

St. Elizabeth Upper School



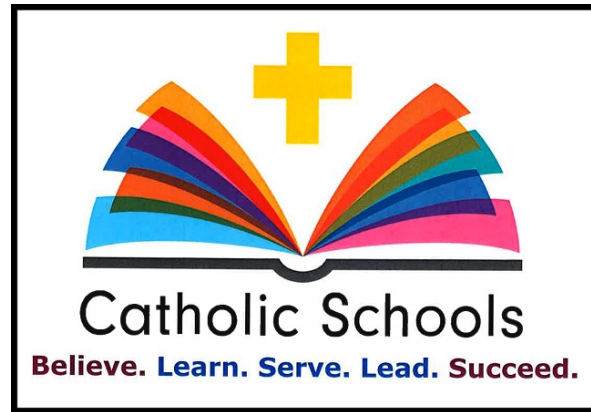
February 5, 2018

Dear St. E Families and Friends,



Catholic Schools Week 2018 finished with a spirited gathering of the VKNation in the St. E Center for the winter Pep Rally! From the Sunday Mass kick off with juniors Thomas Cresci, Thomas Maddams and Chase Dunlap offering a *Thank You* to parishioners and parents for their support of St. Elizabeth School. We are blessed to celebrate the rich history of 110 years of Catholic education in the St. Elizabeth Community- 110 for the Elementary School and 75 for the High School. "In the St. E community, the

actions of students in each grade highlight the mission of hospitality, prayer, academic excellence, and service that distinguishes St. Elizabeth and its Benedictine tradition. We are grateful for the legacy of **our Benedictine Sisters** and for **Father Carroll** and **Father Lewis** who work with us today and into the future. And we appreciate the excellence and expertise of our **dedicated teachers** who **educate, engage and empower** us every day. Thank you for your support of Catholic education. Your faith, presence and support at St. Elizabeth inspire us to remember 'That in all things may God be glorified.'



The vibrancy and spirit of the St. E Community are on full display in the photo record of the daily CSW 2018 events available for viewing <https://spark.adobe.com/page/kXnQwFwT1qYJv/>.

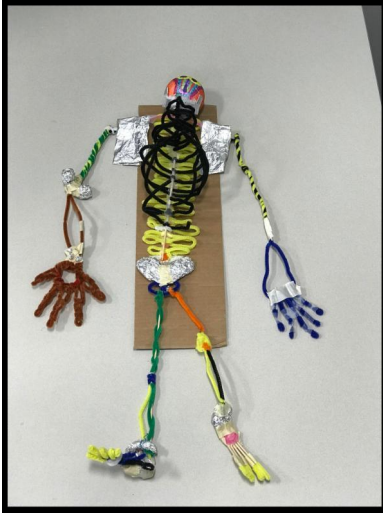
Educate

Physics students in **Mr. Bellomo's** classes spent time measuring temperature changes using Vernier probes and their iPads. Students were able to use the Graphical Analysis app to wirelessly collect, analyze, and share *sensor* data as they measured cold water changes with ice and also the changes when salt was added.



What a great way for students to enhance their work and lab reports with easy annotations, statistics, and curve fits.

On Friday, February 2, the Vikings, like the rest of the Philadelphia area, were focused on the Eagles; however, the students in **Ms. Downs' Anatomy** class took their class time seriously in the Makerspace of the MILL. After introductory classes of



research and planning, they put together a human skeleton with pipe cleaners, tin foil and other assorted materials. Pretty impressive bone structure, no?

Engage

St. Elizabeth High School is getting together teams to enter the Girls Go CyberStart competition. No experience in programming is required, just the ability to think and solve puzzles.

Interested students are encouraged to check out <https://spark.adobe.com/page/B64lez7O9zv8Q/> for more information.

The competition is open to female students (grades 9-12). Girls will work on puzzles in a game level-up style and learn about cybersecurity along the way. They have some great prizes that are awarded by state. The competition runs from 9am on February 20 to midnight on February 25. The Delaware team that solves the most challenges wins!

Interested females should contact **Mrs. Cierniak, OnCampus administrator**, icierniak@sehs.org, before February 16, 2018.

Empower

**Congratulations to the following seniors
on their college acceptances:**

Jill Aranilla: Moravian College

Justin Brooks: Wilmington University

Jack Cottrell: University of Delaware

John D'Amico: Ursinus College

Frank Donovan: University of Delaware

Andres Fabris: University of Delaware, Temple University

Austin Figliola: Monmouth University, University of Pittsburgh, St John's University-Queens Campus



Matthew Gray: University of Delaware

Ryan Hockenbrock: University of Delaware

Marissa Kegelman: University of Delaware

James Mazalewski: University of Tampa, West Chester University



Rita Offutt: The Catholic University of America, University of Delaware, Pace University of New York

Casey Rock: The Catholic University of America, University of Delaware, and Drexel University.

At this point in the year, the Class of 2018 has reported \$4.2 million in scholarships and grant awards.

Student Spotlight



St. E students brought home twenty-five awards in the 2018 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards Competition. Students of **Mrs. Mrozek, art instructor**, received 6 Gold Keys, 8 Silver Keys and 11 Honorable Mentions. **Sophomore Longqi 'Anita' Yuan received 9 awards and junior Dashaun Brooks, 7 awards**; student winners included **seniors Zachary Filliben, Erin Sammler, James Furlong, Irene Hu and Rita Offutt**. In the writing portion of the competition, **junior John Morrison**

continued his winning ways as a writer. John was awarded two Silver Keys this year in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards competition in Delaware. He was recognized for both a dramatic script (**Mrs. Hayden**) and in the short story category (**Mrs. Mangan**). The exhibit of Gold and Silver Key award artwork is

installed at the Arts Center/Gallery at Delaware State University where the public may view it during the gallery's viewing hours. The Reception and Award Ceremony will be held on Saturday, February 10 at 11am in the Martin Luther King Center at DSU.

Junior Dashaun Brooks was named Student of the Week at the January 15 morning assembly. As noted above, his artwork garnered seven Scholastic Art awards: 1 Gold Key, 2 Silver Keys & 4 Honorable Mentions in the Digital Art category. At the same assembly, **senior Nate Thomas received Maroon and Gold Athlete** honors for a stellar performance on an away court with a double-double in the stats column-points and rebounds. On Monday, February 5, **freshman Amanda Harrington** was spotlighted as **Student of the Week** for her dedicated service and assistance throughout the winter in the Viking Shop and the St. E Center Concessions stand. And in recognition of the valuable behind the scenes work of the winter sports teams managers, the **Maroon and Gold Athletes** were Viking Men managers: **senior Demi Rubincam, juniors Dashaun Brooks, Jaegar Wesley** and **Sydni Hopes** and Lady Viking managers: **seniors Andres Fabris, Najaah McMillan, Angelina Squillace (score keeper), Erin Sammler (statistician) and junior Stephanie Blount.**

Junior Samantha Galuccio received recognition as the February Jefferson Students in Action Award. Samantha has dedicated over 100 service hours to support student projects that benefit non-profit agencies.

Around the Campus



St. Elizabeth marked the Martin Luther King, Jr holiday at the January 15 morning assembly with a special guest speaker, **alumna Sherry Dorsey-Walker '92**. Ms. Dorsey-Walker delivered a thoughtful message about how the work and legacy of Dr. King impacted her life as a young African-

American woman in Wilmington and as a student leader at St. Elizabeth and later at the University of Delaware and Howard University. She shared with the students that **St. E late principal, Sister Mary Ellen Hussey, OSB**, believed in her from her earliest days at St. Elizabeth and told her that she was going to be someone and that she should pursue her goals, her dreams and education. Ms. Dorsey-Walker, in forming her film company, chose the name S.W.A.P. - Sisters With a Purpose- in honor of the Benedictine Sisters who had inspired her with purpose, challenge

and support.

On Sunday, January 28, **Coach Frank Aiello '66**, stopped by during the Catholic Schools Week festivities with **alumna and Lady Viking star basketball player, Penny Welsh '79**. Penny was visiting from North Carolina for the Delaware Basketball Hall of Fame induction held in Newark, DE. She was a 2010 inductee of the Hall of Fame as one of Delaware's leading female high school basketball athletes. She played college ball at UNLV and spent time playing professional basketball in Europe. Thanks, Coach A for



bringing home a member of the first Lady Viking State Championship Team. It was a trip down memory lane to hear **Coach Aiello, Penny and St. E athletic director and president, Mr. Joseph Papili, also a member of the Class of 1979**, recount the early glory days of Viking basketball. It is encouraging to see the legacy continues with our Viking teams this year.

Upcoming Events



Course Selection for 2018-2019 takes place during the school day- Juniors, Tuesday, February 6; Sophomores, Wednesday, February 7; and Freshmen, Friday, February 9.



Tuesday, February 6, Choose St. E Night, 6pm, in the BPAC. An evening for Class of 2022 students and parents.



Thursday, February 8, Catholic Schools Office team will visit the Upper School.



Friday, February 9, the Senior Class visits the Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC.

Saturday, February 10, the St. E Junior Varsity Mock



Trial Team has prepared a showcase tournament of their current case. All are welcome to attend the showcase that begins at 9am in the Benedictine Performing Arts Center.



Saturday, February 10, St. E Alumni Association Art Auction, St. E Center, 5pm-8pm. Preview begins at 5pm in the St. E Center, art auction commencing at 6pm. The art is provided by Marlin Art, featuring art in all media and price ranges.

<https://steschools.myschoolapp.com/podium/default.aspx?t=36644&rid=23536&pe=1&wapp=1>.



Wednesday, February 14, Ash Wednesday Mass will take place at 8:30am in St. Elizabeth Church.



Friday, February 16, Catechetical Certification will take place for the Upper and Lower School Faculties from 12:15pm-3pm. All students are dismissed at noon. There is no study hall in the afternoon.

In Benedictine Spirit,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shirley W. Bounds".

Head of School

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