



The Columbus Log

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Friar Wolf and his Style Muse

During Catholic Schools Week, Columbus Catholic had a fundraiser for Care for the Caregivers and Catholic Relief Services. Mr. Wolf agreed to get his hair cut in any way that a student chose. Students purchased \$2.00 tickets and the winner got to pick Mr. Wolf's haircut. We raised \$237.00. Thank you to all who participated for their generous donations.

Also congratulations to Mark Fieweger on winning the drawing and choosing such an inspired haircut for Mr. Wolf. We understand that Mr. Wolf's son liked the haircut so much he wanted his own hair "cut in a circle!" Thank you again to Mr. Wolf for being such a good sport and style trendsetter.

by Jayden Pankratz

Editor's Note

In this March edition of *The Log*, you will take a blast into the past with the *Then and Now* column and a glimpse into the future with the *Month at a Glance*. This edition is all about the lovely month of March and all the new things that come with it, such as the Lenten season and the birth of new animals. You can find out which baby animals born in spring people favor the most. March is also the month when some of our greatest saints were born, such as St. Thomas Aquinas, known for being the patron saint of Catholic Schools. Don't forget to read about Father Barry's dog, Max; a Columbus student with a unique and beautiful name; the artistic talents of Columbus students; and much more. Test your brain and see if you can figure out the riddles on page two. We're just mad about March!

by Nova Mitchell

RIDDLE ME THIS

1. Which month likes formal walking?
2. What can you see in the middle of March and April, but not at the beginning or end of either month?
3. What is nowhere but everywhere, except where something is?
4. What starts with T, ends with T, and has T in it?
5. How many months have 28 days?
6. I can sing but can't talk, I can climb a tree but I can't walk, I have soft hair and a hard mouth. What am I?

Answers can be found on the bottom of page 9.

March at a Glance

Monday, March 1: MCLA Meeting
Wednesday, March 3: Math ACT Prep
Friday, March 5: Dress Down Day
Sunday, March 7: HS Student Council Meeting
Monday, March 8: MCLA Meeting
Tuesday, March 9: HS Mass, ACT Exam
Wednesday, March 10: Wisconsin Education Fair
Monday, March 15 - Friday, March 19: **Spring Break**
Monday, March 22: MCLA Meeting
Tuesday, March 23: Penance Service,
Wednesday, March 24: Maple Syrup Field Trip
Monday, March 29: MCLA Meeting
Tuesday, March 30: HS Mass



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

Student Spotlight

Nevada Plechaty

If you were an object, what would you be?

A fridge so that I wouldn't have to stand up to get food.

If you could be invisible for ten minutes right now, in school, what would you do?

Go home or change bad grades.

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

Sweater Weather, because I like sweaters and it matches my vibe.



What invention would you uninvent and why?

Masks, so we wouldn't have to wear them.

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

Food, water, a blanket, my TV, and my bed.

If you could ask your favorite celebrity any question, what would you ask?

What's it like being famous?

Student Spotlight

Alex Wolf

If you were an object, what would you be?

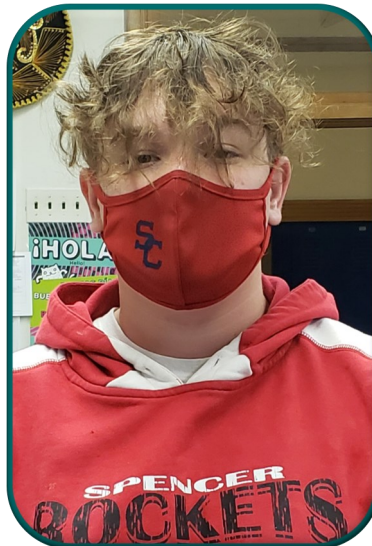
A glass vase.

If you could be invisible for ten minutes right now, in school, what would you do?

Leave.

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

Young, Wild, and Free, by Snoop Dogg.



What invention would you uninvent and why?

The education system. No explanation needed.

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

Water, Diet Coke, a tank, a portable Blu-ray player, and all the Shrek movies on Blu-ray.

If you could ask your favorite celebrity any question, what would you ask?

I would ask Snoop Dogg if I can live with him.

by Nova Mitchell

Then & Now

MRS. WALKER: MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH TEACHER

GRADUATED: 1984

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

A: Then: I always wore the same outfit for picture day and the first day of school.

Now: I used to make pancakes on the first day of school for my kids.

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

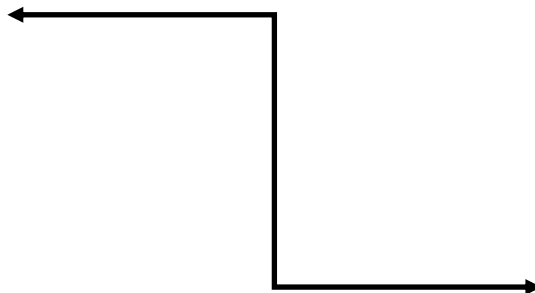
A: Then: Not being tardy and walking to school every day with my neighborhood friends, and having lunch with my boyfriend.

Now: Getting to school on time, seeing my kids throughout the day, and when all my students are present.

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

A: Then: Getting bad grades, and being trash talked by other sports teams and their fans.

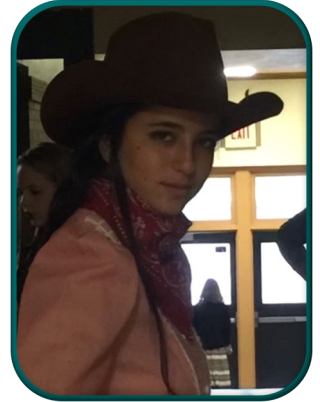
Now: Being on camera for virtual school.



by Nova Mitchell

What's In a Name?

This month, *The Log* sat down with Mira Torbey to learn more about what it's like to have a unique name. We're excited to share with you what we learned, including the story behind Mira's name, a few funny anecdotes, and even some advice for others with unusual names.



Do you like your name? Have you ever wanted to change it?

Yeah, I like my name. But sometimes I do want to change it because people pronounce it wrong and it gets a little tiring after a while.

Do you know why your parents chose your name? Is there a special story or meaning behind it?

The architecture company that my grandpa started is called "MIRA" because it has letters from the names of all four members of his family. I was named after the company.

What about your middle name? Would you consider it "unique" or "common"? Do you like it more or less than your first name?

Camille. I guess it is unique because it's my dad's name. Camille is a girl's name in the United States, but it's a boy's name in a lot of other places. I like it less than my first name.

Do you have a funny story about your name being misunderstood or mispronounced?

I have so many. Let me think of the best one... At the Brains and Brawn Competition during 7th grade, it was really funny. We got called up individually because we won first place. Everyone was laughing at me because they totally butchered my name. Also, people think I'm Hispanic a lot because "*mira*" means "look" in Spanish. But I'm not.

If you have children someday, do you think you'll give them "common" names or "unusual" names?

Unusual names. I would probably give them Arabic names that sound like American names because it would make my parents happy.

Finally, do you have any advice for people with unusual names?

I know that it's tempting to wish you had a normal name because people pronounce it incorrectly, but your name makes you unique so you should embrace it.

by Denali Volkman

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In...

While the month of March brings finicky weather and the famed March Madness basketball tournament, St. Patrick's Day (March 17th) is probably the most celebrated date in all of March. People all over the world wear green, decorate with shamrocks, and even sport shirts that read: "Kiss Me, I'm Irish." All this hoopla is in honor of St. Patrick, a young, enslaved shepherd who became a bishop in the Catholic Church and is attributed with the conversion of Ireland. The famous legend of St. Patrick expelling all the snakes from Ireland is thought to represent St. Patrick's courageous teaching and evangelizing in Ireland when the citizens were mostly pagan. St. Patrick is an inspiration and role model to many, but there are also some other saints who have feast days in March. *The Log* has curated a list of the Top 10 Saints who have feast days in March. Some of these saints are well known, whereas others are not as famous. Each of these saints has a unique story and an inspiring love for our Lord.

Bl. Natalia Tulasiewicz

- Bl. Natalia was a devoted lay woman and school teacher in Poland with a great love for Jesus. She was captured and taken to a concentration camp for continuing to profess and practice her faith during World War II. She was brutally tortured for refusing to back down and she finally became so weak that she was removed from her barracks on Good Friday and died in the gas chambers of Ravensbrück camp for women on Holy Saturday, 1945. Bl. Natalia is commemorated individually as well as with a group known as the 108 Blessed Polish martyrs. Her feast day is March 31.



St. Leonard Murialdo

- St. Leonard Murialdo was a priest in Turin, Italy who founded a religious order called the Congregation of Saint Joseph. He worked tirelessly with and for orphaned children and impoverished, mistreated workers. He was once ridiculed for proposing the eight-hour work day. St. Leonard is now considered a wonderful role model for all Catholic social workers. His feast day is March 30



Sts. Perpetua and Felicity

- Perpetua and Felicity were two



women who lived in North Africa during the persecution of Christians. Perpetua was 22 years old and had an infant son. Felicity, her slave woman, was quite young and also pregnant. They were both tortured and beheaded for being Christian and refusing to renounce their faith. Their feast day is March 7.

St. Thomas Aquinas

- St. Thomas Aquinas is a very well-known saint, particularly for his writings and defense of the Catholic faith. He was an Italian philosopher during the 1200s and his books and reflections are still consulted by theologians to this day. St. Thomas Aquinas should hold a special place in every Columbus student's heart, because he is the patron saint of Catholic Schools. His feast day is March 7.



St. Lucia Filippini

- St. Lucia was dedicated to the education of young girls and started many schools throughout Italy. She is also the founder and patroness of The Religious Teachers Filippini. She bravely fought many illnesses throughout her life and she died of cancer in 1732. Her feast day is March 25.



Bl. Charles the Good

- Bl. Charles was a prince in the 1100s, famous for his support of the poor and his devotion to our Lord. He fought in the Second Crusade and was a beloved Duke in France. It is said that he would humbly walk to Mass barefoot. Bl. Charles was killed in the Church of St. Donation by rich citizens who disliked his policies that protected the poor. His feast day is March 2.



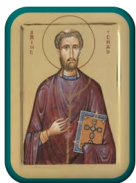
St. Katharine Drexel

- St. Katharine Drexel was born into a wealthy family. When she was young, she and her family helped the poor. She eventually joined the Sisters of Mercy and founded the order known now as the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. St. Katharine spent a large amount of her family's fortune on aiding Native Americans in Wyoming. St. Katharine Drexel is the patron saint of racial justice and philanthropists. Her feast day is March 3.



St. Chad

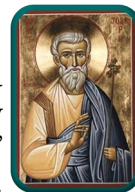
- St. Chad was a monk in the early church who was canonized pre-congregation. He founded monasteries throughout England. According to a popular legend, two hunters came upon St. Chad praying and were so awestruck by his



reverence that they joined him in prayer and converted. St. Chad is the patron saint of Mercia, Litchfield. His feast day is March 2.

St. Joseph of Arimathea

- St. Joseph of Arimathea is a widely known saint who generously gave up his large tomb to lay Jesus' body in when He was crucified. St. Joseph owned tin mines and may have been a distant relative of Jesus. St. Joseph of Arimathea is the patron saint of pallbearers, morticians, funeral directors, and undertakers. His feast day is March 17.



St. Seraphina

- Though she never belonged to a religious order, St. Seraphina lived her life under the customs of Benedictine rule. She was poor all her life and enjoyed weaving, sewing, and spinning. St. Seraphina had a great devotion to St. Gregory the Great who died of a motion-limiting condition that she shared. She received a vision of St. Gregory in which he foretold her death. St. Seraphina is the patron saint of handicapped and physically disabled people. Her feast day is March 12.



by Denali Volkman

How does someone become a Saint? We've provided a brief look at each of the three required stages. Who knows? Maybe your life will be considered through this process and you'll become a Saint someday!

Stage I: Examination of the Candidate's Life

After a five-year waiting period after their death, a thorough examination of the person's life begins, including consideration of the virtues that person demonstrated, witnesses of their life and work, and documents that were written by or about that person.

The case is then sent on to Rome where it is reviewed, voted, and passed on to others, including cardinals, bishops, and finally, the pope. If all of this proceeds in the favor of the candidate, he or she would be declared either "Venerable" (if they lived a virtuous life) or

"Blessed" (if they lived a virtuous life and were martyred for their faith.)

Stage II: Beatification

For a "Venerable": One miracle must be attributed to the invocation of their intercession at some point after their death. After this step, the candidate receives the title of Blessed.

For a martyr, who is already a "Blessed": This step is not required, as their martyrdom is considered enough to secure beatification.

Stage III: Canonization

One more miracle must be attributed to the intercession of the Blessed, and then they will receive the title of "Saint."

by Denali Volkman

"The world would be a nice place if everyone had the ability to love as unconditionally as a dog." - M.K. Clinton

It's March Madness time and we are Mad about Max!

Father Barry's dog, Max, has been the unofficial Columbus canine mascot for over a year and we want to catch you up on what and how he's doing.

How old is Max?

15 months

How long have you had Max?

Since January 2020

What breed of dog is he?

Mini Australian Shepherd

How is training going?

Good. He can shake; he can sit; he can stay; he can roll over; and he is potty trained.

Is he energetic?

Yes, he gets little spurts where he just runs.



How is Max adjusting to the new house?

He likes it. The hardest part was missing Sid.

Is he more food motivated or toy motivated?

Food, definitely food.

What is your favorite memory of Max?

Him seeing himself in the mirror the first time. He just growled and barked.

by Charlotte Schiferl



In a few days it will have been **an entire year** since our state of Wisconsin first went on **lockdown**. It was March 12, 2020 when Governor Evers issued the first "**stay-at-home**" order. High schoolers rejoiced, thinking we would not have to go back to school for the year. Many people thought we would return for the rest of the year in a few weeks. This, however, was sadly not the case. As the required **quarantine** went on, schools tried to navigate through **online classes** and homework as well as **learning from home**. Not all the students had WiFi connections to connect to their classes and do their homework. The younger kids were given packets to do. Prom was sadly **cancelled** and graduation was **postponed** many times. Despite all of these **setbacks**, Columbus Catholic Schools did not let this stop us. **We found a way** to have graduation ceremonies and still **stay safe** from COVID. It was crucial for us to **stay positive** and keep each other in our **prayers** as we figured out our **new normal**.

by Jayden Pankratz

"Essentially what photography is, is life lit up." - Sam Abell

Picture Perfect

Photos by the Multimedia Class



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"Good food is good mood." - John Walters

Rockin' Recipes by Jayden Pankratz

It's Friday night and as you come home from a long day at school and work you realize that you are super hungry. You also haven't been grocery shopping this week and are all out of frozen fish filets. In the freezer, you find the frozen salmon you bought last week. You see the barbecue sauce that you opened two weeks ago is still in the fridge, and you discover some garlic powder in the cupboard. Now you have an excellent three-ingredient meal perfect for Fridays in Lent.

Three-Ingredient BBQ-Baked Salmon

Ingredients

- ♦ 4 4-oz. salmon fillets
- ♦ ¼ cup BBQ sauce
- ♦ dash garlic powder for seasoning

Instructions

- ♦ Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.
- ♦ Season salmon with garlic powder if desired.
- ♦ Place salmon on a foil-lined baking sheet that has been lightly rubbed with olive oil.
- ♦ Bake for 10 minutes.
- ♦ Remove from oven and quickly brush BBQ sauce on top of salmon fillets and place back in oven for another 5 minutes.



"Champions play as they practice." - Mike Krzyzewski

Spectacular Sports

Congratulations Boys Varsity Basketball!
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Cloverbelt Conference
Champions!



"When one door closes another opens, or you can open the closed door; that's how doors work." - Bill Murray



Simply a-DOOR-able!

Catholic Schools Week offers an opportunity for students to show their creative sides. This year, to encourage students to be safe and follow COVID guidelines, students signed up to decorate teachers' doors. Following the themes of faith, excellence, and service, students worked with their group to decorate their door in ways that creatively reflected the subject areas and themes. First place went to Dorci Walker, Emmalee Jicinsky, Meghan Kibbel, and Jenna Kibbel who decorated Mrs. Fleischmann's door and won a pizza party.

Second place went to Denali Volkman, Mira Torbey, and Hailey Zimmermann who decorated Ms. Silva's door and won an ice cream party. Third place went to Denali Volkman who decorated Mrs. Volkman's door and won donuts. The judges were Mr. Eaton, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Bernick, and Mrs. Nielsen.

by Charlotte Schiferl

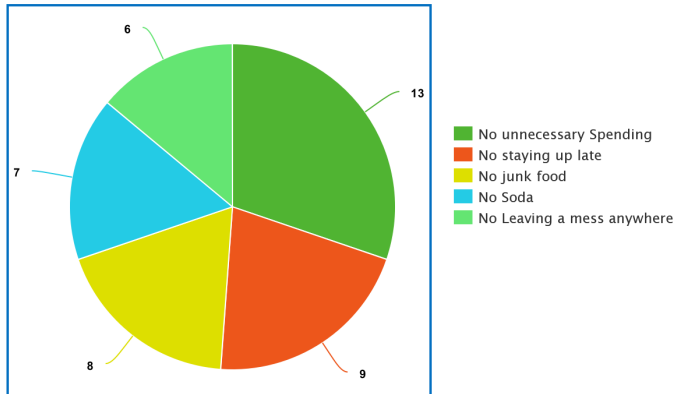


"Give neither advice nor salt, until you are asked for it." - Proverbs

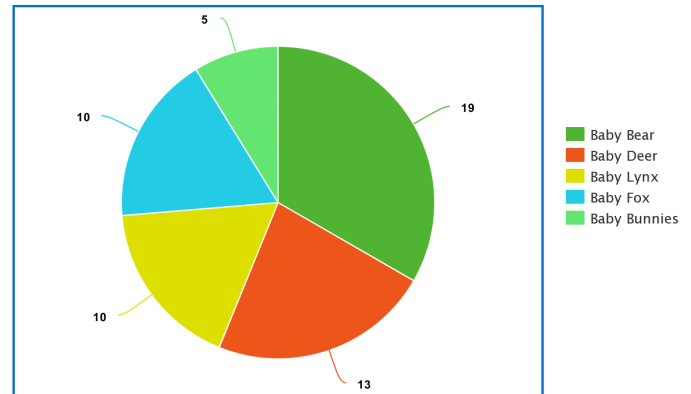


In our random drawing of survey participants, the winners of Goldfish crackers (Lent) and Peeps chicks (Spring) are Keller Bredemann, Kyle Johnson, and Sydney Litwaitis. Congratulations!

LENTEN PROMISES



TOP FIVE ANIMAL BORN IN THE SPRING



A Slice of Advice

Advice Column from the wise & wonderful, savvy & sage, astute & astounding Messieurs Wolf & Iwanski

How do you give yourself self confidence in an embarrassing situation; such as when Mr. Wolf got his haircut?

Mr. Wolf: I remember in high school I was pretty worried about what I wore and what others thought of me. However that has gotten less and less over the years to now where wearing a goofy haircut in public isn't the worst thing in the world. Not to say I wasn't still embarrassed about it but I saw the humor in it as well. It's something you have to work on constantly because this world is telling you that you need approval. You need 'likes' on your post, you need people to see the best in you at all times and that weakness and humility aren't needed. This causes you to put up walls around you so people cannot see the real you. It took me a while to figure that out but when I did I started to enjoy life more and got rid of those walls.

Mr. Iwanski: A famous philosopher once said, "Everybody makes mistakes, everybody has those days... Nobody's perfect, you live and you learn it!" (Hannah Montana). What helps me get through embarrassing situations is to realize that no one is perfect, and we all make mistakes or go through something embarrassing at some point in our lives (or multiple times per day!). So, whether I've got food in my teeth, I spill chocolate milk on my khaki pants, or I trip over my own feet, it's not THAT bad anymore. Besides, it helps with my pride when those things happen and grants me the virtue of humility.

Who is your favorite saint and why did you choose him/her?

Mr. Wolf: I haven't done too much learning in the area of saints but someone who I pray to daily is Saint Michael. I like praying to him because it helps with purity and protection against the devil. Also the thought of having a guardian angel with a sword protecting you is pretty lit.

Mr. Iwanski: I have really been drawn to St. John Paul II! I've always enjoyed reading stories about his life (the amount of suffering he's been through is overwhelming...), along with his love for hiking/skiing adventures, his impact on young people, his not being afraid to teach the truth about real, authentic love, and his love for Jesus in the Eu-charist.

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