

*From  
The Principal's Desk*

Dear St. Walter School Families,

During this season of Lent, we are challenged to a more active prayer life, a willingness to sacrifice and a generous sharing of our resources with those in need. Our willing participation in the Lenten journey, focused on prayer, sacrifice and almsgiving, can give us the courage to enter fully into the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our hearts can be transformed and renewed.

May the challenges of Lent be eased with the grace and peace of Jesus Christ, and may the blessings of Easter continue to transform our lives into active and joyful discipleship

Mrs. Mary Lloyd  
Principal

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## Reach Out with Him for Lent!

Pope Francis urges us to “reach out with Him this Lent” and that is just what the students of St. Walter School are doing. On Ash Wednesday, students began their Lenten journey by bringing in a gently used article of clothing from their own closets. Over four boxes of spring and summer clothing were collected. Their donations will support the Mountain Top children of the Philippines, a charity near and dear to Father Mario.

Students are also joining the parish-wide campaign to help the Christians being persecuted in the Middle East. Mission Banks can be found in each classroom, and out-of-uniform days are scheduled throughout the season to help the effort. Money collected will help Eastern churches provide support to hospitals and orphanages, refugee camps, elder centers and schools.

Students will end their Lenten journey here at St. Walter School by walking the Living Stations. Members of our Student Council will lead the Stations of the Cross for students in grades one through eight. Their re-enactment will portray the journey of Jesus Christ from the time he was condemned through his crucifixion and burial.

These faith-filled activities offer students an opportunity to strengthen and grow in their faith. They learn that “reaching out with Him” prepares them for the joyful celebration of the risen Lord.



## Spartans Win League Championship

Congratulations to the seventh grade boys basketball team, 7BC, who captured the League title.

### Seventh Grade Boys 7BC Team Members

Front Row: Julian Ragusin, Nathaniel Horn, Alex Fonseca, David Deimling, Aedian Knox, Danny Reilly  
Second Row: Coach Bollard, Tommy Campton, Joe Bollard, Andrew Sommers, Ryan Rochford, Andrew Georgiev, Coach Sommer



## Big West Catholic League Basketball All-Stars

Congratulations to the following eighth grade students who were selected to participate in the Big West Catholic League All-Star end-of-season basketball games.

Nick Degen                      Joey DiTuri                      Dylan Freeman  
Matthew Kazmirak              Sarah Kruse                      Ashley Ptak                      Kayci Regalado

We congratulate all of our basketball teams for a great season!  
We also thank the parents and coaches who support our athletic program and provide a positive means of growth for all our young athletes.

## VIP Visits Seventh Grade Social Studies Classes

Seventh grade Social Studies classes received a very special visitor recently. Lieutenant Nguyen, who is currently stationed at Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar, stopped to share what life is like living in a foreign country as a member of our US military. Al Udeid is the largest US military base in the Middle East. The seventh graders enjoyed asking questions about the culture, the various jobs of military personnel and how the United States provides protection to the country. "Having a guest speaker is an important part of the educational experience for students. Lieutenant Nguyen was able to build an important connection between what students are learning in the classroom and the real world", stated teacher, Mrs. Lauren Volk.



The seventh graders were moved when Lieutenant Nguyen presented their class with a framed American flag that flew in one of his missions while in Qatar. As a thank you, the seventh graders gave Lieutenant Nguyen a St. Walter School sweatshirt.

# HONOR ROLL

SECOND QUARTER

## Grade 5

**High Honor Roll** – Jacob Adcock, Trevor Balla, Ella Biernacki, Angenel Blanco, Jillian Bollard, Andrew Bucaro, Ethan Campos, James Catania, Natalie Ciccone, Faith Collins, Zachary Degen, Emily Degen, Rachel Dohnal, Hannah Dufek, Mia Filippo, Ava Friedewald, Alexander Guida, Robert Jahaske, Sofia Majeske, Colleen McManamon, Thomas Rochford, Braden Sabin, Aidan Salter, Maya Seger, Evan Sperling, Oscar Stanisz, Paige Swierski, Michael Walsh, Tegan Wilen

**Honor Roll** – Hannah Alvarez, Leo Coulolias, Frank DeRosa, Sofia Isabelle, Audrey Koch, Hannah Mills, Nicolas Miranda, Edwin Ouimet, Sophia Pellegrini, Maria Provenzano, Luke Regalado, Matthew Tavolacci, Claire Vosyka, Benjamin Zelinka

## Grade 6

**High Honor Roll** – Despoina Alexakos, Cameron Birk, Ryan Camblin, Nicholas Chmielak, Kaylee Choi, Joseph Coladipietro, Mary Kate Corliss, Nicholas DeFina, Benjamin Fasana, Kyle Freeman, Cailynn Gdowski, Abigail Hatfield, Gabrielle Husmillo, Emma Jahaske, Jessica Kaszubski, Leah Lanphier, Rachel MacQueen, Joseph Majeske, Joseph Mangold, Szymon Mazur, Leah Morawa, Arya Patel, Michael Pitello, Isabella Rentmeester, Emmi Scales, Connor Spoczynski, Emma Streck, Margaret Thiemann, Analiese Tomaso, Elle Tzamouranis, Grace Walton, Isabella Zielinski

**Honor Roll** – Katelyn Bandovich, Tristan Berndt, Margaret Brady, Robert Bucaro, Joseph Chmielak, Rory Geroux, Vanessa Karantonis, Gina Kent, Nathan Kot, Talia Leuzzi, Theresa Mazza, Olivia Miller, Nicolette Miranda, Sydney Shannon, Peter Sheffer, Olivia Silberbauer, Sofia Stubitsch, Jordan Wetmore

## Grade 7

**High Honor Roll** – Alexis Abbott, Joseph Bollard, Tianna Bongiovanni, Giovanna Breslin, Francesca Butera, Michael Corliss, David Deimling, Cassidy Gibson, Lina Jensen, Jacob Koch, Marion Krowczyk, Alexia Morawa, Addyson Morgan, Jacob Nowakowski, William Rath, Ryan Rochford, Isabel Salter, Matthew Schrack, John Streck, Albert Sudor, Rinna Talwar

**Honor Roll** – Allison Ardito, Joseph Chiaramonte, Anne Marie Ciccone, Alexa Cirrincione, Joseph Consoli, Ross Coulolias, Anthony Defilippis, Joshua Dohnal, Andrew Georgiev, Lilliana Gibas, Marco Leon, Lilliana LoCascio, Michael Mangialardi, William McAteer, Angela Menchaca, Haley Mills, Caroline Nelson, Joseph Pelagio, Drew Piaskowy, Brianna Velazquez Riter, Emilia Rzeszutek, Andrew Sommers, Jacob Vera

## Grade 8

**High Honor Roll** – James Biernacki, Thomas Biernacki, Michael Breslin, Timothy Buranicz, Liliana Castellese, Alyssa Choi, Alyssa Coladipietro, Nicholas Degen, Caroline Derango, Isalie Dominguez, Isabella Dudas, Daniel Feutz, Dylan Freeman, Madelyn Hatfield, Matthew Johnson, Sarah MacQueen, Ariana Marchese, Charles O'Leary, Grace Oleksyk, Mathew Oleksyk, Olivia Perez, Ann Poremba, Genevieve Rentmeester, Julia Sakowicz, Gianna Saverino, Patrick Scales, Jr., Morgan Schoebel, Maxim Strzelecki, Andrew Thennes, Ella Walsh, Michaela Wilson, Alyssa Wojtowicz, Jamie Ziegler

**Honor Roll** – Summer Balaskovits, Gianna Bucaro, Julianna Chiappetta, Francesco Console, Olivia Essary, Donald Falk, Giacomo Fanizza, Emilio Filippo, Jack Finn, Trey Gora, Quinn Jaeger, John Jimenez, Matthew Kazmirak, Sarah Kruse, Patricia Lachowicz, Emma Mangialardi, Kaitlyn McGehee, Samantha Miranda, Frank Parente, Anthony Pitello, Sebastian Przybylski, Ashley Ptak, Kayci Regalado, Sebastian Schlau, Emily Swiderski



## Gifts of the Spirit

On March 4, eighth graders from the parish received the Sacrament of Confirmation. The sacrament was administered by the Most Reverend Joseph M. Siegel, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Joliet. Bishop Siegel told the students to use the spiritual gifts of wisdom, knowledge and faith in their daily lives and to serve others freely.

We congratulate the newly confirmed students and their religion teacher, Mrs. Claire Adachi.



## Standing Strong for Kelsey

A big thank you to everyone who was able to support the Kelsey McNeela fundraiser through St. Walter School. Kicking it for Kelsey, raffles, out-of-uniform days, and donations made at the school's annual gala added up to over \$6,000! We thank you for your generosity!

Our Student Council presented Kelsey with the check that will provide much needed financial assistance with her upcoming medical procedures. We will continue to keep Kelsey in our prayers and we pray for a cure for Multiple Sclerosis (MS).

## Students Perform in Solo Band Contest

St. Walter School band members participated in the Solo Band Contest at St. Francis High School in Wheaton. The annual contest enables band students to demonstrate their playing proficiency. Participants play a musical selection of their choice before a panel of professional musicians. St. Walter School students received high evaluations for their performances. We congratulate our participating band students and Mr. Uriel Portillo, Band Director, for their outstanding achievement.

### Solo Competition Participants & Awards

Trophy Winners			
Connor Spoczynski	Cameron Birk	Sebastian Schlau	
Gold Medal			
Trevor Balla Peter Sheffer	Andrew Sommers Jamie Ziegler	Caroline Derango Jacob Braun	
Silver Medal			
Nysa Olalde Katilyn McGehee	Marissa Furlano Nora Locascio	Matthew Majovsky Margaret Brady	Dominick Agostino

## Art Exhibition Showcases Student Talent

Bloomington Park District and the Roselle Library are hosting Student Art Exhibitions in honor of "Youth Art Month". The exhibitions feature original works of art using a variety of media including watercolors, linoleum prints and crayon drawings from area elementary and high schools.

The Roselle Library's exhibit is available for viewing through Friday, March 31.

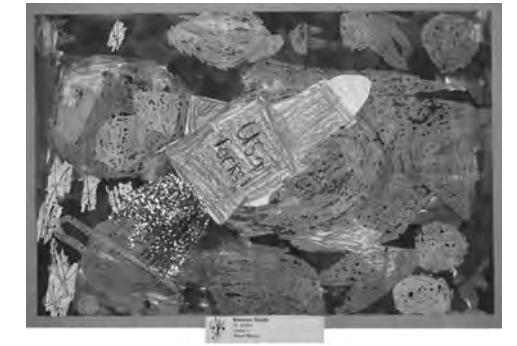
The Bloomington Park District Museum & Art Gallery art exhibition will run through Saturday, April 8. The Bloomington gallery is located on Bloomington Road and Franklin Street in Bloomington. For gallery times, please call 630-539-3096.



Isabel Salter - Black and White Bird



Julia Sakowicz - Color Wheel



Kiernan Smith - Rocket

Bloomington Art Exhibition		Roselle Library's Celebration of "Youth Art Month"	
Grade 1	Ryan Alvarez, Matthew Ciccone, Starr DiSilvestro and Skyler Kutchinski	Grade 1	Chloe Bianchi and Aadi Mehta
Grade 2	Alex Biernacki, Sophia DiMaria, Milla Mickus and Kiernan Smith	Grade 2	Jianna Koehler and Amaani Patel
Grade 3	James Griffin, Glenn Mytych, Abhi Patel and Jenna Wetmore	Grade 3	Sierra Dempsey, Sophia Shah and Rovic Santos
Grade 4	Ava Arenz, Leo Bianchi, Landon Peandro and Sofia Shuff	Grade 4	Alessia Bavaro, Sebastian Douglas and Nora Locascio
Grade 5	Hannah Dufek, Audrey Koch, Braden Sabin and Alan Schabelski	Grade 5	Emily Degen and Maria Provenzano
Grade 6	Nicholas DeFina, Olivia Miller and Arya Patel	Grade 6	Abby Hatfield and Leah Morawa
Grade 7	Lilly LoCascio, Will Rath, Isabel Salter and Andrew Sommers	Grade 7	Lilliana Gibas, Marco Leon and Jacob Nowakowski
Grade 8	Nick Degen, Julia Sakowicz and Aly Wojtowicz	Grade 8	Annie Poremba, Morgan Schoebel and Capri DeRosa

## Students Love Coding Class!

The Hour of Code, offered to students in grades 2 through 6, is igniting a lot of excitement! The new program started as a one-hour introduction to coding designed to broaden participation in the field of computer science. Driven by the Advisory and Review Committees of Computer Science Education Week, and an unprecedented coalition of partners including Microsoft, Apple and Amazon, it has become a global movement reaching tens of millions of students in 180+ countries.

The Hour of Code class, taught by Mrs. Jane Malouf, teaches students the fundamentals of coding, a skill that will serve them well in virtually any future career path they might choose. The lasting benefits build on such skill sets as logical thinking, problem solving, collaboration and communication.



# News & Notes

## Volleyball Clinic

On May 15, 16 and 17, we will be hosting a volleyball clinic for St. Walter School students entering grades 5 - 8 next year. The three-day clinic is designed to develop game knowledge and reinforce skills of beginners through advanced players. Sign-up and fee information will be sent home in April.

## School Board News Endowment Gala

We send our thanks to everyone who so generously supported the 24th Annual Gala – Masquerade Ball. Whether you donated a gift, purchased or sold a Golden Raffle ticket, are one of our many sponsors, volunteers and/or attended the event, we are grateful to you.

A very special thank you to the following for their extraordinary efforts in planning and organizing this year's gala.

### Event Coordinators

Kris Campton  
Angela Cosenza  
Amie Salter  
Carrie Sperling  
Beth Sommers  
Catie VanValkenburg

### School Raffles Coordinator

Christina Coulolias

### Class Art Project Coordinators

Christina Coulolias  
Michele Wardynski-Weber

### Trivia Night Chair

Beth Sommers

### Decorating Committee Chairs

Melissa Christensen  
Chrissy Essary

### Daddy-Daughter Dance

Yvonne Consoli

### Golden Raffle Coordinator

Kris Campton

## Golden Raffle Winners

St. Walter School would like to thank everyone who purchased a Golden Raffle ticket this year. This year's winners are:

### Grand Prize Winner

\$20,000

Ticket # E1629 - Mikol Family

### Secondary Prize Winners

#### 1st Prize

\$1,000

Ticket # E0432

Susan Gaffey

#### 2nd Prize

\$500

Ticket # B1739

Nowakowski Family

#### Bonus Drawing

of \$1,000

Ticket # F1026

Kim Seger

## Upcoming Events

### Spring Break

Begins Friday, March 24  
Classes Resume, Monday, April 3

### 1st Communion Picture Day

Friday, April 28

### 1st Communion

Saturday, April 29

### May Crowning

Tuesday, May 2  
10:00 AM, Church

### Spring Band Concert

Thursday, May 4  
7:00 PM, Gym

### Spring Musical

Wednesday & Thursday, May 10 & 11  
7:00 PM, Gym

### Volleyball Clinic

May 15, 16 & 17

### Four-Year-Old Preschool Celebration

Friday, May 19  
10:00 AM, Church

### Parent & Graduate Dinner Dance

Tuesday, May 23  
6:00 PM, Gym

### Graduation

Wednesday, May 24  
7:00 PM, Church

### Kindergarten Celebration

Thursday, May 25  
10:00 AM, Church

## St. Walter School 2016-2017

### School Board

Rob Burns – President  
Catie VanValkenburg – Vice-President  
Kris Campton – Secretary

Michael Butz

Angela Cosenza

Carl Olofson

Beth Sommers