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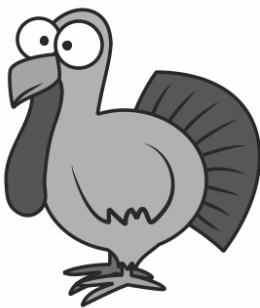
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Thanksgiving

Caleigh Bristow

Thanksgiving is a time when families join together to have a feast and give thanks for each member of the family. It is a time when people show love and gratitude for what the people of the past have done. When the Mayflower, the ship on which the Pilgrims sailed to the New World went off route, it landed on Plymouth Rock.

Once the people arrived, they encountered the native people already living here. to war These Pilgrims created a friendship and alliance with the Natives.

After the Pilgrims were taught how to survive the harsh climate, they had a huge feast with all and invited the natives to join them and offer "thanks" for their new friendship. At this feast they did not have the same foods as we do today. Instead they ate roasted duck, seafood, chestnuts, squash, carrots, and peas. This day is now called Thanksgiving, proclaimed as a national holiday by President Abraham Lincoln and the date was determined by President Franklin Roosevelt.

"Trunk or Treat"

Savannah McClendon and Isabella Aleman

NAGS celebrated another successful "Trunk or Treat" event on Saturday, October 24, 2015. Contests were held for the best costumes and the best trunks. The winners of the contests are as follows:

BEST COSTUME WINNERS

Kindergarten and Pre-school:

First place – *Lion*, Kara Zul– Alpha House
Second place– *Elsa*, Tori Marino
Third place– *Jack Skeleton*, Camrin Pagan

Grades 1-4

First place – *Frankie from Grease*, Julia Burns
Second place– *Leaf Fairy*, Winnie Fyke
Third place– *Mummy*, unknown identity

Grades 5-8

First place– *Ostrich*, Eddie Miller
Second place– *Scarecrow*, Joan Dotchel
Third place– *Scare clown*, Shawn Trush

BEST TRUNK WINNERS

First place– Car #2, *Enter if You Dare*
Second place– Car #5, *Skeleton*
Third place– Car #6, *Haunted House*

Thank you to all of the parents and children who participated in this wonderful annual event. Hope to scare you again next year. We hope you had a wonderful Halloween!



Holy Year of Mercy



This motto, "Merciful Like the Father," Pope Francis said, "serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure."

The image, created by Jesuit Fr. Marko Rupnik, also shows one of Jesus' eyes merged with the man's to show how "Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ."

Hopefully during this Holy Year of Mercy, we will all act as Jesus and remember to show mercy in our daily lives. As we live our daily lives during this season of Advent and prepare for the birth of Jesus, let us truly live the Corporal Works of Mercy by our kind acts to one another so that we can offer these kindnesses as gifts to the Baby Jesus at Mass on Christmas!

St. Francis Inn

Brynn Lynch



*Saint Francis Inn Brown Bag Lunch service program is when the 7th graders make sandwiches that someone will likely have for lunch. The students form an assembly line and place them in a **brown bag**. Inside the brown bags the students also put a small bag of pretzels, a piece of candy, and a nice note that says, "Have a great day." After the 7th graders assemble all of the bags, a volunteer parent delivers the lunches to Saint Francis Inn.*

St. Francis Inn is a special and loving establishment where people who have lost jobs, money, and/or homes. A brown bag filled with a sandwich and just a few other little food items may not mean a lot to us, but to the people at Saint Francis Inn, these lunches mean more than we will ever know. Grades 1-3 bring in an already prepared brown bag lunch, and students in grades 4-8 donate \$1.00 to help this cause. The two or three minutes that it takes to prepare a brown bag lunch or find a dollar from your piggy bank can make a person's day.

NAGS Car Wash

Emma Cusano



Emma Cusano

On September 19th, the Scipione family helped Nazareth Academy Grade School sponsor its annual Car Wash. Many students and their parents attended this event. Also, many alumni returned and participated in this event. We raised over \$1000 from the Car Wash. Many students have a great time at this activity. Sister Linda Joseph's car was one of the many cars to get her car washed. If you are able to attend next year, please do! You will have a

Pope Francis Visits Philadelphia Emma Cusano

Pope Francis made his first visit to the United States on September 22nd. Pope Francis began his visit in Washington, D.C. where he met with President Barack Obama and other leaders. He then traveled to New York City where he presided over many Masses. The final leg of his journey was in Philadelphia on September 26th. While in Philadelphia, Pope Francis presided at a beautiful Mass set in front of the Art Museum. Philadelphia greeted the Pope with lights and many people showed up to attend and participate in this momentous Liturgy. Nazareth Academy Grade School celebrated Pope Francis's coming by hosting a Spaghetti Dinner. We had great and delicious food thanks to Mr. Grasso. Read more about this meal as described in more detail in an article written by Courtney Bristow.

Comedy Crack-ups

John Bonfini/Shawn Trush

How do you get straight A's?

Use a ruler!

What do ghosts drink when they are thirsty?

Ghoul-aid!

What treats do eye doctors give out on Halloween?

Candy corneas!

What is worse than being a witch who weighs 5 tons on Halloween?

Being her broom!

What is a goblin's favorite cheese?

Monster-ella!

From where does a vampire buy his movie tickets?

Fang-dango

From whom do monsters buy there cookies?

Ghoul Scouts

What sound does a turkey's phone make?

Wing! Wing!

Why can't you take turkeys to church?

They have such FOWL language!

On what ship did the pilgrim's cows come?

The Mooooooo-flower!

Top 5 Spooky and Tasty "Nummies"

Isabella Aleman

1. This candy is a crowd favorite. Be on the watch and add this to your list!
Hershey's Chocolate Bar
2. The next candy contains nuts so be careful. **Reese's Peanut Butter Cup**
3. The third is a sweet and yummy candy. **Snickers Bars**
4. They may come in twos! **Twix**
5. It is in space and also a favorite candy for many. **The Milky Way**



Fashion Shout-outs!

Brynn Lynch and Courtney Schwegler

- * Mrs. Culp's flamingo scarf and salmon-colored jeans
- * Mrs. Ayes' classy pop of color in her sweaters
- * Sister Yvette's delightful gray and black cardigans (*Brynn personally likes the gray one!*)

Overall, NAGS teachers have the best styles!



The Book Worms

Joan Dotchel and John Bonfini

Uglies

In a futuristic town, you are considered *ugly* until you turn the age of 16 and get the “*pretty*” surgery. One group of teenagers does not want to get the surgery and they flee to a safe haven called the Smoke. The government sees this action as a threat and tries to track where the children are.

Join them on their journey of freedom personal rights.

This book is highly recommended and we give it a 5 out of 5 stars!



Special Feature: Angela's DogFest

Angela Farinella and Courtney Schwegler

“I became involved with DogFest Philly 2015 because I could not raise a service dog of my own. I asked my aunt what else I could do to support Canine Companions for Independence. She explained to me that I could join an existing event, but instead I decided to host one of my own closer to my home. I was the co-chair of this event. I am only thirteen years old; so, my mom co-chairs the event with me until I am old enough to do it on my own. Our goal for this event is to help those with disabilities and injured veterans. The event is held to raise money and that money goes to support Canine Companions and help them support dogs from birth to retirement. This process costs \$50,000.00 to raise one dog from birth to the moment they stop working.

The person who receives these dogs gets them free of charge. This is my first year of many years to come. I am the only young person to ever be in charge of this event. I have earned \$50,000.00 this year and my goal for next year is to raise more. With the help of my peers, I know we can raise more money than we raised this year. Thank you to all who helped me this year!



-Angela Farinella

The L.A. Kitchen

Lauren Yost and Angela Farinella

Easy Acorn Cookies

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon prepared chocolate frosting
- 24 milk chocolate candy kisses (such as Hershey's Kisses®),
- 24 mini vanilla wafer cookies (such as Nilla®)
- 24 butterscotch chips

Directions

- Prep 15 minutes
- Ready In 45 minutes

Spread a small amount of frosting onto the flat bottom of a candy kiss. Press onto the flat bottom of a vanilla wafer. Spread a little more frosting onto the flat bottom of a butterscotch chip and press onto the rounded top of the cookie. Repeat with remaining ingredients. Set aside to dry, about 30 minutes

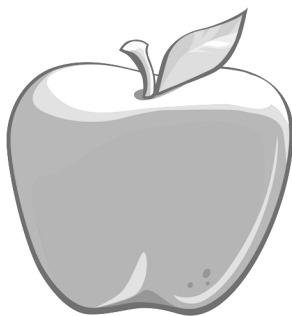


Apple Cider Doughnuts

GET YOUR PARENT 'S PERMISSION BEFORE DOING THIS. HOT OIL IS VERY DANGEROUS!!!

- 2 cups of white sugar, divided
- 1 tablespoon and 2 teaspoons of ground cinnamon
- 1 1/2 cups of apple cider
- 3 3/4 cups all-purpose flour, divided
- 2 teaspoons of baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 egg yolk, lightly beaten
- 6 cups of vegetable oil for frying

1. Mix 1 cup sugar and 1 tablespoon cinnamon together in a re-sealable bag.
2. Bring apple cider to a boil in saucepan; stir occasionally until cider has reduced to 1/2 cup, about 20 minutes. Remove from heat.
3. Whisk 1 cup flour, 1 cup sugar, baking powder, 2 teaspoons cinnamon, and salt in a large bowl. In a spate bowl mix butter, eggs, egg yolk, and cooled cider together until smooth. Stir batches together. Stir in remaining 2 3/4 cup flour until dough is smooth. Refrigerate dough for 10 minutes.
4. Heat oil in large pan or deep-fryer to 375 degrees F.
5. Roll out dough on a floured surface. Pat dough into 1/2 inch thickness. Cut dough into doughnuts using 2 round cookies cutters or a donut cutters.
6. CAREFULLY slide doughnuts into oil; fry doughnuts until they rise to the surface and begin to brown (about 2-3 minutes). Flip doughnuts with tongs and fry the other side until brown. Remove doughnuts when finished and cool on a paper towel. Then frost and enjoy!



N.A.G.S. Athletics— Soccer

Gavin McGuigan and Patrick O'Neill

Congratulations, students, for participating on the N.A.G.S.

Soccer Team!

Michaela Breslin/8
 Maura Budd/8
 Aiden Gretzula/8
 Eddie Miller/8
 Catherine Monteith/8
 Timmy Breslin/6
 Ryan Burnside/6
 Katie Harmon/6
 Aly Kirby/6
 Kayla Michelotti/6
 Maggie Miller/6
 Sophia Montanez/6
 Kylee Smithers/6
 Giana Aregnano/5
 Grace Driscoll
 Robert Hewitt/5



We also thank Coach Jeff Kirby, Aly Kirby's dad, for taking the time out of his day to coach all the players. Thank you, Coach!

Erin Murray/5
 Ireland Neals/5

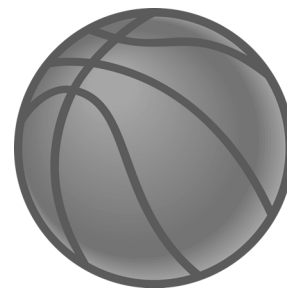
Basketball

Practices have begun and the teams are looking fierce. Each player is getting fired up. The teams cannot wait until game time comes. Come out and wish the coaches and players luck throughout this season. These players are:

Aidan Gretzula
 Liam Barnes
 Gavin McGuigan
 Anthony Mongeluzzi
 Shawn Trush
 Patrick O'Neill
 Michael Roman
 Patrick Driscoll
 C.J. Walker
 Edward Miller
 Tony Chen
 Jeremy Delia
 Kurt Geiger
 Joseph Conner
 Robert Hewitt
 Timothy Breslin

Coach: Mr. Delia

Erin Murray
 Joan Dotchel
 Brynn Lynch
 Malia Cipolloni
 Courtney Schwegler
 Sarah Burns
 Elizabeth Unger
 Michaela Breslin
 Maggie Miller
 Callie Walker
 Kayla Michelotti
 Katie Harmon
 Molly Gretzula
 Destiny Rivera
 Darian Wood
 Emma Cusano
 Morgan Lewis
 Grace Driscoll
 Ireland Neals
 Ryan Moore
 Dominique Grasso
 Catherine Monteith
 Maura Budd





SWIMMING Gavin McGuigan and Patrick O'Neill

Congratulations to the following students who have joined to compete on the N.A.G.S. Swim Team. The swimmers are:

Sarah Burns
Julia Burns
Angela Farinella
Tyler Juskalian
Grace Driscoll
Isabella Mancino
Elizabeth Unger
Courtney Schwegler
Maggie Miller
Edward Miller
Erin Murray
Autumn Andrecszak
Callie Walker
Isabella Aleman
Brandon Beatrice
Abby Rock

We also thank Mrs. Unger and Mr. Beatrice for coaching the team.

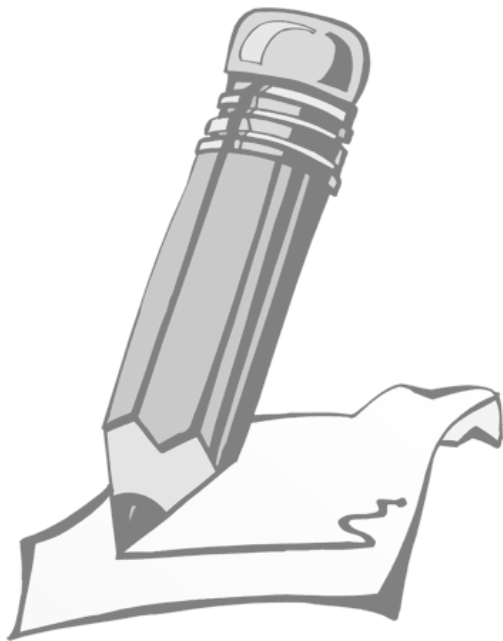
TAILGATE PARTY Joan Dotchel

On October 4th, N.A.G.S. held an Eagles party. The adults sat in front of a huge projection screen to watch the football game of the Eagles playing against the Washington Redskins. On the front lawn of the school, the sixth and seventh grade had a friendly game of tackle football. The seventh grade beat the sixth grade 27-21! The younger grades also played two-hand touch football together. There were many refreshments served in the Multi-Purpose Room. Many of the foods offered were: hot dogs, potato chips and dip, soft pretzels, soda, and candy. The eagles may have lost, but everyone who attended had a wonderful time!



CREATIVE WRITING Joan Dotchel

Early in the year, our principal, Sister Linda Joseph, asked the students to present their handwriting to her. One student in the second grade had such astonishingly perfect handwriting that surprised and pleased everyone. This second grader is **Nicholas Riccio**. He wrote the prayer “Glory Be” in perfect penmanship. It is truly a wonderful thing that a person so young could be so talented in his handwriting. Nicholas has impressed Sister Linda Joseph, and, hopefully, all of you! Nicholas’ other achievement is that last year he read almost every single one of the his Reading Olympics books assigned to his grade! No other first grader has done this. He should be com-



“The King and I”

Courtney Schwegler and Savannah McClendon

On Thursday, October 22nd to Sunday, October 25th, Nazareth Academy High School performed its annual Fall performance. Many students from our grade school were given an opportunity to participate as the royal princes and princesses of Siam.

Main Cast:

- King- Joe Zampirri
- Anna- Victoria Sanchez/ Julianna Gerold
- Tuptim - Karley Konyves/ Nina Adams
- Lady Thiang- Alex Matlack/ Rayann Nazrio
- ***Louis- John Bonfini***
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- Prince Chulalonghorn- Christian Cymbalski
- Lun Tha- Charles Lawall

Director- Miss Natalie Monari
Choreographer- Mrs. Linda Monari
Production Coordinator- Mrs. Greco

Grade School students were:

- *Courtney Schwegler*
- *Johnny Bonfini*
- *Savannah McClendon*
- *Lauren Yost*
- *Maura Budd*
- *Sarah Burns*
- *Catherine Dotchel*
- *Sarah Dougherty*
- *Nell Duesler*
- *Olivia Fabianski*
- *Maximo Machado*
- *Laurel Masciantonio*
- *Erin Murray*
- *Annaliese Steiner*
- *Christian Taylor*
- *Elizabeth Unger*



Thanksgiving D.I.Ys

Indian Headdress



Materials:

- Thick ribbon
- Colorful feathers
- Elmers glue

Step one:

Measure size of head cut ribbon

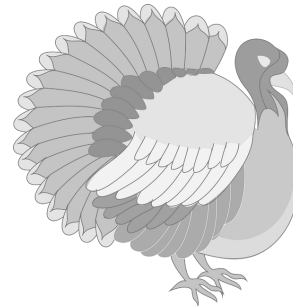
Step two:

Using elmers glue attach the bottom of feathers onto the backside of the ribbon. Then, knot the end of the ribbon.

Autumn Leaf Turkey

Materials:

- Googly eyes
- Pine cone
- Super glue
- Fall leaves



Step one:

Attach googly eyes onto pinecones with glue.

Step two:

Attach fall leaves to the back of the pine cone using hot glue (parental supervision needed).

Step one:

Measure size of head and cut ribbon.

Step two:

Using Elmers glue, attach the bottom of feathers onto the backside of the ribbon. Then, knot the ends of the ribbon.

Turkey Craft-What I'm Thankful For

Materials:

- Plate
- Two googly eyes
- Construction paper
- Orange paint
- Paint brush
- Glue
- Orange paint



Step one:

Color paper plate orange with paint brush.

Step two:

Add googly eyes; then, cut out construction paper into feathers.

Steph three:

Attach feathers to paper plate; then, write on feathers what you are

Pilgrim Hat

Materials:

- Newspaper
- Masking tape
- Black paint
- Paint brush
- Hole puncher
- Black elastic band



Step one:

Fold newspaper in half, and fold the top two corners down to meet at the center.

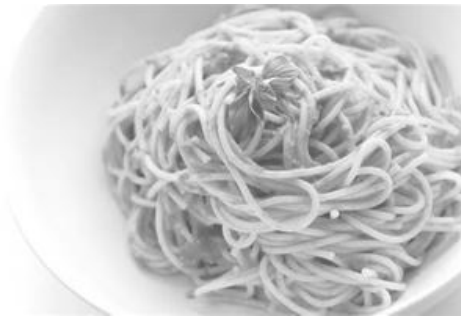
Step two: Tape corners with masking tape. Fold up one bottom edge of the newspaper to meet the edge of the folded-down corners;, then fold the folded edge up again to meet the edge of the folded-down corners.

Step three: Fold the folded edge over to create a brim. Flip the paper over and fold up the opposite bottom edge in the same matter to create a brim. Fold down the top point of your hat and tape down.

Spaghetti Dinner

Courtney Bristow

The first annual Spaghetti Dinner was a time for all in the N.A.G.S. community to sit down and enjoy a nice hot plate of spaghetti and meatballs prepared by none other than our own Mr. John Grasso and his wife, Mrs. Grasso. It was a fun time to eat dinner out with your friends. The sauce, or *gravy*, for the spaghetti was lovingly prepared by Mr. Grasso throughout the summer from his own homegrown tomatoes. He prepared many jars of sauce throughout the summer. Mrs. Grasso helped our wonderful Mr. Grasso in the kitchen that night. Mrs. Lisa Bristow also took part with helping as well as many other faculty members. By the end of the night the Spaghetti Dinner was a roaring success.



School Clubs

Emma Cusano/Brynn Lynch

Calling all Nazareth Academy Grade School students! Our school community is every students' second home. A great way to show appreciation for our school is to get involved. What better way to get involved than to join school clubs?!

A really awesome club is Forensics! This club is open to grades 6-8 and it is so much fun! Mrs. Ayes will take you through a journey of public speaking! The Works of Mercy Club with Mrs. Vaccarino and Mrs. Hujber is a fun way to get involved with your community and to serve others. All can learn about and truly live the "works of mercy." We do have a chance to visit places for which we perform service. This club is open to grades 4-8 and is a great way to give back. Reading Olympics is open to all of those *bookworms* in grades 5-8. It is directed by Mrs. Ayes and is mandatory for Honors ELA students. Tutoring takes place after school on Tuesdays from 3:00-4:00. The students from local high schools come to help students from our school better understand the material that they are learning. Math Club is run by Mrs. Kane and Mrs. Culp on Thursdays and is open to grades 4-8. This is a club filled with fun math games that give your brain a workout!

So, come on, join, and have fun!





MALIA & LIAM'S FUN ACTIVITIES



Happy Holidays from Santa's Mail Depot.com

What I am Thankful For...

A _____	N _____
B _____	O _____
C _____	P _____
D _____	Q _____
E _____	R _____
F _____	S _____
G _____	T _____
H _____	U _____
I _____	V _____
J _____	W _____
K _____	X _____
L _____	Y _____
M _____	Z _____



Halloween Treats



N	U	O	I	N	T	A	R	I	N
E	O	T	G	C	A	Z	A	R	E
B	O	S	U	S	W	E	E	T	S
A	P	U	M	P	K	I	N	I	S
D	T	R	E	A	T	S	N	R	M
E	E	C	C	E	R	Y	F	O	I
B	N	P	A	O	I	K	O	Y	R
R	U	F	N	I	C	J	I	Y	N
C	D	L	D	L	K	L	I	E	E
W	A	T	Y	U	M	G	A	T	A

Find the following hidden words:

- candy
- cupcake
- pumpkin
- sweets
- treat
- trick
- yum
- gum
- boo



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