manager who brought me in his office and he told me, "Mike, stay in school and keep doing amazing."

Keep an eye out for Mr. Naylor teaching 5th-8th grade social studies on the second floor! Welcome to our building!



Puzzle Page!

By Janaya C. and Giavanna R., Grade 7

ASCA Wordsearch: Find the Classes!

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Spot the Difference!



- AFTER CARE
- ENRICHMENT
- HEALTH
- MUSIC
- SOCIAL STUDIES
- ART
- GOING HOME
- LUNCH
- RECESS
- THEOLOGY
- ELA
- GYM
- MATH
- SCIENCE
- WORLD LANGUAGE

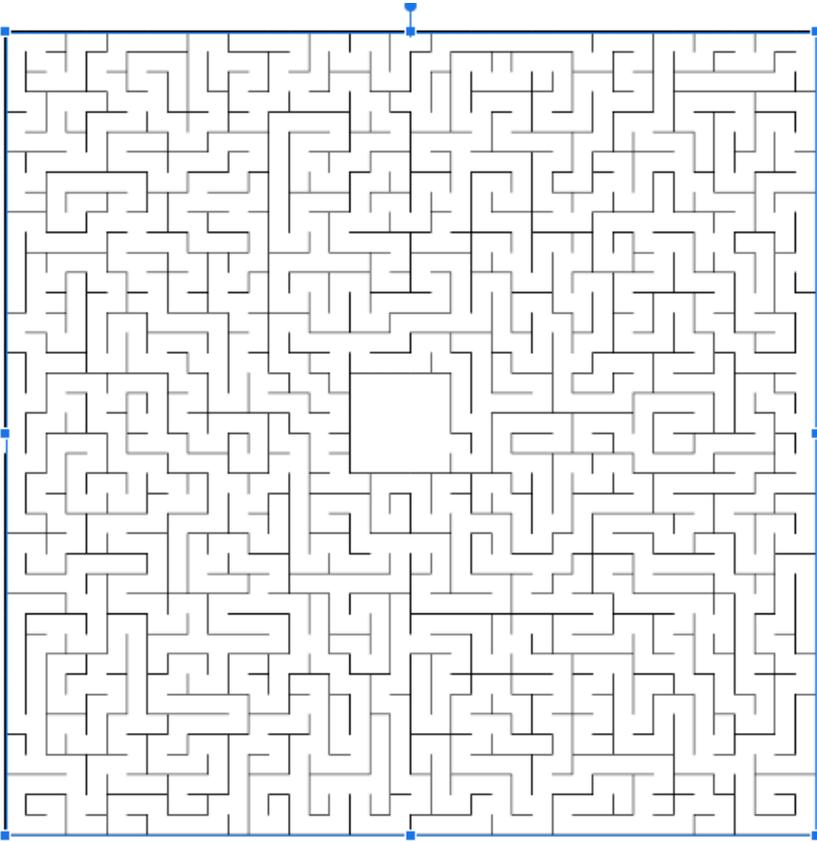
Decode the message.

Each letter in the phrase has been replaced with a random letter or number. Try to decode the message.

ASCA Cryptogram!

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Maze Puzzle--ASCA Edition Can you find your way out?



Saints Sports Spotlight:

Baseball

By Prime Finian C.
Grade 6

Baseball is a fun sport, lets talk about it. Baseball season just started and I'm really excited.

I love to play baseball. Come down to National Little League, the food is very good. You can see Luke S., Kamron F., Lorenzo D., Finn C. (myself), Demetrius D., Ebisa G., Jack T., and Ryan O!

You should also check out the girls softball league where you can see Maggie V., Olivia W., and Rose N!

Some fun Facts about baseball--Did you know...

*The first baseball team was the Cincinnati Reds.

*The first baseball game was played by the NY Knickerbockers Baseball Club in Hoboken, NJ on October 6 1845.

Writer's Note:

If your name was not included in the list of ASCA students who play baseball, please let me know!

If you play another sport and would like to be featured in future editions of Saints Sports Spotlight, let me know!

-Finn, 6A

Upcoming Events:

*5/26:

Ascension Thursday Mass
Student Appreciation Day

*5/27-5/31:

Memorial Day Break,
No School

Turn in this page to Ms. T for
some candy!

*6/3:

ASCA Color Run and Half Day

*6/20:

Juneteenth, No School

*6/21:

8th Grade Graduation!

*6/22:

Kindergarten
Reading Celebration

Nursery Bridging Ceremony

PreK Graduation

End of Year Prayer Service

*6/23:

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
12:00 Dismissal



Editorial

By Elora V.
Grade 6

Teachers and students have been debating this topic for years.

What has both sides fired up, you ask?

RECESS!

Students across the nation feel very strongly that extended recess should be mandatory everywhere. Teachers and administrators don't always agree with this.

I have spent time polling students, friends, kids, and everyone I could ask, and they all agree. They all say that they should have an extended recess, because it gives our bodies and brains a much-needed break. Many kids said that recess helps them focus better after sitting for hours.

Even scientific experts agree that extra recess is beneficial for students. According to the CDC website, healthy school recess is a regular part of the day. The website shares that "during recess students are encouraged to be physically active and engaged with their peers in activities of their choice."

The activity and choice of recess improves students' memories, attention, and concentration. This helps students stay on task and reduces disruptive behavior. Recess also helps students learn how to share and negotiate with others.

To sum up, these are some facts why students should have longer recess:

1. It can actually increase their level of physical activity.
2. It can also improve their memory.
3. It can help them stay on track in the classroom.
4. It can reduce the disrespectful and disruptive behavior.
5. It can improve their social and emotional development.

What are your thoughts on extra recess? We would love to hear from you!

"Oh Yes, Super Cool Comic Indeed ,Yeah Yeah" By Juniper F., Grade 6



Getting to Know Our New Teachers: 2021--2022

**By Elora V.
Grade 6**

Over the past school year, ASCA has had several new teachers join our school family.

This year's new teachers include: Ms. Blackwell, the music teacher; Coach Valentine, our PE teacher, Mrs. Young, who teaches theology and enrichment, and Miss Shields, who first substitute taught and now teaches 5th grade!

Saints In Action reporter Elora Vallee sat down with some of our newest faculty to find out more about who they are and why they chose All Saints!

EV: What do you think about the school community?

Miss Shields: I think the school community is different than what I'm used to and you have a lot of friends outside of your grade and you understand each other. I felt very welcome when I first started coming here to sub and it was easy to get to know you guys.

Ms. Blackwell: This school is great it is like a big happy family.

EV: What do you think about the students?

Mrs. Young: I like watching the older kids taking care of the little kids in the playground/hall. The students really value having fun. I think they are funny and creative and athletic and there are some really good artists in this school.

EV: What would you change about this school?

Mrs. Young: If it were up to me I would have the school year start earlier and end in early June. If I had unlimited money I would like to rearrange the library with more comfy things like chairs, couches and more books and a tiny cafe.

EV: What made you want to teach here/ What makes you happy that you're teaching here?

Ms. Blackwell: It was great to come back here because I went to school here when it was Holy Cross!

Miss Shields: I started off as a sub and I really enjoyed it. When Ms. Johnson asked me to start teaching here I said yes then I started teaching the 5th grade. At that point I had been with every class and I kind of felt like I belonged here so it was an easy transition.

EV: How do you like the uniforms so far?

Miss Blackwell: I think that the uniforms look really relaxed and they look cool though I would like to see them in dress uniforms more.



Mrs. Young

Mrs. Young: The dress uniforms look really sharp and I understand why they are important but I think the comfort and variety in the PE uniforms allow students to express themselves in a way that is still school appropriate and I think it makes sense to let them wear the PE uniforms after Covid.

EV: How do you feel about first Fridays being half days?

Miss Shields: I love that first Fridays are half days and I think it is a nice reward for the students for working so hard and it gives the teachers an opportunity to meet after school.



Miss Shields

EV: How do you feel about experiencing your first color run/ABC countdown?

Mrs. Young: I am really interested in it and I have never been a part of it and I want to see what each kid does for which letter and I love to see the shirts at the end of the color run.

Miss Shields: I think the ABC countdown is really cool and it gives you something to look forward to after a long school year. I have never seen a color run and I am really excited to see it.

Special Feature: ASCA Clubs are Back!

**By Janaya C.
Grade 7**

Have you been looking for something fun to do after school? Several Saints are now filling their time with after school clubs. Continue reading to learn more about ASCA's enjoyable clubs.

Ms. Salisbury teaches Yoga Club. Here are some things she has to say about it. Yoga uses poses to create relaxation and flexibility. Ms. Salisbury explains that "kids will learn different poses, different breathing techniques, how to balance, and work with other people" in the club. Ms. Salisbury is happy to be leading this club because she knows that "it is important for children to learn about movement, patience, and persistence so that they can apply it to other areas of their life."

Mrs. Nowosielski (Mrs. Nova), Mrs. D, and Miss. Reilly are teaching science-based clubs to students at ASCA. Mrs. Nova and Mrs. D are leading nine students in a STEM club, in which students learn how to problem solve and use engineering. In Miss. Reilly's Super Science Squad, 20 younger budding scientists are exploring 6 different topics, such as volcanoes, weather, and fingerprints. All three teachers are hoping to continue these explorations through science in clubs next year.

When asked why she chose to make stem club, Mrs. Nova says, "They teach how to problem solve, and how to use engineering and skills to solve problems." Miss Reilly added that, "[STEM] Would engage the students and peak their interest."

Meanwhile, Move and Groove has ASCA's younger saints rockin' 'n rollin' with Miss. Tsakopiakos. These little ones are learning the dance moves and having a blast.

Miss T shared that she grew up dancing, and that "dancing is fun and important for their health." She currently has 16 participants in her club, and it is hopeful that it will continue next year!

Additionally, Ms. Tegiacchi and Ms Young are teaching future investigative reporters for the Saints In Action, ASCA's newsletter. The digital paper is the product of the Journalism Club. Sixth and seventh graders are interviewing students and staff and reporting the news to the school community.

In addition to these awesome clubs, ASCA is also offering Books and Cooks with Mrs. Kienzle, Running with Ms. Durant, Cursive with Mrs. Farrigan, Crafting Club with Mrs. Coffey, Painting with Miss Olivia, Typing with Miss Tsakopiakos, Game Club with Ms. Tegiacchi, and Math Facts with Miss Niles!

Clubs are a great way to make new friends, work with different teachers, and explore other interests outside of the classroom! We are glad that clubs are back at ASCA, and we hope they are here to stay!

