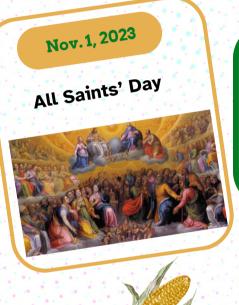
## St. Elizabeth Nursery & Montessori School

## **OUEMBER 2023**



**Events and Alumni News** 



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH Nov. 14 - 16: Little Elf Shop

Student Council

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### Nov. 17, 2023 St. Elizabeth of Hungary



St. Ludovico of Casoria

- On November 11, 1848, St. Ludovico began to see his role as helper of the needy.
- St. Ludovico had a special love for the poor and the children of Africa.
- St. Ludovico's philosophy: "Africa will convert Africa".
- St. Ludovico founded the Congregation of the Grey Friars of Charity.





The teachers of Mont. C class are Sr. Jycinth and Ms. Vimala.

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WE PLAY ...











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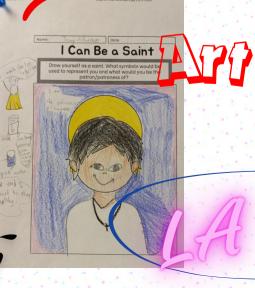
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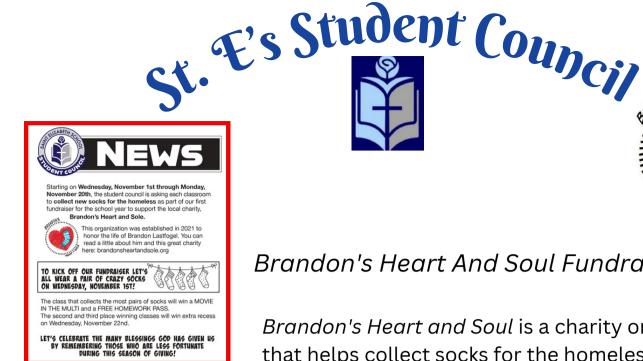


### Social Studies











### Brandon's Heart And Soul Fundraiser

Brandon's Heart and Soul is a charity organization that helps collect socks for the homeless in honor of

Brandon who sadly passed away in a motorcycle crash. Brandon did some charity work. He also did community service at his community and church whenever they needed him. Brandon was a loving and compassionate man and that's how we want our students to be. In honor of Brandon, our school started a fundraiser to collect socks. The fundraiser ended on November 20th and the class that collected the most socks got prizes. The class that collected the most socks and the winner is Montessori B. The reason we wanted to help this charity and hopefully more in the future was that we needed to teach the students that helping the homeless is something that God wants us to do. The 1st place winner got a free homework pass and got to watch a movie in the multipurpose room. The 2nd and 3rd places received a thirty-minute extra recess on Wednesday, November 22, 2023.

We love to teach our students to be kind and compassionate and this is one of the ways to do that. We have collected more socks than we expected.





**Christian Farag** Grade 6



# **ST. MARTIN OF TOURS**



St. Martin of Tours was born in Saveria, in present-day Hungary, in the year 316. His father was the senior officer of the Roman military. After a year Martin was born, his father had been given veteran status and moved to a small town named Tinicum, now Pavia, in Northern Italy. Here in Italy, he grew up and received his baptism at 18. At the age of 10, he joined the Church against the wishes of his parents and became a Catholic, which was not unknown in the Roman Empire, but very rare. He was required to join the Roman army since he was the son of an officer. When he was going into battle, a beggar walked up to him and implored him for clothing. He gave him half of his cloak and rode away. That night when Martin went to sleep he dreamed that God was wearing half of his cloak.

Martin declared his vocation to become a priest and made his way to Caesarodunum, France (now named Tours), where he became a disciple of Hilary of Poitiers' Christian orthodoxy. He opposed Arianism, (the Trinity not being consubstantial with each other), and was thus exiled. After his exile, he traveled across Europe, preaching the Gospel of Jesus.

Martin died in Candes-Saint-Martin, Gaul (central France) in 397. After he died, local citizens of the Poitou region and residents of Tours quarreled over where Martin would be buried. His body was finally buried outside Tours.

St. Martin of Tours is the patron saint of beggars, wool-weavers, and tailors, US Army Quartermaster Corps, patron saint of geese, vintners and innkeepers, France, and Italian volunteers. St. Martin of Tours is one of the greatest examples of surviving the trials and tribulations of life to become revered in death as a selfless being of faith.



By Dannika Thakar Grade 5 St. Elizabeth's Feast Day Segment















As you all probably know, on November 14th - November 16th all the fantastic sisters set up the event *The Elf Shop*. The event was set up by none other than Sr. Alice, Sr. Immaculata, Sr. Mary Grace, Sr. Mary P.K., and of course, many other sisters and amazing parents had helped set up *The Elf Shop*. *The Elf Shop* was intended for the students to buy gifts not only for themselves but for their friends and family. Which was really great because you could not only make yourselves delightful, but even your family.

I'm sure almost all the students of St. Elizabeth got spectacular gifts for their beloved family or friends. By the way, if you have a dad who really enjoys coffee, it would be a great idea to get him a coffee mug. *The Elf Shop* has loads of gifts or toys like frisbees, coffee mugs, necklaces, rings, educational toys like Newton's Cradle and oh I could keep going on and on with this list of gifts *The Elf Shop* had to offer. Even the people who were window shopping were saying: "Oh this would be a perfect necklace for my Mom", "Wow, I wish I could really buy this for my baby brother" and "Awesome, I could totally buy this for my Dad and sister" when they were looking at all the exemplary gifts The Elf Shop was holding.

*The Elf Shop* didn't only have gifts for many people to buy but also a way to teach students spreading cheerfulness and devotion to Christmas even to the people who don't celebrate Christmas. All in all *The Elf Shop* is a thrilling and creative event that is why I think that we should give a superb round of applause to all the sisters, teachers and parents who have helped St. Elizabeth Nursery and Montessori School set up the amazing event, *THE ELF SHOP*!



Srijan Boppana Grade 5

The Elf Shop! cont.















### Academic Segment

### Science

In science class, we learned about different types of energy. There are two main forms of energy: potential and kinetic energy. Potential energy is stored energy, and kinetic energy is energy of motion. For example, when a roller coaster is going up a hill, it gains potential energy. Once it reaches the top of the hill and goes downhill, the potential energy turns into kinetic energy. It increases kinetic energy the further it goes downhill. There is also something called conservation of energy. That is the rule that tells us energy can not be created or destroyed. Another scientific occurrence is called a collision. A collision is when two or more objects hit each other. This can be explained by one cool device called Newton's Cradle. A Newton's Cradle is a device with spheres of the same height, connected to strings. One of the spheres at the end gets lifted and then it hits the other spheres, transferring its energy to the rest of the spheres. The energy transfers to the sphere at the other end, which makes the whole process repeat itself until it runs out of energy. Another way of describing a collision can be explained simply by a baseball bat hitting a baseball.

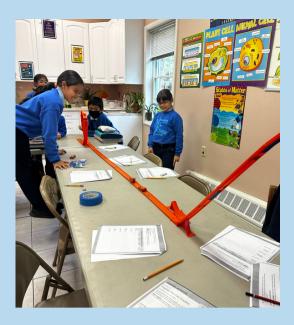
There are several science labs that we experimented with during class to explain energy. One of my favorite science labs we did was the Hot Wheels Track. In this lab, we created a Hot Wheels Track with a loop to test the different kinds of energy. The goal of this lab was for the car to go down the dip and over the loop. Unfortunately, we were not successful as the car was not able to go around the loop. Another lab explaining potential and kinetic energy was by using stacked books, a marble, and a paper towel roll to create a ramp. The more books stacked up, the faster the marble went down the paper towel roll.

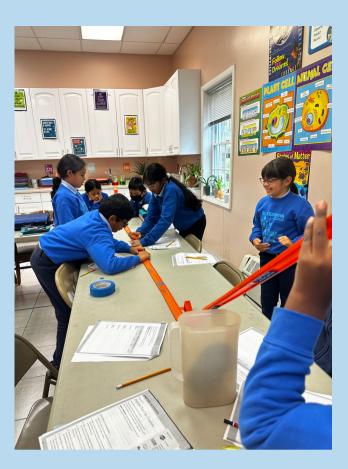
The whole fourth-grade class did a lab at home to test the theories of energy. The lab was to make a small roller coaster. The goal was for the first marble to go down the dip, loop, and then the hump, to hit the second marble so that only the second marble goes into the cup. I made my track out of what is called foam pipe insulation, which is the same thing as a pool noodle. I cut it in half, leaving the foam pipe insulation the perfect width for the marble. Then, by trial and error, I was able to create just the right collision, forcing only the second marble to go into the cup. These experiments, whether at home or in school, are very important to learn about lessons in science class. I cannot wait for the next one.



Gabriella White Grade 4

### Academic Segment

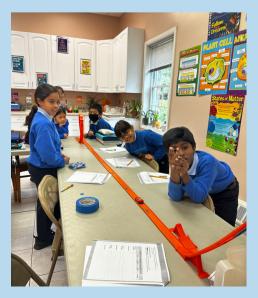






"SCIENCE MY LAD, IS MADE UP OF MISTAKES, BUT THEY ARE MISTAKES WHICH IS USEFUL TO MAKE BECAUSE THEY LEAD LITTLE BY LITTLE TO THE TRUTH." JULES VERNE





### Academic Segment ... Grade 1 Learning Centers

Learning Centers is a learning method where the students are actively involved in their learning process. Ms. Marie Sommers, our reading teacher for grades 1 - 3 uses learning centers to help the first graders spell words and learn their definitions. They use stick words which are words with long and short vowels. First graders spin a wheel and on whatever word it lands on, they write that word on a piece of paper. The first graders are divided into groups to take turns spinning the wheel.

Everyone loves working in groups because they can work together and get to know their classmates while learning. Amare said that his favorite thing about the Learning Centers was the part where you think or use your brain. Elliana said her favorite part of the Learning Centers was the solving part. Serena said it is a really fun way to learn how to spell words by yourself. You can tell they really love the activity and love learning with Learning Centers. First graders think of Learning Centers as fun and interesting.

Another 1A student, Simrin, enjoyed writing the correct spelling of words on cards. She worked with Amare and Addison to unscramble the words and then write the correct spelling. A different group of students were identifying long and short vowels. Parikshith said they spin the wheel and find the word as a group. Isabella said the Learning Center her group did was matching the photo with the correct spelling of the word. Ella told us that she would roll a dice to find the words they had to write as a group.

Manav said they have had the Learning Centers activity three times. We think the first graders enjoyed the Learning Center activities. All of the first grade wanted to have Learning centers again. Overall, the Learning Centers seem like a great way for teachers to teach students spelling and vocabulary skills. It also seems to be a great way for students to learn spelling and vocabulary words.

> Keya Bhuva Alexandra D'Souza <sub>Grade</sub> 4













### We are NUTS about LEARNING



### Vera Wang

I am Vera, a 6th grader at St. Elizabeth School. I started at this school in Montessori B. I stayed in this school for a long time, and I learned a lot. I like After School Art very much in this school, and have been attending for a long time. I also really like drawing characters or people.

My parents are both doctors, and they work hard so I can come to this school. Every year I celebrate Chinese New Year with my family. It is very fun.

One of the skills I like now is my baking and cooking. I have made cakes for many events such as school parties, my sister's birthday party, and just for myself to eat. I also made pies and cookies which I mostly eat with my family. I will always remember when I brought my baked goods into school at parties!

One of my favorite things to do is draw. Drawing has always been fun and I learn to draw new things everyday. Some of my teachers still have my old drawings! What I make mostly is characters and people and maybe some landscapes. I even helped at after school art and made a wonderful lego island!

This school has taught me a lot of stuff such as reading, math and even how to exercise in PE. This school is fun and I love after school art. Most of the teachers know me except for the new ones. I will always like this school and myself. This year, I am in the student council.

#### Srijan Boppana

I am Srijan Boppana. I am 10 years old. I was born on June 14. I am also in fifth grade. I am a new student at St. Elizabeth. One of my biggest hobbies is playing soccer. I also sometimes play baseball with my friends. I have an older sister who is in high school and she is 14 years old.

I made tons of friends here in this school. My favorite food is ice cream and pizza. I have already been to 16 countries in my life and I always travel to different places. I also play badminton, tennis, chess and basketball. I have always wanted a dog since I was a baby. As of now, science is my favorite subject in school. My favorite book series ever is Harry Potter.

#### Leo Tsoi

of St. Elizabeth

I am Leo Tsoi. I was born somewhere in New Jersey, but I do not know where. My parents named me Leo after Pope Leo and they wanted me to have a short name. I have a sister named Lisa, who is five years older than me.

When I was three years old, I attended St. Elizabeth School in Montessori C. I stayed at St. Elizabeth until I was in Kindergarten. I took piano lessons in Kindergarten, but I eventually quit. I transferred to Our Lady of Mount Carmel School for First Grade. However, halfway through the year, I transferred back to St. Elizabeth School. That year, we went to the Liberty Science Center as a field trip. In Second Grade, we had to learn online because of Covid-19.

In Third Grade, we had to wear facial masks to school. On multiple occasions, children in our school got Covid and we had to go learn online again. In Fourth Grade, we had a relatively normal school year. That year we went to a nature center for a field trip. In Fifth Grade, we went to Ifly, which uses a wind tunnel to simulate Skydiving.

Now, I am in Sixth Grade. I am currently the Student Council Treasurer.

### Isha Shetty

I am Isha Shetty. You already know a lot about me from my acrostic poem, but if you are interested to learn more about me then you should read this essay. I will cover a broad spectrum of my abilities and my personality.

The first thing I will tell you about me is my love of math. Math is used everywhere, in all aspects of life. Many people think that when you are done with school, you will never see math again. They are wrong. Another reason why math is my favorite subject is that it will help me find a job.

Another thing about me is that I was born in the summer and my birthday is the independence day of Peru. I love that I am a summer birthday. I am happy every time I wake up and tired when I go to bed. My favorite sport is swimming, and I think that I am very good at it. My parents didn't know what my name would be when I was born, they named me after I went home.

There are three words I would use to describe myself, persevering, compassionate, and curious. I am a perseverant person who keeps on going even if there are challenging obstacles that I need to overcome. I am compassionate because I love to help people in my everyday life. A lot of people ask me for help on various subjects, and I graciously help them.

#### Sebastian Germosen

I am Sebastian Germosen. I am in 5th grade. I live in Randolph, so this school is a little far from here. It's a 15-20 minute drive depending on traffic. My favorite hobbies are sleeping, eating, playing games, and soccer. I love weekends because I can sleep for longer and I can play video games with friends and family. I live with 4 siblings, which is 5 people including me. I have 2 older brothers 1 younger brother and 1 younger sister. I don't know how old my grandma is on my dad's side of the family, but I'm pretty sure my grandma on my mom's side is about 72 years old.

My favorite subject in school is PE because it allows me to run, stretch, and play other fun games! I like this school because I get to make new friends. I have only been in St. Elizabeth and went to school for only a little bit over 2 months and I already know a bunch of new things now!

I am half Korean/Asian and half Dominican. I don't know many words in both languages. I love eating sushi, kimchi, french fries, burgers, and almost any desert. My brothers and sisters are 6, 8, 11, and 12. My sister is 6, My younger brother is 8, and my older brother is 11, and the oldest is 12. My birthday is September 4th.

### Amelia John

' of St. Elizabeth

I am Amelia Marie John. I am 10 years old. I am funny, kind, adventurous, and inquisitive. I always try my best to treat others the way I would like to be treated. My favorite color is pink and I love unicorns. My favorite food is pizza and I enjoy venturing out to different pizzerias in New Jersey and New York with my family.

I enjoy being a student at St. Elizabeth school. The sisters and the teacher are nurturing and they teach us how to be good people and have a great future ahead of us. My favorite subject is math. I like math because we need it every day in our lives. That is why we learn lots of math. The meaning of my name is hard working and industrious. I can relate to this meaning because I am kind and always work hard. I love to help others even if they are a stranger. My parents and my teachers taught me how to be respectful. I like to be a daughter, student, sister, and friend to all.

#### **Joseph Marzouk**

### Manan Arora

I am Manan Arora. I am 11 years old. I am the oldest child, and I have a little brother named Arsh. I love science, math, technology ,and ancient history. My favorite foods are watermelon, fried rice, lettuce, and cucumbers. I just graduated from 4th grade, now it is the second week of my 5th grade year.

I was born on St Patrick's day. I really like playing cricket, basketball, soccer, and tennis with my friends. My parents are originally from India. I am Joseph Marzouk. I am ten years old. I like candy my favorite candy is sour patch kids. My favorite subject in school is reading class. My favorite fruit is watermelon.

My Birthday is on February 26. My favorite sport is basketball. I started liking basketball when I was 8 years old. My favorite food is pizza. I love ice pops.



# lan Mauser



I attended St. Elizabeth's from 2003 to 2011, beginning my time there in the Nursery and concluding with my graduation from Sixth Grade.

While at St. Elizabeth's I received many valuable lessons, not only on what we learned, but how to learn. I maintain that one of the most important things I gained during my time at St. Elizabeth's was a desire to increase my knowledge about everything I could and to not be intimidated by any topic, no matter how unknown or difficult. I took this with me to Oratory Preparatory School, where I finished middle school and graduated high school in 2017. From there I attended Stevens Institute of Technology, pursuing a Bachelor of Engineering and then shortly after a Master of Engineering, both in Mechanical Engineering.

I look back with great fondness on my time at St. Elizabeth's, and express my deepest gratitude to the wonderful teachers I had there, each of whom helped to shape me into the man I am today. Their teachings of kindness, humility, and love for our fellow man are ones that I continue to carry with me and strive to apply in my daily life.





Helping the sisters decorating the school





First Friday Mass December 1st, 2023



Early Childhood - Kindergarten Christmas Shows Saturday, December 9, 2023 9 Am and 1 Pm



Elementary Christmas Concert Wednesday, December 13, 2023 7:30 pm



Early Childhood/Kindergarten Dance Recital Saturday, December 16, 2023



Christmas Party - Santa's Visit - Free Dress Down









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