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The Brow Trick

April Fools' Day is an annual celebration. It is commemorated on April 1st by playing practical jokes. In the Middle Ages, New Year's Day was celebrated on March 25 in most European towns. In some areas of France, New Year's was a week-long holiday ending on April 1. Some writers suggest that April Fools' originated because those who celebrated on January 1 made fun of those who celebrated on other dates. National Basketball Association superstar, Anthony Davis, decided to participate in April Fools' Day this year. He decided to prank the entire National Basketball Association, fans, and even people who do not watch basketball. He made a video pretending to remove his famous unibrow.

Everyone who knows Anthony Davis knows about THE BROW. It is even his nickname in the National Basketball Association. When I mentioned this article to my teacher she said "Oh yea the guy with the brow". Even the thought of him shaving THE BROW shocked the nation.



EASTER!!

Easter is a day to celebrate the life and resurrection of Jesus Christ. You usually celebrate this with your family. In the Catholic Church, Easter is celebrated on Sunday and marks the end of Holy Week and Lent. Holy week consists of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. It is said that Easter was celebrated from the earliest days of the church. During Easter people decorate using symbols such as eggs and Easter bunnies. Some families dye Easter eggs for this holiday. Also, some kids receive Easter basket filled with candy and other things. This year Easter fell on April Fool's Day. Easter is movable and always falls on a Sunday between March 22 and April 25. The last time Easter was on April Fool's Day was more than 60 years. Easter will not lie on this day again until 2029.



Teacher of Month

Nick Turnage



Nick Turnage is a math teacher at St. Joseph Catholic who teaches grades 7-12. The courses that he teaches are Math 7 and Math 8, Algebra 2, and SREB. Nick Turnage has been teaching for approximately 9 years and plans to continue teaching until he is able to retire. He was inspired by his high school math teacher, Mrs. Fratesi, to further his career in Mathematics. His favorite thing about teaching is seeing his students succeed, whether it is academically or in everyday life. This pushes him to work hard and help his students be successful. Nick Turnage describes himself as happy, stubborn, open, consistent, and loud. His interests outside of teaching are coaching his favorite sport since a little kid, baseball. Coach Turnage states "I do not know what I would be pursuing in life if he was not a teacher". He believes he will never have a day of work because he does what he LOVES!!!!

SOPHOMORE RETREAT

This was my first experience with my class on a retreat! We had so much fun and played a very fun game of human tic-tac-toe. Our retreat was at the parish hall at St. Joseph Catholic Church. The retreat was on April 5, 2018. Mrs. Terri was the lady in charge of our retreat and she did a great job! I loved our groups that we went in and talked about what we needed to! My favorite part of the retreat was the skits that the conformation kids put on for us! The food was great and it was a great time to socialize with my classmates and have a great time with them and do things with them that we don't get to do at school. This retreat helped me grown in my faith with the Lord. I can't wait for our next retreat!



Picnic day

Picnic day for the SGA is coming up and we all are excited! Everyone will be allowed to bring a towel to sit on at lunch with their friends and eat lunch together! Also, we will have music playing. Our president, Sarah Hayek has lots planned for this special day and it will be so much fun! We hope that everyone enjoys the awesome activities that are planned as well!

–Gracie McGaugh



7th & 12th Grade Easter Egg Decoration

The 7th and 12th grade decorated Easter eggs on March 26, 2018. This is a time for the seniors and the 7th graders to have some time with each other before the seniors graduate this year.

They enjoyed making a mess with the craft and laughing with their big or little. With just a few weeks left of school, the seniors only have a few more times to hang with their little sister or little brother.

–Jada Gear



Clean it up!

Earth Day is an annual event celebrated on April 22nd every year. It was a movement founded in 1970, by United State Senator Gaylord Nelson, to help clean up earth. It is now celebrated in more than 190 countries. Earth Day brings self awareness to the environment. Earth Day focuses on pollution that human activities have brought upon it. This year's campaign is the end Water Pollution. Water Pollution is the contamination of water bodies usually as a result of human activities. I dare you to make a stands and pledge to make the world a better place to live.

-Aja Hudson

We recycle what we use,
Separate things and you should too!
Glass and paper, plastic, tin
All go in your recycling bin.
We must start now, we can't wait,
Quick, or it will be too late!

everyday is Earth Day
Everyday is Earth Day,
If it's cold or wet or hot
Pitch in to save the planet
It's the only one we've got.

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Junior Week

The Junior Class of 2018 had a week full of activities, planning, and embarking on a new journey. To start off the week, the juniors had a no uniform week for having the most class points. Tuesday, they had the Junior Retreat where they bonded and discussed goals as a class. Wednesday was their Ring Ceremony, they received their choice of a ring or necklace and they accepted their responsibility as upcoming seniors in 2019. To conclude the week of activities, the juniors hosted Prom and the theme was Old Hollywood. Prom was great; we had refreshments, great music, and made memories to last a lifetime. Goodbye Class of 2018 & Hello Class of 2019. – Jada Gear

On Saturday of April 21, 2018 was junior/senior prom at St. Joseph School. The seniors got presented a rose by the junior class; the rose was the seniors' class flower which was a white rose. Reggie Cotton and Jessica Ballon were crowned king and queen with the whole crowd clapping and screaming happily. MiKayla Dotson presented Mrs. Blackstock a flower for all the hard work on the prom decorations and how a great teacher she is. The dance was over at 11 and everyone left. The music was good and so was the food. yummm. The decorations were great as long as everything else.





Parent of the Month Mrs. Jennifer K. Tonos

St. Joe's Journalism class has chosen Mrs. Tonos as the Parent of the Month for the April issue.

Mrs. Tonos attended Ocean Springs High and then transferred to the Joe. She graduated valedictorian of St. Joe's class of 1993. Afterwards she attended Christian Brothers University for three years, then continued with her degree at Delta State University where she graduated with a B.S. ACS Chemistry minor in Mathematics in 1997. She then received her Degree in Chemistry with Analytical Chemistry focus from Delta State in 1998.

Mrs. Tonos currently works for USDA-ARS where she is a Chemist. She works with toxins found in food commodities.

She has 1 brother, 1 sister, 2 adopted brothers, and 1 adopted sister. She has three children, Sarah, Christopher, and Kent. Her hobbies include: experimental cooking, baking, painting (oils, acrylic, and pastels), and gardening.

What is/was your dream job(s)?

My dream jobs are Cosmetic Formulation Chemist, Forensic Chemist, Food Chemist/Flavorist, or Quincy M.D.

What were you like in high school?

I was very involved in school and in my community. I was the Editor of Yearbook, a Cheerleader, and on the Scholar Bowl team.

How have you children positively impacted your life?

Being a working mom of three teens brings many challenges. I've learned to make better decisions, be more patient, to appreciate the small wins, and adapt quickly. All three have made me a stronger woman and a proud mom.

To The Teen of Today:

"Turn off the cell phone or video games; look around to enjoy all of God's beautiful creation, feel the wind blowing, feel the sun beaming, dance in the rain, and stop to smell the flowers." -Mrs. Tonos

Her daughter Sarah Tonos has answered some questions about her mom.

What is your moms personality like?

My mom is very outgoing, and has a spunky personality.

What do you admire about you mother?

She is very strong and always determined to get things done. She also always gives a helping hand whenever someone is in need.

In what way has she inspired you?

She has always encouraged me to set my goals high and go after them.

What are some things you like about her?

Her sense of humor.

How does she make you feel? In what ways does she encourage you?

She makes me feel loved and cared for all of the time. She encourages me every day to never give up on my dreams.

Mrs. Tonos, thank you for all that you do for our school and we admire you so much.

Sincerely,
St. Joe's Journalism Class

Kiya Thomas, Writer.