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Drumming Up New Talent

Alani Watson

Every year Saint Angela scholars participate in a drums program. Through a partnership with Urban Gateways, Mr. Mike has been able to come and teach us about drumming for the past several years.

During drums class we learn about different types of sticking and beats. Each class has the choice of adding on to an old beat from the previous year or creating a different one. The 8th grade has been adding on to their beat for 3 years now. 7th and 6th grades also participate in the drums program.

8th grader Bryton Seaton thinks drums class is a great learning experience, “Mr. Mike is very funny and always encourages me.”

All the scholars who see Mr. Mike every Wednesday think that he is a great addition to our Saint Angela community.

Towards the end of the school year the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade will be performing their original compositions in front of the entire school.



6th Grade scholars congratulate Alana Davis on a successful performance.

That's What Sap!



Nyjaree Cardine drills into a Maple tree to extract sap to be made into maple syrup.

Scholars Tap Maple Trees at North Park Nature Center

Tamya Common

On February 27, 2018, 8th and 4th grades took a field trip to go maple tree tapping.

They went to North Park Nature Center on this field trip provided to us by Mrs. Barbara Weiner and the Chicago Nature Seekers. There were many activities and interesting things to see.

When students arrived they met their instructors, who then brought them into the reserve. From there they were divided into two groups and ventured off to see a few sites before finding a maple tree.

The students met Bob, one of the people who helped make the maple syrup. He boiled the sap and moved it to a variety of containers as it turned into maple syrup.

The groups took walks down trails and they saw many sights, some better than others. One group saw animals such as deer, while the others saw just the trail the animals left behind.

Then they began looking through the woods for the “perfect” tree. Some of our scholars

8th Grade Leads St. Angela's Celebration

Danaysha Wilks

On Thursday, March 1, eighth grade presented a Black History Month prayer service. The hosts of this prayer service were Bryton Seaton and Alecia Johnson. Alecia also did a reading from the book of Isaiah and introduced the petitions that were read by Danaysha Wilks, Alicia Sharp and Alonte Johnson.

After, an original play was performed by Kayla Gaultney, Aniyah Durham, Dakota Williams, and Tanya Common. The play they performed was about African American women that had trouble with starting a business or inventing something. In the play Lilly Santiago, played by Kayla Gaultney, has a problem starting a business and prays for a sign. Patricia M.D Bath, played by Tanya Common; Theora Stephens, played by Dakota Williams; and Ruane Jeter, played by Aniyah Durham, came to Lilly and told her that they

had motivation to stay strong through it all.

Poetry was read by Courtney Stevenson and Kaleb Dean. Alani Watson, Joidann Watson, Tayshaun Finley, and Donte Ray presented facts about original artwork made by art club,

2nd grade, 4th grade, and 8th grade. Maya Hinkle, Aniyah Durham, Asia Bradley, and Tanya Common performed a stomp routine. Finally, a Langston Hughes poem was read by Armani Smith and followed by a dance party to close out the prayer service.



Eighth graders Alicia Sharp, Kaleb Dean, Danaysha Wilks, Tayshaun Finley, Bryton Seaton, Alonte Johnson, Armani Smith, Alicia Johnson, Alani Watson, Joidann Watson, Donte Ray, Dakota Williams, and Kayla Gaultney gather before the prayer service.

Preparing for the Easter Season

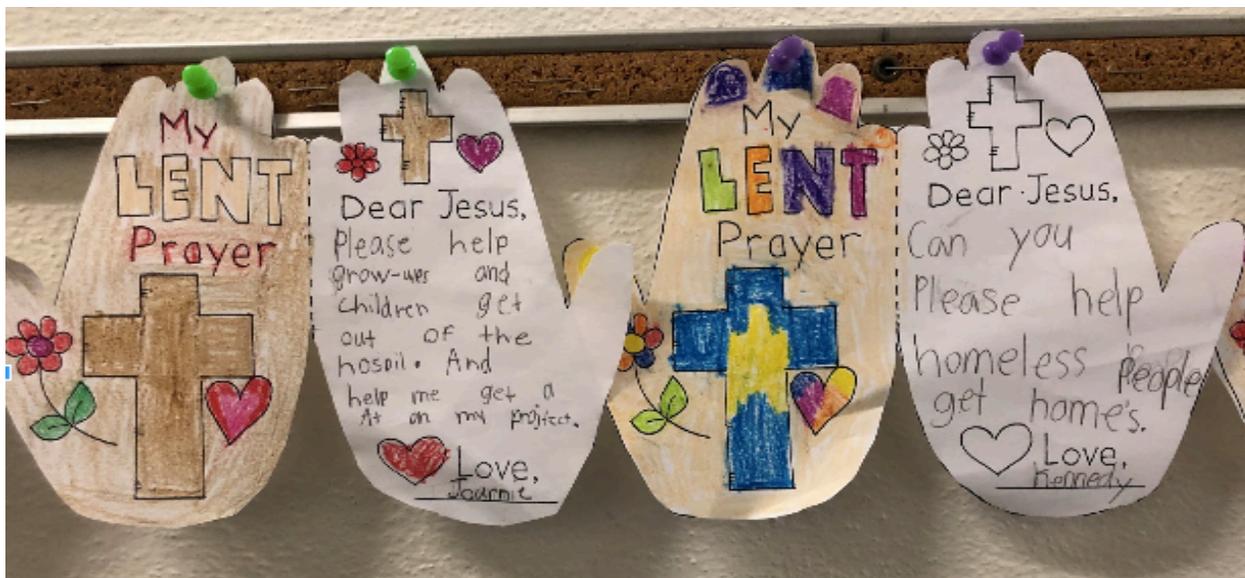
Bryton Seaton

What is Lent? Lent is the period of time before Easter. We celebrate Lent for 40 days because of the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness. It is the time we remember Jesus' greatest sacrifice, His Death and Crucifixion.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. On Ash Wednesday, ashes are put on our foreheads by a priest. This is done as a reminder of our sinfulness.

During Lent we fast for 40 days just as Jesus

did. We can give up certain foods or drinks. When we turn 14, we are required to give up meat on Fridays during Lent. Most people celebrate by praying, reading some parts of the Bible, and attending Mass as much as possible.



Mrs. Duffy's first grade class displays their Lenten prayers outside of their classroom.

We will begin Holy Week on Sunday, March 25. On Palm Sunday we remember Jesus entering into Jerusalem. Later in the week, on Holy Thursday, we remember the Last Supper. The first Communion was held on Holy Thursday at the meal Jesus shared with his disciples. Jesus died on Good Friday, and He rose from the dead on Easter Sunday.

For Lent I gave up my favorite sweet treat. How did you celebrate Lent?

That's What Sap, continued

hugged the trees to see how old the trees were to ensure that they were ready. In order to be drilled, the tree had to be older than 40. Each group eventually found their tree.

Students took their tree and took turns drilling into it. Once the hole was in the tree they put in a spile and put a bottle over the spile to catch the sap. After that they wrapped a piece of tape around the tree with St. Angela's name on it to claim our tree.

The scholars really loved the trip. For example, Takayla from 4th grade said the trip felt like an adventure. Additionally, Ny'Jare, also from 4th grade, stated that the trip was very fun. The 8th graders also had positive feedback. For instance Alecia, an 8th grader, acknowledged that it was very different than other field trips. Tayshuan, an 8th grader, pointed out that the field trip taught him how to get sap from maple trees.



Alikwe Mong looks on as his classmates work to insert a spile into their tree.

Today's Learners, Tomorrow's Leaders

Kyra Hayes and Keeara Peterson

On February 14th, 2018, 8 St. Angela Scholars went to the Illinois Holocaust Museum's Leadership Day. At the Holocaust Museum they met students from 24 other schools, made hashtags to raise awareness of issues in our country, and looked at the museum of different things from the Holocaust. They also listened to a Holocaust survivor and a speaker from the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Asia Howard, a 7th grader interviewed by Kyra Hayes stated, "A survivor, Aaron, who spoke about his life stood out to me the most. I also learned more about the Holocaust and learned that not only the Jews went to the concentration camps. I felt inspired by a speaker, Michel Chikwanine, who talked about children soldiers and how he wants to slowly change the world for the better. One

thing I will do now that I am at school is research diversity. I was grateful that I had a chance to go on a trip like this."

Bobby Ball, 7th grader explained, "A thing we did at the museum was eat and talk to other students at different schools. Michel Chikwanine stood out the most to me. He inspired me and showed me never to give up. Some people I will remember are the new students I met and a Holocaust speaker."

In conclusion, the students now know more about the history of our world. Given the tragedies that happened, we are happy that there are people out there that can show the students and leaders of tomorrow what to do, and what not to do, in the future. The students were very thankful for this opportunity and were happy to be chosen to attend Leadership Day.



At the Illinois Holocaust Museum, Kayla Gaultney, Sameera Floyd, Bobby Ball, Danaysha Wilks, Kaleb Dean, Jordan Rhodes, Asia Howard, and Asia Bradley show off their self-portraits.

Spotlight On: Amira Hill

Birthday: June 7th

Favorite Food: I don't have one

Favorite Class: Math

Extracurricular Activities: Basketball

Hobbies: Phone time, sports

Role Model: My dad

Favorite Things at Saint Angela:

Sport programs

Current Goals: To have a 4.0 GPA

Future Plans: To be very successful in life



Want to nominate a Wildcat? See a newspaper staff member or talk to Mrs. Bergner!

Sports

Bouncing Out of the Season

Alani Watson

Saint Angela’s boys’ varsity basketball season is coming to an end. They might have had a few bumps in the road, but they pushed through to the end.

Multiple players like 7th grader Bobby Ball think that their season could have been better. “We could have improved by having more practices and focusing in the classroom. I feel as though we had a good season but I expected more of myself. I would like to play basketball in the future because I believe I could be very good.”

Let’s not forget about junior varsity as well. The JV team has done a great job! Their season ended with almost a perfect record.

On Saturday March 12, 2018 the JV boys played in their 2017-2018 championship game. The gym was packed with family and friends of the players. It was overall great night, but not everybody had their game faces on. Placing 2nd is an accomplishment and we are very happy for them.

Next year we hope to see some of those players playing on our boy’s varsity team.

Moving to the Beat

Tamya Common

There is an amazing activity in place for our scholars: dance! Lady Sol is the instructor of our dance program and her assistant for this year is Nicki.

Lady Sol and Nicki state that their working relationship with Urban Gateway made the bridge to a relationship with Saint Angela. They’ve been working with Saint Angela for 4 years. They really enjoy being here, and they say that the kids are the most well-behaved in their years of teaching.

The students learn a lot in class. They are learning choreography to “Stir Fry” and “24 Karat Magic”. They are preparing for a performance by focusing on hip hop and street styles. They have African dance-based movement as well, using popular music from Nigeria and French rap. Students are also learning dance vocabulary, basic

standing, spacial awareness, social emotional learning skills, and much more. Dance may be an activity for the kids but the instructors have fun as well.

Lady Sol and Nicki do have very good memories here! Their favorite memory is from the 2016-2017 school year when students in the third grade class did their own choreography and they performed to “Fake Love”. The instructors love doing the warm ups, games, watching students perform, freestyle, and teaching choreography.

Lady Sol also has other things that she hopes to be doing outside of school that our scholars would be able to take part in. For instance, she may start a dance school in the Pilsen community or a summer dance program. If you would like to know more you can stay in touch at www.ladysolpresents.com.



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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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