

CRUSADER TIMES

INTRODUCING THE 2022-2023

STUDENT COUNCIL

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FOR THE PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS, WE HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWING THE PEOPLE THAT WERE ELECTED TO THE 2022-2023 STUDENT COUNCIL.

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHO HELPS WITH ALL THE EVENTS WE HOLD OR WHO HELPS WORK BEHIND THE SCENES? WELL TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION, THAT IS THE STUDENT COUNCIL. IN FACT, WE JUST HAD OUR ELECTION. OUR PRESIDENT, LIAM SNYDLE, IS EXCITED TO MAKE MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS. HE BELIEVES THAT BEING PRESIDENT WILL HELP IMPROVE HIS LEADERSHIP AND LIFE SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE. WE ALSO HAVE OUR VICE PRESIDENT, SHAUNE MERCADO, WHO FEELS RELIEVED ABOUT HIS WIN. HE SAYS HIS FAMILY IS VERY PROUD OF HIM. IN ADDITION, NATHAN JANDINERO, WHO IS SECRETARY, SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT BECAUSE HE WAS ALREADY GOING TO WIN SINCE HE WAS THE ONLY CANDIDATE RUNNING FOR HIS POSITION. FURTHERMORE, OUR TREASURER, VERONICA SAN MIGUEL, SAID IT WAS A 50/50 CHANCE, BUT IN THE END, SHE WON. IZABELLA CERVANTES, WHOSE POSITION IS COMMISSIONER AT LARGE, SAYS THAT SHE IS VERY PROUD OF HERSELF AND HER ACCOMPLISHMENT. SHE SAID, "MY FRIENDS HAD CONFIDENCE IN ME WHICH REALLY HELPED ME GET THROUGH IT." OUR FAITH AND SERVICES COMMISSIONER IS ISABELLA RIOS. WHEN SHE FOUND OUT SHE WON, SHE WAS EXCITED AND VERY SHOCKED. SHE DIDN'T EXPECT TO WIN. ALSO, NEBLINA MERCADO, WHO IS THE COMMISSIONER OF ECOLOGY, FEELS HAPPY BECAUSE SHE GETS TO HAVE A CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL, RUNNING FOR THE SECOND TIME.

ANALYSIA ROCHA IS OUR COMMISSIONER OF ATHLETICS. SHE SAYS SHE WAS OVERJOYED BECAUSE SHE FINALLY WON. DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHO THE SCHOOL SPIRIT COMMISSIONER IS? SOPHIA FERNANDEZ IS IN 6TH GRADE AND SAID THAT SHE WASN'T WORRIED ABOUT THE ELECTION BECAUSE SHE ALREADY WON. FINALLY, THE BIGGEST PART OF THE ELECTION WITH THE MOST CANDIDATES RUNNING, 4 PEOPLE, WAS FOR HISTORIAN/REPORTER. OUR HISTORIAN AND REPORTER IS JORGE ARREOLA. HE SAYS, "THANK YOU ALL THAT VOTED FOR ME FOR YOUR SUPPORT. I DIDN'T THINK I WAS GOING TO WIN, BUT IN THE END, I DID. I'M ALSO VERY PROUD OF MYSELF."

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THIS YEAR'S 2022-2023 STUDENT COUNCIL.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO ALL THE GREAT ACTIVITIES THE STUDENT COUNCIL WILL HOLD FOR THE STUDENT BODY.



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

By: Elizabeth Saavedra and Bella Alvarez

What's your favorite book to read? We read a lot of books in school, but have you ever wondered what your teacher's favorite books are? Well, we interviewed our middle school ELA teacher, Mr. Suave, to find out his favorite books to read. Here are some of the questions that we asked.

Question 1: What is your favorite book so far that you have read?

Mr. Suave: My favorite book so far that I have read is Tuesdays with Morrie.

Question 2: If you could give that book a different title, what would it be?

Mr. Suave: If I could give the book a different title, it would be Lessons from an Old Friend.

Question 3: What is the main theme of this book?

Mr. Suave: How to deeply love others and to see the world in a new, positive way.

In addition, we wanted to interview one of the elementary teachers, Ms. Venegas. Here is what she said.

Question 1: What is your favorite book so far that you have read?

Ms. Venegas: My favorite book so far that I have read is The Bad Seed.

Question 2: If you could give that book a different title, what would it be?

Ms. Venegas: If I could give that book a different title, it would be Seeds Can Change.

Question 3: What is the main theme of this book?

Ms. Venegas: The theme of this book is transformation.

THE BASICS OF MR. UBALDO'S CLASS

By: Hayden Phipps and Yzabelle Sanchez

Last week, we interviewed the person everybody probably knows, Mr. Ubaldo, about different topics. Mr. Ubaldo teaches math and science. For electives, he teaches public speaking. The type of discipline he has is what all teachers have, conduct cards and marks. Also, another type of discipline is running to the storage shed and back. According to him, most of the time his class concentrates. Mr. Ubaldo said that he is looking forward to a great school year and to new students. Mr. Ubaldo has 18 kids in 6th, 26 in 7th, and 9 in 8th.

Mr. Ubaldo said that we can look forward to positivity, faith, and lots of learning. Mr. Ubaldo has also taught at Horace Mann Elementary for summer school. He's supportive of his students. He shows how work is properly done and has his students practice their work. Mr. Ubaldo also tries to implement faith and life lessons into his teaching. Something he always says is "practice makes perfect." He hands out three assignments, including math and science, for homework and often has his students do Google Classroom assignments.

"With God all things are possible."- Mr. Ubaldo

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

BY: MARLOE-VEA RANESES, GIANNA CRIVELLO, AND NATALIE DICKMAN

The Blessing of the Animals is an annual ceremony in October, celebrating the human-animal bond as part of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the environment. Born to a wealthy family, St. Francis took a vow of poverty after a religious experience and spent most of his life caring for the sick and the poor; he was most known for his great bond with animals. At Franciscan churches, a friar with a brown robe and white cord often welcomes each animal with a special prayer. The Blessing of Pets usually goes like this: "Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air, and animals on the land. You inspired Saint Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen." In recent decades, this tradition has been prevalent outside the Catholic religion, and people of many faiths celebrate the special ceremony. The Blessing of the Animals is a fantastic tradition celebrated to impact bonds with animals. How can you impact your bond with God's creatures?

!Announcement! Madonna del Sasso School celebrated the Blessing of the Animals on October 3, 2022.



Coach Bree and Zion getting ready for a blessing from Father Greg.

Crossword Puzzle



Down:

1. Ceremony in October celebrating the human-animal bond
5. Took a vow of poverty after religious experience and spent most of his life caring for the sick and poor.
6. Who did Saint Francis call his brothers and sisters?

Across:

2. A person with a brown robe and white cord who welcomes animals into Franciscan churches.
3. this tradition has been prevalent outside the _____ religion
4. Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living _____.
6. The end of a prayer or hymn, meaning 'so be it.'

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

BY: EVOLET CONTRERAS AND SAMIAH GRUBER

There are a number of sports that Madonna del Sasso School students will have the opportunity to participate in. September is the month of the volleyball season, October is the soccer season, November is the season for flag football, January is the time for basketball, and March is the season for track and field. Not only can students participate in sports after school, but also during the school day! This October, Coach Bree is going to be hosting a spooky athletics activity party for Halloween PE. It will include neon basketball, neon football, and much more. Activities will be available for all ages. All of the athletic sports and activities this school year will be directed by Coach Bree. She is the best coach one can ever have. She is also an awesome, nice, and kind-hearted person. She is always willing to help students. Thank you Coach Bree for all you do for our school!