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Gratitude = Faith

By Fr. Rich Andre, C. S. P.

Something to think about as we prepare for Thanksgiving: the word “Eucharist” means *thanksgiving*. Any time your family goes to Sunday Mass or to another kind of religious service, you’re doing something similar to gathering for a special meal on Thanksgiving Day. In both cases, you’re pausing from other activities to make time for God!

Fun Thanksgiving Craft!

By: Natalie Sandoval



Thankful Turkey

Materials needed:

- Construction Paper
- Paper plate
- Marker
- Scissors
- Glue

In order to make this Thankful Turkey you first start out by cutting out a turkey head, eyes, wings, nose, mouth, and feet. Then glue them all to the paper plate. Lastly you write what you are thankful on the wings and you have a thankful heart.

Thanksgiving trivia!

By: Grace C.

1. When did the first Thanksgiving take place?
2. Where did the first Thanksgiving take place?
3. Who is the mother of Thanksgiving?
4. Did the pilgrims eat turkey the first thanksgiving?
5. Which state produces the most turkey?
6. Which city has the oldest Thanksgiving parade?
7. How many other countries celebrate Thanksgiving?



1. 1621
2. Plymouth, Massachusetts
3. Sarah Josepha Hale
4. No
5. Minnesota
6. Philadelphia
7. 11

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The Science of Flight

By Brooklyn Bobb

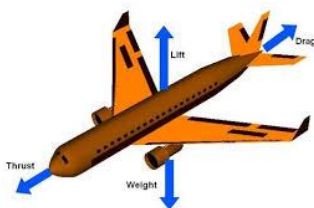
It has taken years for scientists to explain why a 412,300 pound can race through the sky at 575 miles per hour. The phenomenon can be explained by various principles. To begin, there are 4 forces of flight. First, there is lift. Lift can be explained by Bernoulli's Principle. Daniel Bernoulli was a scientist in the 1700s who made a crucial discovery about the pressure over and under an aircraft's wing. His research says that due to the fast speed on top of the wing leads to less pressure, whereas on the bottom air moves slower so there is more pressure. Thus, the lower side pushes the higher side up as there is either not enough or no resistance.

Secondly, there is drag. There are several types of drag. Induced drag is caused by lift and is thus unavoidable. Parasite drag is caused by the material around the aircraft.

Another force of flight is weight. Weight is what pulls the aircraft down. It acts similarly to gravity. Both of which pull the aircraft down, necessitating lift.

The last force of flight is thrust. Thrust is the effect of the engine. For the engine to produce enough thrust to propel the aircraft forward, it uses Newton's third law. This law states that for each action, there is an equal and opposite reaction. Thus, the engine propels warm air behind the plane to rush it forward.

Heavy aircraft, such as the A380 and B747, utilize the four forces of flight especially. Both of these aircraft use 4 engines to increase their thrust. Because they have so much surface area, there is a lot of drag to counteract. That is the reason that those two aircraft have more engines than most jetliners.



Important Person Of The Month: Leonardo DiCaprio

By Kevin Woodard

Leonardo DiCaprio was born on November 11, 1974. He is an aspired actor starring in the movie *Titanic* and *Wolf of Wall Street*. He has won an Oscar for his acting skills. Leonardo is a very esteemed actor. That is why he is important person of the month.



7th Grade Update

By: Nora Likavec

On Thursday, November 14th, the 7th graders took a field trip to the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian. They learned a lot about Native American history which was perfect timing for Native American heritage month. The things they learned also connected back to the unit about native tribes that they learned about in social studies. The 7th graders were able to visit many cool exhibits on the trip and even got to make their own keychains out of beads, as they learned about beading and the other arts that Native Americans do.



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Current Events: Finley O'Connor

The 2024 presidential election showed that demography is not always destiny, as President-elect Trump was able to win over voters that Democrats thought they could rely on. Identity was less important than negative feelings towards the incumbent party on issues like prices and immigration. There were clear trends seen in the election, with Democrats losing ground with voters under 30 in swing states, except for Georgia and Arizona. There was also a significant shift among Latino voters, with many moving to the right in states like Pennsylvania, Nevada, and Michigan by more than 20 points.

A new storm strengthening just off the Northwest coast could bring additional damage to the region following a historically strong bomb cyclone. It's also adding another jolt of energy to an atmospheric river that's already dumped nearly a foot and a half of rain on parts of California this week.

Gusty winds from the new storm will increase throughout the day in Washington, where more than 180,000 homes and businesses remain without power for the third day early Friday morning, according to Power Outage.us.

Hurricane-force winds from the bomb cyclone earlier this week battered parts of the state and knocked out power to more than half a million customers. At least two people were killed in Washington state from strong winds that felled trees. One, a woman in her 50s in Lynnwood, north of Seattle, and another – killed while showering in her King County home, according to the Bellevue Fire Department.

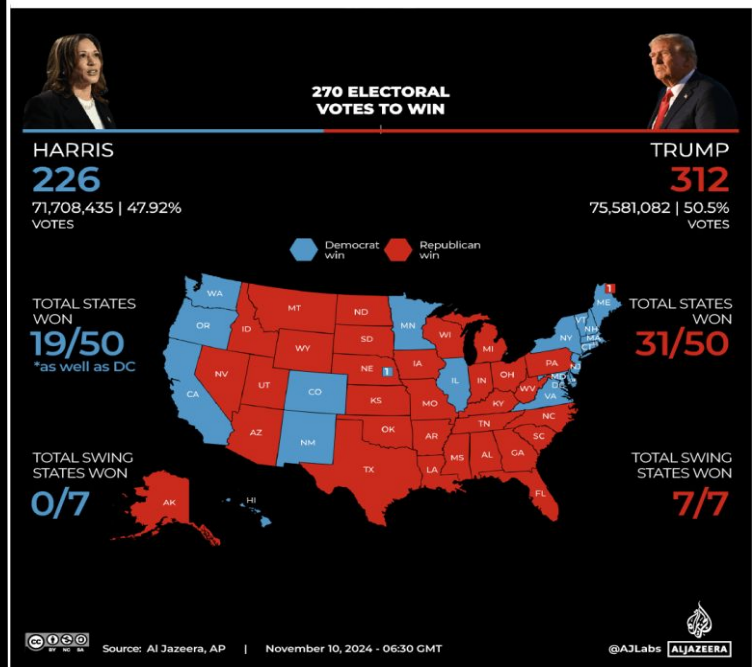
Some of the worst bomb cyclone damage occurred in King County, home to Seattle and its suburbs, according to Puget Sound Energy.

UNITED STATES ELECTIONS 2024

US election 2024 results



With all states counted, US President-elect Donald Trump has won 312 of 538 electoral votes, including all seven battleground states, while Democratic rival Kamala Harris secured 226. Republicans also led the popular vote by about four million votes.



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Student Submission!



“Wreath with a bow”

By Chloe Tam from the
Chameleon Room (Preschool)



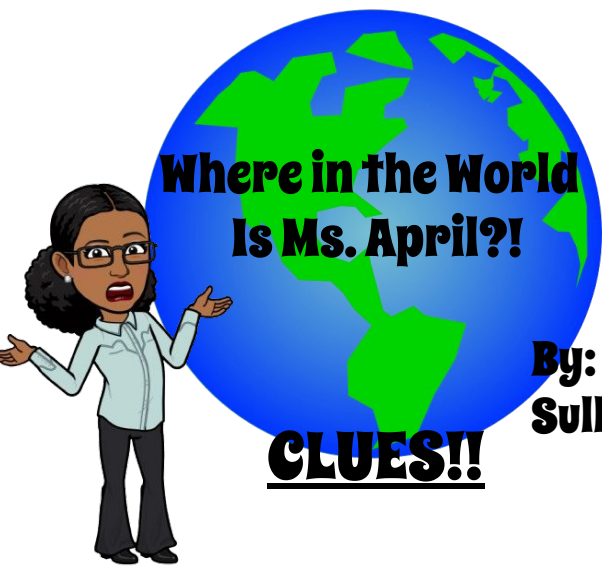
“Rainbow Car”

By Theo Burjek from the
Chameleon Room (Preschool)

All Saints Day By Matty

All Saints Day, or November 1st, is a day where we celebrate all saints. Originally, it was celebrated on May 13th, but Pope Gregory III made it November 1st. Under King Louis the Pious, he made it a holy day of obligation, and now we celebrate it every year. Some fun facts about All Saints Day is that it was first celebrated in 609 AD. The first saint that was canonized by a Pope was Ulrich, who was a Bishop of Augsburg. The final fact here is that people say this prayer only on this day :”May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen”.





**Where in the World
Is Ms. April?!**

**By: Mackenzie
Sullivan**

CLUES!!

1. It is 1,083 feet tall
2. It was introduced in one of the world's fair
3. It is painted every 7 years
4. It is the most visited place in the world

**The answer will be in the next
newspaper addition!**



**Last
month,
Ms. April
was on the
Great Wall
of China!**

Thanksgiving Movie Recommendations

By Chris Johnigan

Turkey Hollow

The Emmerson family heads to the quaint town of Turkey Hollow to visit Aunt Cly. 2 siblings, Tim and Annie, quickly grow bored without the Internet, and soon try to track the Howling Hoodoo, a mythical monster.

A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving

This is going to be the greatest Thanksgiving ever! The fun begins when Peppermint Patty invites herself and her pals to Charlie Brown's house for a REALLY big turkey party. Good grief! All Charlie Brown can cook is cold cereal and maybe toast. Is Charlie Brown doomed? Not when Linus, Snoopy and Woodstock chip in to save Thanksgiving.



Wicked

By: Luciana Bertucci

A new movie, *Wicked*, is coming out in theaters on November 22nd, 2024! It is said that it will be more popular than the Barbie movie. It has already gotten outstanding reviews from movie critics, and a 92% on Rotten Tomatoes, which is really good! *Wicked* is expected to make 120 million dollars to 140 million dollars. Lots of fans are excited to see popular singer and actress, Ariana Grande in this movie.

Are you excited for this movie?



History of Friendsgiving

By: Emily Pienta

The word "Friendsgiving" was officially added to the Merriam-Webster dictionary in January 2020. It's obviously a compound of the words "friends" and "Thanksgiving" and refers to friends celebrating Thanksgiving together. The earliest use of the term Friendsgiving dates back to a 2007 tweet, but some people credit the hit show *Friends* for using the word. On Friendsgiving people eat food and talk as if it was any other Thanksgiving. The only difference is that it is with friends instead of family. This word has widely become used in our world today. Having a Friendsgiving get together gives the opportunity to talk to more people. This is because during Friendsgiving when people go they often bring more people along with them that people that are already there might not know. Even at a young age you can still celebrate Friendsgiving. Lots of memories and new traditions can be started. This can be a way to change the idea of Thanksgiving and extend it to people who may not have a family and are lonely. This could give people happiness if they are feeling sad on this holiday without someone to meet up with. Although there isn't much history yet over time so much will be made and the the idea of Thanksgiving will change. Thanksgiving is evolving into something more open to all people with Friendsgiving. Overall, opportunities to catch up with friends and make new traditions can be started at a Friendsgiving.



Teacher Interviews

By: Kate Pienta & Nicole Brown



Mr. Woodard

This is Mr. Woodard's first year! He teaches Religion to middle school (6, 7, and 8th grade), however, he was subbing last year! One interesting fact about him is he works for the forest service! Mr. Woodard's favorite place he has ever been to was Galveston, Texas! If he had one wish, he would wish to have all his family live in 1 place.

The biggest impact OSM has had on him is made him realize he wants to be a teacher. "There is no greater love than to give up one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). This is one bible verse that Mr. Woodard would like everyone to take to heart. Lastly, Mr. Woodard would like everyone to appreciate the time you have here at OSM!

This is Dr. A's first year at OSM! She is the school counselor (PK-8th grade). She helps students reduce their anxiety and navigate transitions. One interesting fact about her is that she is taking a ceramics class! Dr. A's favorite place she has ever been to was Costa Rica! If she had one wish, she would wish to end homelessness.

The biggest impact OSM has on her is the fact that it is a very welcoming community! "It always seems impossible until it's done" (Nelson Mandela). This quote is on a poster, hanging in Dr. A's office! Lastly, Dr. A would like everyone at OSM to be gentle with yourself as you navigate your ambitious goals!



Dr. A



Ms. Smith

Ms. Smith has been at OSM for almost 4 months now! She teaches Math, Science, and Religion to 3rd grade! One interesting fact about her is so is so fascinated in so many different things! For example, she is interested in how the world works and how students learn! Ms. Smith's favorite place she has ever been to was the Rocky Mountains in Colorado! If she had on wish, she would wish for peace in the world.

The biggest impact OSM has made on her is by realizing how exciting and challenging it is to be at a new place, and feel like there is so much to learn! "Mistakes are opportunities to grow". This is one quote Ms. Smith would like to share with OSM! Lastly, Ms. Smith would like everyone at OSM to know how grateful she is to be here and with this community!

Ms. Rubel has been at OSM for 2 years now! She teaches Foundations, Reading, and Writing to 2nd grade! One interesting fact about her is she was born and raised in Texas! Ms. Rubel's favorite place she has ever been to was Disneyland! If she had one wish, she would wish to have a house on the beach!

The biggest impact OSM has had on Ms. Rubel is by seeing how good the community is based off her kids going to OSM. "If you don't succeed the first time, try again". This is one quote Ms. Rubel finds important for everyone to know. Lastly, she would like to thank the OSM community for how the older kids show such care for the younger kids!



Ms. Rubel



Ms. Campbell has been at OSM for 6 years now! She teaches Student Support to 3rd & 4th grade students! One interesting fact about her is she is from Kansas! Ms. Campbell's favorite place is EVERYWHERE! She loves to travel! If she had one wish, she would wish for every kid to get a education.

The biggest impact OSM has had on her is by the feeling of community, especially when she moved to Chicago. "We can do hard things". This is one quote Ms. Campbell has her kids repeat every time they take a test or assignment! Lastly, Ms. Campbell is grateful to spend so many years here at OSM!

Ms. Campbell

Profe Luiza has been here for almost a year now! She teaches Spanish to Kindergarten - 8th grade! One interesting fact about her is she likes acting theatre! Profe Luiza's favorite place she has ever been to was Colorado. If she had on wish, she would wish for people in the world to be more understanding.

The biggest impact OSM has had on her is she learned more about community when she came to OSM. "This will pass, nothing is forever". This means nothing bad is forever. This is one quote Profe would like to emphasis across the OSM community! Lastly, Profe Luiza would like to thank the OSM community for giving spanish a important role in the student's lives!



Profe Luiza



Ms. Dimerc

This is Ms. Dimerc's 4th year at OSM! She teaches: Foundations, Reading, Writing, and Grammar to 1st grade! One interesting fact about her is that her and her mom share the same birthday! Ms. Dimerc's favorite place she has ever been to was Maui, Hawaii! If she had one wish, she would wish to see her deceased loved ones.

The biggest impact OSM has made on Ms. Dimerc is by her noticing the strong community as soon as she joined the school. Also, throughout her time here, she has had the chance to grow her leadership skills in the classroom and working with adults. "No significant learning occurs without a significant relationship." (James Come). This is one quote that Ms. Dimerc would like to share with everyone! Lastly, Ms. Dimerc would like everyone at OSM to know it doesn't matter how old you are; you can always be a role model!

Ms. Jay has been at OSM for 5 years now! She is a substitute teacher all over the school! One interesting fact about her is she has been teaching for 28 years now! Also, she taught at Depaul College Prep! Ms. Jay's favorite place she has even been to was Canada! If she had one wish, she would wish to go to Paris, France!

The biggest impact OSM has made on Ms. Jay is the student's respect! "Thanking God for each day". This is something Ms. Jay believes, and would like everyone to as well! Lastly, Ms. Jay would like to thank the OSM teachers for being friendly!



Ms. Jay

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Winter Birds By: Fox Boveroux

The main migration periods for birds are in the Spring and Fall but birds still move through the winter. Hawks start to migrate to South America in October to November. The first Winter birds are Finches. Boreal finches live in the forests of Canada. When their food source, seeds, disappear for the winter, they resort to moving down south. The finches include: Redpolls, Evening grosbeaks, Crossbills and Snow Buntings.

Winter time can also bring lost birds from the West or even Europe. Hummingbirds are a common lost bird and so are shore birds.



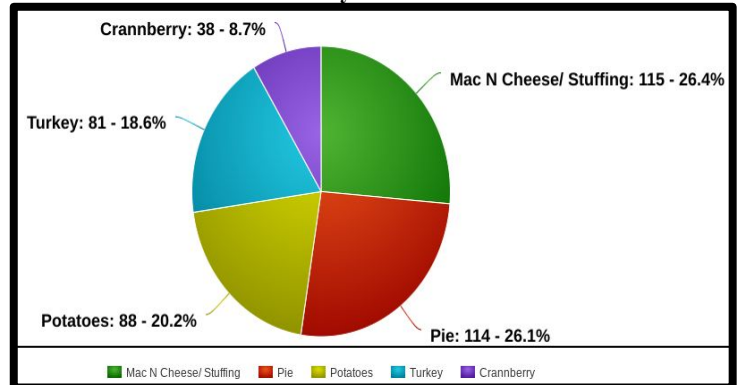
This is the Anna's Hummingbird, a common lost bird from California and Texas.



This is the evening grosbeak. It is relatively rare for this bird to be in Chicago but they can be seen in northern Michigan.

OSM'S Favorite Thanksgiving Food!

By: Marko Zafirovski



OFFICIAL RESULTS:

Mac N Cheese/ Stuffing: 115 - 26.4%

Pie: 114 - 26.1 %

Potatoes: 88 - 20.2%

Turkey: 81 - 18.6%

Cranberry: 38 - 8.7%

The official results are in, and, let's just say, it's a good day for mac n cheese and stuffing lovers. This was closest vote so far, coming down to only ONE VOTE! Pie came close, only losing by one vote. Your one vote truly affected the whole result of this poll! Potatoes and turkey were close to each other, having 88 and 81 votes respectively. Lastly, we have cranberry, which has 38 votes 😞. You will get them next time! Thank you for your participation! :)

Fun Things to do around Thanksgiving

By: Milosz Bobek

1. **Friendsgiving**, It is like Thanksgiving But with friends instead of family and it usually occurs before Thanksgiving. You meet in one of the friends houses and talk While eating and enjoying the fall vibes.
2. **Turkey Trot**, when people go on a bigfield and run to burn all the possible calories they can before eating Turkey and many other foods.
3. **Ice Skating**, friends or family go on a skating arena where they can enjoy the moments together and perhaps go on a hot chocolate.

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The History of Thanksgiving

By: Veda Calhan

Long before settlers came to the East Coast of the United States, many Native American tribes inhabited the land. Puritans, a religious group who wanted to break away from the Church of England and avoid persecution, sailed in 1620 for 66 days on the Mayflower. Once the Puritans landed in what is now Cape Cod, Massachusetts, they eventually came to agreement with and befriended the native Wampanoag, Abenaki, Samoset, and Tisquantum people. They traded goods and shared new skills with each other. To celebrate a successful fall harvest, the settlers held a large feast. Some native tribes heard gunshots while the settlers were hunting, and feared the settlers were waging war with them. Tribe leaders sent men to investigate, and to their surprise they realized the settlers were simply holding a celebratory feast. The native people joined the Puritan settlers and they feasted together for three days, beginning the nationally recognized holiday we know today as Thanksgiving.



Student Council's Lollipop Sale Success!

By: Ray Morris

The Student Council sold lollipops at some of our 7th and 8th Grade boys and girls basketball games. It was fun to spread some cheer for our Knights and bring in money for the school. All money goes towards fun activities that the Student Council does this year. They will be selling lollipops ONE more time this Friday, December 6th at the 7:00 and 8:00 games. Stop on by!



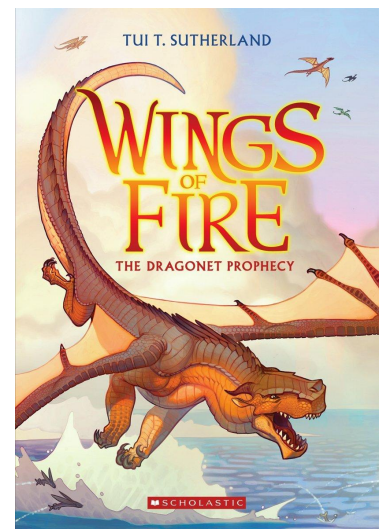
MEDIA REVIEW

By Lyla Jacob

Wings of Fire

Reading Level: 4-7

Wings of Fire, by Tui T. Sutherland, is a novel about five different dragons. They are trying to save the world from a war that has been going on for 20 years. The dragons are part of a prophecy that is said to bring peace to the world. They have to pick one of the three princesses to be queen. Burn, an evil dragon who would probably keep the war going for fun, Blister, the most cunning, who would try to take over the entire world, or Blaze, who is the youngest and the most naive dragon of the three. There is only one tiny problem, they have been locked away underground for most of their lives.



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Thanksgiving Traditions around the World.

By: Patrick Quinn

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, but did you know that America is not the only country that celebrates the holiday? Many other countries have a holiday dedicated to gratitude, in this article you'll learn all about them. One such country that celebrates Thanksgiving is Canada, however, they celebrate it differently from the U.S. Canada's first Thanksgiving ceremony predates the one in America by 40 years. The holiday was introduced in 1578 during an expedition led by English navigator Martin Frobisher. Frobisher and his men held a ceremony giving thanks to the safety of their fleet, this is regarded as the first Thanksgiving ceremony in North America. During the Revolutionary War, Loyalists who moved from the U.S. to Canada brought foods such as turkey and other American customs. In 1879, the Canadian government established national Thanksgiving Day, in 1957 the date was changed to the first Monday in October.

Another country that holds a Thanksgiving holiday is Germany, in Germany the holiday is called Erntedankfest, meaning "harvest festival of thanks." Although different regions of the country celebrate the holiday on different days, it often takes place the first Sunday in October. The holiday often features German churches holding congregations dedicated to the good fortune they received in that year. In more rural areas, the idea of the "harvest festival of thanks" is taken more literally. During the holiday, people parade through the streets with someone wearing a Erntekrone, meaning "harvest crown." These procession leads to the church and a feast with fattened of chickens & castrated roosters often follows.



A typical Canadian Thanksgiving, featuring similar foods that we eat in the U.S.



A German Erntedankfest parade with the Erntekrone, "harvest crown," on a float.

Overview/Upcoming music Events in Chicago! By: Samantha Tokarz

Did you go to any concerts in Chicago? Well let's talk about all of them. Firstly, an overview of this year's concerts in Chicago. Some of the more popular artists that came so far were Taylor Swift, Billie Eilish, Tate McRae, Sabrina Carpenter, and Olivia Rodrigo. The most popular being Taylor Swift and Billie Eilish. The most popular music festival in Chicago was Lollapalooza. Some of the many people that performed were Future, Metro Boomin, Sza, Chappell roan, and Tate McRae. Then lastly in 2025 the biggest artist that we know with a tour in 2025 coming to Chicago is Tate McRae with her Miss Possessive Tour. There will still be other famous artists on tour but they have already toured Chicago.



Who came up with the popular holiday Black Friday? By Leah McCroskey

Black Friday is a special shopping day that happens the day after Thanksgiving in the United States. It started in the 1960s when police in Philadelphia used the term to describe the huge crowds shopping and traffic on that day. Over time, stores began to love Black Friday because it's when they start making a lot of money, going from being "in the red" (losing money) to "in the black" (making money). It's super popular because many stores have big sales and discounts on toys, clothes, and more, making it a great time for families to start their holiday shopping. People get excited about finding awesome deals, making it a fun day for everyone!



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Congratulations Knights on a great start to the 2024-2025 basketball season. Basketball is one of OSM's best sports. Keep rocking it out and the court and giving it your all! Shout out to the 6th grade girls blue team for being undefeated! Make sure to come and support your fellow classmates at games. [Go Knights!](#)



Records as of 11/20

4th Boys Gold:**0-4**
4th Boys Blue:**3-1**
4th Girls:**1-2**
5th Boys:**0-4**
5th Girls: **1-2**
6th Boys: **1-2**
6th Girls Blue:**3-0**
6th Girls Gold:**2-2**
7th Boys Lakefront:**2-1**
7th Boys Skyline:**3-1**
7th Girls Lakefront:**1-1**
8th Boys Lakefront:**2-1**
8th Girls Skyline:**1-1**



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OSM Highlights

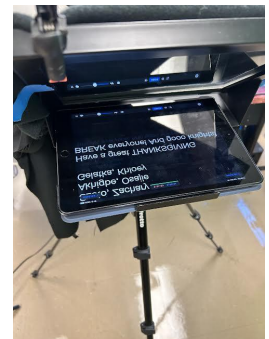
By: Ben Kepler

Many things have taken place this month! OSM has taken part in 2 donations, helping those in need throughout Chicago. Thank you everyone for donating, as it means a lot for us and those who need it. Your selflessness will help those who need it for a long time, so thank you!

We all watch the weekly news, but do you know how it's made?

Continued...

I got to watch how they're made! Many takes, or tries, are made before the final product is edited and comes out. Mr. Tapia has a "Teleprompter" which is what you read from! Remember to sign up for the weekly news!



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OSM Students Make the News

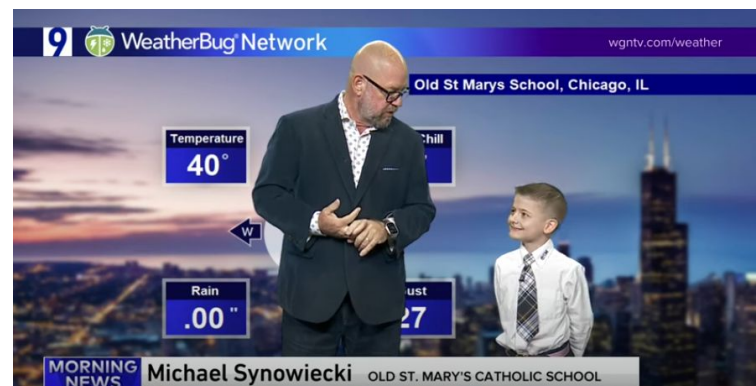
By: Aiden Rego



Nick Cook, a seventh grader, was recently welcomed onto the CBS News broadcasting station. On November 20, 2024 Nick was interviewed about a recent contest he has won. It involved writing about a specific topic, in this case he wrote about the Champions League. Nick said the experience was exciting and interesting, for he got to see behind the scene. Such as moving cameras, automated control room. Nick had said, Overall it was a great experience and tons of fun.



Michael Synowiecki, a second grader, was asked to report the weather on Nov 1 2024 at WGN 9 Broadcasting studio. Michael said the experience was great, cool, exciting, and electric while he was there. Conrad, the news anchor had been asking questions about Michael's favorite things. Secondly, Michael said behind the scenes were just as cool and interesting. Where he ends his segment with a bow



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Popular Foods to Eat in November!

By: David Amoh

Here are some Popular foods eaten in November.

Pumpkin Pie -

Pumpkin Pie originated from roots in early American settlers' recipes.



Mac N cheese -

Mac n cheese has its roots in Italy, where pasta and cheese dishes have been popular for centuries. It was brought to America and became a comfort food.



Turkey -

Turkey is famously associated with Thanksgiving, which started with the Pilgrims and Native Americans.



Sweet Potatoes-

Sweet Potatoes native to Central and South America



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The Importance of Thanksgiving

By: Nino Capuano

Why is Thanksgiving important? A lot of people will say I don't know or it isn't, but I say it is. Thanksgiving is important because it's a time to show what you're thankful for and giving to others and to not to be selfish. Some things you can do is give your food or anything extra you have to the homeless shelter. Also donate clothes to people in need. This is also a time to be with family and friends so if you know someone who really has no one to spend Thanksgiving with you can invite them over. Something else is sharing things you are thankful for and if its a person let them know, maybe it's helps your parents with chores or spending time with your grandparents.



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Preparing for the Coming of Christmas

By: Fr. Dan

Do you know that the Church's liturgical year is a little out of sync with how we normally think about the year? November 30 is the very last day of the previous liturgical year, and starting December 1, we begin a new year with the start of Advent! We begin a new year in the Church with Advent because it is our season of longing and waiting—we prepare for the coming of our Savior, Jesus.

How are you preparing for Christmas? There are big and small ways to get ready! Maybe you're lighting an Advent wreath, saying a special prayer before meals, or helping someone in need. Advent reminds us to take time to prepare our hearts for Jesus, not just our homes. At Old St. Mary's, there are plenty of events to help us prepare for Christmas, including many opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation!

Let's make space for the light of Christ to shine brightly this season, as we wait with hope, joy, and love!



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Thanksgiving Comic

By: Maya Manglavit

Sounds Of Thanksgiving

