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## THE GOLDEN AGE OF CHOCOLATE COMES TO SAINT ANN'S

- Sienna Brawn (5th Grade)



**Drama Club puts on a spectacular show for Willy Wonka Jr. Pictured is the opening scene of the show.**

The school play was held April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, where they put on an outstanding performance of *Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, Jr.* Willie Wonka holds a contest to spread the word about his chocolate factory. To win this contest they have to find a golden ticket in one of his chocolate bars. The 5 lucky winners of this contest get a free tour of his chocolate

factory, as well as a life time supply of chocolate. The 5 kids have to learn to respect his chocolate factory or suffer the consequences.

After speaking with Mrs. Binder, the director, she thought the play was successful and came together well with a lot of hard work. Sarah Boardman played the lead role of Willie Wonka. She said she was very proud of herself

for getting the role because she had never been a lead before. Caeli Martino, who played Veruca Salt, commented on the hard work and practice it took for her to play her character. She said there were times where it was difficult, but not always. Another lead, Jonathan Romero, who played Charlie Bucket said he enjoyed singing "I'm Flying" the most. This scene consisted of Charlie and his grandfather dancing around the stage and even concluded with burping! Oompa Loompas, played by Lauren Bendekovits, Collin (Nick) Cuffy, and Rose Alsleben said they liked the choreography for their parts and they were able to express themselves as Oompa Loompas. Finally, Grandpa Joe, played by Jack Freemont commented on how accurate his makeup was to play a grandfather. It took a lot of time for him to look like that!

Overall, the play was a hit and the school and audience enjoyed the cast's performance!

## MEET THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF SAINT ANN SCHOOL

- Gabi Rutch & Tierna Moore (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)

This year, Saint Ann School has added many new teachers to its staff. We interviewed all of our new teachers. We hope they are enjoying their time at St. Ann's so far!

### Q: Where did you get your education?

A: DeSales University ~ Miss Shuster

A: Penn State and Kutztown ~ Mrs. Scholz

A: Bloomsburg University ~ Mrs. Ott

### Q: Who/What inspired you to become a teacher?

A: My mother because she never had the opportunity to become a teacher. She wanted to fulfill her mother's dreams. ~ Mrs. Goldman

A: I taught in Spain for a year. ~ Miss Trinkle

### Q: What is the hardest part of being a teacher?

A: Time management ~ Miss Stanek

A: Time management with different classes ~ Mrs. Schulze

A: Planning ~ Mrs. Goldman

### Q: Have you always wanted to become a teacher?

A: No, I wanted to be a lawyer. ~ Mrs. Rocks

### Q: Can you name an interesting fact about yourself?

A: I was a trivia host. ~ Mrs. Rocks

A: I worked at Epcot in Disney World. ~ Ms. Stanek

A: I skipped 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. ~ Mrs. Schulze



### Q: Did you like school as a kid?

A: Yes, especially high school and college. ~ Ms. Stanek

A: Yes, I LOVED school. ~ Ms. Shuster

A: Yes, I liked to cheer and I liked Math class. ~ Ms. Grapsy

### Q: What is your favorite part of being a teacher?

A: Working with kids and playing sports ~ Mr. Rota

A: Getting students more interested in music ~ Mrs. Scholz

A: Interacting with kids to reach their potential ~ Mrs. Schulze

### Q: Where is your favorite place to go?

A: Italy ~ Ms. Grapsy

A: Barnes & Noble, I love to read. ~ Ms. Shuster

A: My granddaughter's house ~ Mrs. Ott

### Q: What is your favorite book?

A: Wonder ~ Ms. Trinkle

### Q: What is your favorite sport?

A: Swimming ~ Ms. Trinkle

A: Football ~ Mr. Rota

### Q: If you could pick any grade to teach what would it be?

A: 5<sup>th</sup> grade ~ Mrs. Rocks

A: 6<sup>th</sup> grade Math ~ Ms. Grapsy

# HISTORY DAY STATE COMPETITION – Sam Herbst (8<sup>th</sup> Grade)



This year, St. Ann School has produced a winner for History Day: David Fleck from 8<sup>th</sup> grade. On March 4<sup>th</sup> at Jim Thorpe High School, David and his fellow competitors from St. Ann: Diego Colon/Zach Hoffman, David Kreidler/Matt Magee, Ian Albright/ Patrick Donohue, Julia Vicario, Laura Kidd and Makenzie Krasley competed

for first place against more than a dozen other schools. Led by Mr. Zapata, middle school History teacher, David won a spot for States in Carlisle, PA in May.

As a second year veteran, David's research was on "The Golden Age of Piracy." A project about pirates during their prime age. He says he chose this because he wanted to reasearch things not usually researched. David is excited for the competition and is awaiting States now. Good luck, David Fleck!

## Teacher Trivia! – Harper Daly & Maggie Coassolo (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Read the clues about some of our fabulous teachers at Saint Ann's to see if you can guess who they are!

1. This teacher's favorite Disney movie is Zootopia. In her free time she likes to run. Her favorite animal is a cat. A fun fact about her is that she loves to play and watch basketball! Can you guess this teacher?
2. This teacher's favorite sports team is the Villanova Wildcats. She loves to teach Math. Her favorite book is *Wonder*. She is fluent in Spanish and even lived in Spain for 2 years. Can you guess this teacher?
3. This teacher's favorite animal is a lion. She loves to celebrate Christmas with her family. She can knit. She also sings everywhere she goes! Can you guess this teacher?
4. This teacher's favorite color is turquoise. She loves to eat seafood. In her spare time she likes to garden, hike, and do yoga. She was on the fencing team in college! Can you guess this teacher?
5. This teacher's favorite season is Spring. Her favorite food is pasta. Her favorite color is blue. She was very shy as a child. Can you guess this teacher?

\*Answers can be found under the Academic Bowl article\*



## New Clubs Come to St. Ann's

– Annabelle Penschishen (7<sup>th</sup> Grade), Nina Tormann (7<sup>th</sup> Grade), Eve Binder (6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

### Science Club

The students in Science Club perform experiments such as building bridges out of pennies, building a hover craft out of balloons and cds, and using baking soda and vinegar to see if it would blow up.

Science Club is moderated by Mrs. Ott, Mrs. Schulze, and Miss Trinkle.

### Knitting Club

In Knitting Club, students learn about different types of stitches. They are making bookmarks and will eventually make a scarf. Knitting Club is moderated by Miss Grapsy and Mrs. Elwert.



### Yoga Club

In Yoga Club, the students warm up and then they stretch to the best of their ability. While they stretch, they play music, eat snack, and use ties to help stretch. Mrs. Bucha is in charge of Yoga Club.





# Wrapping Up a Great Season

- Audrey Boardman & Catherine Raynock (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Here are some opinions of students who played basketball for St. Ann's this year. We interviewed players in grades 3-8.

3<sup>rd</sup> grade girls- They really liked the season and they think they played very well. Their favorite thing during the season was the practices. They all think they could improve on their shooting in games. Overall, the team loved the season and want to sign up next year.

3<sup>rd</sup> grade boys- They felt they could have done better in all aspects of the game. They really would like to play the game next year and their favorite part of the season was practice. The part of the game they thought they could improve was shooting. They all enjoyed the period of time and would love to play again next year.

4<sup>th</sup> grade girls- The entire team had a stellar season! They enjoyed working together as a team, but they feel they could be more confident in themselves during games. They all agreed that they could do better at shooting. But, they all really, really desire to do it again next year.

4<sup>th</sup> grade boys- The team thought they did really well in scoring and shooting. In fact, one of their fans observed them score 70 points! Overall, they had an awesome, undefeated season and they will definitely do it next year.

5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade girls- Overall they thought they did well during the season. Their favorite activity was scrimmaging with each other. During the season, they won half of their games. They enjoyed working together and will play the recreational sport next year. The girls finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place for their league.

5<sup>th</sup> grade boys- The boys thought training overall was not as great or as frequent as they would have liked. They really want to do the sport next year, but they want to improve and advance in skills for games.

7-8<sup>th</sup> grade girls- Their goals for next year are as follows: to win more games and to continue to try their best. The girls' favorite thing about the season was trying their best and having fun. All the girls will continue to play next year.

7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> boys- They thought they did very well overall. Their favorite thing was talking to friends. They will probably do it next year. The main thing they want to accomplish next year is to win more games.

3<sup>rd</sup> grade boy's coach- Mr. Raynock- He thought they learned and improved a lot. He thinks that he and the other coach have a good foundation built for next year. They learned all the fundamentals and became good basketball players. Mr. Raynock will definitely do it next year. His favorite part of coaching was seeing the boys go from not knowing anything about basketball to becoming decent basketball players.

5<sup>th</sup> grade girl's coach- Mr. Coassolo- He thought the season was great. The girls improved each day and worked very hard in practice. The area the team could improve would be shooting baskets. They made numerous shots, but the team could always make more. The team had a great time all season.



## St. Ann School, A History

- Maggie Coassolo & Harper Daly (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Saint Ann Parish was established on June 8, 1931 by Cardinal Denis Dougherty. Father Pekarik opened the school in 1949. Monsignor Thomas E. Hoban was the third pastor along with the Benedictine Sisters. He served the parish for over 20 years until 2008 when he retired. Today, the gym at St. Ann School is named after him. By the 1960's, the school hosted over 350 students and was staffed by "The Sisters of St. Francis." Today, Mrs. Kile serves our school with love and a goal of success for every single student that attends St. Ann School.



## Get To Know Mrs. Ott

- Gabi Rutch & Tiarna Moore (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Mrs. Ott is one of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers at St. Ann School. She has lived most of her life in Lehigh County and graduated from Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania. She is most proud of graduating college at the age of 32 with honors. Her favorite part of teaching is hanging out with her kids. Her favorite subjects to teach are Religion and Math. But, she does not like when kids give excuses. Her favorite singer is Adele and she never misses an episode of The Walking Dead. Her celebrity crush is Chris Hemsworth. Mrs. Ott's favorite book is "Harold and the Purple Crayon" possibly because she loves the color purple. She likes going to a seafood restaurant called The Lantern and LOVES lasagna.

## Four to Penn State, and Beyond

- Sam Herbst (8<sup>th</sup> Grade)



Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science has accepted four St. Ann girls, from 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, to Penn State main campus: 8<sup>th</sup> graders - Sarah Boardman, with “Effects of Super Brain Yoga”, and Sam Herbst, with “What do People Fear Most? What is Compassion?”; and 7<sup>th</sup> graders - Samantha Loeper, with “What is the Effect of Hydroplants on Root Growth of Plant Shoots?”, and Gabriella (Gabi) Rutch, with “Which Type of Nail Polish Lasts on the Fingernail Longer than Lacquer?” On May 14-16, the girls will travel to Penn State University to compete against students from every region in Pennsylvania.

On day three of their trip to Penn State, Boardman, Herbst, Loeper, and Rutch will explore the main campus and compete against the other schools in an attempt to reach top prize. Boardman, Herbst, and Rutch will compete in Behavioral Science while Loeper will compete in Biology. All are excited and a little nervous, but hope for the best. Good luck to all.

## Central Catholic’s Academic Bowl

- Sam Herbst (8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

The eight members of 2017’s Academic Bowl team, led by Mrs. Emerson and other teachers, plan on surpassing last year’s good score at the Central Catholic competition. On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> graders Matt Magee, 3 year veteran, Sam Herbst, 3 year veteran; 7<sup>th</sup> graders, Jack Freemont, 2 year veteran, Jaxsen Miller, first year, Jonathan Romero, first year, Simon Ernst, 2 year veteran, James Manley, 2 year veteran; and 6<sup>th</sup> grader Lola Schaeffer, prepare for the competition less than a month away.

Four members of the team will compete against other teams to answer question after question. Question categories such as History, Science, Literature, Math, Mythology and more will appear. Jokes are often spread at every practice, and teammates tend to get closer and closer. By the end of the year, strengths will be known and support is available. Next year, so many more openings will be available.

## Get to Know Some New Students

- Allison Carr & Jacob Lynds (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)

We took the time to catch up with some of our students that are new to Saint Ann’s and asked them how their experience is going so far.

### Meet William Miller – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

*Q: What do you like about St. Ann School?*

A: I think it is great and fun. It has very fun play grounds and very large play areas, fun parties, too. Say it is Halloween, we would have a Halloween party. The teachers would make subjects easier.

*Q: What school did you come from?*

A: Red Hawk, California

*Q: What is your favorite subject?*

A: Math, it is very fun and important in life.

### Meet Justin Toomey – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

*Q: What do you like the most about St. Ann School?*

A: There are small classes. I like that because the teachers can focus more on the individual student.

*Q: Who is your favorite teacher?*

A. Miss Grapsy because I know her the most, I see her the most, and she also teaches really well.

*Q: What school did you come from?*

A. Eyer Middle School.

*Q: Why do you like St. Ann School?*

A. I feel comfortable and I like it because it’s a lot smaller than Eyer. I also like the people and teachers here.

*Q: What is your favorite subject?*

A. Social Studies because I like learning about the history of things like places and countries.

### Meet Ben Goldman – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

*Q: What school did you come from?*

A. Eyer Middle School.

*Q: Who is your favorite teacher?*

A. Mr. Zapata because he is funny and nice. He is also a good teacher because he teaches me the things that I need to know. He reminds me of my old teacher because they’re both loud, he swings things around, like a lanyard, and they both teach Social Studies.

*Q: What is your favorite activity that Mr. Zapata has done?*

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### Teacher Trivia Answers!

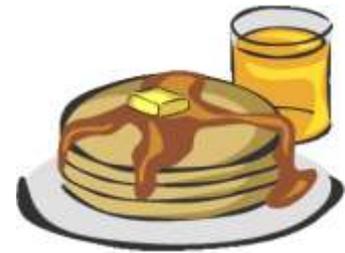
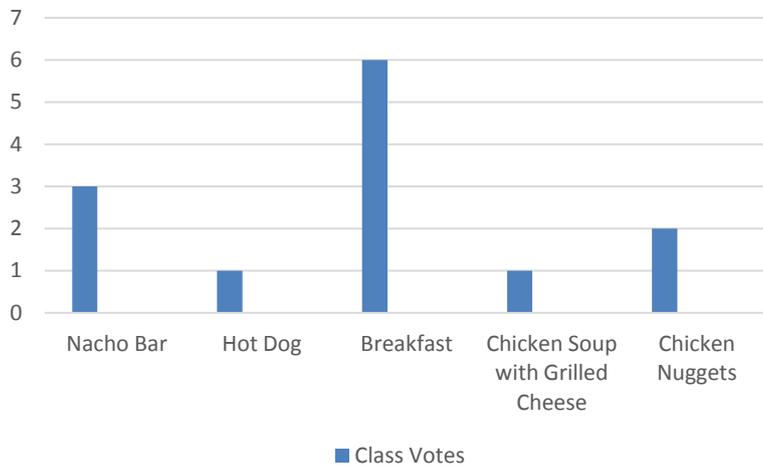
1. Mrs. Prymas
2. Miss Trinkle
3. Miss Grapsy
4. Mrs. Marrone
5. Mrs. Caton

# School Favorites

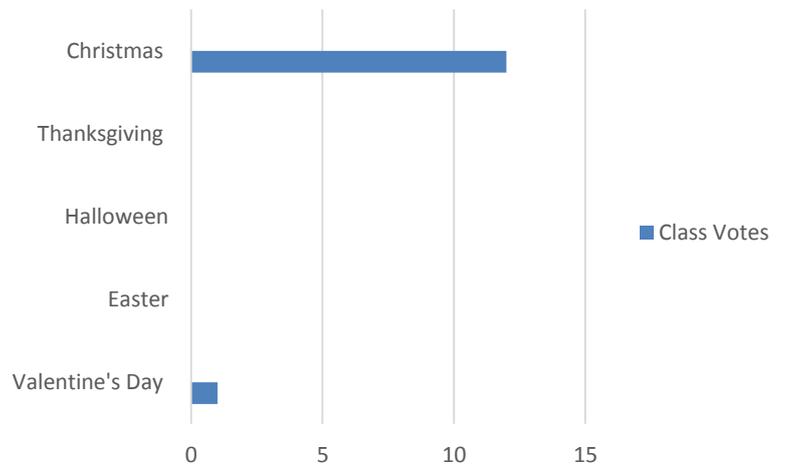
- Harper Daly & Maggie Coassolo (5th Grade)

We asked each class at St. Ann School what their favorite school lunch, holiday, subject, sport and board game is. Here are the results of all of the polls.

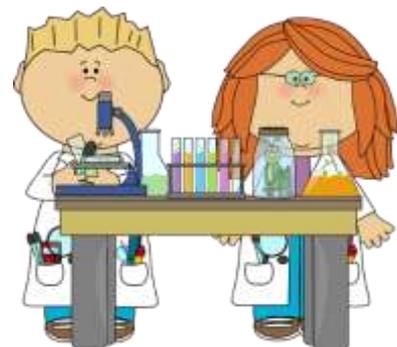
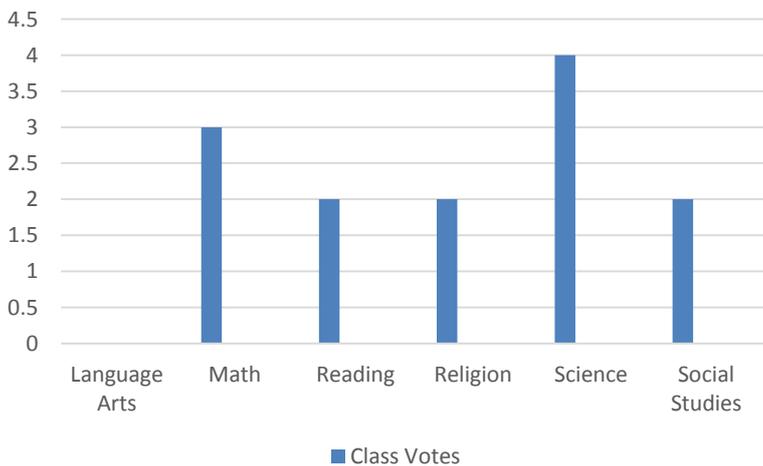
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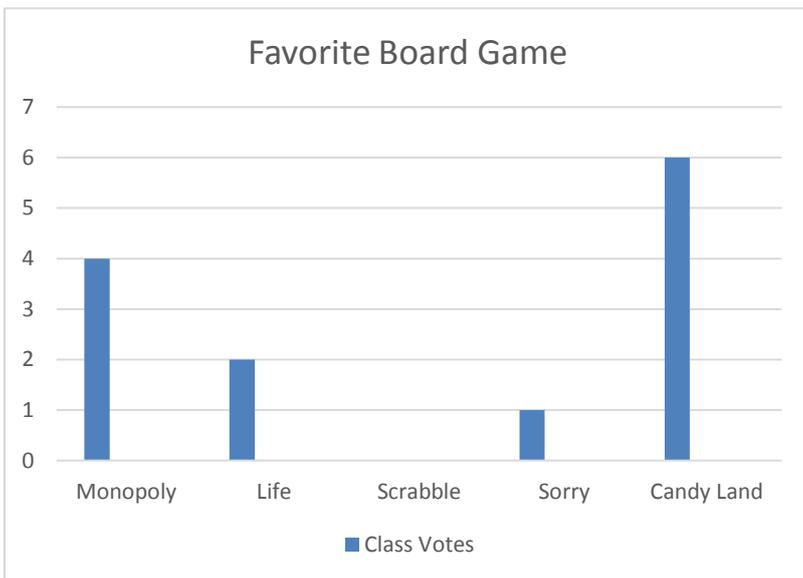
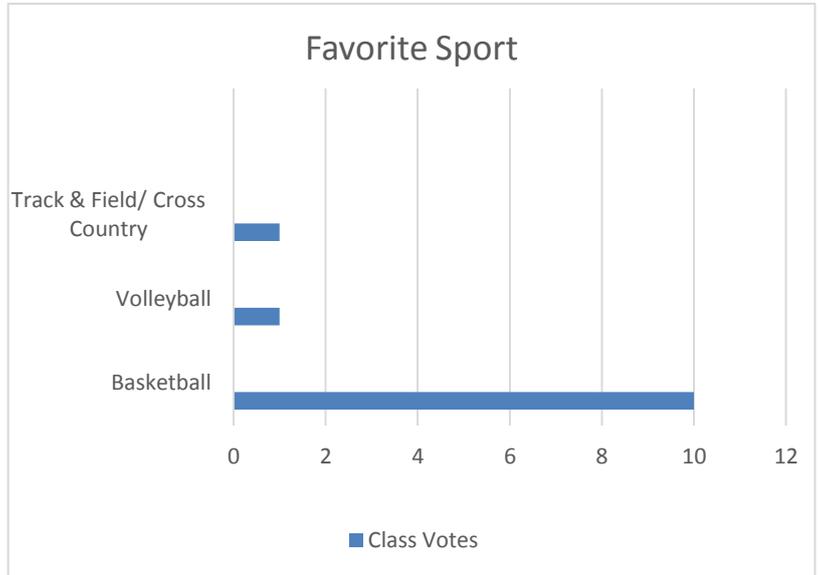


### Favorite Holiday



### Favorite Subjects





Thank you to everyone  
who participated in our  
polls!

# Thank You!

The Newspaper Club would like to thank everyone who helped make it possible. A special thank you to everyone we interviewed and to our teachers for allowing us to work on our articles during school.

## Newspaper Club Members:

- Sam Herbst • 8th Grade
- Allison Carr • 7th Grade
- Jacob Lynds • 7th Grade
- Tierna Moore • 7th Grade
- Annabelle PENCHISHEN • 7th Grade
- Gabi Rutch • 7th Grade
- Nina Tormann • 7th Grade
- Eve Binder • 6th Grade
- Joseph Berosh • 5th Grade
- Sienna Brawn • 5th Grade
- Audrey Boardman • 5th Grade
- Maggie Coassolo • 5th Grade
- Harper Daly • 5th Grade
- Ben McCabe • 5th Grade
- Catherine Raynock • 5th Grade
- Miss Knecht • Moderator