

A recap of some of June's exciting events, plus ideas for summer fun!

Featured: ASCA says goodbye to 8th grade

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# SAINTS IN ACTION!

It is crazy to think that another school year has come to an end, and the students and staff of ASCA are more than ready for summer!

In this special final issue of Saints In Action, we recap some of the wonderful things that happened in the month of June.

From fan-favorite puzzles, to the colorful fun of the Color Run, to checking in with our 8th graders one last time before they check out, this latest issue is filled with all of the news and updates you need to start your summer off right.



Featured above are seven of the sixteen members of the ASCA class of 2022! Graduation was held at All Saints Catholic Church on June 21st!

## Saying "Farewell" to 8th Grade

**"All endings are also beginnings. We just don't know it at the time." (Mitch Albom, The Five People You Meet In Heaven). You are all destined to do great things, good luck on your next adventure." -Alessandra M., Valedictorian, Class of 2022**

**By: Gia R. and Madison P. Grade 7**

ASCA was excited to graduate a very special 8th grade class. Before hearing about their many accomplishments and the special festivities they enjoyed, reporters Gia and Madison went behind the scenes to learn a little bit more about the All Saints Catholic Academy Class of 2022!

**How long have you been here at All Saints?**

Elijah T.H.: 6 years, since second grade

Cameron C.: 10 Years

Ali M.: 11 years

**What is your favorite memory of All Saints?**

Nia L.: The Syracuse trip

Cayden H.: The Syracuse trip!

# Farewell CTD.



**What do you think your first job will be?**

Cameron C.: A babysitter

Cayden H.: Dunkin' Donuts

Aubrey T.: Some kind of drive through

**What teacher will you miss the most?**

Nia L.: Ms. T or Mrs. D

Ali M.: Mrs. Nova

Aubrey T.: Mrs. Nova

Keep exploring this issue of Saints In Action to learn even more about our special 8th grade class!



## Summer Fun in the Capital Region

**By: Elora V. and Juniper F  
Grade 6**

A favorite summer pastime is splashing in water. Sure there's Lake George, Cape Cod, and the Jersey Shore. But, if you are not up for spending hours in a car and hundreds of dollars - you can chill out at these free fun spots in the Capital District:

Splash Pads: What shouts summer fun more than kids screaming as they run through the sprinkler? This old school activity has a modern upgrade in the free Albany area splash pads.

If you want to run around and cool down at the same time, be sure to check out these splash pads around town: The Black Lives Matter, Hackett Park, Upper Lincoln, Sheridan Hollow Park, Colonie Street Park, North Swan Street, and of course, the local Rosemont Park Spray Pads.

If you're more of a Michael Phelps type and want to swim or dive, Albany has free public pools you can enjoy, too. There is the Lower Lincoln Park Pool, the Arbor Hill Community Center Pool, and the Mater Christi Pool. These family friendly pools will be sure to keep you cool during those lazy, hazy, humid summer days in the Capital District.

Be sure to check out <https://www.albany.com/things-to-do/public-pools/> for the 2022 schedule of dates and hours.



# Spotlight: The Class of 2022

**By: Ms. Tegiacchi**  
**Staff Writer**

For the first time since 2019, All Saints Catholic Academy was able to go back to old traditions when celebrating this year's graduating class, the class of 2022!

Eighth graders were first able to enjoy their ABC Countdown. Their countdown kicked off a few days earlier than the rest of the school, and featured some unique events, including a chance to use phones and a chance to shadow teachers for the day!

Later on, the 8th graders students, chaperones, and homeroom teacher Mrs. Nova attended a class trip to WonderWorks in Syracuse!. More than your average mall, WonderWorks had fun attractions, including rides and ropes courses! A great time was had by all. Up next was Class Night, another special ASCA tradition. Ms. Johnson and the ASCA staff hosted 8th graders and their families at the Italian American Center for a special dinner.



**"It takes a village to raise a child." But in this case, it took a school community to raise 8th grade graduates." -Cayden H., Salutatorian, Class of 2022**

After dessert, Ms. Johnson presented 8th graders with their awards.

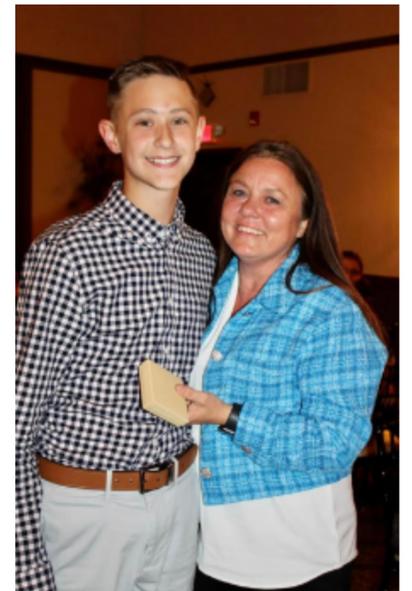
Students received awards for excellence and achievement in all subject areas, and special awards were given for service and commitment to family, church, and school. Students achieving Honor Roll, High Honor Roll, and perfect attendance were also recognized! A new award, the Stacy Marando Heart of a Saint award was presented to Cameron C.; he is often seen around the school lending a hand to teachers and peers! Students also received stoles, pins, and cords that they would later be adorning for graduation.



Exactly one week after class night, 8th graders, their families, and teachers gathered one last time at All Saints Catholic Church for graduation. Fr. Dan presided over a beautiful Mass. He and Ms. Johnson presented students with their diplomas, and shared remarks with the graduates.

Valedictorian Alessandra M., and Salutatorian Cayden H. also addressed their classmates.

Alessandra reflected on the fond memories she made with each of her classmates, and told the story of how the class of 2022 became a family. "Now let's rewind a couple of years to 2011, this was my nursery year and this was also the year I met Manny. He's been here through it all. I was always thankful to have him because I knew I could always count on him. In the next few years, I'd meet Cameron, Christian, Gursiman, and Jeremy. All of us were so little and it's crazy how far we've come, just think when we first met all we were learning was colors and numbers but now we're learning about square roots and the Pythagorean theorem.



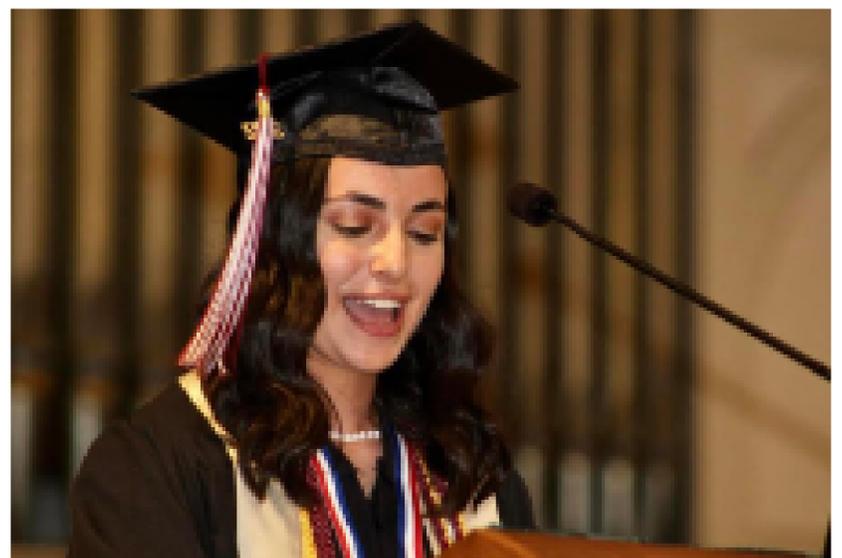
# Spotlight Ctd.

Throughout the next couple of years Santiago, Elijah, Lina, Janae, and Jakai came, these years were when our class really started growing, becoming closer, and started forming our friendships with one another. In 6th and 7th we gained Cayden, Calvin, Nia, Preeya, Paloma, and Aubrey. Once those people joined the class our 8th grade family was complete. Every single one of you made these school years amazing."

Cayden's speech echoed similar themes of camaraderie with classmates and reflecting on wonderful memories that were made. He also offered some words of wisdom, stating, "Middle school is a time to physically and mentally grow. Your peers can also affect your growth as well. It affects your behavior and helps you develop even more. All of us grew together as a community and have strengthened our knowledge and gathered many memories we will take with us forever. All the things we have learned at ASCA set us up for our next chapter, high school."

Cheers rang out loud and clear to celebrate the class of 2022! Students will be going to school all over the Capital Region, including Albany High, Guilderland, LaSalle, Catholic Central, Duanesburg, and Green Tech. One student will be heading out to Michigan to start their new chapter in a new city.

We wish the class of 2022 all the best, and hope they will keep in touch with the place they have called their home!



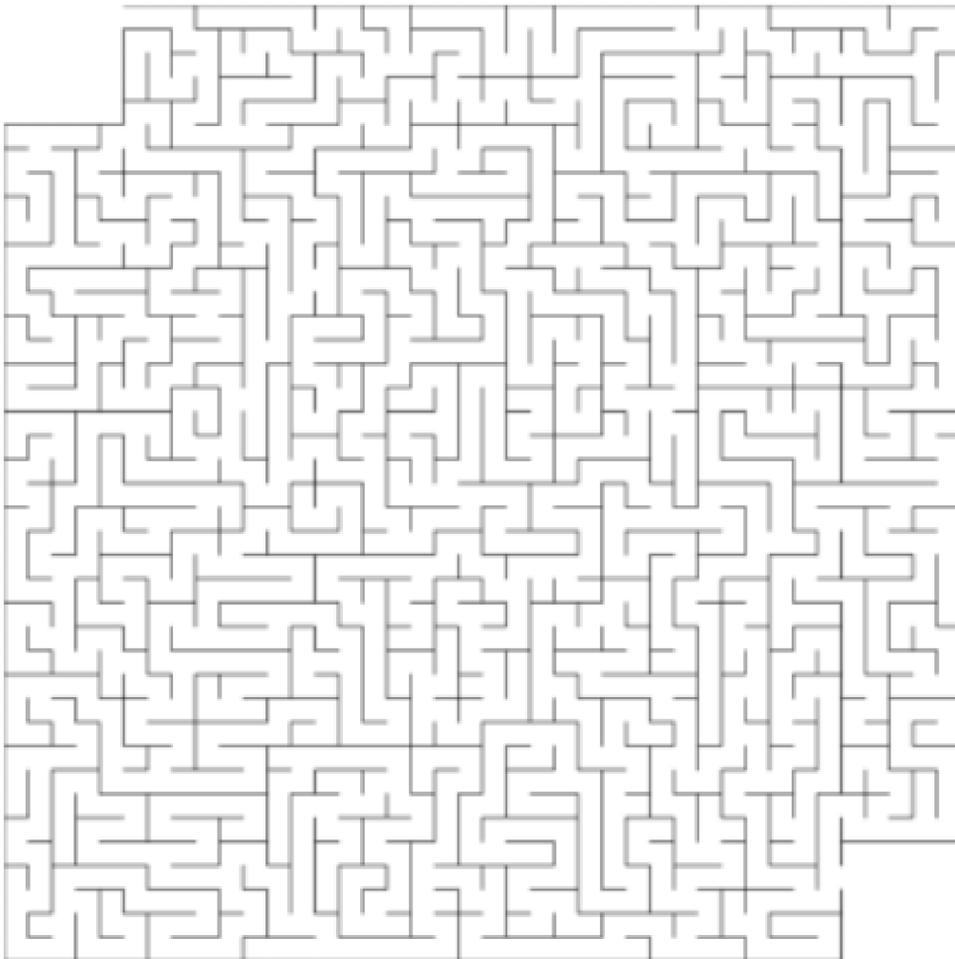
# Puzzle Page!

By Janaya C.  
Grade 7

## ASCA Last Puzzle: Summer Fun

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## ASCA Last Puzzle: Maze Puzzle Can you find your way out?



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| COOKING        | COOKOUT    | DOING          |
| DOING NOTHING  | SHOPPING   | SLEEPING       |
| SUMMERFUN      | SUMMER JOB | SUMMER READING |
| SUMMERVACATION | SUNSHINE   | SWIMMING       |
| <u>TIKTOKS</u> | TRAVEL     | VIDEO GAMES    |

## ASCA Last Cryptogram

**Decode the message.**

Each letter in the phrase has been replaced with a random letter or number.

Try to decode the message.

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# Saints Sports Spotlight:



## The Color Run

By Finn C.  
Grade 6

After the dark quarantine the color run is back with full color!

In spring of 2020, something was missing: The Color Run. The Color Run did make a comeback in 2021, but it looked a bit different. Classes ran one at a time, and of course, masks were required. But this is our first real year back.

It was really fun from my perspective. It was so colorful, and everyone was running so fast! We all had a great time, and props to Ian Carlton for being our DJ to make things extra fun!

We hope the Color Run will continue to be back for years to come. Check out some awesome photos of our Saints!



## 20 FREE Summer Activities to Fight the Boredom Blues!

By Janaya C.  
Grade 7

1. Go for a walk
2. Go on a scavenger hunt--check out one around the Capital Region, or make your own with friends!
3. Plant some flowers
4. Go on a bike ride
5. Set up a lemonade stand
6. Watch a new movie
7. Call, text, or FaceTime with some friends
8. Make milkshakes
9. Try cooking, baking, or eating a new food
10. Play Frisbee
11. Check out a park
12. Take your dog on a walk
13. Exercise Outdoors
14. Try Geocaching
15. Go find a summer job, or volunteer
16. Read!
17. Take a nap in the sunshine!
18. Do Nothing--relax!
19. Color or make an art project
20. Build a fire and make s'mores

# At the Movies!

Check out some new movies and shows coming out this summer!

Stranger Things Season 4, Volume 2--July 1st

Minions: Rise of Gru--July 1st

Thor: Love and Thunder--July 8th

Paws of Fury: the Legend of Hank--July 15th

DC League of Super Pets--July 29th



As a wonderful school year comes to a close, we at Saints In Action want to acknowledge that a few short club meetings and two issues of our school newspaper are simply NOT enough to cover all of the growth, learning, memory making, and community building that went on this year! The events, accomplishments, and adventures of our students and staff could fill a whole book! Please check out our Facebook and Twitter pages, as well as our school website, to see even more amazing things that our Saints were up to in these final weeks of school. Thank you students, teachers, families, and of course, Ms. Johnson, for another amazing year at ASCA! Have a safe and happy summer!

## Teachers Need a Break, Too!

By Elora V. and Juniper F.  
Grade 6

Students aren't the only ones who look forward to summer break, the grown ups also enjoy having time off! Check out what some of our very own teachers and staff do for fun over the summer!

Mrs. Coffey: Camping!

Mrs. Kienzle: Gardening

Miss Reilly: Spending time with nieces and nephews

Mrs. Nova: Traveling

Mrs. Farrigan: Going camping

Thank you to all of our teachers and staff for a great school year! Relax and enjoy your summer, too!

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

