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HISTORY BEHIND BLACK HISTORY MONTH

By Caelyn Taylor-Henson

BAY ST. LOUIS- February 1st marks the beginning of Black History Month, a time dedicated to honoring essential people and significant contributions and achievements of African Americans throughout history. The story of Black History Month begins in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States. This month is not just a period of reflection but also an opportunity for people to understand, respect, and appreciate the rich cultural heritage and struggles of the African American community. Historian Carter G. Woodson first proposed Black History Month, "The Father of Black History," and the Association for Study of African American Life and History in 1926, initially as a week-long celebration. It was later expanded to a month in 1976 when President Gerald Ford recognized Black History Month and called upon the public of all Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history." Since then, every U.S. president has officially marked

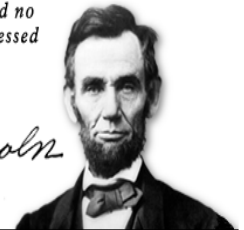
the month of February as Black History Month. Black History Month lasts from February 1st to the 1st of March. Carter G. Woodson chose the month of February as a time to honor Black History because it's a month when two men who played an essential role in shaping black history celebrate their birthdays in February. President Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass are known for their extreme efforts to end slavery. On February 1, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution. The Thirteenth Amendment outlawed slavery in the United States. The Emancipation Proclamation was declared by Abraham Lincoln on January 1st, 1863, during the American Civil War, only freed slaves being held in Confederate states. The Emancipation Proclamation only became a national policy through the Thirteenth Amendment; Lincoln stated, "All to persons held as slaves" within the rebellious areas "Are, and henceforward shall be free. Frederick Douglass was a runaway slave who escaped to New York City in 1838; through his work with the Underground Railroad, it was estimated that Douglass and his wife helped at least 400 runaway slaves. After escaping, he later settled in Bedford, Massachusetts. In 1841, at an anti-slavery convention, he was asked to share his experience as an enslaved person; his story moved the audience so much that he became an agent for the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society.

In 1861, the nation got caught up in a war over the slavery issue. Frederick worked his best to prove that emancipation would be one of the outcomes of the war. He recruited African American men to fight in the U.S. Army, including two of his sons who served in the famous 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry.

"If I could save the Union without freeing any slave I would do it; and if I could save it by freeing all the slaves I would do it; and if I could save it by freeing some and leaving others alone I would also do that.... I have here stated my purpose according to my view of official duty; and I intend no modification of my oft-expressed personal wish that all men everywhere could be free."

Abraham Lincoln

August 22, 1862



This is a quote said by Abraham Lincoln and how he feels all should be treated equally and have freedom.

OLA Basketball Team: The End of Another Great Season

By Blaklee Geil

BAY ST. LOUIS - The OLA basketball team consists of 14 players on varsity. They began the start of the season by practicing every day of October. Practicing every day after school was difficult and tiring for the players.

Coach Henley always kept a positive attitude and reminded his players, "Always shoot game shots, from game spots, at game speed."

On October 28th, 2023, the Varsity Basketball team had their first game. They traveled to Purvis. They continued the season with a total of 1 win and 15 losses. Although at the beginning of the season, they had a rough start. The team played hard all season. After playing 15 games together

On February 9, 2024, the varsity team traveled to Perry Central to play the last game of the season. Unfortunately, they lost. . The score for their last game was 31-37. Although it was hard to say goodbye to another great season. They accepted defeat with encouraging attitudes. Although, this was hard on both seniors, Anne Pierson Kane and Claire Wojtowicz. They both had positive things to say about the end of their last game together. Senior Claire Wojtowicz said, "We've improved a lot and finished the season in a much better position than previous years. "Senior Anne Peirson Kane said, "I ended this season with some great memories."



OLA basketball celebrates Senior Night



Alexis Barrois-Senior Spotlight

By Evie Boudreaux



Alexis enjoying Mercy Day tea

Alexis Barrois, an Our Lady Academy 2024 Senior, discusses her senior year and experience at OLA.

BAY ST. LOUIS- Alexis Barrois moved to the Bay area in the 3rd grade and attended Holy Trinity Catholic School. She has gone to OLA since 7th grade and said her favorite memory at OLA was when Mrs. Haas slammed a jar of peanut butter on the desk and asked if it made anyone uncomfortable. Alexis enjoys listening to music and playing the guitar in her free time. She said that the most challenging part of her senior year has been staying on top of her work. She plans to attend MGCCC to get her cosmetology license and then attend a four-year university for her esthetician license. When asked if Alexis has any advice for incoming seventh graders, she said, "to cherish every moment because the time at OLA really does go by fast."

“Our Saint Pierre”

By Caelyn Taylor-Henson

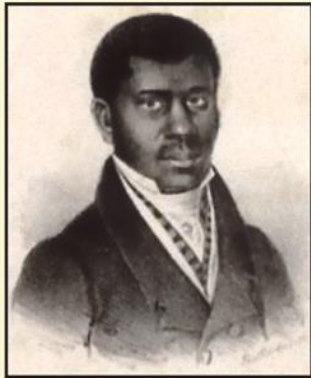
BAY ST. LOUIS- Pierre Toussaint was born into slavery in 1766 on the French island of Saint Domingue (Haiti). Most enslaved Africans were labored in the sugar cane fields, but Pierre was a domestic slave who provided comfort for Jacques and Marie Berard’s family. He learned to read and write, and Jacques allowed curious Pierre access to his library. The uncertainty in Saint Domingue before and during the Haitian Revolution caused a majority of slave owners to depart with their slaves. The Berard family was one of the families who took flight to the U.S. In 1787, they brought five enslaved people, including Pierre and his sister, Rosalie, to New York City, searching for temporary refuge. Jacques returned to Saint Domingue to attempt to

check on his property but died there, leaving Marie widowed in New York. Pierre was apprenticed to work as a hairdresser, but as a young man, he grew highly proficient and in high demand. He made enough money to take care of his widowed mistress, Marie; he even purchased the freedom of other slaves, including his future wife, Juliette Noel, a Haitian woman. Pierre purchased a house in Manhattan.

In 1811, he married Juliette. Pierre also made enough money to purchase his sister’s freedom and adopt her daughter, Euphemia, after her mother’s death. The Toussaint family was devastated because of Euphemia’s death at the age of fourteen due to tuberculosis. As a devoted Catholic, Pierre and his family always attended St. Peter’s Church, which later became St. Patrick’s Cathedral. Pierre was highly charitable throughout his life towards the Church and other institutions. The Toussaint family offered their home to orphan children, whom they educated and taught. Pierre and Juliette were large benefactors to the First New York City Catholic School for African American children and the Oblate Sisters of Providence, a Catholic school in Baltimore established to educate African

American girls. Pierre and his wife never stopped working their best to help others until Juliette died in 1851.

Pierre died two years later, a freeman in New York in 1853. He was buried next to his wife and Euphemia in St. Patrick’s Old Cathedral cemetery. In December 1996, Pope John Paul II recognized the life of Pierre; the Pope declared him the Venerable Pierre Toussaint as part of the canonization process. This firmly placed him on the road to becoming North America’s first African American saint; Pierre was a proud man in his faith and culture, committed to serving others. During his lifetime, people referred to him as “our Saint Pierre.”



Venerable Pierre Toussaint

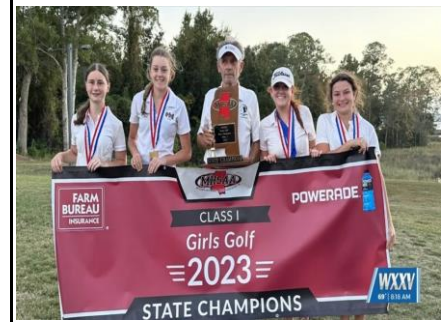
Born a slave in Haiti - 1766

Died in New York - 1853

Philanthropist & Founder of many Catholic charitable works

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"I have never felt I am a slave to any man or woman but I am a servant of Almighty God who made us all. When one of His children is in need, I am glad to be His slave."



By Anna Kate Ivey
Throughout this past fall season, Our Lady Academy's golf team worked hard, which paid off!

BAY ST. LOUIS- With Jim Simmons as their coach, last year's team roster included Gabby Haas, Ellie Powell, Emma Monti, Emma Cain, Natalie Ladner, Tilley Newman, and Hope Ponte. The golf team competed in the 3A Division and played in tournaments against other divisions around once a week.

The players had an overall joyous season. After winning the State Champion title, the girls felt a sense of relief and fulfillment. Gabby Haas, a five-year team member, stated, “After winning the State Championship, I felt very relieved considering it came down to hole number 18 with one shot to win.” In golf, different high schools compete as teams and as individuals.

The player or team with the lowest score wins.

Through the many challenges over this season, the girls built terrific friendships. Through this teamwork and support, the girls managed to win the State Championship.

ACT Classes You Should Know About

By Ema Cait Freeman

With the school testing day for the ACT quickly approaching, here are classes and courses you can take to improve your score.

BAY ST. LOUIS - On March 13, Our Lady Academy's juniors and sophomores will take the ACT. For juniors, this is not their first rodeo. However, this may be the first ACT for many sophomores! Many students take ACT prep courses online and in person to improve their scores. The issue with online prep courses is that most students require a course

personalized to their needs and one-on-one with their instructor. The problem with in-person classes is they can be hard to locate, but this article can help!

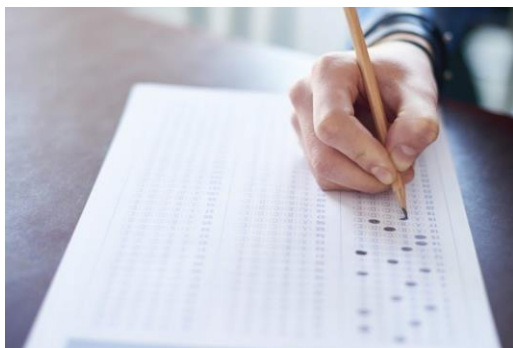
This article will discuss the Pearl River ACT Prep course, The Literacy Lady, and personal ACT tutors. Although many of these courses will not be

available before this ACT, they can be used to prepare students for their next testing day.

The Pearl River ACT Prep course will be offered on May 30, 2024, at the Pearl River Community College Poplarville Campus, and the application deadline is May 23. The course costs 85 dollars to attend, and lunch is provided. The instructor is Dr. Jennifer Seal. To apply for this, look up PRCC ACT Prep and follow the link to their page; a hotlink will be provided to register online.

Another option to prepare for the ACT is to sign up for a class with The Literacy Lady, Carva King. Mrs. King offers in-person instruction at her learning studio in Long Beach and has an online class. Once the student completes their initial workshop in person or online, they will continue practicing the techniques they learned and receive feedback from Mrs. King. The cost for this course is 150 dollars per student.

Another option is hiring a personal tutor to coach you on improving your ACT score. According to Thumbtack, a tutoring website, the best ACT tutors on the coast are SoFlo Test Prep, which charges 75 dollars per hour; Amikka Test Prep, which charges 60 dollars per hour; and Mireille Levy, which charges 105. When preparing for the ACT, don't be afraid to spend a little time and money to devise a strategy; it may just improve your grade!



Logic Game – Personality

Aaron, Jane, Melissa, Rex and Tyler live in the same street. From this game you can find out their age and their personality (positive and negative characteristic features). Look at the clues, fill in the tables, and then write full sentences using the solution. To solve this logic game put an 'X' where there is a relation and '-' where there isn't.

		AGE					POSITIVE				NEGATIVE					
		12	17	19	24	29	cheerful	clever	energetic	helpful	polite	forgetful	intolerant	lazy	talkative	unpunctual
NAME	Aaron															
	Jane															
	Melissa															
	Rex															
	Tyler															
NEGATIVE	forgetful															Clue 1: Melissa is unpunctual.
	intolerant															Clue 2: The 24-year-old man is lazy and he isn't helpful.
	lazy															Clue 3: Jane is very young. She likes talking.
	talkative															Clue 4: The energetic boy isn't forgetful. He is 17.
	unpunctual															Clue 5: The polite boy forgets things easily.
POSITIVE	cheerful															Clue 6: Aaron is intolerant.
	clever															Clue 7: Tyler is cheerful.
	energetic															Clue 8: The 19-year-old girl isn't clever.
	helpful															
	polite															

Now summarize your answers.

NAME	AGE	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE
Aaron			
Jane			
Melissa			
Rex			
Tyler			

Now write sentences. Look at the example.

e.g.: Bob is 18 years old. He is very talented but gossipy.

- 1) Aaron _____
- 2) Jane _____
- 3) Melissa _____
- 4) Rex _____
- 5) Tyler _____

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Mrs. Seymour Spotlight

By Faith Ponte

Mrs. Seymour, Our Lady Academy principal, tells us all about herself.

BAY SAINT LOUIS – Mrs. Seymour has been a principal since 2008 at Waveland Elementary School. Before becoming principal, she was a teacher for 15 years. Mrs. Seymour wanted to become a teacher ever since her aunt passed away from a car crash involving a drunk driver.

Her aunt would read her books and rock her to sleep while studying to become an elementary school teacher. The accident happened when she was leaving night class right before graduation. The library at Holy Trinity Elementary School is named after her aunt, Terri Zengarling.

Mrs. Seymour always thought she would be the principal at Holy Trinity, yet God led her back to OLA. Mrs. Seymour said, "God knows best; I belong here at OLA." After 15 years of teaching, she knew she wanted to become a principal. After being a teacher, she became a principal; then, she went to the district level. After being at the district level, she missed all the people she interacted with by being a principal, so she returned to being a principal.

Mrs. Seymour's husband took a similar route, first being a teacher, then moving to administration, then back to teaching, and also picking up coaching. She has two sons and a daughter.



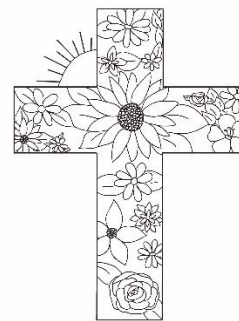
Mrs. Seymour with her sisterhood at Mercy Day 2023

Her oldest son is 27 who is father to her first grandbaby. Her daughter has a husband who is in the United States Navy. Her youngest son is a senior in high school and currently attends Bay High. He plays baseball, and Mrs. Seymour's life has revolved around baseball for the last 15 years. Mrs. Seymour's favorite thing about being the principal is her students and being able to grow in their faith with them. She loves to see young girls blossom into young women.

On the contrary, Mrs. Seymour does not enjoy the meetings and administrative duties that keep her away from the students and teachers. Mrs. Seymour loves being here at OLA and thanks God daily for unanswered prayers. She also thanks Father Mike and the OLG parish for trusting her.



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The name of the LORD is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.
Psalms 18:10

Hot Reads!

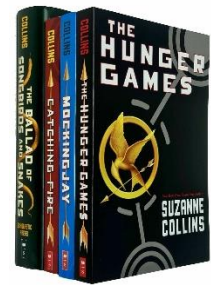
By Claire Wojtowicz

Reading is one of many ways to occupy free time in class. Look at some popular books you can find here on campus in Mrs. Colbert's room to read!

It comes as no surprise that *The Hunger Games* series written by Suzanne Collins has become popular again due to the release of *The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes* movie late last year. *The Hunger Games* is a dystopian fiction series that follows the life of the main character, Katniss Everdeen, as she is selected to participate in a survival game with other players to compete for victory in their sectors. All four books of this series can be found on Mrs. Colbert's bookshelf if another student has not already borrowed them.

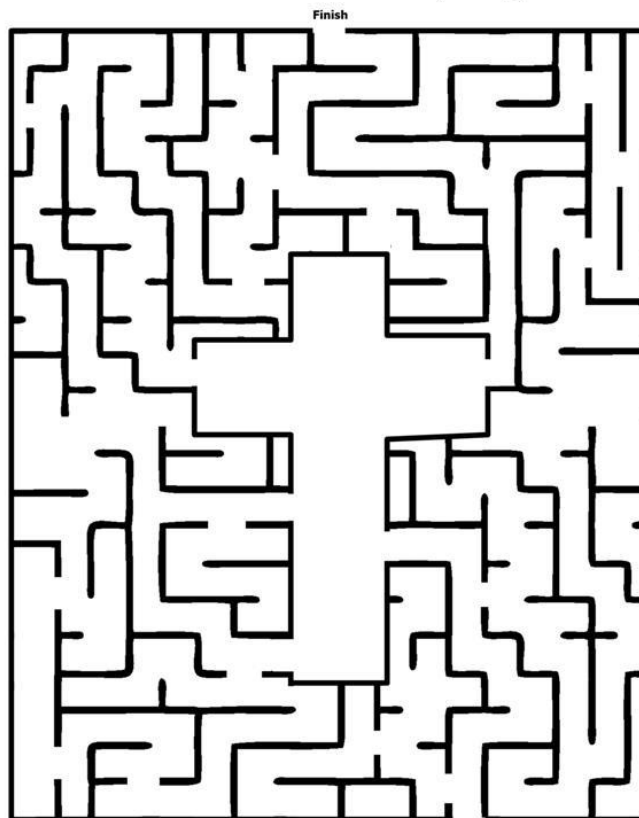
Little Women, written by Louisa May Alcott, is a fictional story that follows the lives of four sisters- Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy- as they journey through childhood and into adulthood. This classic is full of life lessons and stories of womanhood that any reader can come to love. *Little Women*, along with other classics, are wonderful and beneficial reads.

In Atlanta, Georgia, *The Downstairs Girl*, written by Stacey Lee, follows the life of Jo Kuan as she finds her voice and learns to step into the light. Jo's hidden talent for writing finds its way to the public as she publishes articles in the local newspaper under the pseudonym of Miss Sweetie. After receiving a mysterious letter, Jo goes off on a journey of self-discovery and learns how to be herself and let her talents shine.



These are just three great books/series found in Mrs. Colbert's classroom in Johnson Hall that can be taken to read at any time. Happy reading!

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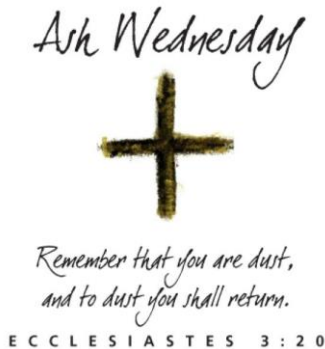


Ash Wednesday

By Isabella Kerner



Ashes used for Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday marks Catholics' first day of Lent and falls 40 days before Easter. Each represents both the death and repentance of the individual who receives them.

BAY ST. LOUIS- Ash Wednesday is a well-known Christian tradition that began in the early churches of Rome. On Ash Wednesday, many Christians partake in a morning, afternoon, or evening mass to receive their ashes. During the mass, the priest places the ashes on the recipient's forehead in the shape of the cross, saying, "Remember you are dust, and from dust, you shall return."

These ashes are obtained by burning the palms previously used at the Palm Sunday mass. Although Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation, every Christian must receive their ashes to remember their death and penance.

Ash Wednesday is held throughout many churches. These churches include Roman Catholic, Protestant, Anglican, and Lutheran. This celebration marks the beginning of Lent, a 40-day fasting period of prayer, almsgiving, and personal sacrifices to symbolize Jesus's journey in the desert. Lent requires that all Roman Catholics eat only one full meal daily and refrain from consuming meat on Fridays. These 40 days of Lent prepare Christians for the Easter season.

This year, Ash Wednesday falls on February 14, 2024. Anyone interested in attending Our Lady of the Gulf mass for Ash Wednesday or Lent masses can view times and learn more about each mass at olgchurch.net.

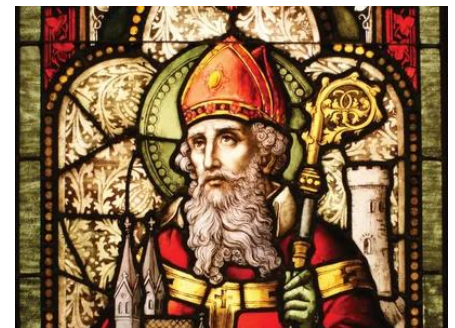
St. Patrick's Day

By Lily Fontenette

St. Patrick's Day occurs every year on March 17th.

BAY ST. LOUIS- St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. At the young age of 16, he was kidnapped and taken to Ireland to be enslaved. In 432 CE, he escaped and began his journey to convert the Irish to Christianity. After he died, emigrants transformed his feast day into a more significant holiday celebrating the Irish.

The first St. Patrick's Day parade was held in Boston, Massachusetts in 1737. Many participate in St. Patrick's Day yearly and continue to enjoy the traditions. Although the color associated with this day was blue, many currently associate it with green. Many legends surround St. Patrick, but the most famous is using the shamrock to describe the concept of the Holy Trinity.



St. Patrick on a glass window inside a church.

Senior Spotlight

By Laney Fletcher

Meet Brooklen Bourgeois, an upcoming graduate, Class of 2024, at Our Lady Academy! Brooklen discusses her plans for the future, her favorite things to do, and some fun facts about herself.

BAY ST. LOUIS- Our Lady Academy senior, Brooklen Bourgeois, is a member of the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. She is also an active member of the Crescents Athletic Club and Students Against Destructive Decisions. Brooklen has been a student at OLA since 7th grade and plans to attend Mississippi State and major in marketing after high school. Her favorite memory at OLA is when they brought a baby kangaroo to school. After college, she would like to move somewhere other than Mississippi. When asked how she feels about graduating high school, she replied, "I'm sad to leave my friends that I have spent the last four years with, but I'm excited to start something new and make new friends." A fun fact that Brooklen would like everyone to know is she only owns one school skirt. Her free time hobbies include hanging out with her friends and playing pickleball. She is looking forward to spring break with her friends the most. One piece of advice Brooklen would like to share is to "enjoy the little things." Stay tuned for the next senior spotlight as we get other perspectives on the senior class of 2024.



Brooklen Bourgeois

Senior Spotlight

By Marley Kinniburgh

Meet Our Lady Academy Senior Evangeline "Evie"

Boudreaux!

BAY ST. LOUIS- Upcoming graduate Evie Boudreaux has been a student at OLA since the seventh grade. She is active in her faith inside and outside the school through involvement in Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church (OLG) and youth group. Evie has attended events like the Catholic Steubenville Conference in Georgia and the Mound Bayou Mission in the Delta. She volunteers within her community as a leader at Vacation Bible School, an OLA Eucharistic Minister, a participant in the Crab Fest at OLG, and more. Evie was inducted into the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta as a reward for academic excellence in the high school setting. Aside from school and volunteer work, Evangeline is an all-star and a competitive cheerleader at Magnolia Athletic Company in Louisiana. Her team recently received a bid for the 2024 Allstar World Championship in Orlando, Florida! When asked about her emotions and looking forward to the competition, she replied, "It has always been a goal of mine to compete at Worlds, and I am so excited I will get to experience it my senior year."

Evie plans to attend the University of South Alabama in the upcoming fall semester to pursue a degree in Psychology. After college, she intends to go to graduate school to pursue a career in clinical psychology.



Evie enjoying a cup of tea on Mercy Day.

Our Lady Academy Softball

By Ava Schmitt

OLA spring sports are kicking off!

BAY ST. LOUIS- OLA softball season is kicking off here soon, with their first game on February 15 in Gautier at 6:30. The team started practice when we returned from Christmas break. They practice Monday through Friday from 4 to 6 o'clock unless it rains. Occasionally, when it rains, they may practice in the OLA gym. The team's coaches are Coach Andrew and Coach Frank.

McKinley, a junior on the softball team, plays third base and is a pitcher. McKinley decided to play softball this year because she has been playing since she was four. Softball is one of the things she enjoys doing the most. McKinley loves the bonds she has built while playing and the lifelong friends she has made out of it; she says, "I am most nervous to play St. Patrick's this year."

Madelyn Johnston, a sophomore on the team, plays second base. Madelyn says, "I decided to play softball to try something new and to develop a new skill set." Madelyn enjoys playing softball because when she goes onto the field, she can focus on something other than school. Madelyn is most nervous about playing against Sacred Heart this year.

Avery, a junior on the team, plays first and third base. Avery enjoys being on the softball team, but what she enjoys most, she says, is, "My favorite thing about softball are the bus rides to far away games." Avery, like McKinley, is also most nervous about playing against St. Patrick's this year.

The softball schedule can be found at the bottom of the calendar on the OLA website. The games for each week will also be provided in the "This Week at OLA" email from Mrs. Seymour. Do not forget to support the softball's first home game on Friday, the 16th!



Image from OLA's website of a softball game last year.

President's Day

By Madelyn Johnston

A brief history behind President's Day.

BAY ST. LOUIS- President's Day is a federal holiday held on the third Monday of February to celebrate George Washington's birthday. It is not just to celebrate George Washington but all of the former presidents of the United States of America. President's Day was named for its role in the 1971 Uniform Monday Holiday Act. This act is an attempt to create a three-day weekend for the nation's workers to ensure that it would reduce employee absenteeism. We are celebrating all the presidents over the years by celebrating this holiday.



Happy President's Day!



OLA archers ready for firth meet

OLA Takes Aim

By Alexis Barrois

BAY ST. LOUIS- Our Lady Academy archery team has been around for ten years. The seniors on this year's archery team shared how they felt about it being the first meet of their last year on the team. Archery senior Janna Babin has been on the team for three years. When asked how she felt about it being her last year on the team, Janna stated, "I'm excited and also sad because I love it, and I finally got the hang of it." When other seniors were asked the same question, such as Faith Ponte, who has been on the team for five years, she responded, "I'm kinda sad because doing archery makes me happy." Another senior, Lilia Monsalve, who has been on the team for four years, stated, "I'm gonna miss it and all the fun times we spent together." She was asked how she felt about it being her last year on the team.

The second to last senior is Claire Wojtowicz. She has been on the archery team since seventh grade, and when asked how she felt about it being her last year, she replied, "Sad but happy!". Lastly, the final senior on the team with a six-year attendance is Emma Cleveland. When asked how she felt about her final year on the team, she replied, "I'm excited for the season but sad it's my last one."

The coach, Matt Crawford, was asked about his plans and goals for the archery team, and he responded, "For the team to average a 256." He also gave reasons why he thinks other students should join the team. Some of those reasons include archery being a great hobby, and it will help students be consistent and not have to be super athletic, so almost everyone will be able to do this sport.

If you are considering joining or would like to know more about archery, do not hesitate to ask one of the seniors on the team.

Mississippi College Science and Mathematical Tournament

By Caroline Dufrene

OLA Students travel to Jackson.

BAY ST. LOUIS- On February 9, 2024, more than 850 high school students participated in the math and science competition. Six OLA students attended: Kaila Seymour, Katie Favre, Janna Babin, Ava Gartman, Hallie Parker, and Gabby Haas. Students took 50-minute exams in biology, chemistry, computer science, math, and physics.

This academic competition was started in 1975 by Mississippi College professors, making it the oldest academic competition for high schoolers in Mississippi. Students can win up to \$5,000 in scholarships to attend Mississippi College at this tournament.

Katie Favre finished in the top 10 percent. Janna Babin finished in the top 15. Mrs. Cranford said, "Students did better than they expected." A crowd favorite was visiting the cadaver lab on campus.



Students at Mississippi College

The Alpha Omega Robotics Team is Achieving More Than Ever!

By Anne Pierson Kane

This year, the Alpha Omega team is growing, accomplishing many mission competitions, and building the most complex robots!

BAY ST. LOUIS- The Alpha Omega robotics team consists of OLA students and is supervised by Mrs. Cranford. However, the squad is relatively new. Established in 2018, OLA's robotics team was founded by students who wanted to start the club. The club's first years included meeting off campus. Now, they have their robotics room- it shows how far the team has come!

The Alpha Omega team has two aspects. The first is robotics, and the second is Lego League. Lego League members are 7th and 8th graders. Recently, they went to the Lighthouse Qualifier, where they qualified for state. The state competition is February 24.

The robotics team also has some important upcoming events. In March, they will be attending the Magnolia Regional competition in Laurel. They will travel to Kenner in April to compete in the Bayou Regional. The robotics team has collectively spent 350 hours building robots this season alone. However, the team does not only build robots. They also design websites and business plans and run the team's social media. Mrs. Cranford says, "We build big, robust, sparkly robots with gracious professionalism. We learn how to program computers, use tools, and many things!" The robotics team prepares students for problems they may face in the future and how they can solve them.

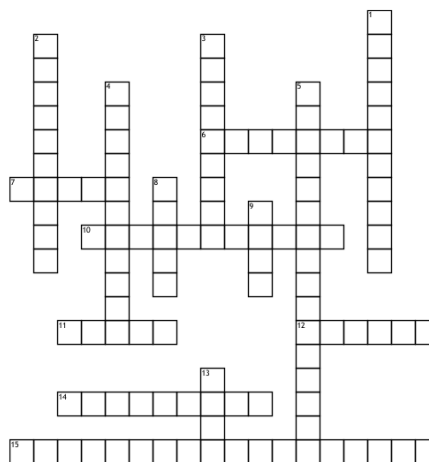
If you are interested in joining Alpha Omega, see Mrs. Cranford!

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Lego League competes at St. Patrick's

Robotics Crossword Puzzle



Across

6. the study of robots
 7. the UltraSonic Sensor uses this type of technology when it sends a signal out to the object and it bounces back to the robot
 10. this motor is typically used as a secondary motor
 11. The specific areas for connecting sensors and motors to the EV3.

12. In Mindstorm, the name of the block used if you want the robot to do something when one condition is met and then another thing when a different condition is met

14. Robotics kits from Lego containing hardware and software to create EV3 robots

15. a person who writes computer code

Down

1. this sensor can tell if the robot hits into something

2. this motor is typically used to make the robot's wheels move

3. A list of instructions to do something

4. This sensor can detect something blue, red, green, white, black, etc.

5. this sensor detects distance from an object

8. the "brains" of the mindstorm robot

9. A term for any command or group of commands in a program.

13. In Mindstorm, the name of the block used to do something over and over

Word Bank

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|--------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| mindstorm | algorithm | color sensor | ultrasonic sensor |
| touchsensor | robotics | brick | large motor |
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OLA Goes to Jackson, Mississippi

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Our Lady Academy students participate in the yearly state-wide Youth legislature event.

BAY ST. LOUIS- OLA students attended The Mississippi Youth Legislature in Jackson, Mississippi, in November 2023. Youth legislature is a program held by many schools that allows students from many schools to participate in a mock congress by making and presenting mock bills. Students are separated into the House of Representatives and the Senate. During this time, students can debate, support, and veto bills. This opportunity will enable students to grow in knowledge of government and inspire young people to pursue government jobs.

The students who participated last year were Alexis Barrois, Georgie Maggio, Kirynn Necaie, Alex Bujan, Ashley Hilton, Zoey Alonso, Madeline Piazza, and Isa Barvie.

The students were overjoyed and learned so much through their short trip. Alexis Barrois said, "Youth Leg taught me how to write a bill, debate, and the inner workings of how bills are passed." Georgie was asked, "What inspired you to join Youth Leg, and what inspires you to continue returning"? She replied, "I just wanted to do it for fun initially, but then I enjoyed it, so I've continued to do it since seventh grade."

OLA students held many important positions. Alex Bujan held the position of party floor leader, and Georgie Maggio acquired the position of house majority leader!

The bills ranged from helping elders pay their electricity bills through a minimal increase in taxation to implementing therapy for those in solitary confinement. While all the bills were outstanding, only a few made it to the governor. Even though only a few made it, all the girls who participated gave it their all!

Alex Bujan was awarded the Outstanding Leadership award, Georgie Maggio was awarded Most Outstanding Legislator, and Madeline Piazza was awarded Outstanding Senator. Great job, ladies! Join next year's youth legislature team to create an impact like these girls!



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