

Frassati Eighth Graders Receive Confirmation at St Mary's of the Annunciation



photos by Michelle Van Wiltenburg

Bishop Manz confirms Frassati students (Angela Van Wiltenburg, Marcus Aragon and Emma Roberts) at St. Mary's of the Annunciation Catholic Church on Saturday, April 13, 2018. Some Frassati students were also altar servers for the special mass.

By Michelle Van Wiltenburg & Kate Roberts

On Friday, April 13th, 2018 89 candidates were confirmed at St. Mary of the Annunciation parish. Confirmation is the sacrament of which you receive the Holy Spirit.

Fifteen of the confirmandi were 8th grade students at Frassati's Middle School. Those students were Marcus Aragon, Kathleen Asmussen, Tony Bishop, Jeremy Bobber, Savannah Campos, Ella Cappelle, John Clarizio, Darren Gorman, Ben LaMora, Connor Manning, Matt Molsen, Isabella Niemotka, Emma Roberts, Marisa Spada,

and Angela Van Wiltenburg.

They were confirmed by Bishop Manz. Bishop Manz is a Bishop from the Archdiocese of Chicago and he was also the bishop for confirmation at Transfiguration parish in February. He will be at the Santa Maria confirmation in May.

Before they were confirmed Bishop Manz said the homily. He told them "Faith is a gift." and that "all holiness is for everyone and we each stride for it in our own ways." After Bishop Manz gave his homily the candidates were announced by Fr. Jerry.

After the candidates were confirmed some of the Frassati students read the intercessions. Those three students were Emma

Roberts, Bella Niemotka, and John Clarizio. Other confirmandi brought up the gifts.

After the mass there was a reception for the students, their sponsors, and any family or friends they brought along. The reception was in the narthex of the church. All students, staff and volunteers at Frassati Catholic Academy congratulate our newest confirmed students!

Congratulations to newly Confirmed Frassati Students from St. Mary's of the Annunciation Parish

Marcus Aragon	Kathleen Asmussen	Tony Bishop
Jeremy Bobber	Savannah Campos	Ella Cappelle
John Clarizio	Darren Gorman	Ben LaMora
Connor Manning	Matt Molsen	Isabella Niemotka
Emma Roberts	Marisa Spada	Angela Van Wiltenburg

Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities

- ⇒ *Fri, Apr 27*
Middle School Fun Lunch
Wauconda Café Fundraiser
- ⇒ *Tue, May 1*
Golden Apple Gala Meeting @ 6:30pm
- ⇒ *Wed, May 2*
FFA Meeting @ 6:30pm
- ⇒ *Fri, May 4*
8th Grade Ribbon Ceremony
- ⇒ *Sat, May 5*
First Communion, St. Mary's & Transfig
- ⇒ *Mon, May 7*
May Crowning @ St. Mary's
School Advisory Board Meeting @ 7:00pm
- ⇒ *Tue, May 8*
Next Issue of La Stompa!

Seventh Graders' Trip to Illinois Capital Takes Them to Lincoln Sites



7th Grade class poses in front of the Lincoln statue at New Salem Historic Site during their Springfield trip on April 11th.

They departed from New Salem Village on schedule and arrived at their next stop a few minutes early, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library. They had lunch catered by Subway and then the students split up into different groups with their chaperones (Mrs. Tekampe, Mrs. Prado, Mr. Deja, and Mr. Lesinski), and did a variety of things.

The students could go to two different shows, one about Lin-

coln's life and assassination, and another that focused on the theme Ghosts of the Library. There were also other areas, one like a log cabin where the students could learn about Lincoln's early life, another where students could learn about his White House years, and yet another that featured an exhibit about the 4 presidents that lived in Illinois, but that exhibit changes every few months.

After awhile of looking at different exhibits, the students proceeded to the gift shop for some time then got back on the bus. They then headed for Lincoln's house in Springfield and got to learn about the houses of his time. Following their time spent exploring Lincoln's neighborhood the students then went to Lincoln's tomb.

Then the students hopped on the bus and headed to dinner at Bonanza Steakhouse, where they could eat a variety of foods from the buffet. After eating dinner the students headed home and arrived back at the Wauconda campus about 9:30pm. Then they went home to get some sleep and prepare for school the next day.

Meagan Friese said that, "It was a fun and great experience to be able to be able to learn more about Lincoln, and I especially liked the Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library.

Nia Quinones, another seventh grader, had a similar thought. "Springfield was a great learning exposure to the life of Lincoln and his time. My favorite part was exploring his house and neighborhood."

The Springfield trip was a great and enjoyable learning experience, and if you happen to find yourself in Springfield consider visiting some of these destinations.

By Abby Tekampe

On Wednesday, April 11th, the 7th graders arose bright and early to prepare for their Springfield trip. The students had to arrive at school at 5:30 am and they planned to leave at 5:45 am, although it was closer to 6:00 am because two students were running late. On the nearly four hour drive the students entertained themselves by playing games such as MASH, mafia, and What are the Odds.

Due to the late start they arrived late at New Salem Village, where they learned more about the village Abraham Lincoln lived as a young man. New Salem features a variety of houses that are replicas of log cabins and stores from Lincoln's day.

Homework "Club" Helps Students Catch Up On Assignments

Academic Beat

By Brianna Huner

Many Frassati students have probably heard of the Homework Club. Either they were assigned to it or had a friend assigned to it, they probably know what it is. But if you don't, this trusty article is here to tell you all about it.

Firstly, the name may be tricky, the Homework Club isn't an actual club. It is a meeting of all the students with missing homework in Mr. Reisenbuechler's Math room. Every Thursday during elective time

all the students who forgot to do their work meet in the Middle School Math Room. Each student must use their extra class time to finished their missing or unfinished assignment(s).

There are differing opinions about the Homework Club. Some students and staff believe that the Homework Club is a perfect idea. Others disagree. It all depends on where you are. A student who is assigned to Homework Club is probably against it. But the teachers who get their assignments finished are probably for it. In the end Homework Club is necessary much of the time, and has had promising results.

Pier Giorgio Frassati Fun Facts by Emma Roberts

Did you know...?

At age 17, Frassati joined the St. Vincent De Paul Society and fully dedicated himself to caring for the poor, sick, and needy, serving orphans, and assisting soldiers returning from World War 1.

When Pier Giorgio Frassati was very young, he joined the Marian Sodality and the Apostleship of Prayer. He was also permitted to receive Holy Communion everyday, which was unusual at the time.

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Frassati Community Mourns the Passing of Father Ron Gollatz

By Emma Roberts

“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”-Revelation 21:4. Our hearts continue to mourn the loss of Rev. Ron Gollatz after he was born into eternity on Tuesday, April 17, 2018. We reflect on this biblical passage as our community remembers the beautiful and holy life of Fr. Ron Gollatz.

Fr. Ron began his life on April 5th 1946 in Chicago. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed biking, hikes and canoeing as well as the cooking and spending time with his family. After being ordained in 1972, Fr. Ron served in the Archdiocese of Chicago for 46 years at parishes including St. Celestine, St. Bride, St. Martha, St. Emily and Holy Family. He began his first long term assignment as a pastor in 1992 at St.



Father Ron opening the 2015 Transfiguration Trak-a-Thon with a prayer.

8th grader Brianna Huner said that, “He was one of those people who always did the kind thing and inspired others to do the same.” Her quote speaks truth and sums up Fr. Ron’s purpose and mission throughout his life.

Fr. Ron’s visitation was held on Monday at Transfiguration Parish on Monday, April 23, 2018 from 1:00 - 8:30 pm and Tuesday April 24 from 9:00 - 11:00 am with the funeral mass beginning at 11:00 am.

With the pews full, family, friends, parishioners, and those whom Fr. Ron touched gathered to celebrate Fr. Ron’s incredible life and new life with our Lord in heaven. Priests from all over the area including several who graduated from the

seminary with him were on hand. Bishop Rassel led the funeral mass with several assisting priests including current Transfiguration pastor, Rev. Juan Pablo Avila and Assistant Pastor Rev. Marty Barnum. Farther Jerry, from St. Mary’s parish was also present to celebrate Father Ron’s life.

There was then a luncheon held in the Parish Life Center and a burial at St. Joseph Cemetery in River Grove. His life should inspire us all to fully serve and commit ourselves and the Lord. We keep Fr. Ron and his family in our prayers and hope to see him again in glory.



Father Ron “walking the walk” at Transfiguration School’s Trak-a-Thon in 2015

Francis de Sales in Lake Zurich.

His last assignment began 2007 when he became the pastor at our very own Transfiguration Parish in Wauconda. He retired in 2016 after overseeing extensive renovations of the church and celebrating Transfiguration’s 175th anniversary.

Transfiguration parishioner and FCA



Father Ron poses with First Communicant, Corrigan Huner (now in 5th Grade at FCA).

REMINDER: Yearbook Order Deadline is Thursday, May 3 That’s next week!

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Coding Added to Electives

Electives Beat

By Kate Roberts

This session of electives we have welcomed Mrs. Suzanne Soudan, who is teaching coding class. The coding class teaches students the basics of coding. To do this, the students use a website that gives them a series of lessons.

Code.org is a website that teaches the students through 35 lessons and they consist of some of the basic skills you need to know when you code. The teacher, Mrs. Soudan, is a mother of 3 and used to work at Nintendo and has a lot of experience with coding.

Students in Mock Trial Elective Conduct Trial Outside, Find School Liable

Electives Beat

By Ariane Rajcevic

Two weeks ago, on April 12, the students in the Mock Trial Elective went outside to do their trial. The students had been working on the same trial which is about a student who took steroids and died. It's a conflict between who should take the blame

for his death, his parent or the school.

There are two sides to the story, so there are students on different sides trying to make a point. Everybody in the elective had a role to play. Some students played people in the story such as the kid's dad or the school's principal.

Others made questions to ask the students playing these parts. On April 12, the

students of the elective went outside to do their trial. Everybody crowded around the seesaw and on the inside of the seesaw would sit the student playing a role and on the other, the person questioning them.

In the end, the ruling was in favor of the plaintiffs (the side that believed the school should take blame for the death).

Wauconda Campus School Secretary Transitions From Teacher and Wears Many "Hats"

By Angelica Puga

Yesterday, on April 25, Secretary's Day was celebrated all around the country. We'd like to recognize one of our very own School Secretaries, Mrs. Teri Herchenbach

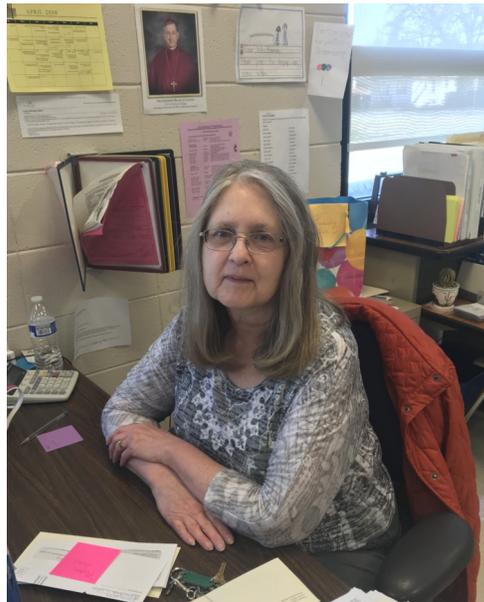


photo by Emma Roberts

Mrs. Brannan at her desk at the Wauconda Campus.

(at the Mundelein Campus) and Mrs. Christine Brannan who is the School Secretary for Frassati's Wauconda Campus. We learned a bit more about Mrs. Herchenbach in La Stompa Issue 14. This time around we wanted to find out more about Mrs. Brannan.

First, she has worked there for 15 years. Among the many things she does for the school, she says that, "I act like the nurse, I make graduation caps for the pre-school, and print La Stompa."

Also she collects money, does EDP (Extended Day Program) billing, assists the teachers, and helps the principals. The thing that she doesn't like is meeting deadlines.

One surprising thing about Mrs. Brannan is that she used to teach for junior high as an ELA teacher.

Be sure to let Mrs. Brannan & Mrs. Herchenbach know how much you appreciate them by saying so. You don't have to wait for next year's Secretary's Day.

Frassati Faculty Fun Facts

- Mr. L was once was the Assistant Vice President for Development and Publics Affairs where he met Theodore Geisel (better known as Dr Seuss).
- Mr. Driscoll has 3 cats.
- Mr. Velez's first single, "The Lord is My Rock" was released and is available on iTunes. It took 10 years to produce.
- Mrs. Zeigler's right big toe doesn't bend.
- Mr. L plays doubles (tennis) with his son-in-law and plays in a league where they have won the championships 3 years in a row!
- Mr. Driscoll was a Boy Scout
- Mrs. Zeigler loves the Care Bears, with Grumpy Bear (the blue one) as her favorite
- Ms. Kleckner was the principal at St. Joseph-Round Lake before coming to Frassati and knew the students on both sides of the net during the Boys Volleyball "Pack the Gym" Night.

Frassati Robotics Teams Compete at Showcase, Bring Home Two Trophies



Frassati Robotics Team, "7 From Heaven", with the trophies they won at the Robotics Showcase on April 21st. Team members are (from left to right) Edward Ferrer, Angela Van Wiltenburg, Philip Shumov, Juliana Soto, Angelica Puga & Arianna Conzelman. Jonah Lazaro was also on the team.

By Michelle Van Wiltenburg

On Saturday, April 21st the 5th Annual 4-H Robotics Showcase was held at Magee Middle school in Round Lake. Every year there is a theme for the robots and the courses they go through. Last year was the "health bot", this year it was the "Envirobot".

Five teams from Frassati Catholic Academy, with 7 people on each team, competed against 25 other teams from around Lake & McHenry Counties. All together there were 15 schools and other organizations represented including Antioch Upper Grade School, Harvard Jr. High, Magee Middle, Miguel Juarez Middle, Round Lake Middle, St. Gilbert, St. Anastasia, St. Joseph and both the Waukegan and Wauconda Public Libraries.

The 5 teams from Frassati were "7 from Heaven"-Edward Ferrer, Angelica Puga, Jonah Lazaro, Arianna Conzelman, Philip Shumov, Juliana Soto and Angela Van Wiltenburg; "24 Eyes"-Abby Tekampe, Brianna Huner, Randall Dawson, Andy Sierra, Joaquin Cardenas, Maddy Ledesma and Stephanie Aquino; "Robo Ninjas"-Lauren Zomchek, Kylie Soudan, Meagan Friese, Tommy Asmussen, Josh Puga, Vicki Deja and Kyle Steckenrider; "Eco Maniax"-Jorge Camargo, Alex Ferrer, Mikey McMurray, Mariano Rodriguez, Ethan Giunta, Owen Potempa and Arturas Dubenas; and "The Spaghet Squad"-Caitie Brunk, Julio Soto, Elizabeth Strelecki, Micaela Ackerson, Diego Prado, Marco Gonzalez, and Paulina Sroka. The teams have been preparing for the Showcase since Oc-

tober 21st.

During the showcase, contestants and spectators could go to different tables and booths and buy things from vendors or look at things on display. One of the cool "booths" available was a VR setup. There was also a robotic surgery display. There was also food available in the cafeteria, which doubled as the teams "prep area".

The teams had to run their programmed robots on their courses in front of judges three different times. They also had to answer questions from a "Tech Judging" crew about their designs and programs. New this year, the teams had to present a Power Point about a real world environmental problem and how they think it should be addressed.

After all the competition activities, the

kids got to cut loose and dance a little and then they gave out the awards. Frassati earned two trophies. Both trophies went to the team "7 from Heaven." The awards were for Creative Course Design and Best Table Run. The Best Table Run is one of the top 2 awards at the Showcase (the other being the Grand Champion). It's based on the amount of points earned on the run. "7 From Heaven" earned 225 points, which is one of the highest scores ever recorded.

One reason the teams did so well was because of their helpers who were Frassati alumni and former robotics team members, Siobhán Huner and Maddy Aquino. They helped all of the teams. The teams were coached by Coach Huner, Mr. Fred Strobl, Mrs. Gina Strelecki & Mr. Kyle Steckenrider.

The Robotics Club members had different experiences this season and shared some of them. Sixth grader Stephanie Aquino who just joined robotics this year said, "My favorite part about robotics is how everyone is focused but is always having fun."

Another 6th grader, Tommy Asmussen who also just joined says, "I was a programmer and programmed the robots, I had fun and would do it again next year."

Also another 6th grader, Lauren Zomchek, who is also another first timer in robotics says, "My favorite part was presenting it to the judges."

Lauren's mom, Mrs. Zomchek added, "It was very interesting and exciting."

Lastly, 8th grader Angela van Wiltenburg, who is in her second (and last) year of robotics said, "My favorite part is being able to work with my friends."



"The Spaghet Squad" Frassati Robotics team (Liz Strelecki, Micaela Ackerson, Julio Soto, Caitie Brunk, Marco Gonzalez & Paulina Sroka) performs their "table run" for the Showcase judges.

Eagles Sports Corner

Varsity Team Finishes 3rd in First Track Meet of Season

By Brianna Huner

One week ago, last Thursday the 19th, Frassati's Track Team had their first meet this season at the Wauconda High School Track. The meet lasted from 5:30 pm and went until about 8:00 pm. Granted, it wasn't a full meet, Varsity (7th and 8th graders) only, it is still the first time in several months that Frassati has gathered together to race and do field events.

The field events included Shot Put ("throwing" an 8 pound ball several feet). Our leading Shot Putters were Tony Bishop with a best throw 31'5" (2nd place overall), and Paulina Sroka with 22'4" (1st place overall). Our leading Long Jumpers were Caitie Brunk with 12'3" (3rd place) and Marco Gonzales with 13'4" (2nd place). Finally, our top High Jumpers were Kylie Soudan with 4'1" (2nd place) and Tony Bishop with 4'3" (4th place).

Many races were also run at the meet, including the 100M dash. Our top sprinters in that race were Kylie Soudan and Ben LaMora. The 200M dash was led by Kathleen Asmussen (5th place). The boys had to

leave the meet early to play their last home volleyball game so we didn't have any for the 200M race.

Our best 400M runners were Meagan Friese and Andy Sierra. In the 800M run, both Caitie Brunk and Owen Bedell finished in 3rd place. Finally, the 1600M (or mile) run saw Caitie Brunk take 5th place. The Eagles relay teams also had scoring finishes.

The Eagles scored 89 total team points at the meet, which was good enough for 3rd place (only 4 points behind East Lake Academy who took 2nd). St. Patrick's took first place at the meet.

While we are all very happy for our Track and Field team, we are even more excited for the future meets. The next Track meet is on Tuesday, May 1st at Wauconda High School at 5:00 p, but it is JV only (4th, 5th, and 6th graders.) The next Varsity meet will be Friday, May 4th at Libertyville High School at 5:00 pm. Finally our first Full Team Meet will be at Prairie Ridge High School on Saturday, May 5th at 8:00 am.



Game & Meet Results

Boys Volleyball

4/10: JV @ St Joe (Lib) - **W** 2-1
 4/10: JV @ St Joe (Lib) - **W** 2-0
 4/10: Varsity @ St Joe (Lib) - **L** 1-2
 4/10: Varsity @ St Joe (Lib) - **L** 1-2
 4/19: JV vs St Joe (RL) - **L** 0-2
 4/19: Varsity vs St Joe (RL) - **W** 2-1
 NICC Tournament
 4/24: Varsity vs PoP - **L** 0-2

Track & Field

4/19: NICC Meet #1 (Varsity) - **3rd** (of 8)

Girls Soccer

4/24 - JV @ St Joe (Lib) - **W** 3-1
 4/24 - Varsity @ St Joe (Lib) - **W** 4-1

Upcoming Games/Meets

4/30: Girls Soccer vs LFCDS @ Lake For
 5/1: Track Meet (NICC-JV) @ Wauc HS
 5/2: Girls Soccer vs St Joe (Lib) @ Dymond
 5/4: Track Meet (NICC-Varsity) @ Lbtyvl HS
 5/5: Track Meet @ Prairie Ridge HS

Boys Volleyball Pack the Gym Night Sees Varsity Team Come Back to Win the Match



Kyle Snyder gets ready to bump the ball.

By La Stompa Staff

The Boys Volleyball Varsity team had their "Pack the Gym" night on April 19th, the same night as Frassati's first Track & Field Meet. They played St. Joseph (Round Lake) School. The JV team kicked things off at 7:00 pm and then the Varsity players took the court at 8:00 pm. Several players actually ran events at the track meet before leaving the meet early to play Volleyball.

Luckily, the meet was also in Wauconda so they didn't have far to go.

The players who did both the meet and the Volleyball game were Owen Bedell, John Clarizio, Marco Gonzalez, Ben LaMora, Josh Puga, Andy Sierra & Julio Soto. The boys got to the PLC gym just in time to warm up. All the players were introduced individually by Ms. Kleckner before the start of the match.

The first game was very close, but the Eagles lost 22-25. They followed up in the second game and led the whole way finishing 25-20. Then they took the third game 15-10 to win the match! Congratulations, Eagles!

The Boys Volleyball teams completed their season this week with the Varsity Boys playing in the NICC Conference Tournament on Tuesday, April 24.



Marco Gonzalez (32) sets the ball to Ben LaMora (59) in the 2nd game of the night.



The team poses for a group photo after the match.

photo by Paulina Sroka