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## APRIL 28, 2022

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Invite your family and friends to schedule a tour!

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR EACH STUDENT EVERY YEAR

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SPRING 2022 IRISH CONNECTIONS


## DEAR SPRINGFIELD CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

BY SISTER CECILIA ANN REZAC, M.S.

Did you know that on March
Did you know that on March 19, 2021, the Solemnity of St.
Joseph, Pope Francis declared Joseph, Pope Francis declared
Year of the Family? During this special year (which actually lasts longer than the traditional year), Pope Francis asks that special attention be put forth to help families strengthen their faith and live God's joy more fully.

St. John Paul II [speaking of marriage and family] said, "In this entire world there is not a more perfect, more complete image of God, unity, and community. There is no other human reality which corresponds more, humanly speaking, to that divin mystery."

The family is often referred to as the "Domestic Church" for the home is the first place that God is to be honored and is law respected. Prayer should be normal part of the family's day and virtue taught through word and example. In the Domestic Church of the family - joys, sorrows, and hopes are shared among the members. The family, like the Church is truly meant to be a community of grace and charity.

On the conclusion of the Year of the Family, June 26, 2022, the Holy Father will be celebrating the tenth World Meeting of Families in Rome.


As we enter into the Easter Season, let our hearts be filled with joy for the gift of the Risen with joy for the gift of the Risen
Lord and for the gift of ou families and loved ones! Take a few minutes to reflect of these gifts and to express gratitude for those whom God has placed in our lives to accompany us on our journey of faith which we hope will one day lead us to heaven!

## YEAR OF THE FAMILY PRAYER

## Jesus, Mary and Joseph

 in you we contemplate the splendor of true love: to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth. grant that our families too may be places of nion and prayer authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Make us mindful of the sacredness of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Graciously hear our prayer. Amen.

## ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

BY PAIGE DUDA, PRINCIPAL

* Second semester at St. Agnes is sure flying by quickly! The Lenten season was honored with service projects for Catholic Charities' Rancho Shelter and weekly Stations of the Cross in the Cathedral led by our 8 th Grade. A Seder Meal will be hosted for our middle school students to our faith. Our students held a special collection each Mass to support the Bishop's annual Lenten project which this year went towards the Mother's House Out reach Center in Hayti, MO. The generosity of our families has been a beautiful testament to the works of our faith.

Our athletic and academic teams were able to see the fruits of their hours of preparation as they competed at the regional and state levels with incredible success! Our 8th grade basketball team took ist place tinue watching them compede in the tinue watching them compete in the ics team yeak a sweeping first and second place at the region competition and qualified for the state level where they showcased remarkable hard work ity, and poise. The Science Olympiad team won second place in the region and as a result will also be able to compete at the state level later in the spring. Hard work continued to pay off as our entire St. Agnes Math Counts team earned second place in the chapter and also competed at the state leve!!

In their classrooms, our incredible teachers continue to build strong foundations for our students while continually challenging
them with exciting projects and new experiences. Things at the end of the hallway become particularly fun during our middle school choice program where students are taking on 3D printing, woodworking, discussing their latest novels in the book club, or capturing photos for the yearbook.

The changes of spring have been highlighted by exciting facility improvements such as a new early childhood playground and a custom built outdoor classroom. Our eighth graders are anxiously awaiting their transition to the high school and enjoyed their Step Up Day on March 30th. There is a palatable excitement in the air from our second grade classroom as they near the celebration of their First Holy Communion.
The St. Agnes community is gearing up for some wonderful events that bring us all together including our Mother Son Glow Party, the Dadaly Daughter Dance, and the We will again host a special retreat for our 5 th gragers from all schools in the west side of the diocese These are the times we realize it truly does take a village to create these moments and traditions that make our school community so special. We want to extend our deepest gratitude to all in our St. Agnes and Springfield Catholic Schools family that have supported us in countless ways this year. May the joy of the Resurrection bless your families this Easter season!

## Save the date:

May 14 is our school fundraiser,
Summer Jam: Bidpal.net/SummerJam22


## ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON SCHOOL



* As Mother Angelica stated, "Patience is adjusting your time to God's time." Words we appreciated at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School as we began the spring semes ter. Returning from Christmas break, we thought the semester would begin smoothly, (no doubt we are due) but we faced a few obstacles...a Covid surge, hches of snow, and a sheet ofice. wo of our students, and support of our familes, we adiusted and moved forward.

Late January, we celebrated Catholic Schools Week (CSW). Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week has been a celebration of Catholic education in the United States. This year, SEAS students assisted in the weekend Masses on January 29th and 30 th letting others in the parish know how much we appreciate their support of Catholic education. We honored our

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton communty leaders with special care packages and recog nized our nation with students wearing red, white and blue and constructing a human built American flag. Unfortunately, our Catholic School celebration was days. We didn't let this get us down When days. We didnt let his get us down. When we returned to the building the following cial adults for making Catholic education a priority with a spaghetti lunch we con cluded the week with lunch for our amazing teachers and having a special time with our students while making car rosa ries. Thank you to SEAS Home and School, our parents and volunteers that made the SEAS 2022 Catholic Schools Week a success.

In mid-February, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton School's Home and School hosted their
second annual virtual spring fundraiser SEAS Super Squares. This event was cen tered around the Super Bowl where party packs, raffle tickets and football squares could be purchased. Each class, with each student contributing, made a unique proj ect for the event. Thank you to all our sponsors and families that supported this event making it a great success.

The Lenten season began on Ash Wednesday with all our students and staff receiving ashes. SEAS School and Irish Eats hosted a Soup Supper. Thank you to all that helped to make this possible. Throughout the Lenten season our students prayed " 40 prayers for 40 days" every afternoon building a prayerful dialogue with God. Toward the end of Lent, SEAS students participated in our annual Penny War to support Bishop Rice's Lenten Youth Mission of Mercy fo Mother's House in Hayti, MO. Students gave win/win for everyone. Just another exam ple of SEAS students and families working ogether. We thank Bishop Rice for his invitation to join this work of mercy and appre ciate his great leadership and guidance.
In March we also celebrated National Read Across America Day with Pancakes, Pan cakes (Eric Carle) and Pete the Cat and the Perfect Pizza Party (Kimberly and James ents brougt a special plush friend to ead with and "Popped Open Book" with a ag of popcorn Our Preschool celebrated wag of popcorn. Our Preschool celebrated children's books.

At St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School, our faith and excellence are important. Recently our 8th graders received the sacramen of Confirmation. Our second graders continue preparing for the sacrament of First Communion which they will receive in late spring. In late December or early January our students took the 2nd iReady assess ment. The growth our students made was significant. Our SCS eighth grade boys' bas ketball team won their conference champi onship. The SEAS Science Olympiad team will compete in the state competition in April. We also had a student participating in the Math Counts competition in March. We wish them good luck!! Students continue to apply themselves in the classroom as we approach the end of the 2021-2022 school ear. Faith and hard work are evident very corner of our building.

As we prepare for the end of the year, we look forward to our 8th grade graduation on May 17th, SCHS Step Up Day, Light of Leadership, First Communion, Field Day and SEAS Spring Movie Night, etc. So much to do in such a short timel!

Easter reminds us of God's never-ending ove for us. We are thankful for His endless bessings. From all of us at St. Elizabeth Ann eton School, we wish you a glorious and joyful Easter Season


## SHAMROCK POST

THE SCHS NEWSPAPER WRITTEN BY SCHS STUDENTS

## CELEBRATING OUR

 CATHOLIC EDUCATIONBY MARY SHARP
"I love the opportunity of receiving a Catholic education because I enjoy getting to learn more about my faith and having it be a big part of my everyday life."


Students in the Chisitian Leadeship class created signs thanking the members of SCS for what they do.
atholic Schools Week, an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States, has always been fun for students in grade schools and high schools alike. This year, the theme was atholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service. Unfortunately, the schedule was probably designed by someone in a sunnier state, because three out of the five days were snow days. un activities. On Monday, students dressed out of uniform in celebration of students. Tuesday was a celebration of families with a prayer serWednesday Thursday and Friday were resched uled and took place later in the school year.

Lucas Soetart, a senior writer for The Shamrock Post, said "I love the opportunity of receiving Catholic education because I enjoy getting to Catholic education because I enjoy getting to
learn more about my faith and having it be a big part of my everyday life."

## NHS

## by Lucas soetart



Members of the Multicultural Club pose for a picture.
Students at Springfield Catholic High School have always been interested in learning about sther cultures. The Multicultural Club is a club focused on celabrating and educating students on the many different cultures of the world When asked about her opinions on the dub, president Ariana Perches said, "I think it's very mportant to educate ourselves on our world's different cultures and traditions by taking the time to learn and understand our friends and neighbors' backgrounds. We can learn that we have a lot in common and aren't that different
om each other no matter where we come from."

Ariana said her favorite celebration was Día de los Muertos, and a close second was the cele bation of Japan because they got to try a lot of different Japanese foods. Ariana's favorite part of the club is getting to plan each meeting with vice president Holly Hoang, and that it's a lot of fun getting to teach friends and classmates about different cultures they may know nothing about.

National Honor Society (NHS), an organizatio for academically oriented students, has continued to educate its members on better ways to learn and communicate. This spring, th Scholarship Committee presented inform tion to the group on learning styles and how to best leverage natural strengths to improv your study habits and academic performance. Another presentation will be held by the Ser vice Committee on April 6th, pertaining to how we can best serve our community
In addition to committee presentations, NHS will hold four Adopt-A-Street cleanups before and after school during the spring semester. These cleanups are held at Blackman Road adjacent to the high school. NHS member pick up trash, improving the community both

NHS raised funds this January during a Jean Day for high school Studentswere Jean dress out of uniform in return for a small fee NHS officers were able to raise over $\$ 500$ for future activities.

Next quarter, NHS plans to host a Safe \& Sober presentation for the student body to emphasize the dangers of driving while intoxicated.

## THE ADDAMS FAMILY

Springfield Catholic's theater program has always been wide reaching and always lives up to the expectations that each past performance sets. Directed by Anne-Marie Coleman and Fr. Lewis, a com ais Ans 'The Ad Family."
"The Addams Family" is a comedic musical with music and lyrics by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice and is based on the cartoons by Charles Addams. The show follows the ghoulish Amercan family as they grapple with lovers' quarrels and the issue of Wednesday growing up.
reshman Maggie Duff loved the choice of play and said, "Performance is something 've always oved and the Addams Family is a really fun

show with an amazing cast.'
unior Maggie Lowrance, who plays Wednesday Addams, was very excited for the play which took place on April first, second, and hird. When asked what her favorite part of the

show to perform was, Maggie answered, "My favorite part is probably the beginning, a song called 'One Normal Night'because the notes are super fun and the context is that I'm telling the Addams family to be normal which is not some thing the Addams family knows how to do."

FINDING OUR WORLDS NEXT GENERATION OF MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS THROUGH HOSA

## SCIENCE OLYMPIAD STAYS POSITIVE IN THE REGIONAL COMPETITION

HOSA is an international organization that aims to educate students on professions within the medical field through education, collaboration, and experience. It is led by stu-
dents and is recognized by many state and dents and is recognized

Our HOSA group at the high school, led by Alexa Lewis, has gotten the opportunity to receive advice from some local medical

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professionals here in Springfield. Members attended presentations given by students at Cox College that documented their expe riences in the field. The club also had the
opportunity to attend a presentation given by a former firefighter and EMT.

Not only does the club learn about medical professions by medical professionals, but also gives back to them. During the Christmas season, the club hosted a jean day, in which they were able to raise a couple hundred dollars which Research Hospital.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
BY LUCAS SOETART


The performance of the Fightin' lrish Girls Basketball team this year has all exceeded expececord of 16-10, and 5-1 in Conference play.

Key varsity players include seniors Avery Ahistrand, Avery Swisshelm, Jordyn Howe, and Grace Wohlgemuth, as well as underclassmen Katie Galigos, Peyton Wiseman, Olivia Swisshelm, and Haley Brown.
On Feb. 26th, the Lady lrish bested Buffalo in the MSHSAA Quarterfinals $47-45$. The starting
ve scored 42 points, and the team shot 69.6\% from the line. This win ended the five-year district win drought, a cause for all fans of S

The girls' season was unfortunately cut short March 1st in a tough $39-52$ loss to California High, but the promise shown by the team's underclassmen makes the team optimistic for the future. Keep an eye out for the Lady lrish in the years to come.

## ROTARY

By LUCAS SOETART

Rotary Club so far this semester has worked primarily on planning for projects in the coming months, as well as maintenance of the Rotary Garden. The Rotary community has plans to add monarch butterfly pollinators and plants to the community garden. The garden is located between the 200 and 400 hallways on the north side of the high school. (A planting day will occur in late April or early May.)

Rotary was also responsible for a successful Christmas adopted family, provided by dona ons from Rotary members. More than 25 Rotay members donated an item(s) from a list of supplies for a struggling family, including toys, cloth ing, and essential items.

Rotary plans on setting up another service proect in the coming months. The popular Puppy Day is making a return, in which the entire stu-
dent body helps raise money for the Humane Society while enjoying a relaxing day with sheltered puppies.

Rotary is currently focused on ensuring seniors are awarded their graduation cords and leave their impact on the school community. Faculty sponsor Mrs. Lawless is optimistic for Rotary's future, noting this year's struggle to find regular service projects,"l am hoping next year will be a return to normalcy". Ater a couple of tough years, Rotary's ability to participate in service projects is
starting to improve starting to improve.

The first seven months following the beginning of the school year has been nothing but hard work for our Science Olympiad team here at Springfield Catholic High School. Coached by science teachers Emma Thomas, Jeff Stratton, and Angelina Call, pairs of students are given events to prepare and research for. The topics of the events can range from more general topics, lke chemistry and physis, to events that evolve around the suady of spow as "build brien t" "equire contenders to build a proiect and bring it to the competition

Seven months of hard work for the team was finally transformed into achievement in the egional competition, which took place on the 26th of February at the Missouri State campus.

Students competed in their respective events in 50 minute intervals, likely taking a written tes or competing with their build it bring it projects.

- Savannah Gibson and Paige Wehner took 1st place in Ornithology. Peter Vilkins and Parker Foster took 2nd place in Remote Sensing. Holly Hoang and Madison Rues took 2nd place in Forensics. Madison Rues and Kirsten Pendleton took 3ra place in Disease Detectives. 3rd place in Dynamic Planet.
Grace Spilker and Kate Hull took 3rd place in Ping Pong Parachute Sunshine Le took 3rd place in Wifi Lab


MSU campus that Science Olympiad competitions

Overall, the team placed fourth in the regional competition, which means they will move onto state. State took place April 9th at the MSU campus.

## A SEASON TO REMEMBER

BY PETER VILKINS


The Boys Basketball team finished their season on March 19 th with a loss against Cardinal Ritter for a fourth place finish in State. Although their season ended in a loss, the lrish had a great season. They finished the season with a record of 24-8 in Jack Simpson's first year as coach, including winning both the Big 8 Conference, as well as Districts, and advancing to the final four at state. Senior Zach Howell was the team's eading scorer who finished his Catholic career by breaking the record for most career points of any lrish player, averaging (24.3, 6.6, 1.9) (points,
ebounds, assists) per game this season. This is followed by Seniors Liam O'Reilly (11.6, 4.8, 5.4) and Ty Lyon ( $10,3.3,2.9$ ). All players contrib uted to a largely successful season, even conpeting well against top ranked national teams like PAUL VI at the 37th Bass Pro Tournament of Champions, where the team put up a great fight, only losing by 3 points. This is a seaso remember for the lrish as 8 of the 12 Varsity players will be graduating this year, allowing a new group of players to join the ranks of Varsity next year.

CONGRATS, CASSIE!


Congratulations to SCHS Senior, Cassie Moses Cassie competed in the 2022 Speedo Regiona Championships in Columbia March 19-20, and came home with 8 Gold Medals and 1 silver she garnered "high point" among all swimmers (male and female)! Cassie currently swims fo Springfield Aquatics and has already signed to swim for North Carolina State next year! Nex up is the International Trials Team Competitio in Greensboro, North Carolina. Good luck, Cassie,

$\underbrace{\text { ALL school reunion }}$

All Classes Are Honored This Year!
SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, September 17, 2022
All events will take place at Springfield Catholic High School 2340 S. Eastgate, Springfield, MO
(Parking available on east and west side of the building)
Join us on the evening of September 17th for Mass,
followed by dinner and social hour.
Registration opens soon! Cost is $\$ 35$ per person.
Call your high school friends and encourage them to meet you on the 17th.
This includes alumni from any graduating class of St. Agnes High School
or Springfield Catholic High School!
Would you like to serve as a representative for your graduating class to help share information with your classmates? Please call Suzanne Cronkhite at 417-865-5567 if you would like to help contact your class about this year's reunion.

All Alumni Welcome!
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Please visit our website at cbno.biz and continue to patronize our members!

What is the CBNO? The Catholic Business Network of the Ozarks is focused on establishing an energetic relationship of businesses in the Ozarks to actively network to support each other in our faith and business endeavors, and to work together to support Catholic education. As part of this effort, we are committed to supporting the Springfield Catholic School System, the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, and the Catholic Church.



EMIERALD 2 EVENJNG
MARCH 5, 2022
Emerald Evening 28 was truly one to remember! We are excited to announce that more than $\$ 525,000$ was raised at our first in-person event since Emerald Evening 26 in 2020! Of that total, \$201,000 was raised for Shepherds' Fund during our Fund-A-Need portion of the evening.

Over 450 attendees filled the Oasis ballroom and a great time was had by all! This year's old time Hollywood glam theme inspired the room's decor, which included a roaring MGM lion display and several classic cars. Many attendees even participated in the theme with costume attire. We saw Cleopatra, Sandy from Grease, Queen Elizabeth, and a variety of other themed costumes! We were happy to be together again and were truly blessed with a successful night of fundraising for Springfield Catholic Schools!


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Back-to-School Fundraiser

Saturday, August 27, 2022
Ramada Oasis

TEAM CAPTAINS
St. Agnes: Mitch Hauschildt Immaculate Conception: Mary Bozarth St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: Rachel Baird Springfield Catholic High School: Kimberly Ikenroth

## SPRINGFIELD CATHOLIC $\overline{\text { SCHOOLS }}$

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## Refer a new family and receive a \$50 Amazon Gift Card!

How it works
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Encourage new families to apply!
Tell new familes to visit our New Family Registration page
(https://scspk12.org/admissions/welcome-admissions.html) and fill out an inquiry form. Have them indicate your name as the referring family on that inquiry form. Once the new family has completed registration, and started school, the school office will contact you about your gift card.

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To learn more, contact Suzanne Cronkhite at 417.865.5567 or scronkhite@scspk12.org.

