

# The Hurricane Herald

Written by: SACS 5th Grade Students

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## A+s in the Air at the Academic Fair

By: Gabriella Carreira, Luna Crandell, Angelina Pasarin, and Brooke Woods

Did you go to the Academic Fair, or see the award winning projects in the hallway? They were great! The Academic Fair took place March 21st, and it was a hit! 4th grade had autobiographies on celebrities, 5th grade worked on Global Warming and Space, and 6th, 7th, and 8th chose whatever topic they wanted; falling under the categories of Engineering, Invention, Science, Medical, Arts and Letters, the Environment and Sports. We interviewed some students with winning projects; Caroline Nolan, Madi Messingschlager, and Arielle Favreau. Caroline Nolan did a sailing evolution project with Sofia St. Romain and Hannah Winslow. The three of them did the project because they had all done sailing at one point in their lives. Caroline thought it was interesting that the Viking ship was the first ship to sail backward. Madi Messingschlager and Arielle Favreau did their project because they saw it on the news and were interested by it. Are you going for a blue ribbon next year?



Academic Fair Students and Projects

## Saint Anthony Catholic School



PB & J Sandwiches and Turtle Pops

## SACS Helping Hands

By: Julia LaMont, Samantha Fuini, Athena Hecksher, and Maya Chamberlain

Did you know that recently our school has had two fundraisers? These two fundraisers were the PB and J Drive and the Turtle Pop Sales. The PB and J Drive was an event hosted by Mrs. Smith to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for low income families, and the Turtle Pops were made and sold by the Surfriders club. The PB and J Drive helped families that didn't have any food to eat, so the volunteers made sandwiches for them. We asked Mrs. Smith a couple of questions about the PB and J Drive such as, "What made you want to make PB and J sandwiches for the drive?" She said, "When I became aware of how many homeless families there are in Fort Lauderdale, I felt like I needed to help." The purpose of the turtle pops is to help raise money to adopt sea turtles through Gumbo Limbo. Mr. Rebeck had the idea of the turtle pops and is also the leader of Surfrider. The PB and J Drive and the Turtle Pops both helped others. We hope to see you at the next fundraiser!

## The Saint Anthony Girls Sport Teams

By: Sarah Longley, Samantha Soderland, Kaylee Greene, and Briana Gibbons

Do you know what it is like to play on a girls sports team at St. Anthony? "It is great, fun and exciting," explained Molly Jones. Molly was on the flag football team, and on the girls softball team. In the third quarter, there were three girls sports, flag football, track and field, and softball. Sophia Zinn beat the school's record for the mile, 5:56.41. She enjoyed playing on the track team and beating the school record. Madison Young got fourteen feet and five inches for the long jump. These are the coaches that helped their team to victory: Coach Gary is the coach for flag football and track and field, and his assistant coaches are: Ms. Murphy and Ms. Reilly. For the softball team, the coach was Mike Orlando, and his assistant coach was Bob Wojtas. All of the players had a great season and enjoyed playing on the team. We hope you enjoyed this third quarter article and we hope to see you at one of the games next quarter!



This is a picture of some sports materials

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## Boys Sports

**By: Carter Ghosh, Aidan Kroon, Caden Denahan, & Brandon Kerry**

Have you ever played on a sports team for your school? At Saint Anthony's, there were three sports for quarter three: JV Volleyball, Track and Field, and Flag Football. Volleyball was for grades 5-8. Coach Gary said, "They had an undefeated season and played very well." The boy's Flag Football Team was for grades 6-8. They won seven games and only lost one. Track and Field was for all students for grades 5-8. On February 25th, the team went to a tournament at St. Thomas and did very well. Will you tryout for any of these sports teams? Be aware they are tough tryouts! Good Luck!



These are two of the sports boys play at our school.



The Spelling Bee

## The Spectacular Spelling Bee

**By: Ava Fowler, Nicole Davis, and Kaleigh Martin**

Do you know who won the SACS Spelling Bee? First place was Gigi Parra from 4th grade, second place was Lexi Bishop from 6th grade, and third place was Ava Fowler from 5th grade. Our Spelling Bee was held in the school gym on January 31, 2017. When Gigi Parra won the spelling bee she said she felt important and said that you can do anything if you try hard. During the county Spelling Bee she made it to the semi-finals, and got 20th place out of 100 other students. She even had to spell words from other countries like Germany, China, and Greece. The first National Spelling Bee was held in the year 1926. The winner of the first National Spelling Bee was Frank Neuhauser. Do you think you have what it takes to win next year's Spelling Bee?

**Did you know that Saint Anthony Catholic School has a new STUDENT STATEMENT?**

**As students of St. Anthony Catholic School, we are anchored by our faith, strive to make good choices, and are provided opportunities to seek knowledge. We honor the graduates before us and continue our traditions to set a standard for those that will follow.**

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## C.S.W

### (Catholic Schools Week)

By: Jack Murphy, Christian Corrao, and Austin David

Have you ever heard of Catholic Schools Week? This is the time that Catholic Schools celebrate their Catholicism across the nation. Well at Saint Anthony we have a tradition of a door decorating contest and the door with the best decoration of Faith, Service, and Knowledge wins the contest. Once a week every year the door decorating contest takes place and this year Mrs. Corrao's third grade class won. We asked Miss Rivere, our facilitator, and she said that she and Mrs. Corrao combined brain power to get their underwater theme. Our school has many other festivities such as the Souper Bowl contest where we, the students, choose a football team and bring a can to school. We place the cans on the table designated for the team we are rooting for. At the end of the contest, the cans are donated to a local food pantry. Another fun event each morning at flag raising and opening prayer is when every teacher receives a prize that they pull out of a bag. Teachers set up the activities for their classroom during the whole week of Catholic Schools Week. Teachers' jobs during Catholic Schools Week is all about teaching the students about the theme of it. Our theme at St. Anthony focuses on 3 special words that we try to live by: Faith, Knowledge, and Service.



Catholic Schools Week



Testing picture stating to be calm and quiet while testing.

## Third Quarter of Testivities

By: Marcus Gonzalez and Alex Alonso

How do you feel about the standardized tests this quarter? Some of the different types of tests we had in the third quarter were the High School Entrance Exam, ITBS, and the Cogat Test. The High School Entrance Exam is a test taken by the 8th graders to determine if they get into high school or not. Saint Anthony 8th graders already received their scores. Mrs. McIntosh said, "You need to read each question carefully." ITBS stands for Iowa Test of Basic Skills. This test measures a child's performance compared to the nationally representative sample of students who took the test. The ITBS categories are vocabulary, reading comprehension, language, mathematics, social studies, and science. Second through eighth graders took the Iowa. The Cogat (which is only for the 5th and 2nd grades) stands for the cognitive abilities test, and measures reasoning and problem solving skills in three different areas: verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal. Mrs. Roero says, "It makes students think outside of the box." We all are glad it's over... until next year.

## What's Going on in Imagination Playground?

By: Ailis Abba, Bryce Frischhertz, Mathias Schneider, and Victoria Maggio

Kindergarten and Pre-K students have been working with a new Engineering program called Imagination Playground which is part of S.T.R.E.A.M (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, and Math). Imagination Playground is an interactive time where young students work with older students and together they use engineering skills to create a structure. The blocks we use to build are made of a soft blue foam and are easy to use. It helps to train their minds to think out of the box and solve complex problems. It also shows role model skills for the older kids as they communicate, encourage, and guide the little ones. The young students are paired with older students and they brainstorm the design they want to build and create. Last week, in 5th Grade and PreK-4, we first sketched our ideas on the app Paper 53. Then we worked hard to make our design come to life! We had a Pirate Ship challenge and a Robot challenge to see which team was the most creative! We hope to have more activities like this in the future.



This is fifth grade working with Pre-K

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## Extra Sparkle

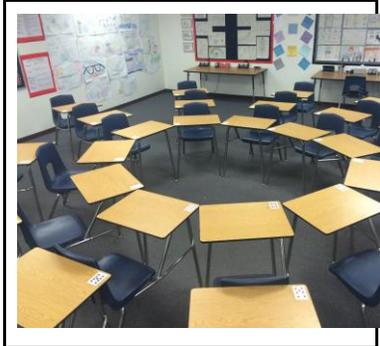
By: Sami Bishop, Parker West, Doreen Khater, and Chloe Flowers

Have you seen any extra bling lately? Well if you haven't, Mr. Spulak recently proposed to the 5th grade teacher, Ms. Roero. They had been dating for about two years. Even though the pair spoke about getting married, he didn't spill the beans on his surprise. They're thinking about getting married sometime in January 2018.

Also, the 4th grade teacher Ms. Jones got engaged on December 27th, 2016 in the Bahamas. The name of her fiancé is John McDermott, so her future name would be Mrs. McDermott. They met here in Fort Lauderdale at a Miami Dolphins game. They have been dating for a little over four years and their wedding is on February 9th, 2018. We wish them all a beautiful wedding and a happily ever after.



This is a picture of the future Spulak's & McDermott's and their rings!



This is the setup of the Socratic Seminar

## Socratic Seminar

By: Gabriel Ciffoni and Cole Jordan

Do you know what Socratic Seminar is? Teachers from most grade levels and all subject areas choose a topic. After they have done that, they have a detailed discussion about it. Socratic Seminar has two circles, an inner circle and an outer circle. The outer circle usually takes notes about what the inner circle is talking about. Teachers don't talk during it because the students are supposed to do all the talking and keep it under control. For this topic we interviewed Mrs. Cerrone. She was the person that brought it to this school. Also, fifth grade is starting to do it too. Over 12 Socratic Seminars have been held up to date. Now you know what Socratic Seminar is, so when your teacher asks your class about it, your hand should be the first one up.

## The Perfect Potato Parade

By: Sophia Mercer, Brooks Hagenson, Carlee Spellacy, and John Francis Palmesano

Confident to build their potato, excited to show off their work, nervous because a lot of people were watching, happy to build their potato, and mature enough to read to the little kids.....this is how Mrs. Katy and Mrs. Morgan's second grade students felt during the 2017 Potato Parade. The Potato Parade was an assignment given to the students in which they had to design a potato as a person or thing. Along with their design, they had to write an autobiography or a creative story. Through this assignment, teachers thought that the students learned how to use book creator and they learned a lot about Ireland. Also, they learned how to be creative on their own with limited supplies. They decided to do the potato parade because it was a fun way to learn about the potato famine. However, they wanted to do something new and creative in regards to St. Patrick's Day. The teachers we interviewed were Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Katy. They that they would definitely do it next year, but they would like to have the older kids watch the parade so they could watch all the effort and hard work they put into creating their project. Now with all the information we provided you with, would you like to be apart of the potato parade next year?



This is Valentina Krezmien's potato

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## St. Anthony's St. Patrick's Festivities

By: Ben Firth, Dylan Sanchez, Lauren Delano, and John Martin Abba

Have you wondered what's going on in Jr. High? Is there ever anytime for some real fun? Well, as recent as February 24th, they had a St. Patrick's dance. To find out whether the dance was a success, we interviewed a few of the students, all of whom said that they really liked the dance and they would definitely go again! The next event that some of the junior high students participated in was the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Our school, St. Anthony, participated in the parade by hosting a float. The float looked great and very festive because of all the rainbows and green shamrocks. The parade was held on Las Olas Boulevard on Saturday, March 11th. We interviewed one of the students who helped create the amazing float and he thought the float was grand!! So there you have it...two events, twice the fun. Would you consider going to one of these events next year?



SACS: Winner of Best School Participation



The bus to amazing field trips

## Saint Anthony's Amazing Field Trips

By: TJ Tedesco, Mateo Rairan, and Dylan Garcia

Saint Anthony students participated in three amazing field trips in the third quarter. The 4th and 5th graders had the chance to see Dream Big Engineering our World in the IMAX theater. The students said that the movie inspired them to help others. It was very educational and it taught them that anything can happen if you put your mind to it. The students told us that they would go back to see it if they could. The 6th graders went on two field trips one to Fat Village, and the other to Vocation Rally. The students said that Vocation Rally was resourceful and that they learned how to sing in harmony. The students told us that Fat Village was a lot of fun. They said that they learned how to draw and shade shapes. Overall, all of our field trips at Saint Anthony are pretty fun and educational.

## Field Day

By: Elizabeth Mergler, Abby Coleman, Lana Santiago, and Anna Vasilieva

Did you think Field Day was fun? Well, we surely did. Field Day is an event when all of the kids in the school are assigned different teams and compete in athletic games. There are four teams for Field Day; red, blue, yellow, and green. Molly Jones, one of the yellow captains, sang the National Anthem. She worked very hard and practiced every day. We asked a lot of kids what their favorite event was and most people said that they liked the tug-a-war. We interviewed some of the team captains. They all said that their teams worked hard and they were very proud. Everyone did great, but yellow won. What was your favorite part of Field Day?



Kids from different teams having fun at Field Day

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## What's Going on During this Lenten Season?

**By: Ian Faulkner, Frank Ambrose, and Alexis Cain**

Are you liking this Lenten season? The Lenten season started on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter Sunday. We have been sacrificing things we really love like chocolate, soda, and video games. During the Lenten season you should spend time praying and going to church in order to show God you are truly faithful. Students at SACS have also been collecting money for those less fortunate through Operation Rice Bowl. We interviewed Father Grady and asked how he is spending his Lenten Season. Father responded by saying he believes how we treat each other is important, and he will try to do something good rather than give something up. Father Grady is also donating a lot to charity and doing lots of good deeds of kindness. But, most importantly, Father says we must focus on trying to grow closer to God, pray a little more each day, and focus more on our spiritual lives than our physical lives. Why do we celebrate Lent? Fr. Grady responded, "We celebrate it because Jesus was in the desert for 40 days. Those three things that I mentioned just like inviting Jesus into our hearts will make us closer to God." We all need to remember what Jesus has done for us. That is why we celebrate Lent, to remember Jesus.



Remember Jesus

**THE 5TH GRADE STUDENTS OF ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
SEND EASTER BLESSINGS TO ALL!**

**"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."-JOHN 3:16**