

# IT'S STILL ALL ABOUT JESUS

2018 NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK



## **NLSW** by *Winta K.*

This week is National Lutheran Schools Week! It is a time to share activities with classmates, teachers, and especially faith families. But do you know the meaning behind it? It's a special opportunity that more than 2,000 Lutheran schools are given to thank God for all the blessings he gives us as His children. This year's theme is "It's Still All About Jesus" which is based on Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever." This theme and verse express how important Jesus is to us, to believers before us, and those to come.

In our activities this week, we were reminded that Jesus is the MESSAGE of Scripture, the TRUTH of the Reformation, the MISSION of the church and school, the HEART of the home, and the FOCUS of our life.

Word of Life also had a penny war and collected money for Lutheran Hour Ministries to share the message of Jesus in Cambodia. Through online videos, we got to experience life through the eyes of kids in Cambodia, their culture and customs of the country.

It's amazing how God can use our Word of Life community to share his message of love not only in St. Louis, but now in Cambodia!

## **Fruit of the Spirit** by *Noah C.*



Most likely, you have heard of the Golden Rule. It states, "Do unto others as you would have them treat you." Other than it being the right thing to do, what

motivates our kindness, generosity, and mercy? Ephesians 4:32 and 1 John 4:19 put it plainly. "Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you." "We love because He first loved us." This is our motivation. We love, serve, and forgive each other, because God has loved, served,

and forgives us.

Moreover, Jesus states in Matthew 25: 40, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." When we serve others, we serve God. God wants us to be kind to each other, and love our neighbors as ourselves, so we should, obviously.

## Preschool News by Zoe W.

This month the preschool class partook in many fun winter activities! Mrs. Maxfield's preschool class has been learning about Arctic and Antarctic regions. They've also had the opportunity to experiment with snow and "make ice". Ms. O'Toole's class has been learning about snow, the arctic, animals, and much more. They've been experimenting with mixing colors in the snow and have been observing what happens to ice when it melts. Mrs. Bolling's class has also been learning about animals, specifically the ones who like winter and the ones that don't. Her preschool class then did a project on these animals. It seems that all the preschool classes are having a lot of fun and are learning many interesting things!



Mrs. Bolling's class displays their Arctic artwork.

## Highlights of the Month by Gavin S.

This month, we had many exciting things happen. We had some select band students go on a Jr. Winds tour to different schools. We also had the Boys Basketball Tournament and the boys' team placing third. We had Martin Luther King Jr. Day off of school. The Student Council and Beta Club went on a trip to Bethlehem. The Scholar Bowl team played in the gold bracket of a tournament this week. The Children's Education Alliance of Missouri provided the "Tell It" poem contest. The top finalists are from Word of Life - Gavin S. (8th), Noah C. (8th), Aria T. (8th), Jaylee S. (7th), Emily L. (7th), and Bella B. (6th). These finalists shared their poems in a ceremony at The Stage on January 25th. Bella B. was awarded 1st place, winning a new laptop computer. Jaylee S. won 2nd place, and Emily L. won 3rd place, both receiving a new tablet. Congratulations to all finalists!

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# SPORTS

## Girls Basketball

by Janet P.

The A1 girls basketball team continues to work hard and has had an amazing season. After winter break, the ladies' first game of 2018 was against Tower Grove Christian Academy. "In the beginning of the games, we were so scared because all of the girls were tall on the other team. We were like there's no way we can defeat all of them. But we still had hope that we were gonna win by using all of the things that we learned in basketball practice," said 7th grade teammate, Janet P. "I feel like we've come a long way since the beginning of the season. We just need to work on playing as a team instead of individually," commented 7th grader, Winta K. In the most recent game, Jaylee S., Laanu S., and Winta K. stole the ball often and Jaylee S. was making shot after shot. At the end of the game, the ladies did not win, but people were still cheering since they tried their best.

## Boys Basketball

by Ethan B.

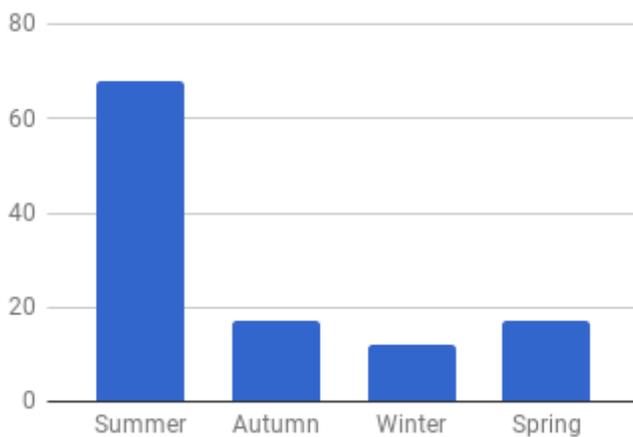
The boys basketball season is sadly coming to an end, but they have had a great season so far. They had a tournament in the beginning of January and the team got third place. Mr. Dehn said, "The the boys have done amazing in the season and the team was shaky, but came out strong." 7th grader, Ezekiel S. said, "The A team has had some ups and down." Overall, the team should be proud of their growth and success. GO COUGARS!

## Cougar Contests *by Aria T.*

This month's contest has to do with the upcoming holiday, Valentine's Day! The contest is to guess the number of candy hearts in a jar. The jar will be by the office, and you can get a guessing slip from your teacher. There will be a basket for your guesses by the office. This contest is a great way to try out your estimating skills. And best of all, if you win, you get the candy! Have fun and good luck! The winner of the previous snowflake contest is Avery Klug. Her snowflake was creative and well done. Congratulations Avery!

## What is Your Favorite Season?

*by Noah C.*



This month, you were probably asked by your teacher what your favorite season was. The results are in, and they probably will not surprise you. Summer won by far, with autumn and spring tied for second, far behind. Apparently, WOL is appreciating the warmer weather recently. I know I sure am. I am just thankful that we live where we have all four seasons, so we can enjoy each one.

## Celebrity Look-Alikes

*by Emily L.*

For this month's celebrity look-alikes we have two awesome people. When you look at them you will do a double-take. First up is Laanu from 8th grade and Venus Williams. Venus is a famous tennis player who has made it into the Olympics and won gold four times.



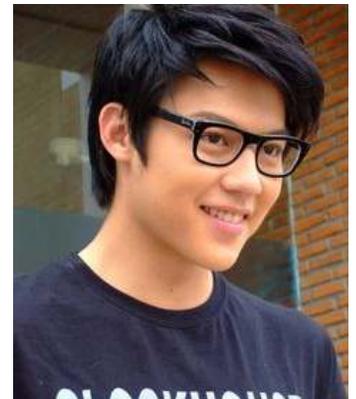
Laanu S., 8th grade



Venus Williams



Sujan B., 7th grade



Prin Suparat

Next up, we have Sujan from 7th grade and (Mark) Prin Suparat. Mark is an actor who has made an appearance in many movies.

## Movie Review

by **Hawa S. and Winta K.**

WOOHOO! It's a new year, and you know what that means. NEW MOVIES! To kick off the new year, the primary movie review of the month is *Paddington 2*. You may have heard about Paddington in 2014. Well, this year it's different. Paddington has settled in with his family, and is now popular in the community. One day he finds a pop-up book in a store, hoping to get it for his aunt's birthday. But when it's stolen, Paddington is on the run to catch the thief before the big celebration. *Paddington 2* came out January 12, so it's a great movie to



start off the new year, and it's something you don't want to miss.

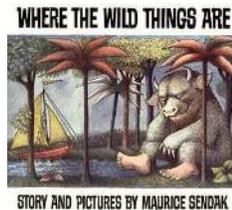
The middle school movie of the month is *Maze Runner: The Death Cure*. This movie comes out January 26, 2018. It's the sequel to the 2015 film *Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials* and the third and final installment in the *Maze Runner* film series. Thomas leads some escaped Gladers on their final and most dangerous mission yet. Anyone who sur will get answers to the questions that the Gladers have been asking since they arrived at the maze. This movie is one you won't want to miss out on.



## Book Review

by **Emily L. and Aria T.**

*Where The Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak, is a popular children's book that has a great storyline that when you read it you won't forget it. When mischievous Max doesn't listen to his mom he is sent to bed without any dinner. There his room starts to change into a forest, leading to the wild things. Will Max find the wild things? And what will he learn? Join Max on a magical adventure to where the wild things are!



This month's middles school book review is about a classic book, *The Secret Garden*. Its starts out with Mary Lennox, a sickly girl whose parents ignore her. She is very spoiled and doesn't know how to be kind or polite. But one day everything changes. Everyone in her house, except her, gets sick and dies. Mary is sent to her uncle in Yorkshire. There, she learns about a secret garden. She



looks and finds it behind a wall of ivy, where she, with the help of a friend, Dicken, helps it flourish. Mary becomes healthy and friendly, and her life is suddenly filled with joy! She shares this joy with her cousin and helps reunite him with his father. This book is all about having compassion and finding the joys of life!

## Top 5 Newest Video games: Mario Kart 8 Deluxe

by **Gavin S.**

Now that it's a new year, 2018, we will be looking at some of the best video games that recently came out. This issue we will be looking at *Mario Kart 8 Deluxe*. This is a continued version of one of the many different *Mario Kart* racing games. *Mario Kart 8 Deluxe* is a sequel to *Mario Kart 8* and shares many things. This introduced having two slots to hold items, more characters, and an improved battling system.

This game is playable on the Wii U and the Nintendo Switch. In my opinion, I think this should just be an update to an already amazing game, *Mario Kart 8*. That way you don't have to waste \$60 for basically the same game. For this reason, this game is at the bottom of this list. Stay tuned for the next best video game in the next Roar issue.



## Restaurant Review: Billy G's by Emily L.

Located on 131 W. Argonne Dr. in the historic downtown Kirkwood, Billy G's is a perfect place for a casual dine out for any occasion. They have everything, from pizza to burgers, salads and pastas. So everyone will enjoy something on their large menu.

To start off on their Lunch and Dinner menu their toasted ravioli with marinara sauce and sprinkled parmesan, is something that I definitely recommend! You can choose from

so many different main entrees that it is so overwhelming to just pick one, but the one that I really recommend is the Billy's House Burger.



It may look like just a regular burger but it is so much more than you can expect! Their amazing deserts are hard to pass up, like their caramel turtle cheesecake. This rich, fudgy chocolate cheesecake with caramel and pecans drizzled over it and topped with whipped cream, is one of their most famous deserts and I can see why.

While you are in the historic Kirkwood, it won't be very hard to drive by this restaurant, and trust me you won't want to miss it!

To Learn More Go To: <http://billygskirkwood.com/>

## This Month in History by Zoe W.

This new column has been added to our school newspaper in hopes to educate students and parents alike about historical events that have taken place in specific months. In this edition of the newspaper, I will share some of the interesting and important historical events that have happened in the month of January.

**January 1st, 45 B.C.** - Julius Caesar declared New Year's a national holiday and it is celebrated for the first time in history.

**January 1st, 1863** The Emancipation Proclamation takes effect, ending slavery in the United States.

**January 3rd, 1521** - Martin Luther is excommunicated by the Catholic church after he publicly defended his teachings which went against the Pope.

**January 9th, 2007** - The first I-phone is debuted by Steve Jobs.

**January 12th, 1932** - History was made when the first female senator, Rebecca Latimer Felton of Arkansas, was elected.

**January 15th, 1929** - Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Atlanta, Georgia. He grew up to be a champion of civil rights.

**January 28th, 1986** - Tragedy strikes when the spacecraft, The Challenger is blown up.

The month of January marks many historic events, and the following months will hold many more.

## Recipe of the Month by Hawa S.

Let's start 2018 with Crescent Pizza Sticks! This recipe is great for lunch, dinner, or maybe even the big game! You can find it on [www.pillsbury.com](http://www.pillsbury.com). Enjoy and have a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### INGREDIENTS

1 can (8 oz) Pillsbury refrigerated crescent dinner rolls

24 pepperoni slices (from 6-oz) package

4 sticks low-moisture part-skim mozzarella string cheese (1 oz each), halved, or ½ cup shredded mozzarella cheese (2 oz)

1 cup marinara sauce

### INSTRUCTIONS

Heat oven to 375 degrees F. Separate crescent dough into 8 triangles

Place 3 pepperoni slices, slightly overlapping, on shortest side of each triangle. Place one mozzarella half onto pepperoni. Roll up, starting at shortest side of triangle, and rolling to opposite point. Place rolls, point side down, on ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake to 10 to 14 minutes or until deep golden brown. Meanwhile, in microwaveable bowl, heat marinara sauce covered on Medium-High (70%) 1 to 2 minutes until warmed through. Serve immediately with pizza sticks.



**Birthdays**  
*by Janet P.*

- Grant M. 1/2
- Aria T. 1/2
- Chloe J. 1/2
- Luca T. 1/3
- Ms. O'Toole 1/4
- Laanu S. 1/6
- Blake P. 1/7
- Audrey B. 1/8
- Ava M. 1/13
- Daniel G. 1/15
- Malin N. 1/15
- Eliana D. 1/21
- Isabella M. 1/21
- Mrs. Davis 1/26
- Samuel P. 1/28
- Shyla S. 1/29
- Ezra M. 1/29

**Baptismal Birthdays**  
*by Janet P.*

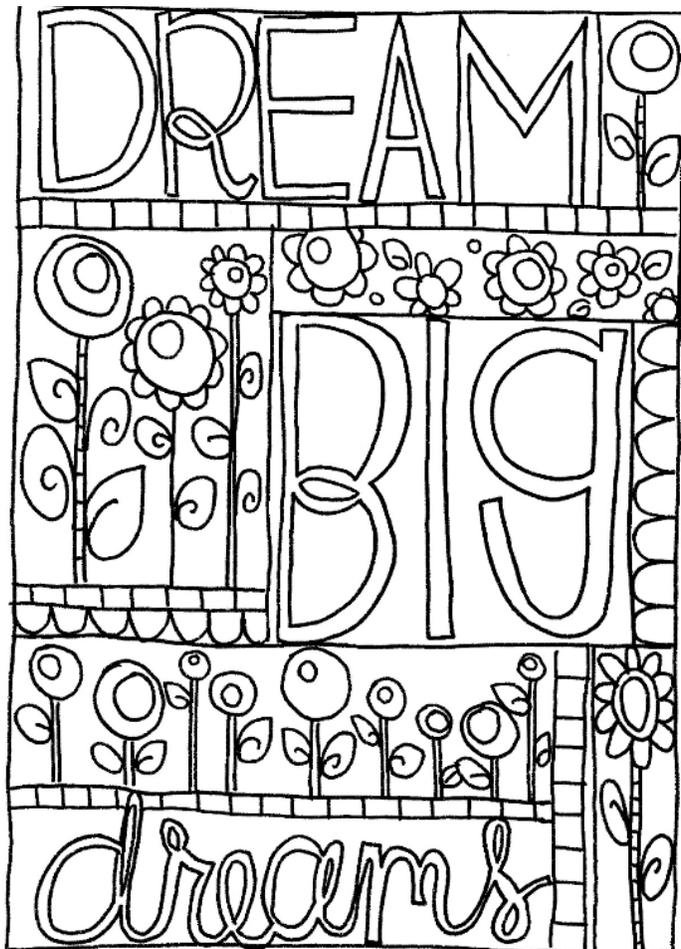
- Willy S. 1/1
- Haway S. 1/6
- Anna C. 1/13
- Rahel D. 1/28

**Comic by Ethan B.**



**Kids Page by Janet P.**

**Coloring Page**



**MLK Jr. Word Scramble**

1. revBa \_\_\_\_\_
2. reDam \_\_\_\_\_
3. inMarturtheLinKgrj \_\_\_\_\_
4. ecPae \_\_\_\_\_
5. eLov \_\_\_\_\_
6. klBcaHrstyonMoht \_\_\_\_\_
7. erdaeL \_\_\_\_\_
8. tiecsJu \_\_\_\_\_
9. redeFom \_\_\_\_\_
10. Rsgtih \_\_\_\_\_