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Science- Special Subject?



Image of a DNA strand pictured above

Science is a very important subject for all of my peers. However, in some schools science is considered as a special subject rather than a regular subject. This means that science would be treated similar to gym and Spanish, meaning it would be taught simply once a week. In fact, some people prefer Science to be a special subject rather than a regular subject. Caroline, in 4th grade, stated "I'd prefer if Science was a special subject because I'll have to do less work." Would you agree? The subject of science has been around for centuries and is very important for people's education. In many schools science is a special subject. One parent stated "In my school we had science as a special subject

and I'd rather have had science be a regular subject because I can learn a lot more if science was a regular subject". Jenny, in 6th grade, said "I would want science to be a regular subject because then science would be counted as a greater grade instead of it not being worth as much as a special subject."

Overall, science is a wonderful subject, regular or special. However, there's so much to learn about science; it should be a regular subject. There's hundreds of jobs for people to take that all include science. Whether it's an astronaut, scientist, doctor, or even space engineer, science is necessary. There is so much to learn about science that people will never understand everything. We don't even know everything about it. Science includes many mysterious subjects where we still have so much more to learn; this is a mystery in many things including space, medicine, and even some aspects of Earth.

In conclusion, in my opinion, I think science should be taught as a regular subject. I feel this way not only because science is my favorite subject, but because there's just so much to learn about science. No one can ever learn everything, but I would love to learn as much as I could. Science, in my opinion, is very fascinating and there's always a mystery scientists are trying to solve. No one is ever 100% right in science, they just create theories. Theories are not always correct, as they can be proven wrong. Looking at all the evidence, science should be taught as a regular subject. Would you agree?



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Another Day Off?



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Thanksgiving is an annual, national holiday that is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. Thanksgiving is a holiday to give thanks to God for blessings. Also, it is an act of kindness and gratitude toward your friends and family. Not only is it an act of compassion, but it is also the time of the year to reflect and open your heart to those that you don't even know. Therefore, many students believe that they should have a day off before Thanksgiving.

Well, according to students in St.Stans, fifth graders believe that schools should be closed the day before Thanksgiving. There are various reasons, but the most important one was that "Thanksgiving is an important holiday and more time should be spent with family and friends". We do live in a very fast paced world, so we should make as much time as possible to spend with your loved ones. Secondly, "lots of people are planning to travel," so they do need extra time to get to their

destinations on time. Additionally, "do the shopping and cook meals for dinner." Many families gather together and a lot more time for preparation is needed. Finally, many students have expressed their interest in making up school work on that day because "school is stressful".

As I interviewed the scholars, they made me think about what my opinion should be. Well, I strongly agree with them, the day before Thanksgiving should be designated for the time of preparation and relaxation with your loved ones. As you can see, there are many reasons students, and myself, believe that the day before Thanksgiving should be off. What do you think?

- Maya Jakubiak

Frozen

Do you miss St. Stan's musicals? Do you love the movie "Frozen?" Well, what if it came to your school? This year we are finally bringing the play back after two years! We at St. Stans will be starring in the Broadway version of the movie called *Frozen Jr. the Musical*. It is actually quite different from the movie, there are at least three new songs for us to sing. All of the songs are very joyful and happy. There were over 70 kids that auditioned, ranging from kindergarten through 8th grade, that have been cast in the play, with another 5 students that will serve on the stage crew. You will see all of your favorite characters including Elsa, Anna, and of course Olaf. Special thanks to Mrs. Sequenza and Mrs. Morrocco for all of the time and effort that is going into making this the best play ever.

The curtain will go up on Friday, March 10th, 11th and 12th. Mark your calendar, we hope to see you there!

- Sienna DeSalvo



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Volleyball!



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Do you want to play a sport but don't know which one to choose? I think you should choose volleyball. It is a very fun team sport that is played competitively. To play volleyball, you don't need too much equipment either. All you need is knee pads and a volleyball, of course. Some of the main things you need to know to play volleyball are base position, platform, how to communicate with your teammates, and how to get to the ball. In volleyball, there are 6 players on the court at a time. Although, there are 7 positions. The 7 positions are the outside hitter, opposite, setter, middle blocker, libero, defensive specialist, and serving specialist. There are 7 positions but 6 players on the court at a time, because the libero is a back-row defensive specialist that is used in the rotation of middle blockers on the team. It basically means that the libero switches out with the middle blockers when they are in the back row. The libero can not be in the front row, so when it gets to the front row position, it has to switch back with the middle blocker. Now since you know what the libero does, I will tell you what the other positions do. First, is the outside hitter. Outside hitters are also known as the left-side hitter. Outside hitters are the lead attackers in the offensive strategy. Good outside hitters are always on their feet and are able to jump high. The outside hitter mostly hits and blocks on the front left side of the court. Next, is the opposite. The opposite is also known as the right-side hitter. The opposite hits the ball from the front and back row. They also dig for quick attacks and if the setter is not able to set the ball, they do. Some of the opposite

responsibilities are swinging from the front and back row, playing right-back defense, and blocking the other team's outside hitter. The opposite usually plays by the right antenna on the court. To be a good opposite hitter, you need to be able to hit the ball from the front and back rows. The next position is the setter. The setter is the player that runs the team's offense. They have a delicate touch when setting the ball perfectly to one of the attacking players.

The setter plays right front when she is in the front row and right back when she is in the back row. To be a good setter, you have to be a good leader, work hard, keep your hand high, and know what sets your hitters like to hit. The middle blocker is next. Middle blockers are a very important part in a volleyball team's defense. Middle blockers need to make fast movements to be close to their outside blocker and read the direction that the setter is setting the ball. The main role of the middle blocker is to read the other team's attackers to quickly make a blocking attempt. To be a good middle blocker, you have to have your knees bent and be equally balanced on both feet. Next, is the defensive specialist. The defensive specialist in volleyball, is an excellent ball handler. The libero on the team is usually the defensive specialist. The defensive specialist is in the back row on the court. To be a defensive specialist, you have to be consistent and dependable in passing. Last but not least, is the serving specialist.

A serving specialist is a player who subs in to serve. If your coach knows that one of your teammates won't be able to get the ball over the net, they'll let your serving specialist sub in for them, so you get the serve over. To be a good serving specialist you have to, of course, be good at serving and be able to come in for someone who is less strong behind the service line, but valuable to have on the court as an offensive or defensive threat. Therefore, if you want to play a team sport, volleyball would be great. St. Stan's has a volleyball team for grades 5-8. The team is called STOPE. The game season starts in January and it would be great if you would be able to come to some of our games.



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Who's Bringing the Turkey Home?



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Thanksgiving is one of the most celebrated holidays

all over the world, and what a better way to celebrate it with 3 NFL games. If you want to read more about it go on!

Early Game!

The early game is going to start at 4:30 p.m. The teams playing are the powerhouse NY Giants, and the Dallas Cowboys. Even though the Cowboys had been having a pretty good season, the Giants have a better chance of winning, both on paper and on the field. Especially in these games, star player's are necessary. The Giants have a really good running back, Saquon Barkely, as long as he doesn't get injured. For the Dallas Cowboys, it has to be the defensive beast, Micah Parsons. He has been the biggest piece of the Dallas Cowboys defense and arguably the best player on the team! With all of this information we have made our decision. We believe that The New York Giants will be the victorious team in this first Thanksgiving game.

Late Game!

The next game is at 8:30 p.m, between the Minnesota Vikings, and the New England Patriots. We know that Kirk Cousins celebrated a huge win against his former team, the Washington Commanders. On the other side of the ball, we have the New England Patriots who are 5 and 4, but have a QB competition and a 2 game winning streak. When we look at the X Factor players it's clear who the favorite is. Let's start with the Patriots, this is a pretty hard decision to make but if we look at the roster it's pretty clear that it is Mac Jones, if he starts. When we look at the other side of the ball, with the Vikings it has to be the star Wide Receiver, Justin Jefferson. We know the X Factor players, we know the Positive facts, now we have to choose the winner. This was an incredibly hard decision but we have come to the point where we have to choose the Minnesota Vikings

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Morning Game!

Finally, we got the biggest game of them all, the Bills and the Lions. This game is going to take place at 12:30 p.m. A battle for the ages in the Thanksgiving surplus of games. Some people look at this as a one sided game, a blowout some may say. Others think of it as an all out war with no real winner until the end. I think of it as a battle of the QBs. To start, Josh Allen is an MVP caliber QB. Then you have Jared Goff, a former Rams Qb who made it to the SuperBowl and lost. It's really a key to victory to really understand who will win. First the Lions, they have to play the best football they have ever played in their lives to win this game. That is because the Buffalo Bills are one of the best teams currently and they have only lost to some of the best teams the Jets, and the Dolphins. They need to play their best football that they have ever played. For the Bills, all they need to do is not treat this lightly just because their record says they are a better team than you think even without T.J Hockenson. They need to take this game like they're playing the undefeated Eagles, no Mercy. In conclusion to all this analysis, we have decided to choose the Buffalo Bills. to win the final game of the 3 Thanksgiving games.

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Getting to Know A Teacher

In this segment I am going to be writing about getting to know a teacher. This month I will be writing about Mrs. Beechel. I have interviewed her and I will share her responses with you all. If you read this information that I am sharing, you will be prepared when you get to her grade. All of the information that I will be sharing with you Mrs. Beechel has reviewed and feels comfortable sharing.

In my opinion, Mrs. Beechel is a very good, kind, and fair teacher. This is the second year that she has been teaching me and I enjoy her classes. She has been a teacher for a total of twenty years and twelve of those years have been at St. Stanislaus Kostka. Mrs. Beechel has taught 4th, 5th, and 6th grade. Mrs. Beechel seems to have a great grasp on the age group that she is teaching since she has taught high elementary and low middle school grades for many years. Her own children are in 7th and 5th grade.

Mrs. Beechel reported that she loves where she currently works. She said, however, that her job has positives and negatives. She said that the positive is "seeing her students grow and learn academically and socially." Mrs. Beechel admits that a negative is lunch duty. She is not a fan of it! When she was asked how she feels when her class graduates, she said that she feels both happy and sad. She is happy to see them grow, but sad to see them leave. In conclusion Mrs. Beechel is an excellent teacher.

-Raymond Coyle, Grade 6



Marlin Madness

MARLINS MEET! A few weeks ago, on November 4, 2022, our school, St. Stans held a rally in the gym of Martin Luther High School. This rally was intended to show our overwhelming support for our sports program. All cheerleaders and players rounded up that night to celebrate and introduce themselves! All grades between second and eighth were there including their parents, of course, as well as their coaches.

-Turner Metz, Grade 5



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All About Mrs. Mangone!

Our principal, Mrs. Mangone, is an amazing principal who is known by everyone. She holds fundraisers and makes sure we have a great education here at St. Stan's. For our assignment, we interviewed Mrs. Mangone, our beloved principal.

In the year 1980, our principal Mrs. Mangone had just become a teacher. When she was in 1st grade, she said that her teacher, Sister St. Mary Leonard, had inspired her to become a teacher herself. Mrs. Mangone had taught several grades over her years of teaching. One day while she was teaching grade 8, she was called to the school board and they had told her they wanted her to be our school's next principal. At first, Mrs. Mangone was hesitant and was unsure if she wanted to take the job, considering it would be a huge responsibility, but eventually she said yes and now she is our school's principal. Mrs. Mangone says she does not only have 1 teaching degree, but actually 3 degrees. She has one degree in bachelors of arts which took 4 years, a masters degree in administration, which took her 2 years, and lastly she has a masters of science degree which took her another 2 years. In total, it took her 8 years to get all of her degrees.

Additionally, she actually graduated with her masters of administration degree in May of 2020, which was during COVID-19. Mrs. Mangone says she had been teaching at St. Stans for 43 years now and this has been the only school she has taught in. When we asked Ms. Mangone about if it was difficult going from a 1st grade teacher and working her way up to becoming principal, she replied with "it wasn't really difficult it was more different".

On a daily basis, she learns how to use her money properly, checking lesson plans, healthcare plans, and answering her emails, and you wouldn't believe how long she stays after school. She stays until at least 4:30! I wonder what she does on a daily basis for school. We asked her if it is a big responsibility watching the school, she says "It's not difficult but it is a big responsibility, a responsibility I love".

One focus of our principal is restoring our school back to the way it was prior to Covid. Mrs. Mangone says she would like to bring back the clubs we had before COVID. She says, "I am completely open to adding any new clubs the students want." She also prefers home lunch instead of school lunch. She says this because she loves to cook and not that many people know that about her, but she is a very good cook.

We know that our principal Mrs. Mangone has the most amazing fashion sense, so here's a couple things you may not know about her fashion. Mrs. Mangone loves to shop at Banana Republic and Macey's! Could you believe it, I never knew Macey's had such cute clothes, I'm shocked. Most people do not know this, but her favorite color to wear is black. This is because it matches with everything, and it is a gorgeous color to wear. Let's talk about shoes. Mrs. Mangone LOVES shoes, but she would prefer to wear heels instead of flats. However, she doesn't like to wear HIGH HIGH heels, she would rather wear comfortable heels.

Mrs. Mangone says she loved her time teaching and she will always pop into a classroom and help teach if the teacher is absent, as she "doesn't mind at all." Mrs. Mangone says that once she retires, she will definitely substitute from time to time. If Mrs. Mangone retires, she would probably substitute as a math teacher considering her love for math or she would just be a substitute in general.

Mrs. Mangone does not have a favorite teacher. She thinks all of them have something unique and different about each other; she thinks they are all great and she loves the people that she works with so much. Mrs. Mangone's thoughts on the school lunch is that she thinks it's a great program for children that may not be able to have breakfast in the morning or even just don't have the time.

When we asked Mrs. Mangone if she was a dog or cat person and why, as well as what her favorite breed was, she responded with "I have never been that much of an animal person, but since my daughter got a golden doodle I'd have to go with dogs and goldendoodles are my favorite breed." By the way, her favorite animals are Panda Bears. We also asked her if she was hoping for a fourth grandchild and she said she is eventually hoping for one even though she has several grandchildren, She herself is an only child.

Thank you for looking at our section in the school's first newspaper of 2022-2023. This concludes our article on our amazing, kind, and beloved principal, Mrs. Mangone.

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Christmas at St. Stans!

The St.Stans Christmas show is always different from other school days, you see, the Christmas show goes on for 3 days. One day in the middle of school hours, the next day at night, and then the last day of school before Christmas break. However, there's a lot of work needed. Let's get to the preparations, a few weeks before the show each class gets to pick a christmas song to sing at the show, this year 5th grade chose "You're a mean one Mr.Grinch," 4th grade chose " Run Run Rudolph," and the players sang " We Need a Little Christmas." Each class then practices their songs until the day of the show and then the show turns out great!

More interesting than other days?

The show is very different from normal school days, the entire day we get to dress up and basically we only do school work half the day. The rest of the day we focus on performing and we hang out in between performances. During the first two days of the show, the students can't see other students' performances because the parents come to watch, but the students get to watch everyone else sing on the last day before winter break. During the night show we are even allowed to bring electronics when we wait to perform!

Music Malfunctions...

So, this year we faced a couple problems with the music. 5th grade's performance took a turn for the worst. One verse into the song and then the music completely shut off! But the show must go on, 5th grade kept singing and did great; they memorized all the music! I personally think they shouldn't even have had music in the first place. Then, during the Thursday show, the 6th grader's music shut off too! But they got to redo it thankfully, and they did awesome too! And lastly Pre-k C had some music issues too! I wonder what's going on with the music.



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The World Cup!

What a better way to start this then with the underdogs themselves, Morocco. Their games were incredible. So much that no one besides France scored on them. Morocco made it into the World Cup six times. These six occasions occurred in 1970, 1986, 1988, 2018, and of course now in 2022. Even though Morocco recently lost to France, they will still earn themselves a record. In history their names are going to be known for being the first African team to reach the semi-finals. If you ask me, this is a pretty big achievement.

Roman Saiss, the team captain, led the phenomenal defense of Morocco. Hakimi, one of Morocco's best players, is a right back. He is a must for Morocco's defense. He was the real reason for this team's greatest wins. Bounou, Morocco's brick wall (Goalkeeper) led Morocco to many victorious games, against teams such as Spain, and Portugal in the knockout rounds. Hakim Ziyech, Chelsea's star winger, barely made it onto Morocco's team. If he did not make it, no one would know if Morocco would earn this achievement, of making it into the semi-finals.

Unfortunately, this might be the last World Cup of most of the players that our generation has looked up to. Some of the players include, Cristiano Ronaldo, Leonel Messi, Neymar Jr, Luka Modrić, and Robert Lewandowski. Even though this is the end of many important players, it is also the beginning of new, and maybe better players. As the generations go on it can bring better and greater skills. These newer players can include Jude Bellingham, Bukayo Saka, Julian Alvarez, Pedro Gonzalez, Pablo Gavi, Eduardo Camavinga, and many more.

Finally, to recap, Lionel Messi and Argentina won the final!



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Christmas Activities



In my opinion, the top 3 Christmas activities are:

- Snowball Fights
- Gingerbread Houses
- Baking Cookies

First, let's talk about snowball fights! When it snows, you can create snowballs, and then if you throw it at someone, it starts a fight. However, you have to wear gloves, or your hands will turn red! And it's pretty painful! Your hands get very numb, it's happened to me before! Try to use gloves every time. Plus, it kind of burns when your hands are by the fire trying to warm them up.

Building gingerbread houses is difficult, so you need strategy. You have to use frosting to keep it together. And when I mean frosting, I mean A LOT of frosting! It gets so annoying because it will keep breaking if you don't use a lot of frosting. When you are done building, you set it to dry, and then you can decorate it! You can decorate it with a bunch of candies. You can use candy canes, gumdrops, m&ms, lollipops, and many more candies.

Baking cookies are super fun! You can decorate them however you like. Well, first, you have to bake them. While you wait, you can play games or watch a Christmas movie! And when they come straight out of the oven, they smell soooo good! You can add different kinds of Christmas sprinkles, and you can put sweet frosting on them! That is making me hungry!

Polish Christmas Traditions

Have you ever wondered how Christmas is celebrated in Poland? Today is your lucky day because I will discuss the Polish Christmas traditions. We, Poles, begin the celebration with Christmas eve supper, known as "WIGILIA"! The supper table is covered with a white tablecloth. Under the tablecloth, we place hay, representing the time when Jesus was born and laid on hay. An extra empty place is set for an unexpected visitor or a homeless person because no one should be left alone or unfed that day.

Also, we ensure there are twelve dishes, just like the twelve Apostles that Jesus chose. The meal is traditionally meat free; this is to remember the animals who took care of the baby of Jesus in the manger. Also, everyone has to eat or try some of each dish; for Catholics, the 12 dishes symbolize Jesus's 12 disciples. Also, the twelve dishes are meant to give you good luck for the next twelve months.

Dishes include: Barszcz, (beetroot soup), Uszka (little dumplings with mushrooms), Krokiety (pancakes in breadcrumbs, fried in oil), carp, herrings, cabbage, pierogi, poppy seeds, nuts, honey, and dried fruits. Before we sit by the table, we pray and thank god for the meal. Then we take a large holy bread called an "OPLATEK," we share it and say Christmas greetings. After supper, we read the bible and sing carols. Later that night, we attended midnight mass to honor the prayers of shepherds on their way to Bethlehem. When we return home, Santa usually comes, and we exchange and open presents. Finally, our holiday has begun. Christmas Day is the time to celebrate with your family and friends.

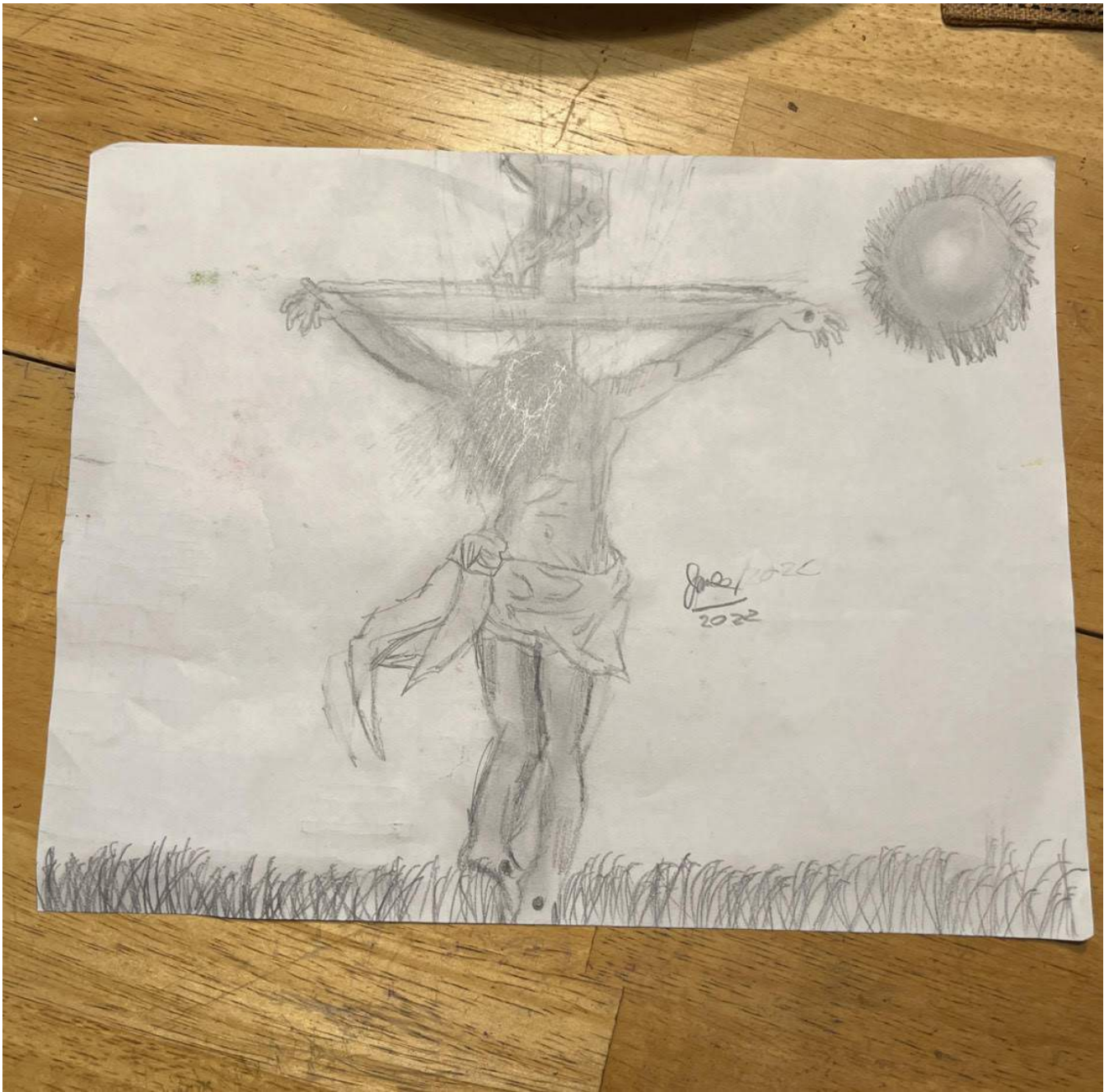
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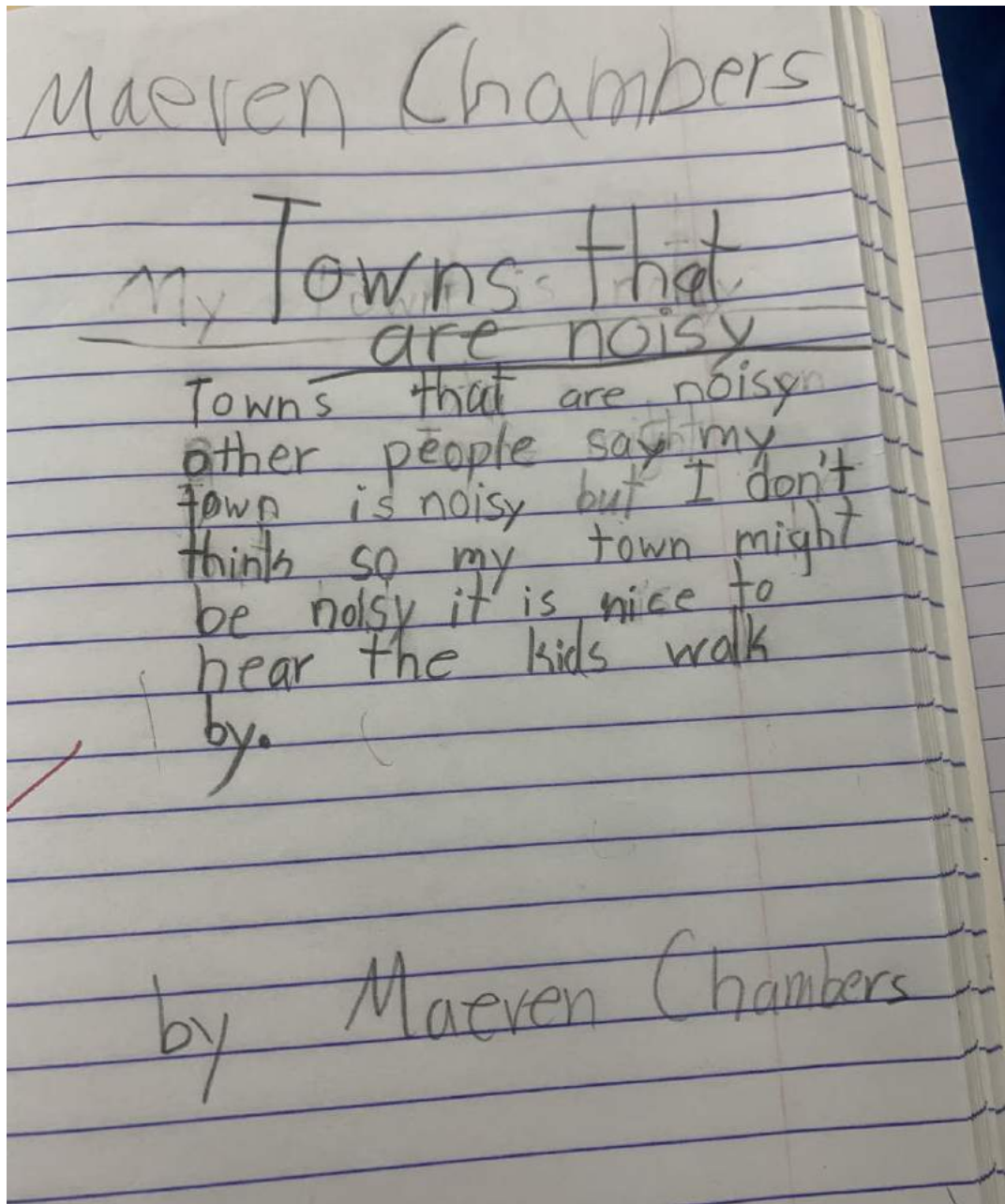
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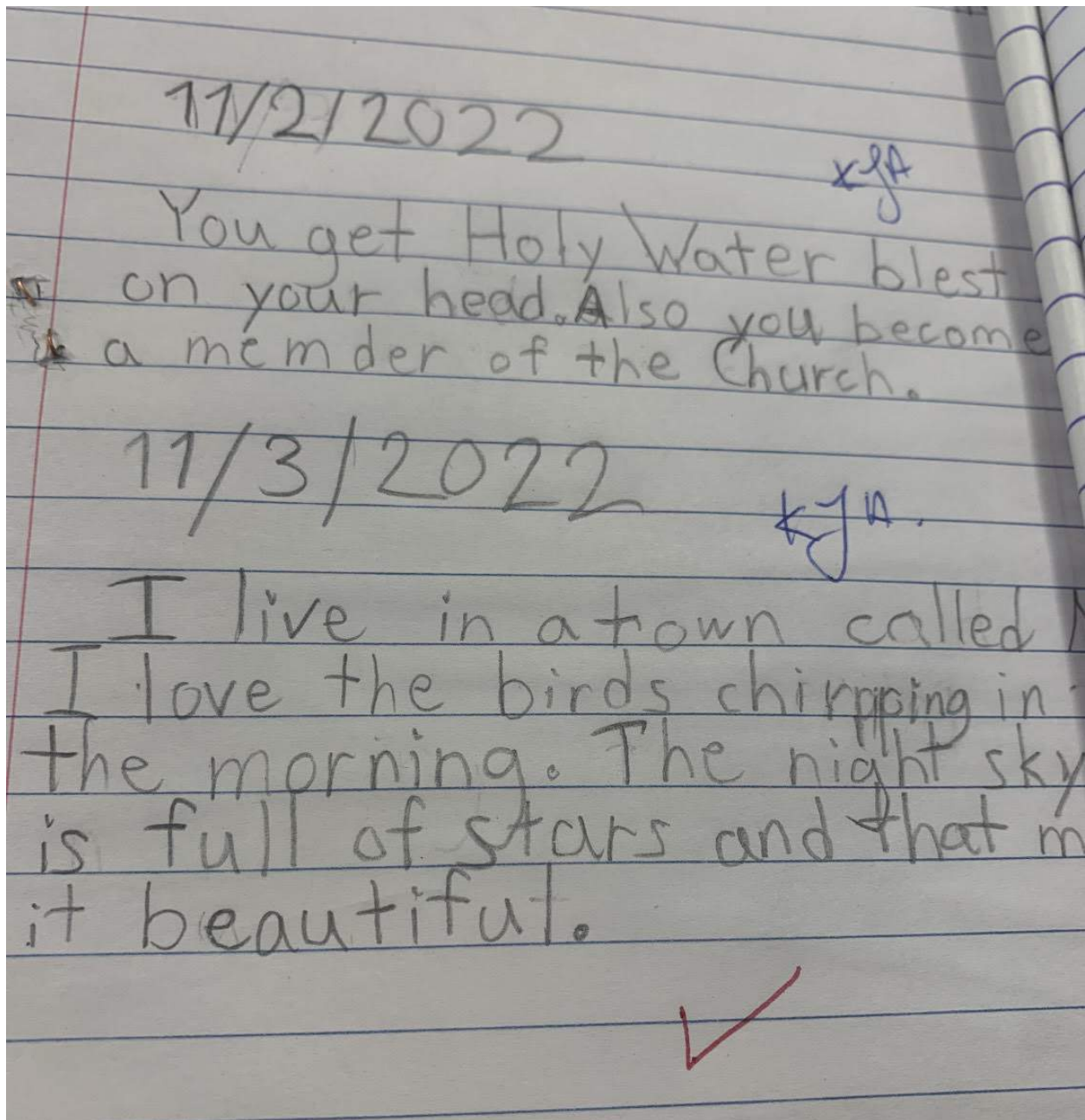
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Thank you for your attention and patronage. The students have all worked very hard to bring you this newspaper. In addition to all their hard work throughout the school day, these students magnanimously dedicated their time to bring you these stories. Thank you for taking the time to read our work and please be on the lookout for future editions!