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# ★ The Nativity Star ★

## Shining Light on the Best of Nativity

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## Nativity Happenings

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### Upcoming Events

**October 14 - No School, Columbus/Indigenous People Day**

**October 18 - No School, Staff Development Day**

**October 23 - Dress Down Day \$1**

**Congratulations to our newly elected class officers!**

### Life After Nativity

By Amelia Cook

Do you ever wonder what school life is like after you leave Nativity? I interviewed Andrew Cook, a freshman at Saint Francis and a 2019 graduate of Nativity, to help answer this question. He says that, "High School has a different atmosphere, with more independence." This made me wonder if he felt prepared for high school. His response was, "Nativity prepares you pretty well for high school. I feel like I know what I need to in order to keep up in class. I also get to be part of The Paduan Scholars program at St. Francis, and I think what I learned while at Nativity helped give me that opportunity." When asked if he had any advice for students wanting to get into a Catholic high school, he replied, "They should work hard in school and try to get a good scholarship for the high school they want to go to. They should also take advantage of the opportunities given to them in order to succeed." Andrew knows that in the end, the recipe for success includes hard work and determination.

First shift of student volunteers at the spaghetti dinner.

### The Spaghetti

### Dinner

By Addison Barth

On Saturday, excellent food was enjoyed by a large crowd. This meal, the Spaghetti Dinner, was a huge success. Student volunteers were happy to help and did their best in the process of taking orders, gathering the food and drinks, and bringing it all back to the table. They worked one of two three hour shifts, switching once with friends and fellow students. Little to no mistakes were made, and these "servers" were attentive to their customers. Alongside this, money was also raised for helping a family in Haiti by donation.



# Sports

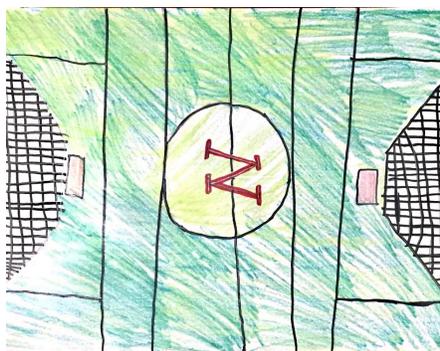
## *Bills vs Patriots*

By Teddy Marks

This highly anticipated matchup on Sunday between the Buffalo Bills and the New England Patriots definitely turned out to be a good one. The two undefeated teams played well in front of 70,000 people. The Bills defense allowed only 16 points. Unfortunately the offense scored only 10 points. Josh Allen had to leave the game early and was on concussion protocol. The referees missed many calls, including the targeting that knocked Allen out. Micah Hyde said, "We would have been thrown out of the game if we hit Brady like that." Meanwhile, Frank Gore had 109 yards rushing and became the 4th player to ever rush for 15,000 yards and made a name for himself in Buffalo.

But football was not the only thing that happened in New Era Field. Jordan and Mackenzie Binggeli got married at the 50 yard line with Kyle Williams as the minister. "It was like inviting 70,000 people to your wedding!" said Mackenzie.

Even though the Bills lost, they showed that they are not the Bills we usually see against New England. They are coming for the Titans next week! Go Bills!



Picture by Luke Carlson

## *Nativity 3rd and 4th Grade Soccer*

By Shaylee Puleo

The 3rd and 4th grade soccer team has a record of 1-1. We were beaten by Queen of Heaven 5-1. In our next game, we crushed Notre Dame 7-1. The 3rd and 4th grade team is made up of Angelina Miran, Evie Gradwell, Jamison Bryan, Josh Schaller, Liam Daughton, Nathan Williams, Richie Cannon, Sophia Plata, Chloe Zador, Estelle Barth, Grace Fitzpatrick, Jameson Enright, Kate DeAngelis, Luke Carlsen, Mali Wehrmeister, Max Makin, Aurora Pope, and Shaylee Puleo. The coaches are Mr. Bryan, Mr. Zador, Dr. Barth, and Mrs. Gradwell.



Photo taken by Teddy Marks

## *Varsity Soccer*

By Patrick Enright

On Sunday, October 6, 2019, the seventh and eighth grade Varsity soccer team played Queen of Heaven and won 3 to 1. The first goal was scored by Luke Schaller, the second goal by Brandt Dubey, and the third goal by Patrick Cullinan. Noah DeAngelis, Charlie Graber, Luke Schaller, Noah Wisniewski, Elizabeth Bestpitch, and Cali Morgan all played excellent as forwards and midfielders. The Defense was led by Myles Benchley, Aidan Pacholec, Willa Dubey, and Addison Barth. Teddy Ciancio played goalie and had many saves. This was the first time in several years that Nativity Varsity Soccer has defeated Queen of Heaven. Both coaches, Mr. and Mrs. DeAngelis played an important role to help create the win. They are exceptional coaches and are the reason for our wins.

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# What Are Zodiac Signs?

By Peyton Dotton

Some questions I get asked very often are, "Do you know your zodiac sign?" and "What's your zodiac sign?" So, I thought I would answer those questions.

Zodiac signs are determined by the way the stars were shaped the month and date you were born. They are also similar to Chinese birthday charts. On a Chinese birthday chart, there is one animal for each month. It's almost the exact same as the astrological signs or "zodiac signs."

There are 12 zodiac signs: Aries - the ram (March 21 - April 19); Taurus - the bull (April 20 - May 20); Gemini - the twins (May 21 - June 20); Cancer - the crab (June 21 - July 22); Leo - the lion (July 23 - August 22); Virgo - the virgin (August 23 - September 22); Libra - the scales (September 23 - October 22); Scorpio - the scorpion (October 23 - November 21); Sagittarius - the archer (November 22 - December 21); Capricorn - the goat (December 22 - January 19); Aquarius - the water bearer (January 20 - February 18); and last but certainly not least is Pisces - the fish (February 19 - March 20).

There are a lot of things to know about the zodiac signs, like what they're good at or most compatible with. But for right now, I'll let you know about the zodiac qualities of energy for each zodiac sign.

Aries energy can help anyone feel strong in what they believe, and help raise confidence in others.

Taurus energy can help us be happy with our lives, to enjoy the earth and planet as it is, and to stay on task in order to get whatever you need done.

Gemini energy can help us collaborate and work together to be ourselves.

Cancer energy allows us to get in tact with our emotions and to reach deep down into our soul and our roots.

Leo energy helps us show our bold side and to wear our hearts on our sleeves.

Virgo energy teaches us to help those around us and to love each and every person on the planet, as well as to be kind and courteous.

Libra energy inspires us to seek world peace, harmony, and joy.

Scorpio energy teaches us to be brave, to put ourselves out there, and to show everyone our superpowers and strength.

Sagittarius energy inspires us to wish for improvement and to chase your dreams, even if you have to take fearless risks to get there.

Capricorn energy teaches us to work towards our goals.

Aquarius energy helps us have creative and innovative ideas.

Pisces energy alerts us to imagination and love uniting everyone as equals.

These are just some of the zodiac signs' energy. Always remember: the stars don't always define you, your character does.

## The Whisper Tellers A Silvia Story

By Delaney Gradwell

We, Hawk, Wolfy, Fa (as we called our father), and I, were sitting around the fire. Mother was putting our littlemates (we called our younger siblings that) to sleep. Edith, our Greatma (what we called our grandmother), was sleeping in "her den." It was a den that hadn't been used since she kitted Mother, so we were confused by why she was sleeping there. She called it "The Teller Den," but we all knew it was nonsense. Mother was the only one in our small family who believed it wasn't nonsense. Correction, *knew* it wasn't nonsense, but of course we didn't know the truth at the time. Fa was telling us stories of the ghosts of the forest, stories that Mother originally told him. Then Mother came out of the littlemates' den.

"My little kittens," she started.

"Ma, we're not kittens anymore!" We protested. Really, we were, but we were almost apkiweens, the stage in life after kithood.

Ma knew not to be specific with our ages, so she said, "Well, you'll always be my little kits."

We hated the idea of that then.

She continued from where she left off, "It's time to go to bed,"

"Awwww! Ma, do we have to?"

"Yes, you do! Your kittingday (birthday) is soon, and if you don't get enough rest than you won't be ready to be apkiweens! You don't want that, do you?" she bargained.

With that, we went right to our nests, but we couldn't sleep, so we snuck around camp. Greatma was aroused by all the noise. Or so we thought...

"Can't sleep?" We were surprised. We nodded our heads. "Me too. Come to my den for a story." We followed her to her den. We were intrigued because we had never been in her den before. It was a cave with a great pine tree on top of it. The pine tree's branches covered the entrance, making it hard to see. There was a hole in the ceiling, leading to the tree. In the back was a pool with a hole above it, letting shafts of moonlight into the den and illuminating it. There were three tunnels that lead into other caves. Greatma pointed to one with her muzzle.

"That one is where I sleep, but our story will be told here." We thought that was strange, but after the story was done we could see why it was told where it was. "This is the story of what this den used to be." We all groaned silently. In our minds we were all thinking, "Not this nonsense!"

"In the old days, when our group was strong, there were Whisper Tellers and Healers. This was their den. Healers slept in that cave." She pointed to the one next to hers. "Tellers, as Whisper Tellers were called, slept in that one." She pointed to the one she slept in. "And sick cats slept in that one." She pointed to the cave farthest away. "Healers healed cats and tellers shared tongues (speaking and grooming) with their ancestors." We were all immediately interested.

She told us all about healers and tellers. The pool was for sick cats to drink from and for tellers to share with their ancestors. Herbs used to be on "shelves" in the den. It was amazing!

"Now we have no more tellers that we are sure about, maybe one of you will be one." Dawn was arriving, and as we turned to go, Greatma said, "I was a teller."



*Author's note:* Greatma hasn't been getting a lot of visions when this takes place, so she thinks she lost her teller abilities. This was incredibly fun to write and it let me expand more on Silvia's (the narrator) story. I hope to write more of these! Bye!

## DEGA Republic By Evangeline Gradwell

*This 3rd grader created DEGA Republic with her sister and some friends. DEGA is a club/company/town, and the creators are calling for Nativity kids to create their own DEGA in their own basements using boxes. Then, participants will get together to discuss and play.*

DEGA is our new activity and we are looking for students to join. Our motto is: "A box and a dream is a DEGA Team." All you need for a DEGA Team is you and a box. You could make a city of boxes. Sign up for DEGA today.

# Art by Nativity!



Alivia Rydzewski is pictured with her Artistic Adventurer project for *Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Jennifer Choldenko.



Drawing by Chloe Zador

Are you interested in submitting a drawing for the newspaper? We are asking all artists who create a piece for the paper to please go over any pencil with black marker, keep it neat, and clearly print on the back your name and grade. Submissions should be placed in Mrs. Pallante's mailbox in the main office or emailed to Addison Barth at [addisonbarth@gmail.com](mailto:addisonbarth@gmail.com).

**SAINTS FUN FACTS** by John Sheppard

St. Therese Lisieux was a young Carmelite nun who devoted her life to loving God. As a permanent novice, she would never be able to perform great deeds. She did however scatter flowers, each flower a little sacrifice and a little action for God and love.

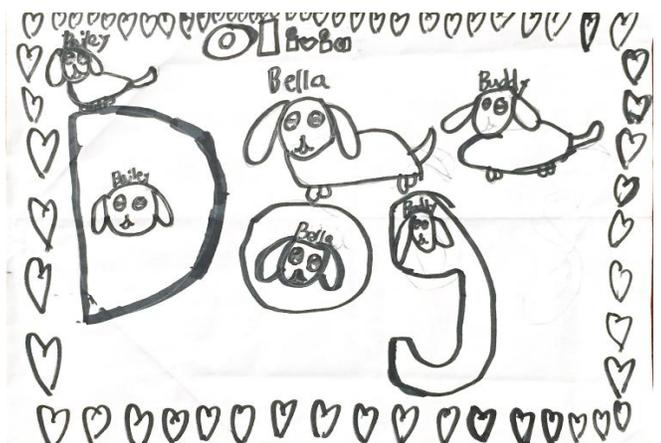
After not feeling well for sometime, she became gravely ill.

She remained silent and cheerful until the end and passed away at the age of 24.

St. Therese is one of patron saints of the missions.

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