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MARQUETTE ACADEMY, THE BEST SCHOOL AROUND

By: Mason Ferrario



Marquette Academy's Namesake

Marquette Academy, a Catholic school, revolving around the main focus of higher education in all subjects, including religion. Fr. Jacques Marquette was a French missionary who explored the Mississippi River and some of present-day Illinois with Louis Jolliet. The Missouri State Parks website states, "Marquette had arrived in Canada in 1666 and had been placed in charge of the Jesuit mission at Chequamegon Bay in 1669, where he met several Illinois Indians." Marquette had first met the Illinois tribes and, with his acquaintance, he set off on the Mississippi River. According to the Wisconsin Historical Society, "They crossed Wisconsin between June 1st and June 17th, then followed the Mississippi River hundreds of miles south to Arkansas. On July 16, near the mouth of the Arkansas River across from modern Rosedale, Mississippi, they turned around." Marquette had discovered a large proportion of the land that surrounded the Mississippi River. He led a small expedition group and also made friends with the Indians he encountered along the way. He concluded that the Mississippi River led into the Gulf of Mexico. Marquette did this when he turned around at Rosedale. Marquette's convoy turned around to avoid being captured by the Spanish, as the Spanish had owned most of Mexico and the surrounding land. "But illness...dysentery he (continue the story on page 2)

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contracted while on his mission—forced him to return home. He died on May 18, 1675, en route to St. Ignace.” -Biography.com. Unfortunately, Marquette died at an early age, only living to 38.

Marquette Academy's Past

“Before all this though, there was a smaller school, ... with three separate buildings,” said Mary Mann, the main secretary for Marquette Academy grade school. During Mrs. Mann’s time at this school, she said she had witnessed three separate schools and that, “there was only one wing of this building.” The current downstairs grade school section, K-2, had not been built when she had been a student at Marquette (formerly Saint Columba grade school). “It was very ornate ... almost like a Roman church,” she said, complimenting the school’s appearance from when she was a student. “We ate lunch in the church basement ... it was like our cafeteria.” The old school didn’t have a cafeteria yet and the students often had lunch in their church’s basement as a makeshift mess hall. Mary Mann said, “The old buildings got too old and... got torn down.” The older two buildings that were made, before the school building we know, were there long before Mrs. Mann went to school there. She noticed those buildings were torn down because they were most likely worn and too old to keep in session.

COVID and Its Impact

Marquette is, and was, a very prestigious school that provides some of the best education around.



However, that doesn’t mean it isn’t affected by large events like doesn’t mean it isn’t affected by large events like the Coronavirus pandemic. Mary Mann is the main secretary for the Marquette grade school, and she has provided some info on what has gone on in her time of working here.” Mrs. Mann went on to say, “There was less social activity within the classroom.” While the coronavirus caused a lot of bad things to happen, that doesn’t mean all of the outcomes were bad. The school saw a positive learning experience for all students, the start of the E-learning. This allows students to still have access to their education, even while being home. Mrs. Mann said, “It is simply better...to stay in session.” We still have to do school work on snow days, even if it is minimal.

MA's Impact on the Community

Marquette Academy has had a profound impact on its community with its high academic expectations and Catholic lifestyle, having helped many young believers truly strive. This school in particular isn’t just about education, there are many

activities, and ways that students can choose to express themselves. “MA is student involvement, offering numerous clubs, competitive sports programs, and meaningful activities for students of all ages.” The school’s website, the art classes, theatrical plays, and music clubs are prime examples of the extracurricular activities they have outside of sports. Marquette also has extremely impressive sports teams. Taken directly from the Marquette website, Marquette “Teach[es] our athletes life-long lessons including hard work, loyalty, and teamwork.” Marquette sports and education are exceptional at almost every level and great role models to be introduced to the community. “But without the Academy, **(continue story on page 24).**

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

By: Fiona Gaworski



Recently, Mrs. Rick was asked about the life of a principal and what it's like. As an alumna, Mrs. Rick stated that being principal at Marquette ...is like coming home". Mrs. Rick went on to discuss her favorite thing about being a principal, which is being able to watch the students grow academically and spiritually. She loves seeing students grow from preschool to twelfth grade. Her least favorite part of the job is disciplining her students because it hurts her heart when students make the wrong decision. When students think that she is tough, it's only because she wants them to be the best they can be, and when we leave Marquette she wants us to know that we can "conquer the world and do amazing things." When asked is there was anything that she could fix for Marquette, he said it would be funding. Mrs.

Rick wishes she had an endless amount of money so that every single one of her students could have the resources that they need. The balance of being a teacher and a principal is pretty even. Mrs. Rick likes teaching because she is not in the office all day and she gets to socialize with everyone. According to her, talking to her students is one of the best parts of her job. "I think that one of my favorite parts of my job is student interaction." She also loves all of her staff and working with them every day. On a side note, the best excuse Mrs. Rick ever heard was from a student who had a lot of missing assignments and didn't want to make up the work themselves. The student took someone else's work, erased their name, and put down their name instead. She said she gives them credit for the creativity, but it wasn't their work.

MEET OUR CHAPLAIN

By: Fiona Gaworski

Father Nicolas Wilson is the Chaplain of Marquette Academy and was recently interviewed about his perspective on being a priest. When asked what it's like being a priest and why he likes it, Father answered that he likes being a priest because he gets to make it about Jesus being present in people's lives. He went on to say being a priest is "amazing" and "having that call is a great gift".

Father Wilson shared that he started thinking about becoming a priest in second grade when he heard there were many priests. He said, "I thought that maybe if they needed me, I could do it." After that, Father started seriously thinking about becoming a priest in high school. While in high school Father was working at a nursing home and he realized how important and special people were. Father stated that he was praying every day during that period. He then followed God's call and became a priest.

During the interview, he was asked what it's like being able to baptize people and anoint the sick. He revealed that baptisms are very special because the holy spirit fills the person's soul and they are children of God now. On the other hand, while anointings are special, they are also harder, because people are at the end of their lives and you see them sick and suffering. One experience of the anointing of the sick changed him. Father said it was really "powerful and beautiful..." because the lady he was anointing was close to God and she was aware of what was to come. According to Father, she was excited to get anointed because she knew she was going to be with Jesus. Father Wilson is a true example of following God's, call and we are so blessed to have him at Marquette.



PRESCHOOL CLASSROOM CORNER

By: Carter Johnson

Marquette had a huge increase in preschool this year, growing from three classes to four. In these four classes, there is a total of 87 students, ranging from 3-5 years of age. Traditional three-year-old preschool, which is half-day, is taught by Ms. Markey and Ms. Barichello. Power preschool, or full-day, is taught by Ms. Jewett and Mrs. McAlpine. Teachers believe the increase in students is a result of all the extra effort outside of the school day. For example, having Preschool booths at community events like Scarecrow Festival and Friendship Days. In addition, the preschool program has the Halloween parade and year, the art fundraiser (where the preschoolers created art projects and parents attended an event to purchase their children's artwork), new this year.

A typical day for all preschoolers looks different depending on the classroom. In three-year-old preschool, students do morning work (calendar and learning centers). Then, they move into bathroom break and snack time. Three-year-old preschool ends the day with recess and story time. Students in Power Preschool, begin their day with morning work and calendar time. Then, they take a bathroom break and move into numbers and letters work. After this, it is time for lunch and recess. When this is complete, they come back to the classroom and work on other educational activities, and have some peer socialization time.

When teachers were asked what they loved most about teaching and working with the preschoolers, they each had something different to say. Ms. Barichello said, "seeing them grow over the year and how close they get." Ms. Markey said, "watching them make friends," is her favorite part. Lastly, Ms. Jewett said, "Watching them learn and grow. I like to be able to help them learn."



KINDERGARTEN THROUGH SECOND-GRADE CLASSROOM CORNER

By: Alexis Robles

Kindergarten

Mrs. Clausel, the Kindergarten teacher was asked to share information on what is happening in her classroom. She shared that the first semester of kindergarten focuses on sounds and beginning to read, as well as adapting to the school rules. As the holiday nears, kindergarten students will start by disguising turkeys and learning about Thanksgiving. Students were also excited about Thanksgiving break. Kindergarten and their teachers, Ms. Madi and Ms. Clausel, are also looking forward to the Christmas program, which they have spent a great deal of time practicing for. Kindergarteners like that "they have two recess and gym class" says Mrs. Clausel.



Mrs. Clausel and Ms. Madi working with students during a lesson.

First Grade

At the date of the interview, first grade was working on subtraction and reading about the zoo and all the animals. Their teacher, Ms. Dennis, shared they were very excited about their field trip. They went to the zoo on November 12. Another thing they are excited about is Christmas because they have been practicing very hard for the Christmas program. "One more thing they really love about their grade is having desks this year instead of tables," Ms. Dennis shared. She went on to say, On top of that the first graders are also nervous for next year because they will have a new teacher and a new environment.



First grade working during a lesson.

Second Grade

The second graders are currently learning about money, the value of each coin, informative writing, and adding multiple digits. What the second graders really enjoy about their grades is "learning about money and reading" shared Mrs. Miller and Ms. Mary. One thing students are very excited about is the Christmas program, as well as Christmas break because they enjoy the free days they get. Before they move on to third grade, second-graders have the honor of receiving two sacraments this year - their First Reconciliation and First Communion. Mrs. Miller reports that "students are excited to move on to third grade because of Mrs. Zollar's ...and Zollar dollars.... [where] they can buy stuff.



Second graders saying the Pledge of Allegiance during morning announcements.

THIRD THROUGH FIFTH-GRADE CLASSROOM CORNER

By: Tate Hopkins

Between November 13-15th, Mrs. Jane Zollars (3rd grade), Mrs. Donna Gamons (4th grade), and Mr. Tim McNally (5th grade) were interviewed about their individual classes and what is going on this year. They all had similar things to say about how well-behaved their classes are. Students were also asked about how they liked this school year, and all students were in agreement that they are having a blast with their teachers.

When asked more specifically about what the kids are working in class, each teacher shared something different. The fifth-grade teacher, Mr. McNally stated, that they "are learning adding and subtracting decimals and writing an essay about praying mantis. We are also doing grammar worksheets and worksheets for science. In social studies, we are doing current events and Scholastic news. In religion, we are learning about mankind in the Book of Genesis. The fourth-grade teacher, Mrs. Gamons, stated "They are learning their states, multiplication, and reading a lot of books." The third-grade teacher, Mrs. Zollars, shared, "We are learning about different genres in reading...in science we are talking about forces, and we are learning about communities and how they lived a while back in social studies. In religion, we are working on how God keeps his promise to them."



Mrs. Zollars - 3rd Grade



Mrs. Gamons - 4th Grade



Mr. McNally - 5th Grade

SIXTH THROUGH EIGHTH-GRADE CLASSROOM CORNER

By: Fiona McGrath



Mrs. Babiak helps Fiona McGrath work on her newspaper article.

English Language Arts

Mrs. Babiak, new to Marquette Academy this year, was recently interviewed about the scope and sequence of the English Language Arts curriculum for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year. Mrs. Babiak indicated that in the second quarter, "seventh and eighth graders are working on newspaper and historical fiction, while sixth grade is working on narrative essays." In the third quarter, all grades sixth through 8th will work on poetry and verse. Mrs. Babiak continued, "So far the junior high has to work on organizing thoughts and making sure their writing makes sense." For the holidays, Mrs. Babiak stated that students will be "doing short stories and most likely poems for the Valentine, Saint Patrick, and Easter holidays. To end the school year, Mrs. Babiak shared students will be leaving historical fiction and poetry genres and ending the year with the dystopian genre - books like The Hunger Games and The Giver.

Spanish

The Spanish teacher at Marquette Academy, Mrs. Leiteritz, says that the "seventh grade just finished...their wax museum and now will continue to finish their Mexico unit. Upon completion, they get to create a bedroom." She went on to share, "Sixth grade wrapped up their brochure and will now be going on to their largest unit of the year - the family unit, where they will create a family tree." When asked about eighth grade, she shared that they, "will be finishing their Peru unit, which mainly focuses on food vocabulary." For the holidays, Mrs. Leiteritz stated the junior high students will be going into Christmas and how different Spanish countries celebrate it. In the New Year, students will continue to work more on vocabulary and conversations. They will learn how to properly pronounce Spanish words so they will go into the New Year knowing how to put together more Spanish conversations.



Señora Leiteritz reviewing Spanish vocabulary

Social Studies

Mrs. Sullivan, the junior high teacher, teaches 6th, 7th, and 8th grade classes. She shares that her eighth grade will be going over the Illinois constitution. The 8th graders need to take the U.S. Constitution test, which students in 8th grade must pass to graduate. The sixth-grade students will be learning about the early parts of the country, while seventh-graders are focused on constitution tests.



Mrs. Sullivan hard at work grading papers.

TWO TEACHERS, TWO REASONS

By: Bradyn Hermann



The first person interviewed was Mrs. Gamons, the fourth-grade teacher at Marquette Academy. When asked why she became a teacher, she said, "I had worked in the schools for most of my adult life and had always wanted to be a teacher and the opportunity presented itself at Marquette Academy and I was thrilled to be able to accept a position here," She also said she loves her students and hopes they see her as fun and caring. "It is [the school year] going really quick. I can't believe we're almost to Thanksgiving, and Christmas is right around the corner. Time has been flying." As far as her class goes, she says she has a big group of kids but they get along, so she is expecting great things for the rest of the year.



The second person interviewed was Mrs. Sullivan, the eighth-grade teacher at Marquette Academy. When asked why she became a teacher, she shared, "I became a teacher because I always liked working with kids and being the oldest, I'm always looking out for others." She also said she was a firm teacher but also a fair one. After being asked about this school year, Mrs. Sullivan stated "The school year has gone well so far. I had 28 kids last year, and it's nice this year not having so many kids." When asked to predict the rest of the year, she said, "I think the rest of the year should go fine and I have a good group of kids and the rest of the year should go really good."



FOURTH GRADERS DECORATING THEIR TREE AT LONE BUFFALO.



SEVENTH GRADE DURING A RELIGION LESSON



TEACHING IS A WORK OF HEART

CROSS COUNTRY

5th Grade

By: Noah Novotney

The cross country team had four 5th graders on the team. Team members were Josiah Alix, Edythe Brockman, Emmett Burkhead, and Gia Hueser. Sarah Heuser is the head coach of the cross country team and she said, "The season went great! Everyone was a better runner at the end of the season and developed new skills and mental endurance." When asked if she could name a 5th grader who improved the most this season, Coach Heuser said, "That's a tough question. Everyone improved their time by at least a minute or over and they all consistently kept going, even when they didn't want to." Coach Heuser had a great season with her team. She said, "I think they are super fun to be around, and I love that they all encourage each other!" At the end of the interview, Coach Heuser was asked what the team should work on for next season. She said, "Running, leg strength, and mental toughness."



7th Grade

By: Evan Lopez

Cross Country is one of many popular sports for seventh grade. This year, there were two 7th graders on the team - Mackenzie Hamm and Fiona McGrath. Coach Heuser stated, "I think the season went great. All of the runners improved their times." In addition to speaking with the coach, one of the runners was also interviewed on what they liked about their season. "I had a fun time with my teammates." Coach Heuser also shared that she loved the season because "I loved watching the students improve at every practice."

6th Grade

By: Griffin Novotney

While the cross country team has members ranging from 5th through 8th grade, there are only three 6th graders. Their names are Sullivan Auter, Liam Gretencord, and Michael Miller. This year they had 8 meets, traveling to places like Normal, Seneca and Pontiac. Their season started in September and ended in November, and they are expected to run 2 miles every race.

Coach Sarah Heuser is the head coach. Overall, she believes they had a great season. She said, "I think they are super fun to be around and I love that they all encourage each other." Coach went on to say, "everyone was a better runner at the end of the season, and developed new skills, and mental endurance." Coach Heuser felt they had a great season but they can always improve for next season. She said, "We need to work on running, leg strength, and mental toughness." Coach Heuser's quote of inspiration is "The faster you run, the less time you will be in mental and physical pain!"



8th Grade

By: Ceci Reynolds

Sarah Heuser coached this year's Marquette Academy Cross Country team. She had three speedy 8th graders on her team- Lily Hall, Ceci Reynolds, and Hunter Heuser. Hunter was the first boy to make it to State for Marquette in cross country. Every team member set a new best time for themselves and improved greatly over the season. Sarah's favorite thing about coaching cross country was giving them something they will use for the rest of their lives for physical, mental, and spiritual help. Sarah also hopes to get in some summer running to prepare for the next season.

BOYS BASKETBALL

5th grade

By: Noah Novotney

The fifth-grade boys basketball team started their season in November. Coach Matt Feller is the head coach and they play zone defense but are working on man-to-man. Coach Feller was interviewed and I asked him how he thought this season was going to go. He said, "Sometimes when the kids are new, they tend to be nervous or worried about what to expect. Experience is key in the start of a basketball career. There is so much to learn that it quickly becomes confusing on how a season is going to go. We have to learn that a teammate scoring a basket is just as important (if not more important) as you scoring a basket. We also have to learn that the season is quite a bit more intense and more difficult than intramurals. However, these are all good things. Basketball is fun. The pieces that we put together as part of learning the game is just a part of the fun-filled process." Coach Feller went on to discuss strengths of his team. He said, "Our team strengths are still being developed. We have a lot of hopes, but we're still learning how to adapt to all of the new processes and rules. We're still used to intramurals, so there is a lot to learn. I believe eventually our strengths will be to push the ball and to play pressure defense." I asked Coach Feller who his big guy in the middle is. He said, "We have a couple of animals in the middle, but all of our guys like to eat. We eat cheeseburgers, chicken fingers, french fries, and pizza, but our favorite is cheeseburgers. Our big guys are the best at eating cheeseburgers. That means they love to get the ball. Getting the ball is like eating a cheeseburger. It feels and tastes soooo good. They love to rebound and control the lane. Eating cheeseburgers is equivalent to the great taste of success." Good luck to the fifth graders this season.



6th Grade

By: Griffin Novotney

The team this year has six boys on the team. While the majority of players have returned, there is only one new player. Their names are Sullivan Auter, Elliot Edgcomb, Liam Gretencord, Bryce Hermann, Michael Miller, and Bernardo Quintino. The season goes from the beginning of November to the middle of December. They will play 16 games this season, 8 home games and 8 away games.

When asked what he liked about the 6th graders, Coach Feller said, "I like that the 6th graders are funny, cool, they listen, most importantly they work really hard no matter the situation, and that's pretty awesome." Coach said, "We're still learning a lot on how to play basketball, and that is a big piece of playing 6th grade basketball. We need to get better at defense too. I predict that we'll have a great time this year." Coach Feller went on to say something about each player, "Bernardo likes to dominate the lane. Bryce plays a little bit on the 7th grade team and likes to take charge. Elliot works as hard or harder than anyone. Liam is the nicest kid ever and is a rebounding machine. Michael is the king of the Gauntlet. Sullivan is the guy looking for his true potential, and no it does not lie within the Fortnite realm."



BOYS BASKETBALL

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8th Grade

By: Mario Bernabei

This year the 8th grade boys basketball team is coached by Jason Hermann, and assisted by Beau Hellman. The team members are, Mario Bernabei, Kash Biba, William Biggins, Isaac Bullock, Baron Hellman, Bradyn Hermann, Hunter Heuser, Tate Hopkins, and Evan Lopez. After a crushing loss in the 2024 state championship run to Lincoln West Broadwell, the boys are hoping to redeem themselves and make it back to state. Bradyn Hermann said "it's motivation". Coach Hermann says, "I think the boys will do good this season if they "work hard". The team is excited about every game this season. Coach also said, "they can always improve by contemplating on what they did wrong and what they need to work on."

7th Grade

By: Mrs. Babiak

The 2024-2025 boys season is underway. This year's team is composed of seven 7th graders - Gerard Cooper, Nick Grube, Carter Johnson, Tommy Miller, Griffin Novotney, Noah Novotney, and Logan Schneider. From time to time, they also have the help of a fellow 6th-grade student, Bryce Herman (not pictured). After observing a few games this season, the team is off to a strong start. They are quick and fast on the break, catching other teams off-guard. If this continues, with the help from inside the paint and strong rebounding, they will be a team to watch.



GIRLS BASKETBALL

5th Grade

By: Noah Novotney

The 5th grade girls' basketball season ended in October. The team had six 5th graders. Their names are Edythe Brockman, Zoey Cantlin, Maddy Elzer, Brooklyn Entwistle, Gia Hueser, Raegan Schnieder. Their head coach is Alex Clausel. When she was interviewed, Coach Clausel said, "When the season ended, they went one and two." She said they liked having fun with their friends. What she liked most about her team was how much energy they had. "Energy is a good thing to have in a basketball game," Clausel said. For next season, she said, "I hope they pay attention and learn to play better defense."



7th Grade

By: Evan Lopez

The 2024 team consisted of five girls - Kallyn Diss, Olivia Entwistle, Mackenzie Hamm, Fiona McGrath, and Stella Moline. Coach Clausel was interviewed during the season and said, "The season is going good." She also predicted that they would get a first-round win in the regionals. After speaking with some of the players, the girls said they liked their season because they are all friends. "They are a good group of girls to coach," said Coach Clausel. For the next season, Coach said they need to get stronger so they will lift weights.



6th Grade

By: Griffin Novotney

The team this year has all returning players and one new girl, for a total of seven. Their names are Alivia Andreoni, Clara Blood, Parker Fuchs, Daniela Melendez, Kooper Rick, Jordan Rix, and Cashylon Woodin. The team went 3-2 on the season. The season ran from the end of September to the start of November. The girls were one of the first teams to play on the new gym floor.

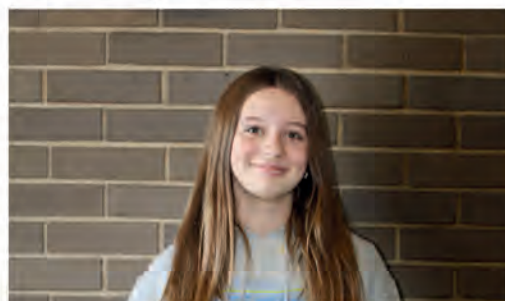
Alex Clausel is the coach of the basketball team. When asked what she liked about the 6th graders she said, "I like how they all give me 100%, no matter what." Coach Clausel stated that the girls need to work on running their plays in the off-season. Overall, Coach said, "I think we did pretty good on the season."



8th Grade

By: Ceci Reynolds

The Marquette 8th grade girls basketball is much smaller than most, but it doesn't stop them. The team this year has only one 8th grader, Ceci Reynolds. She is helped on the court by 6th and 7th graders. Alex Clausel is their coach, and while their season has been a challenge, it has also been a fun one. The girls on the team have each other to get through the challenges. Coach Clausel's favorite part about coaching is, "how each game changes and every team is different." The team hopes that when they finish their season, they will go out giving 100% effort, no matter what.



CHEERLEADING

5th Grade

By: Noah Novotney

The 5th and 6th grade cheerleading squads are in the start of their season. Coach Sarah Heuser is in her second year as their head coach. The girls cheer together for both 5th and 6th grade games. There are eleven girls on the squad. Of those eleven girls, seven are fifth graders. The fifth graders are Edythe Brockman, Teddy Bullock, Zoey Cantlin, Gia Hueser, Koral Leiteritz, Sofia Robles, and Raegan Schnieder.

Although it is early in the season, Coach Heuser said the girls are having fun. She hopes they are bringing some energy to the games for the boys. Coach Heuser said, "I like that they all have so much energy, all the time!" She said her goal for them this season is to be the loudest in the gym. The squad is doing great things!



7th Grade

By: Evan Lopez

Cheerleading is a popular sport for the seventh-grade girls. The cheerleading squad consists of Kallyn Diss, Olivia Entwistle, Fiona Gaworski, Mackenzie Hamm, Fiona McGrath, and Marina Ribeiro. After speaking with some cheerleaders, they think the season will be fun and they will do great. One of the squad members said they like cheer because "I used to do tumbling." Coach Heuser, stated "I am excited for this season."



6th Grade

By: Griffin Novotney

The 2024-2025 6th grade cheerleaders are Alivia Andreoni, Parker Fuches, Kooper Rick, and Jordan Rix. They make up four of the eleven girls on the team. The girls cheer at eight home games and at the Millie McDonald Tournament at Wallace. In addition to doing sideline cheers during the game, they also cheer on the main floor when there is a time out. Kooper Rick does flips across the floor when timeouts are called.

Sarah Heuser is the head cheerleading coach. Coach Heuser said, "We are early in the season, but the girls are having fun. "We hope they bring some energy to the games for the boys!" Coach stated and went on to say, "I like that the 6th graders all have so much energy, all the time!" At the same time, Coach said, "The squad needs to work on always being the loudest in the gym." When asked for an inspiration quotes, she said, "Go Knights!"



8th Grade

By: Ceci Reynolds

Sarah Heuser and Keeley Rick coach this year's cheerleading squad. Together, they coach all of the 5th through 8th grade squads. There are seven 8th graders - Cayla Blood, Kenzie Elzer, Savannah Guzman, Lily Hall, Ceci Reynolds, Alexis Robles, and Skyleigh Speirer. Coach Heuser was asked what her thoughts on the season was. She stated, "The season has just started, but it is going to be a strong season with their large team." When Coach Heuser was asked what her favorite thing about coaching is, she said, "seeing the self-confidence it gives the young ladies and teaching them to support each other in the good and bad times." Her predictions for the end of the season are hopefully to Cheer at more state games.



BOYS BASEBALL

By: Mario Lopez

The Marquette Academy Elementary School Baseball team was coached by Beau Hellman and assisted by Jason Hermann. On the 7th-8th grade baseball team, there were five 7th graders, Cullen Demink, Carter Johnson, Griffin Novotney, Noah Novotney, and Logan Schneider. In addition, the team also included Mario Bernabei, Kash Biba, Isaac Bullock, Baron Hellman, Bradyn Herman, Tate Hopkins, and Evan Lopez. According to Coach Hellman, "The most important game this season was losing to Putnam County before regionals". They ended up winning against Trinity Catholic in the regional championship 5-2. Marquette Academy had won their first regional in six years. One quote from the coach was to always be "focused, and to get better in the offseason, the team can have more repetitions of batting, fielding, and conditioning."



GIRLS SOFTBALL

By: Evan Lopez and Ceci Reynolds

For softball, Marquette coops with Wallace. This year, the team was coached by Ben Diss and Jason Thrush. Seventh-grade students who played for Marquette were Kallyn Diss, Emily Drake, and Olivia Entwistle. The team's 8th graders, though none from Marquette, were Maddie Backos, Copper Baxter, Piper Coglianese, Lydia Farll, Kallyn Jobst, and Sophie Nanouski. Their season was more difficult without Marquette 8th grades, but that never stopped them. Coach Diss' favorite part about coaching is helping the players improve and spending time with his daughter Kallyn. Coach Diss is researching new development drills for all positions to prepare for the next season.



GETTING TO KNOW OUR STUDENT COUNCIL

By: Kallyn Diss and Olivia Entwistle

According to Primary Research "the first concept of student council developed in 350 B.C, when Plato gathered a group of young philosophers". Student council was created to help share ideas, interests, and organize school activities . Blaine's Schools argue that student council helps share ideas and concerns that go to the community. Student council's main goal is to give students a chance to develop leadership by organizing and carrying out activities.

Our student council has a cabinet of four officers. The Texas Association of Student Councils states "Each officer has specific work to achieve and functions to perform." First, the president "represents the student body at the school". Marquette's student council president, Lily Hall (an 8th grader), was interviewed about the student council.

Please tell me your role and the reason why you joined the student council.

"I am the student council president. I joined student council because I wanted to work with my peers to put together fun activities for the school."

Can you please provide details of what you would like to see the student council accomplish this year?

"I would like to get themed basketball games, dances, and many more fun activities assembled for this school year."

Please tell me what you love about the student council and why.

"I love to be able to work hard and make fun things happen. I especially love that I can do it with my friends."

What do you want to be remembered for?

"I want to be remembered as a good leader that sets good examples and sets up fun things for our school."

Deer Valley Unified School District indicates that the vice president, "works closely with the President, and assumes the president's duties when needed." Marquette's student council vice president is Ceci Reynolds (also an 8th grader). She was also interviewed and asked the following questions.

Please tell me your role and the reason why you joined the student council.

"I am vice president and I joined student council to make the school more fun."

Can you please provide details of what you would like to see the student council accomplish this year?

"I would like to see student council have dances and fundraisers."

Please tell me what you love about the student council and why.

"I love that we can make our ideas a reality and have other people experience the ideas."

What do you want to be remembered for?

"I would like to be remembered for the ways I made the school a better place."



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STUDENT COUNCIL

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Louisiana State's University website states the secretary should, "record the minutes of all meetings". Marquette's student council secretary is Cayla Blood (also an 8th grader) who also was interviewed and asked the following questions.

Please tell me your role and the reason why you joined the student council.

"I'm the secretary and I wanted to join student council to try to make a difference for our school. I would like student council to have more school functions like dances or extracurricular things for our students to do."

Can you please provide details of what you would like to see the student council accomplish this year?

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Please tell me what you love about the student council and why.

"I get to help guide what we do for our school."

What do you want to be remembered for?

"I want people to remember that I am really good at taking notes and mapping out what we do."

Lastly, the cabinet is finalized with a treasurer. LinkedIn shares the treasurer, "manages finances and overviews all of the finances of student organizations". Marquette's student council treasurer is Savannah Guzman (again, another 8th grader) was asked the following questions.

Please tell me your role and the reason why you joined the student council.

"I'm the treasurer and I handle all the money. When I was little I used to see the student council members and it just made me want to make people happy. I want them to feel the same joy that I felt when I did with the older you can council members."

Can you please provide details of what you would like to see the student council accomplish this year?

"I would like to see student council improve the school and make it better for future students. I would also like to make it a very fun year because it's my last year here."

Please tell me what you love about the student council and why.

"I love making memories with my friends. That's like my favorite part about. I also love getting free food after I work for the bake sales. I also like making other students happy like I said earlier."

What do you want to be remembered for?

"Making students happy."

As many student councils would argue, and Blaine's school agrees, the main goal is "to give students a chance to develop leadership by organizing and carrying out activities". They also agree that "they help share student ideas, interests and concerns with the school wide community."



MEET OUR STUDENT COUNCIL FACULTY ADVISORS

By: Lillian Hall

After a four-year hiatus, Marquette brought back the student council. Student Council is enjoyable, educational, and it helps you work with your peers. As a part of the student council, you can help create many activities to help out the community or the school. This author sat down with the two staff advisors, Mrs. Leitteritz and Mrs. Mary Dyche, and talked with them about student council.

Mrs. Leitteritz

How has the student council been going?

"I think it has been going great! Especially after a four-year hiatus. The students are very dedicated and they all participate."

What has been one of your favorite moments?

"I'd have to say the corn maze. The costumes were great and everyone had fun!"

Is there anything exciting coming up?

"We are currently planning a junior high dance, and we're hoping to have a holiday treasure gift sale!"

Do you think people should join the student council, and if so why?

"I think they should join student council we plan fun activities! We also do fun things for our school and community lots of people would enjoy being part of a group and making a difference."

Any last words?

"We are really lucky to have it back at our school. It opens many opportunities here at the grade school."

Mrs. Mary

How has student council been going?

"I think it's been going good. I really like the participation with the students. I like their foresight into the different activities that we've done so far. I think it's been very positive."

What has been your favorite moment?

"For student council, my favorite moments, well I guess ... my favorite thing so far was the haunted corn maze. Everyone kind of just came last minute and pulled it together. It was a great fundraiser, and we had a lot of fun."



Student Council faculty advisors pictured Mrs. Erica Leitteritz (left) and Mrs. Mary Dyche (right).



HELP WANTED

By: Kenzie Elzer

Are you a junior high student in need of Christian Service hours? Check below to see where you can help out AND earn those hours!

Mrs. Mann
needs your help! Check in with her to see how you can earn your Christian service hours.



**Volunteers
needed**

Love to read?
Check-in with Mrs. Tamblyn to see how you can earn hours reading to K-2 students.

Mrs. Sullivan is able to help you find ways to earn hours. If you're stuck, ask her how you can help!



COMICS

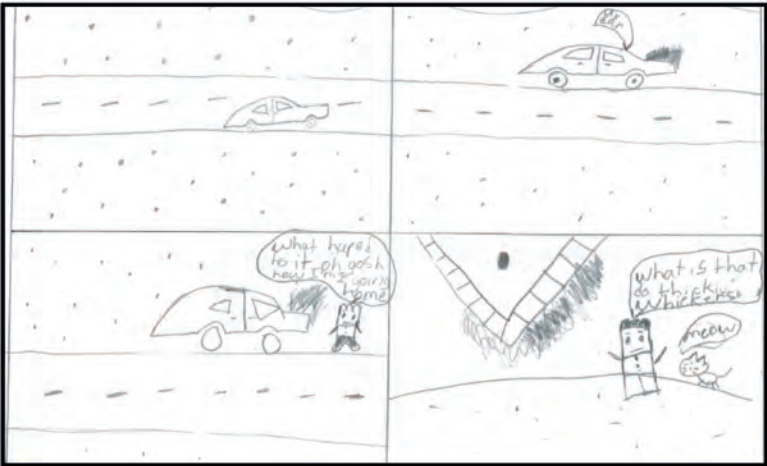
MISCHIEVOUS CAT
By: Marina Ribeiro



TURTLE AND BIRD
By: Maylee Hamer



ROAD TRIPS
By: Nick Grube



Upcoming Events

By: Mackenzie Hamm

DECEMBER

7	Merry Everything Holiday Home Tour	3:00 pm - 8:00 pm
19	Three-Year Old Christmas Program (immediate release for preschoolers)	8:30 am
	Power Preschool Christmas Program (immediate release for preschoolers)	9:30 am
	K-4 Christmas Program	1:00 pm 6:00 pm
	Culver's Cares Night	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
20	NO SCHOOL for Preschool	All Day
	Last Day for K-8 (NO AFTERCARE)	—
	End of Quarter 2	—
23 - 31	NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break	—

JANUARY

1-5	NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break	—
6	School Resumes	8:05 am
14	Preschool Storytime with Ms. Ashley	9:30 am
16	Culver's Cares Night	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
20	NO SCHOOL - MLK Jr. Day	—
	8th Grade Night (Boys Basketball and Cheerleading)	TBD
27-31	Catholic Schools Week	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

FEBRUARY

17	NO SCHOOL - President's Day	—
20	8th Grade Night (Scholastic Bowl and Volleyball)	TBD
	Culver's Cares Night	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

MARCH

3	Preschool Registration for MA Families	—
5	Ash Wednesday (Beginning of Lent)	All day
6	Mandatory Parent Meeting @ St. Patrick Parish for 2nd-grade parents who are receiving First Communion	TBD
13	Second grade receives First Reconciliation	TBD
14	End of Quarter 3	—
18	Preschool Story Time with Ms. Ashley	9:30 am
19	Open House	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
20	Culver's Cares Night	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
21	No School - Teacher In-Service	All day
31	Warm Weather Dress Begins	—

FUN AND GAMES

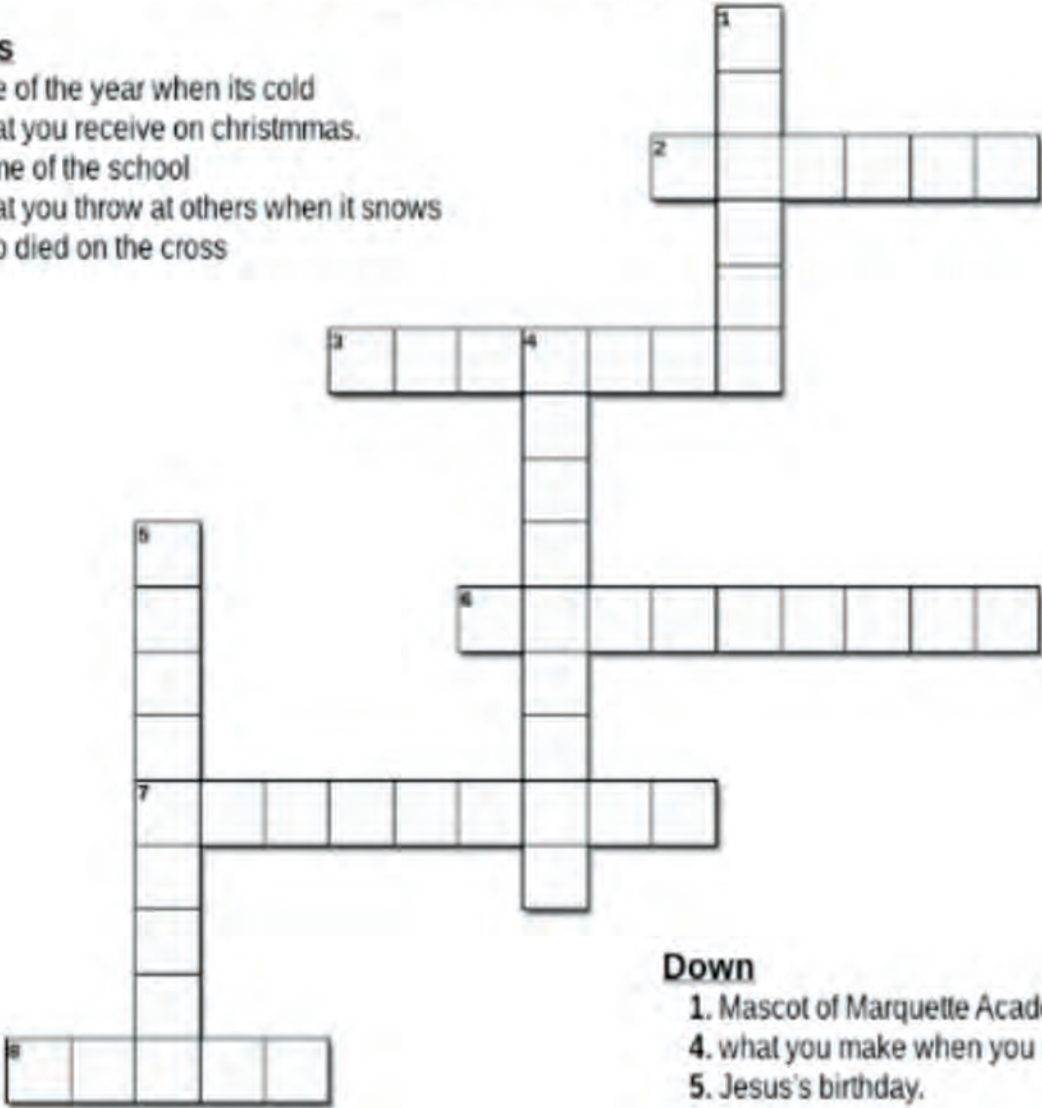
By: William Biggins, Baron Hellman, Hunter Heuser, and Kyla Gallegos

Marquette

Complete the crossword puzzle below

Across

- 2. time of the year when its cold
- 3. what you receive on christmas.
- 6. name of the school
- 7. what you throw at others when it snows
- 8. who died on the cross



Down

- 1. Mascot of Marquette Academy.
- 4. what you make when you lay in the snow
- 5. Jesus's birthday.



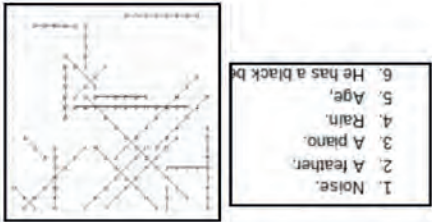
Winter Crossword

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- Eggnog
- Gloves
- Hot chocolate
- Blizzard
- Frost
- Hat
- Ice
- Christmas
- Gingerbread
- Holiday
- Igloo
- Cozy

RIDDLES

1. Kids can make it, but they can't hold or see it. What am I?
2. What is easy to lift but hard to throw?
3. What has many keys but can't open a door?
4. What comes down but never goes up?
5. What goes up but never goes down?
6. Why is Santa so good at karate?



MA Knightly News Word Scramble

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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



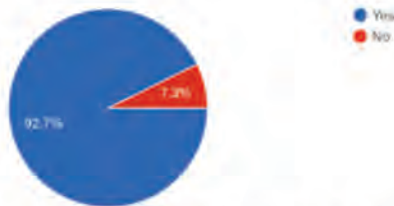
SHOULD JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS BE GIVEN TWO RECESSES?

By: Tommy Miller

PRO

Studies from Recess Guardians show that spending more time outside will free the children's minds and help them relax from a stressful day of school work. Students barely have any time to talk to their friends. Recess lets them talk to each other and become closer friends. "I personally think that junior high students should get a second recess because even though we are older, it would be nice to free our minds every now and then," says Leo Alvarez (a seventh-grade student). Recess gives the students an opportunity to engage in physical activity and exercise. "Yes, I think that junior high should have two recesses because recess is just as important as other studies. Recess helps us with socialization and communication skills. It helps us to learn to work together and get along. Plus, we need to be outdoors," says Mrs. Sullivan (the Religion and Social Studies junior high teacher).

Should junior high students get two recesses?
55 responses



CON

Some studies suggest that recess may lead to bullying, physical aggression, and social anxiety. Children feel isolated if they are new and do not have any friends. It can also lead to injuries like sprains, fractures, or cuts. Recess also disrupts the academic schedules of students and/or delay and interrupt the classroom. The participation in games and activities during recess can sometimes lead to conflicts between students which could then become difficult to resolve. Recess also causes distractions to nearby classrooms or other academic activities. During harsh weather, recess may be cancelled or moved indoors, which limits the opportunities for physical activity and play. This could cause students to become sad.

Grade
55 responses



THE BEST SCHOOL AROUND

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one of the city's most cherished institutions, Ottawa could not be called Ottawa." (The archives of The Catholic Diocese of Peoria) The Academy has been an extremely large factor in this community and is continuing to shape role models more than ever before.

Marquette Academy has a lot going for it, especially the staple it is in the community. Marquette's students not only have a 100% graduation rate, but they also have some of the best education around. The college courses, honor roll, and accelerated classes show that Marquette isn't just your average school. Not only is it a very prestigious school, but it has a very complex and deep history. The COVID-19 pandemic affected it and hit this school almost harder than anything before, but the staff found a way. This shows you just how adaptive Marquette can be, even in the hardest of times, Marquette prevails. The inclusion of the students in Marquette is also extraordinary, the staff and administration always try their absolute best to provide, and it shows. "Every day here is like a new day. It's never boring, it's always fun, and I absolutely love my job. I'm so lucky to work for such great families, every kid is special and it's great to get to know them." Mrs. Mary Mann said, saying how great this school is.

Meet the MA Knightly News Staff



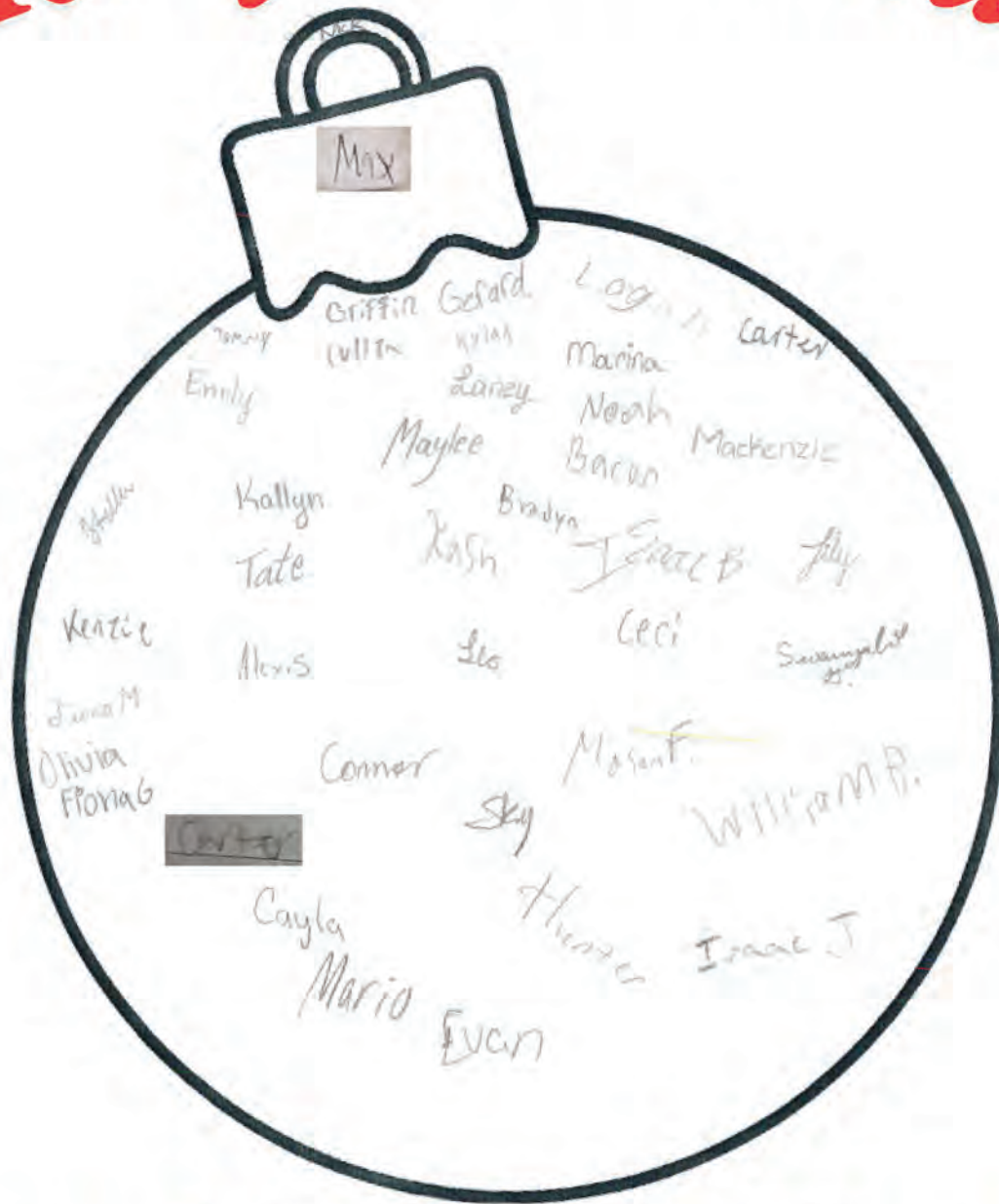
Seventh Grade

Leo Alvarez	Mackenzie Hamm
Gerard Cooper	Carter Johnson
Cullen DeMink	Fiona McGrath
Kallyn Diss	Tommy Miller
Emily Drake	Stella Moline
Olivia Entwistle	Griffin Novotney
Kylah Gallegos	Noah Novotney
Fiona Gaworski	Marina Ribeiro
Nick Grube	Laney Ruddick
Maylee Hamer	Logan Schneider

Eighth Grade

Mario Bernabei	Baron Hellman
Kash Biba	Bradyn Hermann
William Biggins	Hunter Heuser
Cayla Blood	Tate Hopkins
Issaac Bullock	Issaac Jennings
Kenzie Elzer	Evan Lopez
Mason Ferrario	Connor McCauley
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Merry Christmas



and Happy New Year!

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