

Crusader Chronicles

Welcome Back!

By: Alexa Ludwikowski, Editor and Chief

Hello 2022-2023 WCA students! I can't believe it's already November. It seems like this school year is already flying by! Thanks for tuning in for our second ever volume of Crusader Chronicles, our school newspaper. In our newspaper, we like to highlight our school and its individual students, their accomplishments, and everything in between. All of the work you will see in here throughout the year are completely student done and please enjoy what you see! In our upcoming next issue, be the first to hear more information on our new "school store" and info on our fish tank in the cafeteria!

Interested in Newspaper?

Want your writing to be seen in the newspaper? What about your art, comics, puzzles, or maybe something completely unique? The newspaper club is the place to do it! Meet the people who share your interests, discuss and put together articles, improving your creative skills, and show what makes our school great to you! Students from the 5th to 8th grades are encouraged to join, no prework required. Simply tag along to one of our meetings held during our recess breaks and try it out! We hope to see a ton of new faces this year!



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HAVE YOU TAKEN A LOOK AT OUR “BEE BOARD?”

By: Jenny, Mae, and Abby

Danielle- Asked Mrs. Snyder for help with boxes.

Nola- Best self during show and tell.

Michael Z- Told someone what they were doing was wrong.

Jax- Willing to be honest and brave.

Eli- Best manners overall.

Victoria- There was no room in line so she let the crying kid go in front of her.

Archibald- Kind towards friends, sharing.

Kavon- Helped up someone who fell in gym.

Lillian- Gave a pencil to a classmate.

Liam- Let someone by him.

John- Polite and always using breaks.

Zoey- Understanding and always accepts others.

Anthony- Did the right thing without being asked, was understanding, and had the right judgment.

“What if, today, We are grateful for everything?” - Charlie Brown

EVER THOUGHT MORE ABOUT OUR DRESS DOWNS?

By: Joseph Martin

Dress down days come in handy. Especially when you need a break from your uniforms. Dress down days are the best! They are very important too. They always donate money to important charities and causes. I’m going to tell you all about the ones in October.

The first dress down day in October was sport themed. The money went to the Jennifer Ward Foundation. Jennifer Ward was a teacher who worked for St. Ann’s. She died in her early twenties because of an undiagnosed heart disease. Her foundation is run by her parents. They donated the A.E.D machines (Heart machines) to our school, and many other schools. We raised \$540 as a school.

The second dress down we had was school supplies for kids in Haiti. There was no theme. Our school collected thousands of school supplies and we raised \$224. That went to Father Yvans. Another one of our dress downs was for HurriKana. ‘Hurri’ Kanen, was a boy who was fighting a disease named Ewing’s Sarcoma. *“HurriKanen’s Kids is organized exclusively for charitable, scientific, and education purposes in order to enrich the lives of families affected by pediatric cancer with a goal of eradicating it. Hurrikanen’s Kids 5 year strategic aim is to be able to expand support to families nationwide & contribute to medical & holistic treatment research.” - HurriKanen’s Kids.* We raised \$708 for him! **Our upcoming dress down this November will be on the 22nd, theme autumn colors, and our donations will go to the Sisters of Saint Joseph!**



As we continue with the newspaper this year, please feel free to send in your beautiful poems to Nicholas and Carter for a great chance to be featured in the newspaper here! We'd love to see your writings.

Poetry Editors: Carter Giver and Nicholas Snyder

Eleni

Hazelnut Brown Eyes, Chocolate Brown Hair
Related to... Mom, Dad, Victoria, Nia, Angelo
Lover of... My Family, The Beach, Puppies
Who feels... Thankful, Happy, Blessed
Who needs... Food, House, Water
Who fears... Alleys, Rip Currents, Drowning
Who gives... Kindness, Positivity, Smiles
Who would like to see... The Parthenon,
France, California
Resident of... North Cape May
Kellis
By: Eleni Kellis

Nora

Beachy Blonde Hair, Green Eyes
Related to... Joe, Joanne, Olive, Pete, Fran
Lover of... Family, Surfing, Summer
Who feels... Happy, Grateful, Positive
Who needs... Love, Family, Shelter
Who fears... Drowning, Being cold, Clowns
Who gives... Love, Kindness, Presents
Who would love to see... Eiffel Tower, Alexa
Morgan, Harry Styles
Resident of... North Wildwood NJ
Cray
By: Nora Cray

Israel

Oak wood eyes
Related to my beautiful parents
I love my dad's pizza, good soccer, and fluffy dogs
I feel cold, bored, and very hungry
I need no school, yes sleep, and games
I fear spiders, cockroaches, and lions
Who gives friendship money and toys
Who would like to see Mr. Beast, Laser Beam, and Fluffy
Resident of New Jersey
Aragon

By: Israel Aragon

Brandon

I have brown curly hair and dark brown eyes
Who is related to J.R. Smith, Kathy, John, and Kayla
Who is a lover of my dog, basketball, and food
Who feels happy, cool, and nice
Who fears ducks, birds, and kids
Who gives love, food, and money
Who would like to see Italy, Africa, and Mexico
Resident of North Wildwood
Brown

By: Brandon Brown

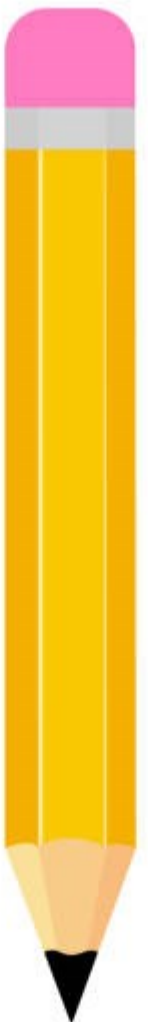
School

I love the books
I love the work
I love the books
I love candy
My bag of books
I love school
I love math

BOO!

I say BOO to you
and you scare me.
I see you in your costume
Happy Halloween!

By: Dom and Vaeda Katie





WCA'S RUNNING SMOOTHLY!

By: Kaitlyn Nordberg

Welcome back to the 2022 - 2023 Cross country season. Something great about this sport is that you work to beat your time and push to get first place, but you also want your teammates to do well because you need multiple people to win and not just one fast person. When talking to Grace(2nd year runner), Drew(1st year runner) and Liam(2nd year runner) they all agreed on the team dynamic. They all said that their teammates push them to do their best, push through the cramps, and help the team win. Grace loves the rush of adrena-

line, Drew enjoys getting high fives from his teammates and Liam loves being encouraged by everyone at the turn around. A great thing about cross country is that we start and end our meets with prayer. To begin the meet, we yell a chant asking God that "if we try our very best, we know that God will do the rest". This helps to bring us closer together as a team. The cross country team has had multiple wins so far this season and hope to achieve so much more. Thanks for coming out and supporting us along the way. WCA, we slay!

OUR "GOAL" ORIENTED CRUSDAERS!

By: Lilah Sawyer

Today, I interviewed some members from our 2022 soccer team. Starting striker from eighth grade, Michael Sexton, and one of our goalies from 6th grade, Patrick Sexton. These two brothers both had a very positive outlook on their teammates, their coaches, and the confidence that encourages this team to do their very best. They both agreed that their teammates are very uplifting towards each other, and are always there to build one another up. They find a kind and positive attitude coming from each member. They stated that this encouragement is also gained from our amazing coaches, Shean Mathias and Tommy Bolle, who give us an uplifting pep talk before each game, tell us how great we did after, and give us plenty of tips on how to improve ourselves and our

teamwork. Both Michael and Patrick said that they admire our Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John chant, and believe that it prepares us to face each and every single game with hope and strength from Christ. Finally, I asked them what their major goals were for this soccer season. They both agreed that they wanted to enhance their skills in this sport, to have fun, and to strengthen and grow relationships between themselves, their teammates, and their coaches. We all hope that this soccer season will bring us closer to our goals, our achievements, and each other. Thank you for coming out and watching this team strive to do their best, knowing that God will help them along the way.

With the end of our school's Cross Country and Soccer seasons, Basketball is quickly coming up! If you're even a little bit interested, take this as an extra motivation to try something new or increase your skills in the sport! Please make sure you have your needed forms and are prepared and practiced for tryouts. Here's what basketball our school offers (With separate Girls and Boys teams)

Junior Varsity (JV) Basketball is for grades 5 and 6

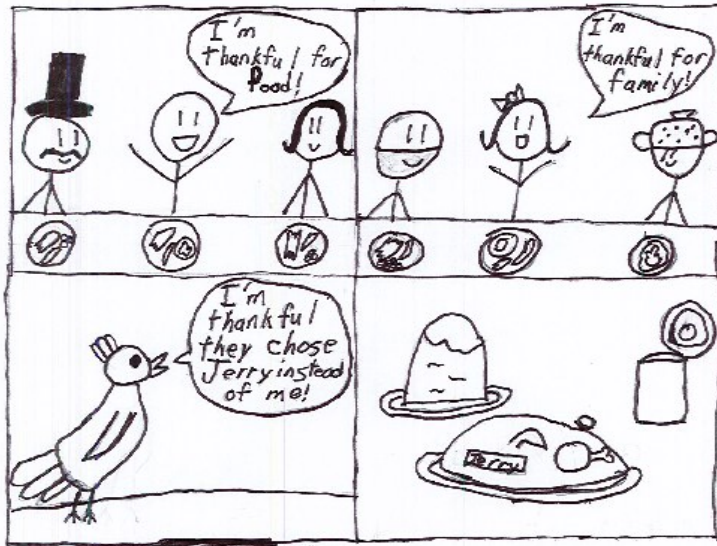
And...

Varsity Basketball is for grades 7 and 8!



Fun Facts!

80 million Hershey's Kisses
are produced each day.
M&M's stands for Mars and
Murrie.



Bonus!
Can you find Lil' Sticky? ☹️

I'm Thankful for...

Artist-

William Sherwen

Comic on media

HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH

BY: AIDEN JOHNSON

C	P	B	E	T	E	L	G	H	T	M
A	U	G	O	S	X	O	A	R	O	
N	M	T	H	R	E	O	L	I	N	
D	P	G	H	O	U	L	S	L	C	S
Y	K	B	C	E	L	S	E	O	K	T
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I	N	O	O	T	N	S	U	E	R	R
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CANDY

GHOUL

SPIRIT

HAUNTED

OOGIE

PUMPKIN

HALLOWEEN

GOOSEBUMPS

MONSTERMASH

BOOGIE

Fun Days in November!

By: Billy Sherwen

November 4 - National Candy Day
November 11 - National Sundae Day
November 26 - National Cake Day

An Addams Family Interview

By: Becca Frey, Lilah Sawyer, Isabella Smith, Aizy Mathias, Lacey Manna

The WCA highschool will soon put on the production of the Addams Family Play. We interviewed the cast and thought it would be fun to give a little sneak peek about the characters, cast, and how the production is coming along. Here are some of the responses:

We asked **Joanna Mcshaffry** who plays the role of **Morticia Addams**, *What does it mean to be playing this role?* She said that she really likes portraying the part of Morticia. Though, She feels she is very different from the character Morticia. This is because she is usually a very happy and bubbly person. She said it can be hard at times to play her character, but it is so fun! We also asked her, *What's going to surprise people about this production?* Her response was that the set and makeup is incredible, and that all the people in the cast are amazing! She absolutely loves this cast!

We interviewed **Jakob Hanson** who plays the role of **Gomez Addams**, *What do you like about your character?* He said that he has a dry, funny sense of humor and feels that it very much resembles himself. In addition, we asked him, *Was Act One or Act Two harder to play?* His response was Act 1 due to how long it is.

Trina Frey who plays **Wednesday Addams** was asked, *How is this character like you and how is this character different from you?* She feels that her character is the complete opposite than she is. She said she is a very happy and positive person, and Wednesday is not. We also asked her, *Which scene in the play do you like the most?* Her response was the family dinner scene with the song, "Full disclosure". This is because she feels this song is extremely funny.

We asked **Nicholas Snyder** who plays **Pugsley**, *What's the biggest challenge about taking on this role?* He said the amount of screaming that he has to do in the play is a big challenge for him. We also asked him, *Have you made any new friends during the play?* His response was yes! He has made many new friends and has had a blast doing the play with them!

We interviewed **Gabrielle Jancsura** who plays **Grandma**. What have you learned during the play? She has learned that she loves portraying a comedic character. She is so excited to put a smile on people's faces and make them laugh this weekend! Additionally, we asked her, What do you love most about theater, and this production? Her response was the environment of the play. She said all the people in the play are very dedicated and hardworking people. She said she is a huge Addams Family fan and is thrilled to be in this play!

We asked **Olive Cray**, who plays a **Dancestor**, *Do you like Act One or Act Two better?* She said she likes Act 2 better. To add on we asked her, *What was it like seeing the transformation from the beginning to the end of the play?* Her response was that she thought it was amazing that in the short amount of time they had to practice the play, that everyone progressed so well and did an amazing job portraying their characters!



Study Tips for the New School Year!

By: Isabella Smith and Rebecca Frey

To start off the year, we feel that it is important for everyone to implant good study habits to utilize for the rest of the year. **Here are some of the things we recommend to you to help you study:**

- Start studying for an upcoming quiz or test as soon as you are notified about the date of the quiz or test.
- Stay relaxed throughout studying.
- Study in an environment that is the easiest for you to focus.
- Simplify what you're studying to what you know is going to be on the test or quiz, that way you are not left with an overwhelming and unnecessary amount of information to study.
- Ask questions from your classmates if you are confused, their point of view can be very helpful.
- Budget your time effectively.
- Find ways to make the information you need to study easier to remember. For example, if you are studying vocabulary words, try to relate the definition to something you experience in everyday life.
- Study until you feel fully confident and prepared to take the upcoming test or quiz you have, don't over-study.

Just remember that all of these tips might not work for everyone and always do what works best for you. We hope this helps! Have a great and successful school year!

~NOVEMBER CALENDAR~

11/4- School mass at St. Anns

11/9- Start of Poinsettia Sale

11/11- Crusader For a Day (7th-8th)

11/13- Start of Discover Catholic Schools Week

11/17- Report Card Conferences- Early Dismissal

11/18- Report Card Distribution
Upper Division Fall Play (18th; 19th; 20th)
NO SCHOOL for lower division

11/19- Academic Scholarship Test

11/22- Dress Down (Fall Colors)

11/23- Adams Family Play (Alumni Performance)

11/24- Thanksgiving Break :)

11/25- Thanksgiving Break !



~LUNCH CALENDAR~

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
31	1 NO SCHOOL	2 - Pasta - Chicken - Pizza Wedge	3 - Mozzarella Sticks - Chicken - Pizza Wedge	4 NO LUNCH
7 - Chicken - Hot Dogs - Pizza Wedge	8 - Nacho Day - Chicken - Pizza Wedge	9 - Pasta - Chicken - Pizza Wedge	10 - Mozzarella Sticks - Chicken - Pizza Wedge	11 NO LUNCH
14 - Chicken - Hot Dogs	15 - Nacho Day - Chicken	16 - Pasta - Chicken	17 NO LUNCH	18 NO SCHOOL
21 - Chicken - Hot Dogs - Pizza Wedge	22 - Nacho Day - Chicken - Pizza Wedge	23 NO LUNCH	24 NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL
28 - Chicken - Hot Dogs - Pizza Wedge	29 - Nacho Day - Chicken - Pizza Wedge	30 - Pasta - Chicken - Pizza Wedge	1	2