

# St. Thomas Shenanigans

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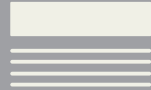
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# Our club

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We are a club that hopes to inform students on activities and events in their school community.





# 01.

## **Fiction Stories**

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Here are the well-written stories from our staff.

# **Walking in the “Brum” Future**

## **by Vincent Colasanti**

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I was walking through the streets of Birmingham when I saw a man in a top hat and a black leather coat as shiny as the sun with a cane in his hand. As I walked I saw dark smoke from factories drifting through the streets leading up to a dark pathway which is closed off due to undisclosed reasons. It was there as if no one could see it, just me. I was feeling mischievous, so when no one was looking I walked up the pathway. I heard trees crackle like fireworks until I reached a gate. It was a castle gate or portal gate, I'm not too sure but suddenly to my surprise the gate opened. I walked into the portal and saw Birmingham in the future when I looked out the window. I wondered, have I just time traveled? Each time I exit the building it's like I go through an invisible portal because it goes back to normal Birmingham.

When I walked back in I saw a man in brown robes and an orange hat with a green stripe. He said, “You have entered the place that lies in the future and confuses time, looking at the man in the black coat opened a new future for Birmingham, this man finds chosen people and opens a future for their town but only chosen people can see him and he leads them here and each person has a shortcut here, it's your choice on what you do with the future of Birmingham because I was the only one who can enter thy realm and make changes”.

I said, “But how can I do this? My family will be worried about me and see I'm gone.”

The man named Von Kindar said, “Well, you control the future of Birmingham, don't you? If you ever need a day off take it any time, that's your choice, however there is nothing I can do about your decisions nor can they be changed so use this power wisely, some people that come here don't have the best history in controlling the future.”

The first thing I did was walk around future Birmingham, and wow, it was truly the wonder of a land. There wasn't much pollution, and surprisingly, there were no robots. I suppose it's up to me on what else to do with this town, my town.

# **Eva and the Shadow Pt. 1**

## **by CoraLynn Taylor**

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**“What a long day!”** Eva exclaimed.

She was moving to White Water Falls, but her car broke down. She had to walk instead. It was an hour away by car. Her feet were pretty tired after that hour, and she was only a third of the way there. A mysterious shadow appeared. The shadow was in the shape of a fox.

**“I have come to grant you three wishes,”** the fox said, slowly fading from gray to orange and white.

**“Not on my life! You sound suspicious!”** Eva exclaimed.

The fox looked taken aback by this statement. The fox was, well, fox-colored now and looked in some sort of attack pose.

Eva stepped back, afraid, but courageous. **“I’ll accept your three wishes,”** she said calmly, **“On one condition. Try not to cause chaos.”**

The fox tilted its head and said, **“I guess. What is your first wish?”**

Eva thought for a moment. *I should wish to get to White Water Falls!* she thought. *Later, though. This fox-genie thing is tricky.* She thought of a reply. **“Nothing yet. I’m fine.”**

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She kept walking with the fox and whispered to herself, **“I wish I was there already!”**

The fox replied, **“Of course!”**

Eva looked panicked. She blinked and ended up at White Water Falls. **“Oh no!”** Eva exclaimed! **“What did you do?”**

The fox sat down next to her and quietly said, **“You wished.”**

Eva looked at the fox, a quite small animal. **“I didn’t want...”** She paused. **“You know what? It’s fine.”**

She picked up the fox and walked into the hotel she was staying in until everything was settled with the new house. She unpacked a few things and fell onto her bed. She looked down at the fox standing there.

**“You’re just going to stand there?”** she asked, sitting up.

The fox laid down and said, **“I guess. You’re the first person I’ve seen in a while. I don’t have anywhere to go.”**

Eva sighed and picked up the fox again. **“We’re going to the pet store.”**

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The fox looked up at Eva as he sat in her arms. Eva walked into the pet store and bought a leash, harness, food and water bowl, and a bed. She walked back to her hotel and put the bed, food, and water bowls down.

**“Ok, you need a name. Rainbow???”**

The unnamed fox stood there. **“No. Just no.”**

Eva thought for a moment. **“NUGGET.”** She announced. The tiny thing nodded. **“Well, hello Nugget.”**

They spent a few hours watching TV and eating snacks.

Nugget announced, **“You still have two wishes left.”**

Eva stared at the tiny thing. **“Well.....I wish for a million dollars I guess.”**

Nugget tensed for a second and both of them heard a knock. Eva opened the door.

**“I have this package for you,”** the mailman said.

Eva opened the package and it was a million dollar check. It said on the check, **‘Only deposit at the Ley Bay Bank. Mention you’re with Tommy Bean.’** Ley Bay was far away, but who is Tommy Bean?

**“What did you do?”** Eva asked.

**“Exactly what you asked.”** Nugget looked happy with what he did.



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Eva got her car fixed about an hour later, and she started driving to Ley Bay. She finally got to the town. Nugget squeaked from inside his carrier. They finally arrived and went into the bank.

“**Can I deposit this check and take out \$100? And... I’m supposed to mention... Tommy Bean? I guess.**”

The bank teller went into the back and came out a few minutes later with \$100.

“**Thank you!**” Nugget said.

Eva looked at Nugget and ran out and hopped in her car. “**Nugget, you’re a small, talking fox. Please don’t talk in public.**”

Eva drove back to White Water Falls, heading to the clothing store to get a new shirt for a job interview. She walked into the store, picked out one she liked, and went to pay.

“**That’ll be \$28.65,**” the cashier said, while Eva gave a \$100 bill. The cashier went to the back to make sure the bill was real. He came out with a look of displeasure on his face. “**I’m sorry. This bill is counterfeit. I have to call security.**”

Eva looked him straight in the eye, picked up Nugget, and ran. “**What did you do, Nugget?**”

Nugget just stared and said. “**You never said the million dollars had to be real, right?**”

Eva face-planted into the wheel and drove off.

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Eva didn't know what to do, so she got everything from her hotel and checked out. *Time to go to my friend's house*, she thought, packing her stuff into the car. Eva paused, thinking about how she's probably a wanted criminal. *What should I do?* She finally finished packing, and drove off, sighing.

**“What should I do, Nugget?”** she whispered.

Eva looked at Nugget and started crying. *On my way to Ley Bay!* She thought, driving off, wiping her tears

She finally got there, Nugget squeaking the whole way, saying, **“I'm hungry!”** or **“Can we go home?”**

Nugget hopped out of the car, completely unfazed by the hour wait. Eva touched the handle and sighed. She opened the door, leading to her friend, **Amanda**.

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“**What brings you here, Eva?**” she said, surprised. Amanda gestured to Eva to come in, and they sat down on her couch. “**I thought you left to White Water Falls.**”

“**It’s... complicated.**” Eva said nervously. She explained everything and showed Amanda that Nugget could talk.

“**Wow!**” she exclaimed. “**You can stay for a bit.**” Eva breathed a sigh of relief, and Nugget said something. He could have said so many other things, but he said, “**And for your third wish?**” Eva and Amanda looked at each other.

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# **City in the Sky, Part 1**

## **by Mariel DeSello**

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“What is that?” Aira asked her Aunt Akeila one day.

“What is what?” Aunt Akeila asked.

Aira frowned for a moment, then shook her head.

Aunt Akeila didn't understand. And Aira didn't tell her. But that was okay because Aunt Akeila didn't have to worry about understanding what Aira meant.

“There it is!” Aira thought.

She ran outside the front door and stood on the porch. Aira contemplated the sky for a long time. The clouds seemed to be a city, but that was unrealistic. And yet, it was so real. Aira thought she even saw her mother, but that too, was unrealistic, for Aira's mother had long disappeared. But, maybe Aira's mother was transported up there.

“No, it couldn't be, people can't just teleport up there.” Aira chided herself for thinking of such foolish ideas.

She ran back inside the house to get her see-far spectacles, an invention she created. She didn't need to run back downstairs, her room had a clear view of the city-like cloud.

Suddenly, the universe around Aira changed, tossing her everywhere and finally landing on something fluffy. Aira's head was filled with blood flowing all over it, her vision got blurry and she fell unconscious.

# **Prehistoric Period**

## **by Makayla Cabangon**

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“Mom? Dad? I’m home, and I brought my friends Scott and Emily,” Scarlett said aloud. The three kids stopped, and silence reeked of the house.

“I guess they’re not here,” Emily said.

“You think they’re in the lab?” Scott asked.

“Maybe,” Scarlett answered. “We can take a bus there. Wanna go?” The three kids agreed. They left a note on the dining room table saying where they were. They left the house and headed for the bus stop. When they arrived at the lab, no one was there. It was pitch black, and it was silent. “They must have left,” Emily said.

“Probably,” Scott replied.

“Hey look, a time machine!” Scarlett announced. “We should go inside of it!” Emily and Scott looked worried.

“I don’t know, Scarlet,” Scott said.

“Yeah, what if it takes us back or forward in time?” Emily added.

“Oh come on!” Scarlett complained. “It doesn’t actually work! Besides, it will be their fault if it turns on,” Scott and Emily looked at each other, then back at the machine.

“Okay, but only for a little bit, just for fun,” Scott said. Emily nodded.

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“Okay,” Scarlet groaned. “Let’s go!” They all jumped into the time machine, Scarlett going first, of course.

The machine turned on, and all three friends ended up in a weird, dry place.

“Where are we?” They all wondered.

A loud roar came from the trees.

“W-What was that?” Scott said, afraid.

Big, loud stomps made the ground shake.

Weird creatures scurried the land, and behind the last one, a big, ginormous creature came up right in front of them!

It had big legs, body, head, super sharp and large teeth, and tiny, little arms, the size of a human!

“D-Do you think he’s friendly?” Emily whispered.

“Nope,” Scott said. “RUN!!!!” Scarlett exclaimed in the loudest voice in history! The three kids ran the other direction, the creature right behind them.

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“What is that thing?” Scarlett asked, running.

“Didn’t you listen in class? That’s the Tyrannosaurus Rex!” Emily said, also running. The T-rex’s roar filled the air and the kids fell into a hole, where they were safe.

“Okay, with its tiny arms, and big body, the T-rex can’t get us from here.” The T-rex left them, for now.

Later, the kids realized that they didn’t jump in a hole, they jumped in a nest!

“Why are there dinosaurs here? Is this a nest?” Emily whispered. The baby dinosaurs shrieked and screamed until their mother came. One mother Maiasaura came along with 39 other Maiasaura!

“Should we run?” Scarlett asked in a scared voice.

“What do you think?! Of course!” Scott answered. The three kids jumped out of the nest and ran for their lives. Five of the Maiasaura chased after them, and the rest growled at them and brought their babies to a new nest. The kids hid behind a big rock and stayed quiet. The Maiasaura looked around and saw something. As soon as the Maiasaura saw it, they ran immediately. Behind the rock, Emily and Scarlett started to talk.

“What were those things? And why were there almost 40 of them?!” Scarlett said in a panic.

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“Boy, did you really not listen in history class? Those were Maiasaura. Their name means ‘Good Mother Reptile’ and they usually come in herds of 1,000. This herd just came in about 40 or 50 if you count the babies.” Emily said. Scott looked worried.

“Why did they leave in such a hurry? Is there something that they’re afraid of? Is it near us?” They looked around and in the distance, they saw a dinosaur bigger than the T-rex! The kids started to run when Emily tripped and fell inside of a hole.

“Emily?” Scott yelled to the hole. Emily called out for help. Scott and Scarlett tried pulling Emily out as fast as they could, but Emily pulled them down into the hole.

“Be quiet!” Emily said, whispering. Scott covered his mouth and Scarlett’s. “Hey!” Scarlett whispered, pushing Scott’s hand away. Scott pushed his hand against Scarlett’s mouth so she would be quiet. The second time, she licked his hand.

“Ew! Scarlett!” Scott yelled.

“Scott!” Emily and Scarlett said.

“What? She licked my hand! That’s gross!” Scott replied. Seems like the T-rex came back, and it stomped like crazy! The bigger dinosaur was distracted and started chasing the T-rex. Scott, Emily, and Scarlett waited for them to go away, but instead they just stayed there, waiting for something.

“What if they’re waiting to eat us?!” Scott said.



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“If they eat us, then...” Scarlett said. She stopped to look at the T-rex. “Then what, Scarlett?” Emily asked.

“Well, you don’t have to worry about that, because they won’t!” Scarlett said. She jumped out of the hole and started walking towards the T-rex. “What is she doing?” Scott asked Emily. Scarlett petted the T-rex gently as if it was a dog.

“Oh, you’re a lot warmer than I imagined. Perhaps it’s because it’s summertime,” Scarlett said to the T-rex. Scarlett turned around to Scott and Emily.

“He can help us get home!” Scott and Emily looked confused.

“How?” Scott asked. “First of all, he’s a T-rex! He could eat us! Second, even if he isn’t a bloodthirsty dinosaur, how is he going to get us home? It’s in the future.” Scarlett thought for a moment, and then got onto the T-rex’s back.

“Maybe he can help us get somewhere we need to be so we can get back. I’m going to the tree we fell down from.” Scarlett said. Emily shook her head, and jumped onto the T-rex’s back with Scarlett. Scott was skeptical, but he jumped on too. Together, they rode to the tree they fell from when they first got here. “Okay, thank you, Mr. Rex!” Scarlett said aloud.

“That’s his name?” Emily asked.

“For now, but I don’t think there will be a later, so yes. That is his name!” Scarlett answered. The three friends looked up at the tree, then back at each other.

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“Maybe we should climb it?” Emily asked. The friends agreed and started climbing the large tree. Once they got to the top, they expected something to happen, but nothing happened.

“Shouldn’t we be back in the lab?” Scott asked.

“If we fell from this tree when we got here, maybe we need to fall from here to get back!” Emily said. Scarlett agreed and jumped down eager to get home.

“Wait! Scarlett!” Scott called.

“Oh come on, scaredy cat!” Emily said, teasing Scott.

“I’m not a scaredy cat,” Scott said back.

“Oh yeah! No you’re not!” Emily said.

“You’re a worry-wart!” Emily teased Scott until he jumped down. Afterwards, Emily jumped down. They all fell in a different place, but they fell unconscious. When they woke up, they were in Scarlett’s bedroom.

Only Scarlett was in the room, but she heard voices coming from the kitchen.

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Emily and Scott were talking with her parents while eating pancakes!

Scarlett sat down, and the kids told Scarlett's parents everything.

"When we got to the lab, you were all lying there on the ground, so we drove you to the house," Scarlett's mom said.

"We need to put a caution sign on that machine or something!" Scarlett's dad said.

"Well," Scott said. "According to Scarlett, kids and teenagers these days would probably ignore the sign."

They all laughed and soon Scott and Emily went home.

That prehistoric trip was one to remember!

# **Felisha's Best Day Turned Bad**

## **by Ava O'Reilly**

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“Becca?” yelled Felisha “Where are you, it’s lunch already!”

“What do you want?” said Becca.

“I’m sorry...I didn’t mean to hurt your feelings,” said Felisha.

“Well, you did,” said Becca in a muffled voice.

“I said I’m sorry!” said Felisha, now crying too.

“Just go away!” yelled Becca.

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It was the end of the day and the girls were still fighting.

“Becca, please answer I’ve been leaving voicemails forever now. Please answer, bye.” said Felisha.

Becca called Felisha back.

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“Finally, you picked up your phone. Let’s practice now!” said Felisha.

“I thought you didn’t want to practice with me.” Becca said angrily.

“Well, the show is real soon and I’m kind of behind on memorizing it, so could you help?”asked Felisha.

“Felisha, are you serious, now you want to practice when you need help?”

“Becca please. You don’t need to like me, but please just help me!” asked Felisha desperately.

“You know what? I’m done,” said Becca.

“No, Becca, don’t go!”

Becca left the call. Felisha didn’t know what to do, and the play was in one week!

The next day at school on the loudspeaker, Felisha heard the last thing she would want to hear.

“I would like to inform all students who are participating in the Edger Middle School Play that it is going to be in two days instead of a week because of a teacher meeting. thank you for your time.” said the office lady.

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“WHAT!” screamed Felisha.

“Felisha, detention now!” said Mrs. Grace.

“But I need to practice for the show!” said Felisha.

“NOW!” Mrs. Grace said in a stern voice.

“Fine” said Felisha.

Becca saw her.

“I told you we should have practiced together,” said Becca.

“You were right, and I’m sorry,” said Felisha.

“But it’s too late now. I’m going on vacation in 3 days. I can’t help you,” said Becca.

“I guess I better get to practicing.” said Felisha.

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“Two days later, it was the night of the show.

“Okay, Felisha, you got this,” said Felisha to herself.

“Okay, everybody gather round. Okay, I need my Belle and Beast in the middle.” said the director. “Okay, now everyone take a deep breath, and let’s start the show!”

“I-In a t-town, I mean a vi-llage.” said Felisha. “This is the worst day ever!” she said in tears.

Felisha ran off the stage right into Becca.

“Becca, you came?” said Felisha.

“Yes I couldn’t miss your show even though we are fighting. We are still friends.” said Becca.

“It’s a total disaster! I froze on stage.” said Felisha.

“It’s okay,” said Becca.

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“Do you know all the songs and my lines?” said Felisha.

“Yes, I practiced them before we started fighting, why?” asked Becca.

“You deserve to be Belle, go on that stage and rock it!” said Felisha.

“Really?” asked Becca.

“Yes, hurry!” said Felisha.

“Okay!” said Becca as she ran to the auditorium.

“I’m so sorry, everyone, I don’t know what happened. Um, take a quick intermission.” said Mrs. Grace.

“I’m here!” said Becca.

“Becca, what are you doing here?” said Mrs. Grace, very confused.

“I can play Belle. I know the songs and the script forwards and backwards!” said Becca.



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““Okay, give it a shot,” said Mrs Grace.

Becca went out on stage.

“Little town, in a quiet village..” sang Becca.

Before Becca knew it, it was time for bows.

“Woohoo!” Felisha cheered as Becca took her bow.

“You did so well!” said Felisha.

“Thanks!” said Becca excitedly.

“ Let’s start practicing for the next show!” said Felisha.

“Are you kidding of course!” said Becca.

“Now let’s go binge watch Just Add Magic,”said Felisha.

# **Felisha's Best Day Turned Bad**

## **by Ava O'Reilly**

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“Definitely!” said Becca.

They leave the school, order pizza, and watch TV together.

# **Thanksgiving Feast**

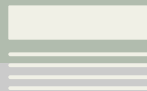
## **by Adrian Jach**

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Turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, mac and cheese, corn, and jello. These are just some delicious things we got to enjoy for our St. Thomas Thanksgiving Feast that the school organized. All students enjoyed sitting in the cafeteria thinking about this wonderful time of the year and what they are thankful for. Preschools were talking about what they put on their turkeys that ended up in the hallway bulletin board, how they are thankful for not just family and friends, but also tv, dinosaurs, oranges, muffins and makeup. Fifth graders were chatting about Roblox games they will be playing later. Eighth graders were discussing how this was their last Thanksgiving Feast at St. Thomas and how much they will miss it. All of a sudden, Santa appeared with a huge bag of presents! He did not look like a typical Santa though - he had a lei necklace and a top hat on! Behind Santa was a team of blue ducks! At first, I thought the school was surprising us with this very unusual St. Thomas Thanksgiving parade! One of the ducks even threw my mashed potatoes at the wall with his beak. Next, an elephant got through the doorway, with a gorilla riding on its back eating mac and cheese! Then, a guy with a very long mustache came marching through and used his mustache as a lasso to catch a mango roaming through the air. Though I couldn't tell if it was a mango or a giant cranberry! It seemed like it was a mango because Jim Carrey came in through the door and started screaming, "Sonic and Mangoes!" Everyone's eyes were wide open!

At this point, I thought it was April Fools rather than Thanksgiving Feast Day! I realized I spoke too soon because all the staff were dressed in pilgrim costumes and walked their dogs as turkeys! Even Mr. Babits wasn't dressed up as Riddler but he looked like he came straight from the Mayflower! Suddenly, a rope fell from the ceiling and hit one of my classmate's head! Indiana Jones slid down the rope. It was like a scene from the movie! Then this "parade" ended with the whole "Shark Tank" cast coming in doing the macarena, while yogurt was being pelted at us from the ceiling by one of the blue ducks. This was the best day ever! We all got autographs from Jim Carrey and the Shark Tank crew, got to take pictures with the ducks, gorilla, elephants, dogs disguised as turkeys, and school staff dressed as pilgrims. We also got to open our presents.



# 02. Interviews

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Inside is question and answer sessions with  
teachers, students and others!



# **8th Grade High Schools**

## **by Alyssa Eggers**

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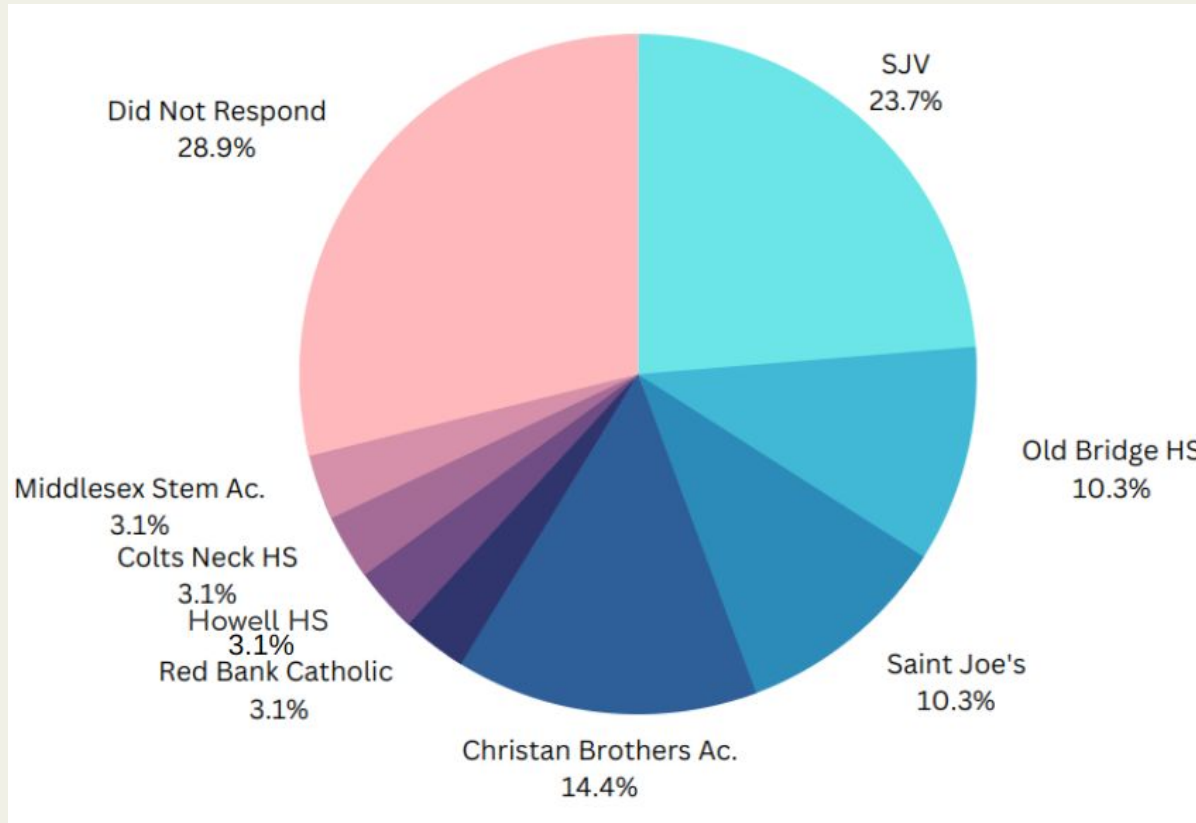
Some kids start at 11, some kids start at 13. About what you ask, the thought about the highschool of their future. Here at Saint Thomas the students of 8th grade are in the process of touring and exploring the many options that could change the course of their future. Picking the right highschool could be chosen by many different factors. Some examples are “What do you want to be?” or “Do you want to go to college?” Also there is an extracurricular side. That means what are you interested in as an after-school program. There could be an art club, chess club, or even a gardening club. As you sift through all of the options you should narrow it down to your absolute favorite schools with different options that are your favorite. They might have different positives and negatives and that is okay.

In life you are going to make friends and lose some, just like these 8th graders might. Here in St. Thomas when these students graduate they are all going to go their separate ways to live out their dream. I have surveyed the graduating class on what they’re looking for in a high school and what high school it may be. Down below is a pie chart on where the grade has put in their opinions. A question asked was “What is most important to you in a school (extra-curricular, education, etc.) and why?” In the many responses here are a few. In Abigail Kacprzyk’s response she states, “The most important things to me in a school are a great education, skilled teachers and faculty, and a ton of extracurricular activities.” Also in Fola Odukoya’s response he says, “The most important thing is their sports. This is because I am a big sports person.” The class of 2023 has many different opinions. We wish them the best of luck in finding their high school.

# 8th Grade High Schools

## by Alyssa Eggers

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# **Mrs. Colangelo**

## **by Adrian Jach**

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### 1. How do you feel about teaching first graders?

I love teaching first grade and it makes me happy to see my students every morning. Seeing their smiling faces brings me so much joy!

### 2. What is your favorite thing to teach in first grade?

I love teaching all subjects. I really enjoy teaching Language Arts because we cover multiple components such as Reading, Writing, and Grammar.

### 3. Other than first grade, which other grade would you like to teach?

I love teaching little kids. First grade is my favorite place to be.

### 4. How long have you been teaching overall? How long have you been teaching first grade?

I have been with the school for 12 years and my third year teaching first grade.

# **Mrs. Colangelo**

## **by Adrian Jach**

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### 5. What are your first graders' favorite things to do during class?

First graders love sitting on the rug together during Reading, Religion, and DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) time. My class enjoys sharing stories with me and with one another. They also love sharing their sentences with the entire class.

### 6. What is the most challenging thing about being a teacher for first graders and why?

The most challenging thing about being a teacher for first graders is managing to get everything done. There are always little things that “pop up” which makes it challenging to get everything I want to do with my first graders done. However, I have an incredible class and we manage to accomplish many things during the day! I am so proud of my students.



# **Joseph Dizorro**

## **by Alisha Desai and CoraLynn Taylor**

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Joseph Dizorro is Mayor Owen Henry's grandson. We have conducted an interview about him and his grandpa. He hangs out with his grandpa a lot. They both share an interest in trains. His favorite thing to do with him is to play with trains. He does it quite often. They are steam trains, and they are lots of fun. In the mayor's office, they love to play with trains. There is a basement below the office, and that is where they play with the train. Joseph also likes to play card games with the mayor. His favorite thing about his grandpa is that he is very caring and funny. Joseph knows that his grandpa is the mayor. He is excited about the election and wants his grandpa to win.

He would not like to run for mayor right now but in the future he might run. Who knows, we might see Mayor Dizzoro on a billboard in 30 years! He actually wants to work as a SWAT officer. He wishes to work for a mayor or president. He likes going to St Thomas. His favorite subjects are math and reading. He goes to the library a lot and reads books for hours. He is the 3rd generation to go to St Thomas in his family (how cool is that!!). He really likes it and it makes him feel cool. We told him that we were interviewing his grandpa and he was unfazed. He says that people interview his grandpa a lot. He loves to hang out with his grandpa and they have many similarities. We can definitely say that they are perfect together.

# **Rafael Villarina**

## **by Adrian Jach**

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1. How did you feel when you were announced as the president of the Student Council?

I feel excited and relieved at the same time. Excited that I was chosen as Student Council President. Relieved that I am done with campaigning, writing my speech, and making posters. I can focus on working hard to be a good leader who serves the student body. I am also looking forward to working with Nate and Matt again on the Student Council and we welcome Noah to the team.

2. Why did you want to run for this position?

I wanted to develop my leadership and public-speaking skills. I will learn to work as a team and express my opinions. It might also give an edge when applying for high school as they will see that I am a responsible person.

3. How are you going to manage being the president with all your schoolwork and homework?

I already have good study habits that my parents instill in me. My secret is never procrastinate on tasks you can do now so you can have time to manage Student Council meetings, events and tasks. I will prioritize finishing my schoolwork and homework as soon as I get home as I have a lot of activities throughout the week such as swimming, karate, student council, play while maintaining my 'A' average.

# **Rafael Villarina**

## **by Adrian Jach**

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4. How will you help other members of the student council while balancing your own responsibilities?

I will put others' needs before mine so we can all stay on task and I will address any issues I see right away. I will be honest and open to suggestions as our goal is to work as a team. I will listen to each member and ensure that each one is heard on what he has to say. When making a decision, we can put it to vote and respect the outcome.

5. What skills are the most important for this position?

Leadership, Teamwork, Organization, Problem-solving, Good Communication

6. I feel like many of the younger kids can look up to you now. What advice would you give those students wanting to be where you are?

Get involved early in any school programs and be BRAVE! Try things outside your comfort zone so you can continue to build your self-confidence. I would tell the younger kids to develop good study habits early as they will help you succeed in school and get all your work done on time.

# **Nathaniel George**

## **by Janie Poco**

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1. What are some goals you have for this position?

I want to

- Encourage student-run fundraisers and clubs.
- Optimize expenses to fund events that will benefit our school.

2. How did you feel when you got elected?

When I was elected I felt

- Motivated to create new opportunities for my fellow students.
- The responsibility to support school activities that would benefit our school environment.

3. What skills do you need for this job?

I will need

- Organizational and math skills for this job.
- Planning and thoughtful execution.

# **Nathaniel George**

## **by Janie Poco**

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#### 4. How did you get people to vote for you?

People voted for me

- Based on my message &
- My contributions as treasurer last year

#### 5. How will you balance this position with all of your responsibilities and homework?

I plan to designate separate times to manage my responsibilities, homework, and contributions to the Student Council as a Treasurer.

# **Matthew Ghobrial**

## **by Sadie Lettiere**

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1. What do you want to be when you grow up?

When I grow up, I want to be either an architect or a civil engineer.

2. What is your favorite subject in school?

My favorite subject in school is math because I like to be challenged and I love calculations.

3. How will you manage to help students/teachers/etc. while also doing school work and homework?

I will manage to hold my position amidst school work and homework by managing my time and not leaving things to the last minute.

# **Matthew Ghobrial**

## **by Sadie Lettiere**

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4. What made you choose running for this position (Vice President)?

I wanted to run as vice president because I can work with the council president well (no matter who that may be) and can fill in whenever I need to.

5. Do you think your interest in politics will be something you do when you grow up?

I am not really interested in politics at this point; I only wanted to run so that I can help the school and make it a better place.

6. What's your best advice for other students in your grade?

My best advice to students in my grade is not to care about what others think about you.

# **Officer Vincent**

## **by Anya and Bianca Shah**

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1. Why did you want to be a police officer?

He found that he did like sitting behind a desk and enjoyed talking to people.

2. If you did not become a police officer, what would you want to be instead?

A gym teacher.

3. What do you like most about your job?

Freedom to what you want.



# **Officer Vincent**

## **by Anya and Bianca Shah**

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1. Why did you choose to work as security at St. Thomas?  
Enjoy talking with kids
2. What is your favorite thing about St. Thomas?  
The teachers.
3. Did you always want to be a police officer?  
No

# **8th graders times at STA:** **by Valentina Joseph**

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Rafael Paayas: It is going well . I am pleased with how this year is going.

Elias Sourial: good

Nicholas Girgis: Mid

Ava Syslo: Mid

Dylan Rodriguez: Good

Matthew Gholbrial: I came in 5th grade and enjoyed this school ever since.

Nathaniel George: unforgettable

Sophia DeVera: My time at STA has been unforgettable. I have made friends that are like family.

Fola Odukoya: It was kinda fun yet also boring.

Raphael Jacob: I enjoyed my time in STA but we have a new math teacher every year

# **8th graders times at STA:**

## **by Valentina Joseph**

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Gio Muce: My time at STA can be described as 50/50.

Ava Ventura: It was good. I learned some stuff and definitely made memories here. Teachers are great and supportive and some are great to talk to. As much as STA taught me alot I am so excited to graduate.

Ava Dennis: My time at STA has been good because of the four of the most amazing people. They always make me laugh until I cry and make me happy when I am sad. I appreciate them so much. Rhyan, JJ, Giovanni, and Nick thank you for making my time at STA so fun.

Kyle Akunwafor: It was alright. I had bad and good times.

Michael Karanveski: My time at STA was good but i'm excited to move on in life.

Rhyan Vill: It was really and I made so many friends that I will have through high school. They are like family.

Jude Max Ballesteros: My time at STA was pretty good and many memories were made that I enjoyed. The teachers and students made the environment pretty questionable but good.



# 03.

## Birthdays

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Happy birthday to all of the people in November!



# **Birthday List**

## **by Valentina Joseph**

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### Teachers

3 Ms. Yesis

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9 Mrs. Colangelo

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16 Ms. Madonna

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21 Mrs. Conway

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23 Mrs. Zarate

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27 Mrs. Grewal

# **Birthday List**

## **by Valentina Joseph**

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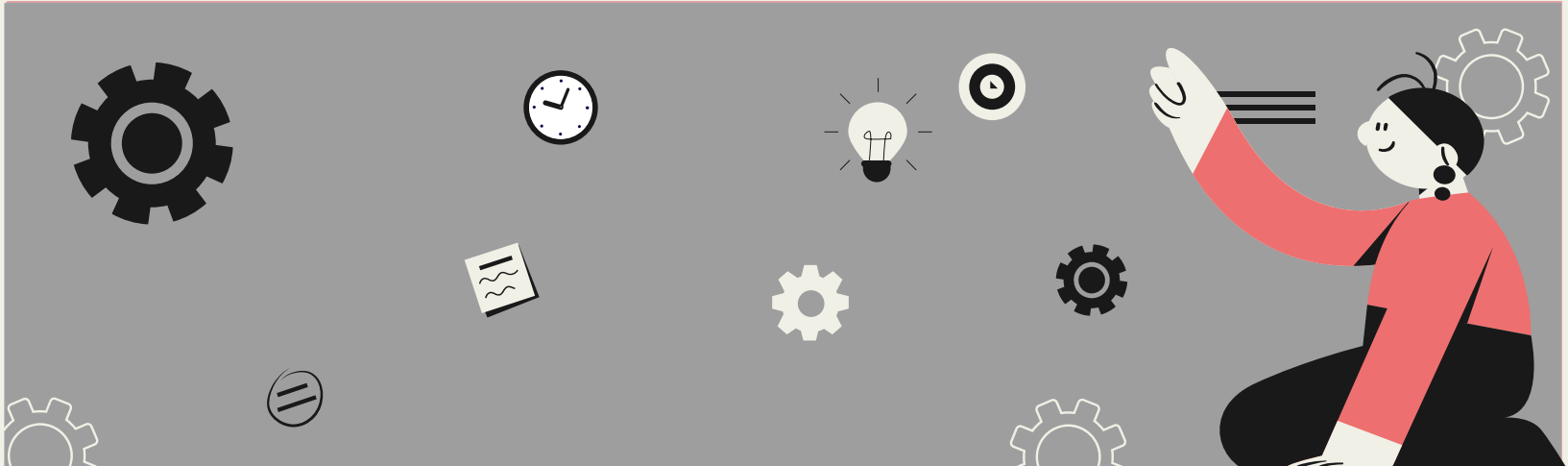
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| 3 | Isabella Abenante  | 19 | JOSEPH MAKOVEC     |    |                 |
| 5 | Finley Everard     | 19 | Alexander Sanchez  |    |                 |
| 5 | BIANCA SHAH        | 20 | JASMINE CARDENAS   |    |                 |
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| 6 | Bailey Chavarria   | 22 | EMMA CHON          |    |                 |
| 7 | KAYLA ANDREWS      | 22 | EMMA MARESCA       |    |                 |
| 8 | Vivian Papyan      | 22 | SOPHIA ORRICHIO    |    |                 |
| 8 | HUDSON STEVENS     | 25 | Mila Gwargious     |    |                 |
| 8 | MACKENZIE STEVENS  | 25 | FRANCESCA PRIMIANO |    |                 |
| 9 | AMELIA ESPINOZA    | 27 | DARIUS MORRO       |    |                 |

# 04.

## Fun!

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In this section is a scavenger hunt, jokes, comics, and more!



# **Scavenger Hunt**

**by Ava Ventura and Vincent Colasanti**

Riddle 1:

**Here lies Birmingham but in whose hands, whose hat or maybe just whose hands?**

If you have an answer, [click here to submit!](#)

Prize: The first student to get the correct answer will get two tickets to the Willy Wonka Jr. musical!



# Jokes

by Emma Lenning & Mariel DeSello

Why couldn't the pony sing a lullaby?  
She was a little horse 🐎

What key has legs but cannot open a door?  
A TurKEY 🐔

How does a scientist freshen her breath?  
With Experi-Mints

What do you call a running turkey?  
Fast food

What is a computer's favorite snack?  
Computer chips 🖥️

Why was the carrot soup so expensive?  
Because it had 24 carats. 💎

What animal is always at a baseball game?  
A bat 🦇

What did the joker say to the girl who broke her leg?  
I'm sorry I pulled your leg. 👠👢

Why did the turkey cross the road?  
He wanted people to think he was a chicken.

What do you call the head of all mice?  
The Big Cheese 🧀

Why did the dinosaur cross the road?  
Because the chicken was not born yet 🦕

Why did the painting get in trouble?  
Because it was framed! 🖼️

What do cake and baseball have in common?  
They both need a good batter

What did the broom say to the human at night?  
Go sweep. 🧹

# **Jokes**

## **by Olivia Karam**

What do you call a running turkey?

Fast food.

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What's the best song to sing when preparing your Thanksgiving turkey?

All about that baste.

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What does a turkey eat for dessert?

Peach Gobbler.

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Pilgrims traveled on the Mayflower, what do college students travel on?

ScholarSHIPS.

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Why do Pilgrims' pants always fall down?

Because they wear their buckles on their hats.

# Word Search

## by Nicholas Franchini



### STA FALL FUN WORD SEARCH



APPLE PICKING

AUTUMN

CANDY

COLOR RUN

COSTUMES

FITNESS CHALLENGE

HALLOWEEN

HAYRIDE

LEAVES

PARADE

PUMPKIN PICKING

RING DAY

THANKSGIVING FEAST

TRICK OR TREAT

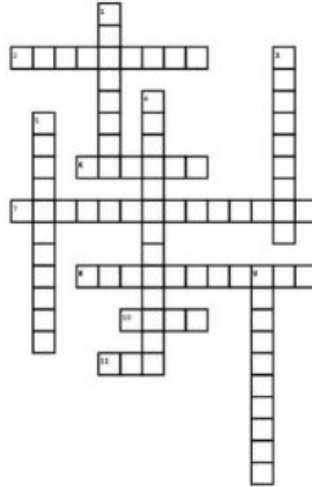
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# Crossword

## by Matthew Ghobrial

### St. Thomas Crossword Puzzle



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# **Thanksgiving Feast Menu**

## **by Alyssa Cox and Adrian Jach**

### **NO ALLERGIES!**

- Turkeys and Mashed Potatoes
- No gravy for mashed potatoes or mashed potatoes with gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Corn

### **HAVE ALLERGIES? EAT THESE!**

- Chicken bits!
- Dip of choice

### **NO GLUTEN!**

- GLUTEN FREE pumpkin pies! :3
- Gluten free other stuff
- Apple pies
- Lemon maple squash

# Sugar Rush

by Zofia Kozlowski



The End

# Bat-Gobble

by Isabella Taborda

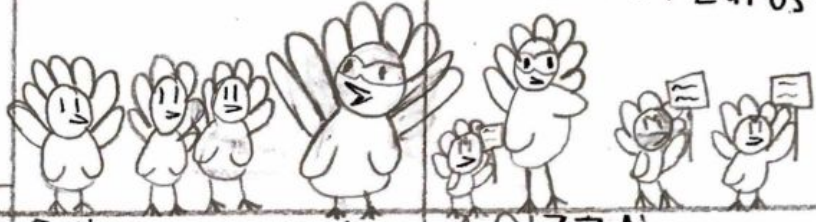
On a cold breezy Thanksgiving night there stood BatGobble watching all the citizens eating turkeys.



BatGobble thought about a plan called the Turkey Revolution. So BatGobble jumped off the roof and ran to get his friends.



When BatGobble arrived, he gathered all his friends and told them the plan.



They all thought it was a great idea. So they all went to the town with protest signs saying "Don't Eat Us".

The Turkeys walked up and down the street chanting "Don't Eat Us".



As BatGobble watched them protest, he realized that pizza is cheaper than turkey.

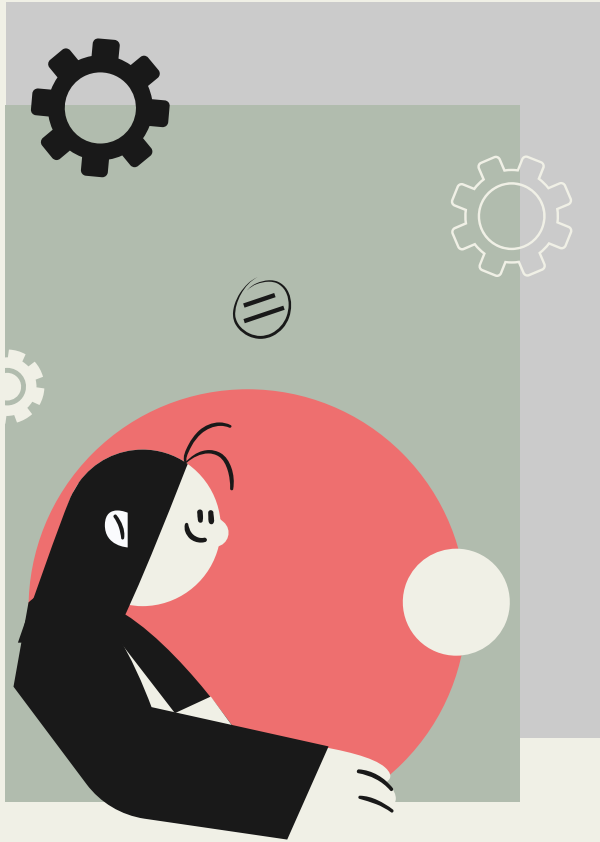


So his new mission in life is to become...



A PIZZA DELIVERY TURKEY





# 05.

## Quote of the Month

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Find your motivation for the month!






# **Quote of the Month**

## **By Vincent Colasanti**



"We must keep moving, we must keep going. If you can't fly, run, if you can't run, walk, and if you can't walk, crawl, but by all means keep moving."



- **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**





# 06.

# Photographs

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Lets see what's going on

# Kindergarten Hand Turkeys



# Kindergarten Hand Turkeys





# Junior Basketball



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# 07. Editorial

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# **Editorial**

## **by Elan DeSello**

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Thank you for taking the time to scroll through our November issue. We're all so excited, as this is the St. Thomas Newspaper Club's first official issue! We hope you enjoy it as much as we do. I'd like to thank all the people who have made St. Thomas Shenanigans possible: Mrs. Conaghan, our teacher advisor, who we could have never done without; Vincent Colasanti, who proposed the name of our newspaper, which was selected through a voting process; Makayla Cabangon, who designed our logo, which was also chosen through voting; as well as everyone in our club.

Within the virtual pages of this issue (ah, the musty smell of virtual paper), we have many exciting articles. There is an interview with Mayor Henry's grandson. We also have many humorous and interesting stories. Don't forget to check out our Scavenger Hunt. The prize is a Golden Ticket, which is two free tickets to the Willy Wonka Jr. musical. That riddle is kind of tricky, though. Pay very close attention!

Recently, we conducted the student council elections. On behalf of our club, I'd like to congratulate and wish the class representatives and the winners—Rafael Villarina, Matthew Ghobrial, Nathaniel George, and Noah Sourial—a great year ahead. They are all very suitable for the job and will do great in their respective roles. We're all looking forward to the exciting projects that will no doubt come about by the student council.

# **Editorial**

## **by Elan DeSello**

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For all those who didn't make it, do not feel bad! This also applies to everyone. If you have an idea for something that will benefit St. Thomas, you can always start it yourself. If you want a trivia bowl, if you want a science fair, if you want more clubs, if you want more fundraisers, there's no reason for you not to try. You can write up a proposal and see what becomes of it.

I know that some students were the reasons behind certain additions to St. Thomas. For example, one of my classmates worked for a new basketball hoop for our playground. Another example is this newspaper. It is the product of the hard work of numerous fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. Even though you aren't part of the student council, why stop now?

If you truly want to make a positive change to St. Thomas, nothing should stop you. If you truly want something, you should be able to put in all the effort needed. Do you have an idea for our school? **You can make it happen!**

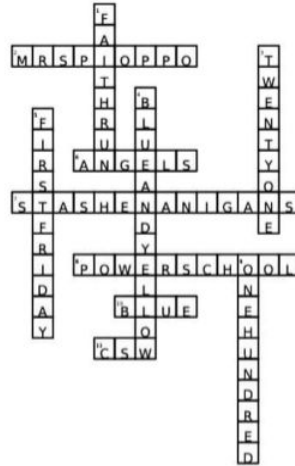
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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SEEING  
YOUR WORK IN THE NEWSPAPER?

[CLICK HERE FOR OUR FREELANCING FORM!](#)

# Answer Key

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