

THE HOLY NAME HERALD

HOLY NAME EVENTS



SPORTS



Saint Patrick

Saint Patrick was born in Britain. His birth name was Maewyn Succat. He is the saint of Ireland even though he wasn't born there. By the Irish, he was taken into slavery and escaped a few years later. He then returned to Ireland to convert (or change) the Irish to Christianity. Saint Patrick of Ireland died on March 17, 461 AD.



Welcome Back!

We hope you enjoyed our first edition of the Holy Name Herald! This time we have continued writing about Holy Name events and Sports Updates as well as, new special March articles. We have jokes, riddles, and more. We all hope you like the 2nd edition. Thank you!

If you have any questions, comments, recommendations, or compliments please refer to Mr. Hastings or Ms. Fair, or email michael.hastings@holynameparish.com or molly.fair@holynameparish.com.

RECENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **Glow Run**
March 27th
- * **Holy Thursday // Half Day**
April 2nd
- * **Good Friday // No School**
April 3rd
- * **Easter Sunday**
April 5th



Red Sox

By James Mahoney and Carter Wilkens

The Red Sox off season has been good and bad. Alex Bregman got signed with the Cubs but the team has got a lot of players like Sonny Gray from the Cardinals, Wilson Contreras from the Cardinals, Johan Oviedo from the pirates , Ranger Suarez a free agent from Phillies, Tristan Gray from the Rays, Nate Baez from the Twins, Ronny Hernandez from the White Sox, Isaiah Jackson from the Angels, Jake Bennet from the Nationals, Gage Ziehl from the White Sox and Mickey Gasper from the Nationals. Roman Anthony has recovered from his injury! Trevor Story has hit the most home runs in 2024 and 2025 Red Sox team he hit 25 home runs! Trevor Story also had the most stolen bases on the Red Sox 2024 to 2025. Trevor Story also has the most rbi's on the Red Sox 2024 to 2025. Trevor Story also has the highest slugging percentage on the red sox 2024 to 2025. Garret Crochet has the most strikeouts on the Red Sox 2024 to 2025. Carlos Narvies has the most catcher interferences 2024 to 2025. The Red Sox are getting ready for the season at spring training. The Red Sox are trying to get into the post season again. The Red sox have another chance of getting into the post season again they might get even farther in the post season then last year. Some things that happened this off season is that Marcelo Meyer changed his number to eleven because Rafael Devers left the team and went to the San Francisco Giants. Jhostynxon Garcia (The Password) got traded to the Pittsburgh Pirates , but we have his brother Jaohanfran Garcia (the Username) on the team.

We are all surprised that Jarren Duran, one of the Red Sox outfielders did not get traded. Alex Cora, the Red Sox manager said that Garret Crochet was starting on opening day. Alex Cora said Ranger Suarez is a competitive "Bulldog". Bryan Bello walked the most players in 2024 to 2025. Jarren Duran is the fastest player on the Red Sox. The highest paid player on the Red Sox is Garret Crochet.



We interviewed Mr. Hastings and he said We think the Red Sox will be Around a 90 win team i think their pitching staff is going to be one of the best in the league. We want to see a lot more of the prospects and younger players start to develop a little bit more with Marcelo Meyer, Khristian Campbell coming back and of course Roman Anthony. We think the defense will also be outfield but not great on the infield. We're also interested to see what they do with their infield depth going down the season. If they go more offensive or more defensive we think bringing in Contreras and Sonny Gray will all be great additions. The bullpen is going to be very good with Chapman and Whitlock. The Red Sox run defense should be good, we're expecting a lot of low scoring games that they win by a few runs.

So, it seems that people are being positive about the 2026 Red Sox season!

3rd Grade Spotlight

By: Maya Cagnie and Aria Kautzman

Over the past month, the 3rd graders learned about the giant squid and the sea life around them. They read a book about squid and had a whole module about it. One of the things they did to learn about them was dissecting squid. Once they found out, they were so happy, some even asked their older siblings about it and if you needed to prepare. One of their favorite parts was seeing and feeling the different parts of the squids. They especially loved the squid ink and eye.

Some things they learned about where the different parts were and how to write with squid ink! Three adjectives to describe the experience were cool, smelly, and fun! One thing that some loved some didn't was their parents coming to help them. Some said it was helpful to understand their parents rather than someone else. They also went faster with the help of their parents. They noticed two long tentacles, the color was pink and purple. They wondered why the eyes were so big, how old was their squid or if it was a girl or a boy. They loved it so much that for their next project, they would want to dissect new animals!



Glow Run

By: Lila Mahoney, and Aria Kautzman



Do you know what time of year it is? It's time for the glow run! This year it is on March 27th this year. How the glow run works is you will have people (family or friends) that sponsor a certain amount of money (per lap or by fixed amount of money). The more people you get to sponsor you, the more prizes you get. The glow run fundraiser ends with a fun run in Parish Hall. Parish Hall will be decorated with colorful posters, balloons and streamers. You guys even get to decorate it yourselves. This year the theme is ocean. That means you get to make neon pictures that glow in the dark. Each grade has 2 different sea creatures. It is going to be so much fun! Thank you to the Home and School Association for making this happen. Have fun!!!

"Leading our Parish in Faith"

By Lila Mahoney and Cyan Patt

Father Tom, now our Pastor, granted us the privilege of interviewing him about his path to God and the events in the church. When asked why he had chosen the path to God he claimed that it gave him joy and happiness whenever he informed someone on the Gospel. He finds that Holy Name is different from other schools because when you look out the window you can see the church and this proves the connection between the church and the school. He also claims that "[He is] very impressed with the wonderful questions the students of Holy name students ask [him], it shows [him] that they are interested and intelligent." Father Tom hasn't always wanted to be a priest. He says "I was kind of religious but not really, we did not go every Sunday. My parents and I didn't go regularly. We went every once in a while." It was only after 16 after the sacrament of confirmation that he had a realization that he wanted to live for God and serve God. He claims "I love sharing the joy and the hope that believing in Jesus gives me and I love when I see people that are moved by the message of the gospel." Father Tom really is a role model.

Facts about Father Tom:

- **Favorite Saint-** "My favorite saint was Saint Joan of Arc; because she was such a her life was so amazing and completely changed history. She saved her whole country, by her confidence in God she led her people to overcome a journey and battled the English who were trying to take over France. Saint Joan of Arc. Her life taught me that no matter how bad or dark the situation is we can always have confidence in God we can lead others through confidence in God."
- **Confirmation Saint-** "My Confirmation saint was Saint Erasmus who was one of the 14 holy helpers. In medieval times, Europe had 14 special saints that people would turn to and Saint Erasmus was one of them."
- Where did you grow up- "I grew up in the town of Westford, MA."
- **Previous areas-** "I was at Saint Brendan, Saint Anne, Saint Rose in Topsfield, and Saint Agnes in Middleton, then I was at the seminary

Events in the Church:

- Saint Vincent of Paul society goes out of their way to help people in need. They are celebrating their 95 year anniversary.
- We are in Lent and have holy week coming up, three most important liturgies; Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil.
- Archbishop Henry will celebrate with Holy name the Easter Vigil.



Ecology

By: Cyan Patt

Have you ever seen someone just throw out trash out a window, or into bushes. You may not realize it but this just had an impact on the environment. After trash has been thrown into nature its travel has just begun. Wind and animals may lead the trash into the ocean where it then accumulates in other areas. In the ocean trash may accumulate in areas such as the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, or on other beaches. Have you ever been on a beach so filled with trash you can't find a place to sit. Animals are also impacted by the fact that they swallow micro-plastics and get stuck in larger pieces of plastic and nets. So next time you see trash, or you are about to discard your trash stop, think, and help save the ocean.

OLYMPICS

HANS FALLON AND OWEN



1. Cross country skiing is a very hard sport because you have to use lots of power. Fun fact: It originated thousands of years ago.
2. In hockey the US has a big rivalry with Canada and it makes it a great match because both teams have great players from the NHL. The US and Canada both made it to the finals in men and women. The US men's team has not won a Gold Medal in the Olympics in 46 years and this year in 2026 both American teams won a Gold Medal. Quinn Hughes got the overtime winner in the semifinals against Sweden. Then they moved on to the finals and would be playing Canada who beat Finland. In overtime Jack Hughes of USA scored an overtime goal under Canada's goalie Jordan Binnington's pad and won it all for USA and they got their first Gold Medal in 46 years. USA also represented Johnny Gaudreau when he died from a car crash. Our goalie Connor Hellebuyck was a wall in his net and got "Best Goaltender" while Connor McDavid of Canada won MVP of the tournament. Finland won the Bronze Medal by beating Sweden 4-1. Jack Hugn Fact: Men's hockey was introduced to the Olympics in 1920 and Women's hockey went into the Olympics in 1998. The US women's hockey team has won a medal every Olympic tournament: 3 Gold Medals 1998, 2018, and 2026. 4 Silver Medals 2002, 2010, 2014, and 2022 and 1 Bronze Medal in 2006. He drew a high-sticking penalty and lost two of his teeth. Fun Fact: I was watching the Olympic final and went wild with my brother (Gus) and my dad.

"From Student to Teacher: Mr. Gordon"

By Lila Mahoney and Cyan Patt

Mr. Gordon has been at the school for many years, learning as a student, and teaching as a teacher. When we asked Mr. Gordon what he enjoys about this school, he said, "I admire the school's commitment to academic excellence and character development. It's important to be part of a community that emphasizes learning, respect, and responsibility. I value the strong community spirit at our school, where students, families, staff, and administration work together to foster an environment where everyone can thrive. Furthermore, my students' curiosity, enthusiasm, and progress throughout the year make this school an exceptional place to belong." Mr. Gordon claims that Holy Name Parish School is important because it helps develop student's character, ability, and intellectual skill. He says, "It fosters responsibility and respect for others." Mr. Gordon believes that a sense of community is good to fully bloom to a student's full potential.

Interviewer: Why did you choose to teach ELA?

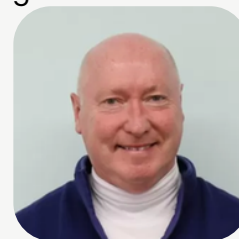
Mr. Gordon: I enjoy teaching English Language Arts because reading and writing are crucial for understanding both ourselves and others. By engaging with stories and writing, we cultivate empathy, and strong communication skills that can open up many opportunities in life.

Interviewer: Did you like ELA when you were in 6th grade?

Mr. Gordon: Yes, I have always enjoyed reading, discussing, and writing about stories. In middle school, I especially valued how books allowed me to explore and experience diverse perspectives and ideas.

Interviewer: Is there anything that you would like to add?

Mr. Gordon: Our school stands out from others in the area because of its strong sense of community. It's a place where individuals receive support, face challenges, and are encouraged to grow.



Nintendox Reviews

By Chris Liriano

Welcome to CHRIS NINTENDOX'S GAME REVIEWS!!! Today, I will be rating: A Game About digging a hole. (that is the actual name) First, I will give general information about the game, and the main idea of it. Then, I will give it a rating. (1/10, 2/10, 3/10, etc.). Hope you enjoy! **WARNING: MAY INCLUDE SPOILERS**



MAIN IDEA: The main idea of A Game about digging a Hole is you buy a “new house” because apparently, there is treasure at the bottom of the backyard. then you dig holes to find materials like coal, iron, gold, and silver, then sell them to upgrade your shovel, battery, and inventory. But this “house” has a deeper meaning...

GENERAL INFORMATION: A Game about digging a Hole is simple, calm, and forgiving game because as you progress into the game, it gets slightly harder, meaning it's easy and chill during the start of the game.

EQUIPMENT: The equipment in A Game About Digging A Hole are shovels, lamps, dynamite, and a jetpack. But you don't just get these. First, you start with the basic shovel, working your way up to the “Super Mega Digger 3000”.

CHALLENGES: The challenges in A Game About Digging A Hole are that if you use up all of your battery power then the tool “explodes” and if you had, you would lose all your ores that were in your inventory. Also, I recommend buying the jetpack as quickly as you can because as you make your hole deeper, it will get harder and harder to get out of.

Carnegie Hall

By Maya Cagnie

Marcus Nishijima in 6th grade is going to be playing piano at Carnegie Hall.. Carnegie Hall is a place where amazing musicians go to play.

Marcus started playing piano at the age of 5 with Dr.Synthia Sture. In 2021, Marcus won first place in Little Mozart International Competition and performed at Carnegie Hall (Zankel Hall) in New York City. In 2022, 2023, 2024, Marcus won

first place in Crescendo International Competition and performed at Carnegie Hall and Rockport Music Center. In 2023, 2024, and 2025, Marcus received the Liszt award and Beethoven Award at the Piano Extravaganza! in Rhode Island and performed the honor recital.

In summer 2024, Marcus performed two successful recitals at Classical Hugs Music Festival in Estonia. He also received the Gold Prize in the Amadeus International Music Awards 2024. He also received First prize in the 2025 International Piano Competition. He is also really smart and has gotten a full ride scholarship to Roxbury Latin and a partial scholarship to Catholic Memorial. Some fun facts: it is the most famous hall in the world. Carnegie hall opened in 1891,and the opening night tickets in 1891 were only \$1 and \$2. It was originally named "Music Hall" until 1893–1894, though the original name is still visible on the exterior. Beyond classical music, it has hosted The Beatles, Judy Garland, Billie Holiday, and Benny Goodman. Thirteen U.S. presidents have made speeches there! But only 4 I can name, such as Woodrow Wilson,Theodore Roosevelt, Bill Cliton, and George W. Bush. Those are a few fast facts. Thank you and wish him luck!

To watch Marcus's performance's use the link below.

Marcus Nishijima - Sonata No.5 in C Minor, Op.10, No.1 | 2025 Summer Music Competition

Celtics and Lakers Rivalry

By: Matty Conley and Patrick Chisholm

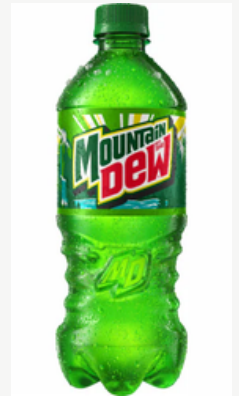
The Boston Celtics and Los Angeles Lakers rivalry is the most storied in the NBA. Defined by 12 Finals matchups, Celtics leading 9 to 3 and holding the top two spots for all time championships Boston-18 LA-17. The rivalry began in 1959 NBA Finals, where the Celtics swept the Minneapolis Lakers 4-0. This was the first sweep in NBA history. The player who came up big when the Lakers played the Celtics was Kareem Abdul Jabar, scoring 28.9 points per game. Kobe Bryant, who averaged 24.3 points per game. Magic Johnson when he played the Celtics came up big. For example during the 1985 finals Magic Johnson got 18 points, and in the 1987 finals he got 26 points. The Celtics key players in the playoffs were Jayson Tatum and Jaylen Brown plus Bill Russell, Larry Bird and John Beckman.



With Jason Tatum averaging 25.2 points per game and Jaylen Brown 23.9. The Lakers and Celtics have gone to game 7 in the NBA Finals 5 times. The 1960's curse is when the Lakers moved to LA in 1960 they proceeded to lose 8 straight NBA Finals 7 of which to the Celtics. Bill Russell was known as a legendary Boston Celtics center. He won 11 NBA titles in 13 NBA seasons from 1956 to 1969. Bill Russell was born on February 12th 1934 and died on July 31st 2022 at the age of 88 years old. Kareem Abdul Jabar was born on April 16th 1947 he is currently still alive at the age of 78. In 1963 when the Celtics won the Championship 9 of the players on the roster eventually got into the Hall of Fame. In 1972 the Lakers won the Finals and 4 of the players on that roster eventually got into the Hall of Fame. The most famous and successful coach of the Celtics was Red Auerbach who led the Celtics to 9 NBA Championships including 8 consecutive NBA Championships from 1959 to 1966. Red was awarded Coach of the Year in 1965. He also coached legends like Bill Russell, Bob Cousy and John Havlicek during his time as the head coach of the Celtics from 1950 to 1966. Phil Jackson is the most famous Lakers head coach who led the Lakers to 5 NBA Championships and coached Kobe Bryant, Shaquille O'Neal and Karl Malone. He had a 67.6 win percentage in 11 years from 1999 to 2010. In 2025 the Celtics were valued at 6.1 billion dollars while the Lakers were valued at 10 billion dollars making them 2 of the most valuable franchises. Since the Luka Doncic trade it is like back then when the Lakers had Magic Johnson, Shaquille O'Neal, and Kareem Abdul Jabbar. When Luka Doncic has played, the Celtics Luka Doncic has averaged 29.3 to 30.3 points per game. We are so excited to see more matchups of the Boston Celtics and the Los Angeles Lakers.

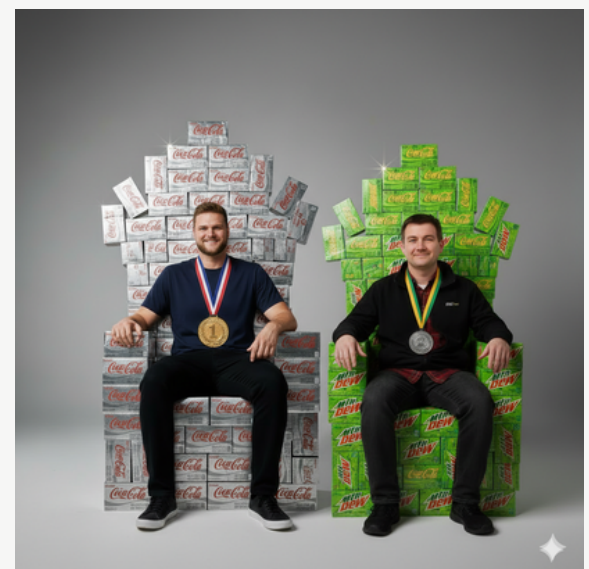
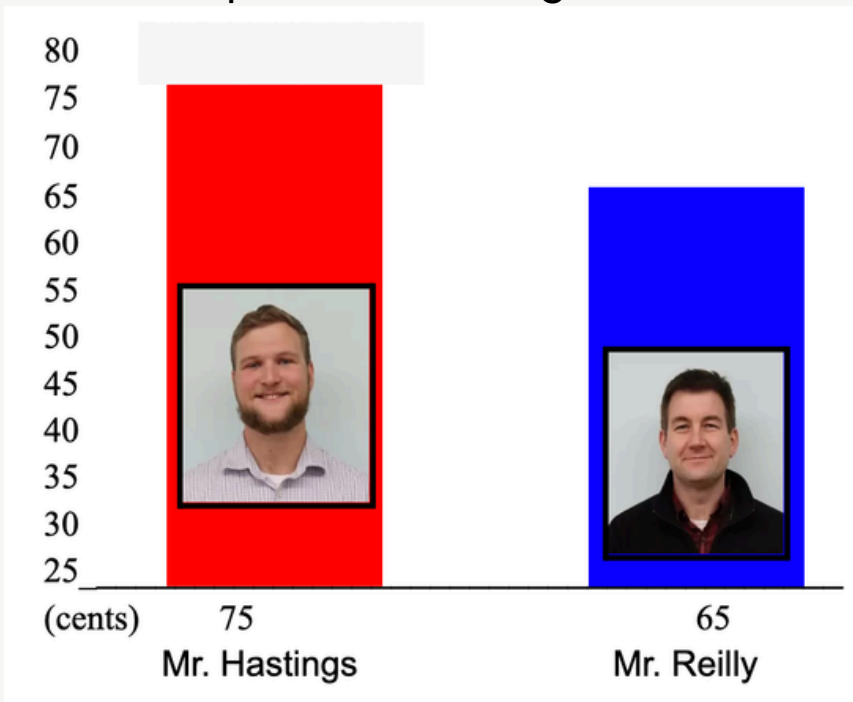
The Soda Showdown

First, as a quick recap, Mr. Hastings and Mr. Reilly are having a competition to see who can raise more money from soda cans or bottles. Of course, at the end, the teacher that can raise the most money gets a special interview with the Newspaper Club. You might be wondering how soda cans and bottles can make money, here's how: most stores let you deposit them for 5 cents each. The student council has decided to collect the cans from the recycling bins and make a profit from them by depositing them at the Roche Brothers. This is how we do our soda competition. So far for this month, Mr. Hastings made 25 cents more, and Mr. Reilly 25 cents more. This puts Mr. Hastings in the lead.



So Mr. Hastings won this month again. Thanks of course to Liam Tierney our ecology commissioner for letting us count the soda cans.

By: Maya Cagnie and Abby DaRos



Jokes and Fun Facts

Why is the saying "my dog ate my homework" true?



A: The dog ate the homework because the owner said it was a piece of cake.

And then of course I also have this joke about pizza, but it shouldn't go in the newspaper because it is too cheesy.



By: Abigail DaRos

Thanks for reading!
Keep an eye for our
third edition coming
soon!

The Newspaper Club

Book Recommendations

By Layla and Margot

Nursery, K-1, and Kindergarten

Corduroy, and Bark George

Grade 1 and Grade 2

Dr. Seuss Classics, and The Princess in Black

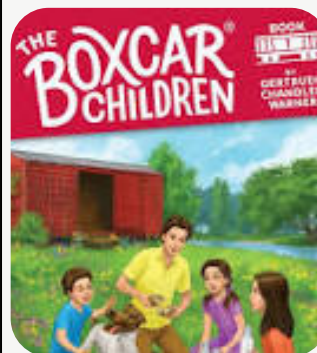
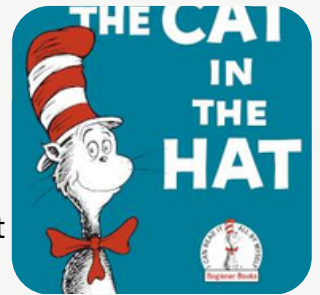
3rd grade and 4th grade

Lady Knight, and The Box Car Children series

Grade 5 and Grade 6

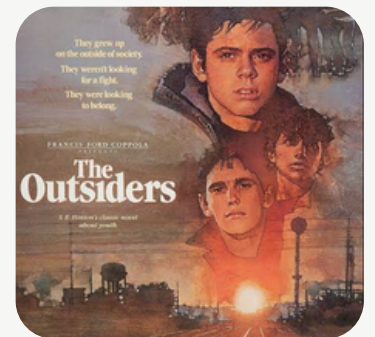
The Outsiders, and Keepers of the Lost Cities

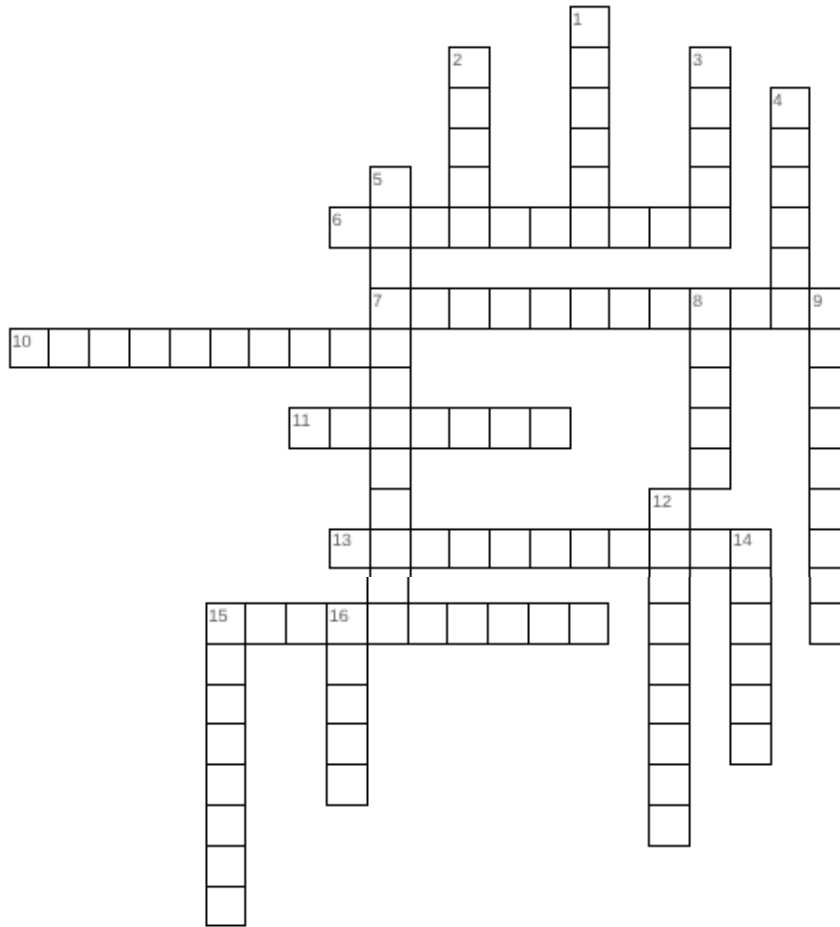
Dr. Seuss is an excellent author that makes fun books for young children about rhymes and adventures with friends. You may be familiar with his more popular books like Green Eggs and Ham, Cat and The Hat and One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish.



The Box Car Children is a great Series. The Box Car Children are about these 4 children who solve mysteries. All the stories have awesome twists. I'm sure you will love all the books. There are over 160 books but I'm sure you will love them all.

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton is a classic coming-of-age novel that follows 14-year-old Ponyboy Curtis over approximately two weeks in 1960s Tulsa, Oklahoma.





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| 6 Who created a special screw? | 1 Most visited country. |
| 7 Patron Saint of Puzzles | 2 Down on a map. |
| 10 Winner of the Soda showdown. | 3 Dwarf Planet |
| 11 School Event. | 4 Rivalry with the U.S. Hockey Team in the Olympics. |
| 13 Father Tom's favorite saint. | 5 An Olympic sport that originated more than a thousand years ago. |
| 15 Holy Name was founded 19__. | 8 Food that never spoils. |
| | 9 Date of the last day of school 2026. |
| | 12 What is the name of Holy Name's Mascot? |
| | 14 The street Holy Name is on. |
| | 15 What is the lunch room called? |
| | 16 Who averaged 25.2 in basketball? |