

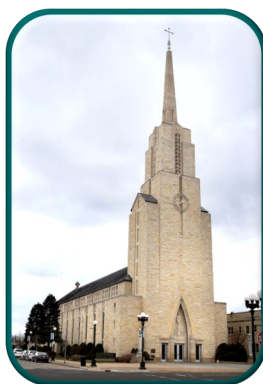
The Columbus Log

St. Joseph the Workman Patron of the Diocese of LaCrosse

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Many members of the Columbus community have attended a mass at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in downtown LaCrosse, but did you know that St. Joseph the Workman is the patron saint of the Diocese of LaCrosse? St. Joseph was Jesus' foster father and the spouse of



Blessed Mother Mary. He was a carpenter by trade and passed his knowledge and skills on to Jesus. Many people picture Joseph as a caring, gentle man, but many scripture scholars believe he also must have been quite intimidating and brave to safeguard Mary and Jesus as they traveled through Egypt to protect Jesus from King Herod's Massacre of the Innocents. St. Joseph's feast day is celebrated on March 19th and the feast of St. Joseph the Workman is May 1st. Both of these special days were established to celebrate the virtuous life of St. Joseph, Jesus' earthly father. St. Joseph is the patron saint of a happy death because Church tradition tells us that he died in the arms of Mary and Jesus. He is also the patron and protector of the Universal Catholic Church.

by Denali Volkman

Editor's Note

They say that April showers bring May flowers, but April showers also bring an exciting new edition of *The Columbus Log*! In this publication, we are focusing on the joy that spring brings: a historical look at April Fool's Day, a dive into the obsessions of some teachers, a fun and delicious recipe, a glance at the events on the calendar for April, the handiwork of some Columbus artists, a review of a local coffee shop, a reflection on winter Columbus athletic action, and the fan favorite, "A Slice of Advice." We are excited to share our labor of love with you. We hope you enjoy this April edition of *The Columbus Log*.

by Denali Volkman

"Pranking is a great way to indicate the underlying absurdities of the world." - Mac Barnett



April Fool's Day, also known as All Fool's Day, is a widely celebrated tradition taking place on April 1st, though it's not a national holiday anywhere. When did this day of pranks first begin?

There isn't a definite historical origin but there are a few speculations.

One common theory is that it originated around the Vernal Equinox, the first day of spring, as

Mother Nature fools us by changing the weather. Tied to this is the Roman festival called "Hilaria." People would dress up in disguises and mock others.

Another possibility started in France. In 1582, France had transitioned from using the Julian cal-

endar, which was around the end of March to the beginning of April that year, to using the Gregorian calendar. Some people didn't change or didn't know to change so they were laughed at for it.

April Fool's day could have also started in Britain in the 18th century. From there it spread as Britain held a lot of influence. Places like Scotland made it a two-day event, sending people on fake errands or "hunting the gowk." A gowk is another term for a cuckoo bird.

Although we don't know where it came from, April Fool's Day is still a well practiced tradition.

by Michael McQuillen

April at a Glance

Tuesday, April 6: HS Mass

Wednesday, April 7 - Thursday, April 8: Senior Retreat

Thursday, April 8: Ashley Strong T-Shirt Day

Sunday, April 11: HS Student Council Meeting, Wisconsin Education Fair

Monday, April 12: MCLA Meeting

Tuesday, April 13: HS Class Meetings, Yearbook Meeting

Friday, April 16: Dress Down Day

Tuesday, April 20: HS Mass

Thursday, April 22: Ashley Strong T-Shirt Day

Monday, April 26: MCLA Meeting, Jazz Fest

Tuesday, April 27: Yearbook Meeting



by Michael McQuillen

"Today You are You, that is true than true. There's no one alive who is You-er than You." -Dr. Seuss

Teacher Obsessions

A specific theme or object that appears in a teacher's classroom more than once.

Mrs. Volkman

What is your "teacher obsession"?

As an English teacher and literature lover, I really love Dr. Seuss, his writing, and his messages. I own nearly every Dr. Seuss book published, which is about 70 books.

When did you first realize you were obsessed with Dr. Seuss children's books?

Probably in high school when I realized I wanted to be a literature teacher.

Roughly how much have you spent on this "teacher obsession"?

Many of my books were gifts over the last 30 years. But I do occasionally buy myself a "hard-to-find" Dr. Seuss book and some classroom decor. So I would probably say I've spent a couple hundred dollars at least.

Do you have a favorite Dr. Seuss book?

Horton Hatches the Egg because Horton does the tough job that needs to be done and he is rewarded in the end. But I also love *Thidwick the Big-Hearted Moose* because even though the other characters take terrible advantage of Thidwick's generosity, he never compromises who he is and ends the story in a good place.

We've seen the Dr. Seuss decorations in your classroom but do Dr. Seuss items also claim a part of your house?

Two shelves on my bookshelf are dedicated to Dr. Seuss books.

Do you have anything else you would like our readers to know about your "obsession"?

I think that Dr. Seuss did a lot to help young readers develop a love of reading. A lot of his stories deal with moral issues in a light-hearted, simple (sometimes even ridiculously silly) way that allows children and adults to more clearly see the problem and make the right decision.



Mrs. Fleischmann

What is your "teacher obsession"?

Earrings!

When did you first realize you were obsessed with earrings?

When I needed to buy a fishing tackle box to put them in, sorted by color and size.

Roughly how much have you spent on this "teacher obsession"?

Most of them were gifts and most of them were pretty cheap but they're pretty cool to me.

Do you have a favorite pair of earrings?

The one that I get the most compliments on is my working gears. I love my Pythagorean Theorem proof earrings. I also like my Pi earrings. My absolute favorites are a pair that some 8th graders bought for me on a field trip. It was nice of them to think of me on the trip.

We've seen the earrings that you wear in your classroom but do earrings also claim a part of your house?

I have fishing tackle boxes at home. Plus, everyone knows what to get me when they're on trips. I tell them to buy earrings because they're inexpensive and can fit easily in a suitcase.

Do you have anything else you would like our readers to know about your "obsession"?

I counted my earrings, and I currently have 159 pairs.



by Denali Volkman

" Memories take us back; dreams take us forward. "

Then & Now
MR. KONIECZNY: BASKETBALL COACH
(COACH K)
GRADUATED: 1996

Q: What are some traditions you had/have about the first day of school?

A: Then: Went out for breakfast before school.

Now: Take my family out to breakfast before school.

Q: What makes a "good day" at school?

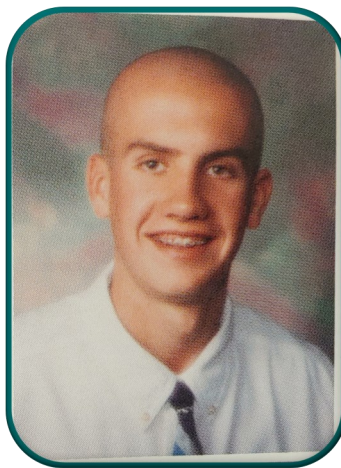
A: Then: Playing sports with friends.

Now: Coaching basketball and spending time with the players.

Q: Are there any embarrassing moments that you are willing to share?

A: Then: One time, Mr. Z caught my friends and me stealing donuts from the teachers' lounge.

Now: Nothing. I have outgrown caring about what people think of me.



by Nova Mitchell

"People are like Oreos; the good stuff is on the inside."

Student Spotlight

Brody Haupt

If you won a million dollars, what you spend it on?

I would build a house and start and business

If you had three wishes, what would they be?

No more school, nor more masks, and unlimited amounts of money.

If you could have a song play every time you walked into a room, what would it be?

Young, Wild, and Free by Snoop Dogg.



What invention would you uninvent and why?

The telegraph because it is useless.

What five things would you take with you during a zombie apocalypse?

Food, water, guns, ammo, and a vehicle.

If you could live anywhere in the world where would it be and why?

Australia because it's interesting.

Student Spotlight

Erynn Meece

If you won a million dollars, what you spend it on?

I would donate most of it to charity and pay for college for my brother and me.

If you had three wishes, what would they be?

COVID-19 would go away and not come back; all illnesses would have a cure/be cured; and there would be world cooperation.

If you could have a song play every time you walked into a room, what would it be?



Modern Loneliness by Lauv

What invention would you uninvent and why?

The more complex branches of mathematics.

What five things would you take with you during a zombie apocalypse?

Food, water, some sort of weapon, a car and extra gas, and my dog, Bernard.

If you could live anywhere in the world where would it be and why?

A tropical island because it's warm.

by Nova Mitchell

"Be the player their coach warned them about." - John Walters

Basketball and Wrestling seasons have ended. We asked the Seniors basketball players and the Junior who was our only member of the wrestling team some questions.

1. What is your best memory playing basketball?
2. What is your best game that you remember?
3. What is the best advice that someone has given you?
4. What is your favorite part about playing a team sport?
5. Where was your favorite place to play?



Meghan Kibbel

1. Beating a state-ranked team, on their Senior night, on their home court (Loyal).
2. Loyal game last year.
3. Play every game like it's your last, regardless of how far you are in the season.
4. Forming a great/strong friendship with each of the girls.
5. Columbus Catholic High School.

Gage Stratman

1. My Sophomore year when



our team made it to State. That entire trip was so much fun and it was especially nice to see our hard work pay off.

2. At the Cranberry Classic I had over 20 points and was named a part of the All-Cranberry Classic team.
3. All you can control is yourself and your effort, so don't worry about others when you need to be working on yourself.
4. My favorite part about a team sport is the friendships I'm able to form with all my teammates that can last a lifetime.

45. The Kohl Center for the State tournament.

Kelsey Moore

1. My best memory is from



grade school when our school team would play a basketball

game against the parents to end the season.

2. During my Junior year, the excitement in the locker room after our team beat Loyal was one of the best feelings. It was a very close game but everyone worked really well together to come out with a win at the end.

3. "Don't wish your life away." While the future can be exciting, it's also important to enjoy the limited time you have in high school.

4. The best thing about team sports is having teammates that will have your back and provide you with encouragement when

you need it most.

5. My favorite place to play has always been

JustA-game Fieldhouse.



Jadon Nienast

1. Going to State.
2. Scoring 30 points back to back against Fall Creek and Colby.
3. Work hard and have fun at the same time.
4. Teamwork.
5. The Kohl Center.

"There is no elevator to success. You have to take the stairs." - Zig Ziglar



Erynn Meece

1. My favorite memory from basketball was going to Madison every year (not this year) and watching the girls' basketball team play. It was always a great bonding time for our team and I hope the younger girls get to experience it next year.
2. My best game was this year against Granton at home.
3. The best advice I received while playing basketball was during my Freshman year. Confidence is key. If you believe in yourself others will, too.
4. My favorite part about a team sport is being around other people and growing those friendships throughout the years.
5. My favorite place to play is at home on our court.

Eden Jacobson

1. The whole State basketball trip my Sophomore year.
2. I scored 30 points against Abbotsford this last season.

3. If it was easy everyone would do it.
4. The relationships that are formed with teammates.
5. I always liked playing at Spencer.



Emmalee Jicinsky

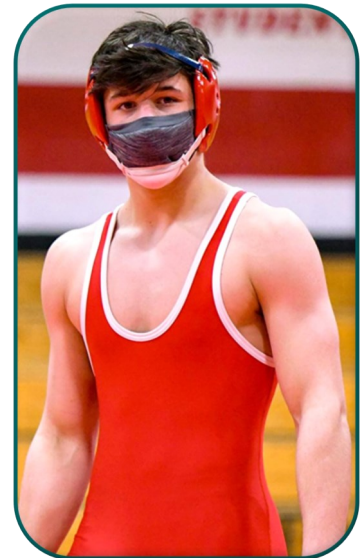
1. Beating Loyal my Junior year and the whole team going crazy and hugging each other.
2. The second time we played Gilman this year was crazy



- with two clutch three-pointers at the end by some of our underclasswomen.
3. To be myself.
 4. The memories you make and becoming best friends with a bunch of different people.
 5. In the Columbus gym.

WRESTLER: Joe Neider

As a Junior he went to Sectionals in wrestling and was second runner-up at Regionals.



What is your greatest achievement? *Being second runner-up at Regionals.*
What is your best memory of the season? *Playing spikeball at practice.*
After this season, what is the next step? *To continue wrestling.*

Our thanks to **Derek Dieringer** at **Lucky Shots** for such great photos and his generosity in sharing them.

by Charlotte Schiferl

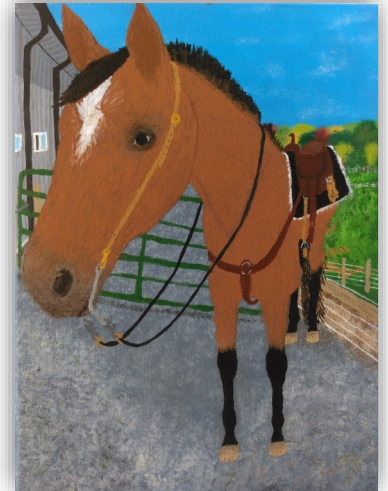
"Art is too important not to share." - Romero Britto

Art Attack by Michael McQuillen

New Vision's Emerging Talents Virtual Show

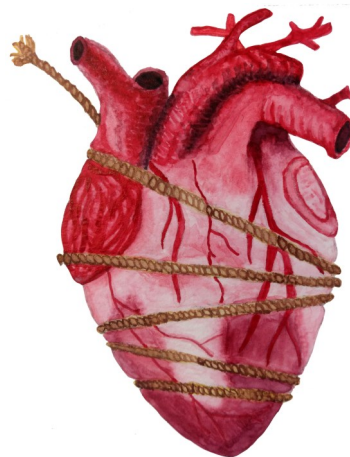


Orion Smith
The Journey
Graphite



Katie Weiler
Moonie
Acrylics

Rhya Dieringer
Grapefruit
Acrylics



Declyn Tracy
Heart Strings
Watercolor



Autumn Vine
My Future
Barbed Wire



Claire Becerra
Bartholomew
Papier Mache
(One of the five awarded winners of the show)

"The earth without art is just 'eh.'"

Art Attack by Michael McQuillen

New Vision's Emerging Talents Virtual Show



Louis Walter
Dill O'Gill
Cardboard



Catherine Kitzhaber
Taken
Photography



Christina Nemitz
Cheeseburger
Ceramics



Sophia Wilczek
Bonzo
Ceramics



Elliot Alcott
The Lightsaber Award
Foam & Papier Mache



Janelle Haupt
Fishy Platter
Ceramics



Maya Kuhn
Frozen In Time
Resin

"Good food is good mood." - John Walters

Quick Critique



Jayden's review of places around Marshfield
Jayden's observations on places around Marshfield



Uptown Coffee in Marshfield is a fairly new place but their coffee is already well known and delicious. They offer in-person coffee as well as takeout which you can order online and they will bring to your car. I recently ordered the snickerdoodle latte and a cinnamon roll. The latte was sweet, with a hint of cinnamon. It didn't have an overwhelming taste of coffee as one might expect; however, it was still a wonderful treat. It might be a bit sweet for those who don't like sweeter drinks. Not to worry, though; Uptown has a number of other assorted coffees to satisfy any taste palette. Their cinnamon rolls are rather large and have the perfect ratio of cinnamon to pastry to frosting. They taste even better warmed up. Overall, I would recommend this coffee shop and I rate it five out of five stars.

Rockin' Recipes *by Jayden Pankratz*

As the Lenten season comes to an end you get ready to spend Easter with your family. You gave up sweets for Lent and you know that it is finally time to make the one thing that your heart desires: **lemon bars**. Grabbing all of the ingredients you make your favorite springtime guilty pleasure. As they bake, your mouth begins to water as you think of their tart and sweet flavor. You will have to wait until tomorrow when you can finally enjoy your delicious creation.

Lemon Bars

1 cup butter, softened
½ cup white sugar
2 cups all-purpose flour
4 eggs
1 ½ cups white sugar
¼ cup all-purpose flour
2 lemons, juiced

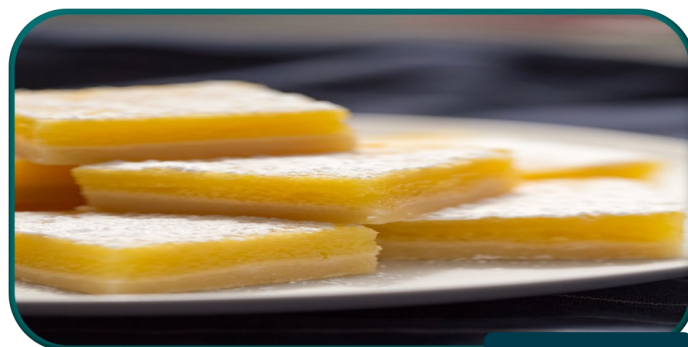
Step 1: Preheat oven to 350 degrees F

Step 2: In a medium bowl, blend together softened butter, 2 cups flour and 1/2 cup sugar. Press into the

bottom of an ungreased 9x13 inch pan.

Step 3: Bake for 15 to 20 minutes in the preheated oven, or until firm and golden. In another bowl, whisk together the remaining 1 1/2 cups sugar and 1/4 cup flour. Whisk in the eggs and lemon juice. Pour over the baked crust.

Step 4: Bake for an additional 20 minutes in the preheated oven. The bars will firm up as they cool.



A Slice of Advice

Our Monthly Advice Column from the wise & wonderful, savvy and sage, astute and astounding **Messieurs Wolf & Iwanski**



What is your advice on how to pull off a successful April fools prank?

Mr. Wolf: Be quiet about it. Sometimes the best pranks are ruined by a blabbermouth! One of my go to pranks is putting a post it note on the bottom of someone's mouse. It's a harmless prank that can get some laughs.

Mr. Iwanski: You first have to know who you are pranking. Know his/her personality, what really grinds his/her gears, etc. You don't want to do a prank that is really going to upset someone. April fool's day pranks are more light-hearted and not too serious. Secondly, you have to keep your prank on the hush hush. If you tell someone, it's generally going to go wrong because people can't keep their mouths shut. My favorite prank? Well, it's an "oldie but a goodie"... a whoopee cushion. That's right, a whoopee cushion. There's nothing better than sneaking in the ol' whoopee under the buttocks of a good friend and hearing it make "that" delightful sound. Maybe it's a little immature but it always brings a smile to my face.

What's your favorite Easter tradition or memory?

Mr. Wolf: My mother always makes huge cinnamon rolls for breakfast on Easter morning. It was always a wonderful part of the day to get back from church and enjoy a freshly baked cinnamon roll.

Mr. Iwanski: My favorite way to bring in the Easter season would definitely have to be attending/being an altar server at the Easter Vigil Mass! It's one of the most beautiful Liturgies to attend, in my opinion, and there's nothing more uplifting than the lights in the Church being turned on all at once as the Gloria is sung to announce the Resurrection of Jesus. I also really enjoyed going to my grandparent's house on Easter Sunday as a kid to spend time with my aunts, uncles, and cousins.

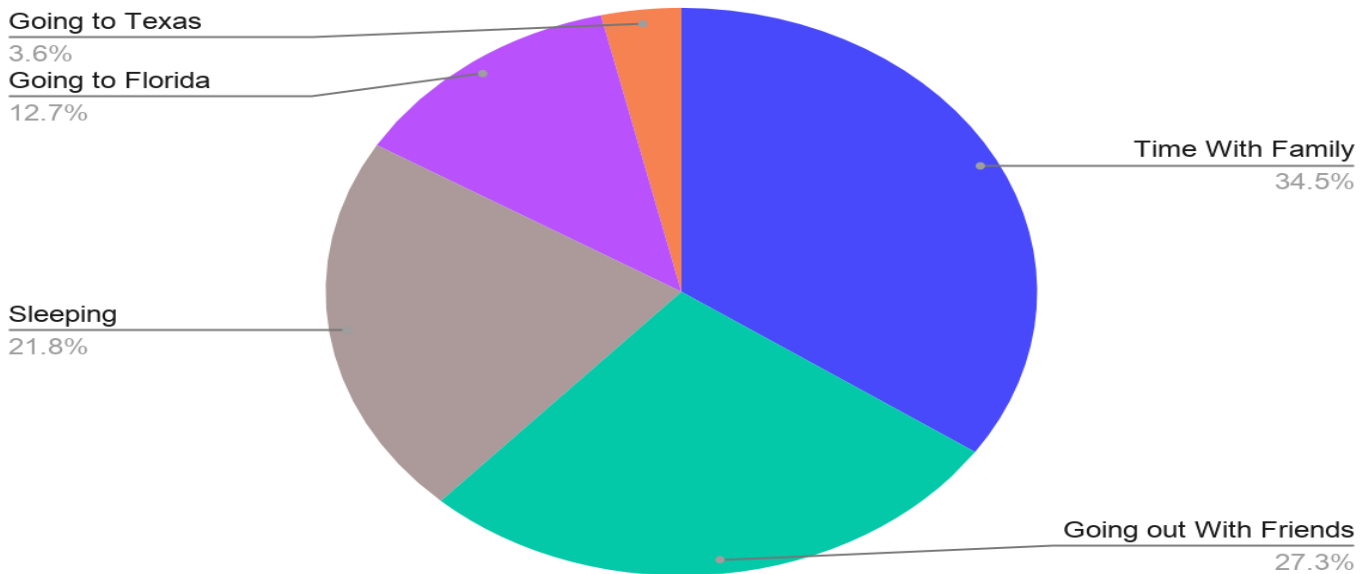
If you have a question you would like answered by the wise and wonderful team of *Iwanski & Wolf*, please submit it in the *Slice of Advice* container in Mr. Iwanski's classroom.

by Hunter Mayer

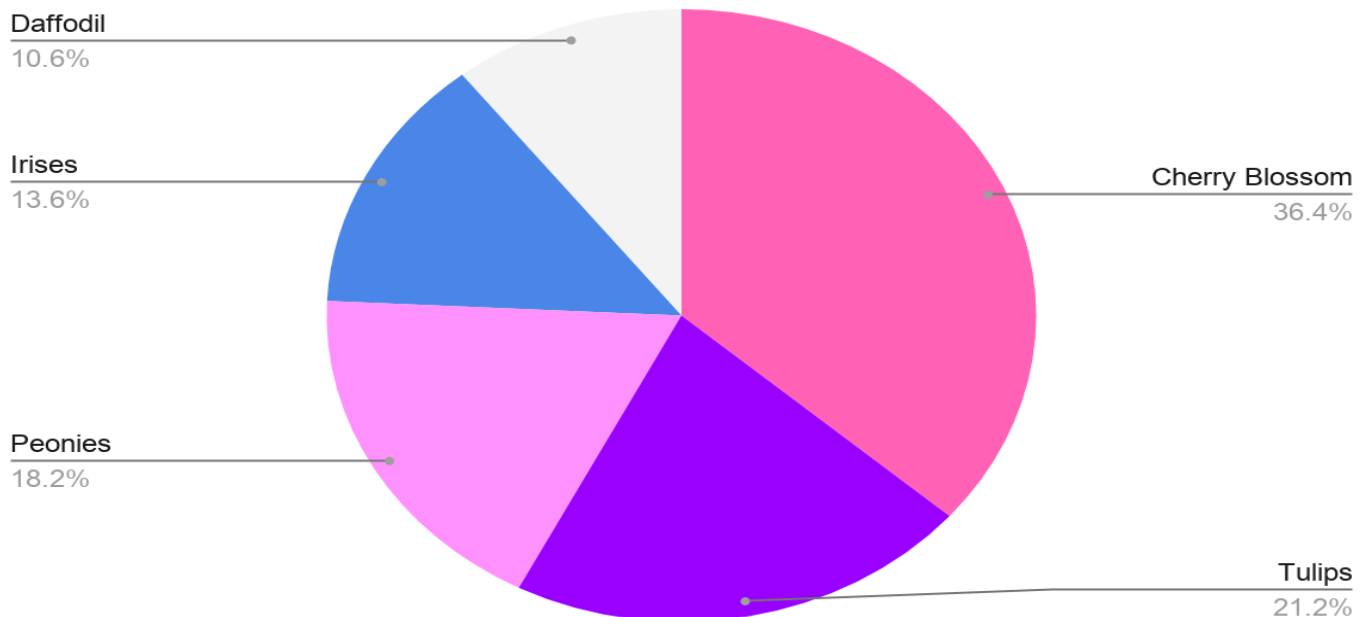
"Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!'" - Robin Williams



Top Five Things People are Doing Over Spring Break



Top Five Favorite Spring Flowers



Winners of the random drawing for participants in this survey: Gage Stratman, Riley Smith, and Cy Becker.

They win **Spring Break-me-off-a-piece-of-that-KitKat-bars** and **Cherry Bites**. CONGRATULATIONS!!