

# Eagle's Call

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## A Season Of Waiting

*By Anna Hermsen, Roan Martineau, and Joplin Hallstoos*

The candles, the colors, the joyful faces; what's not great about Advent? It's the time of year when we celebrate the coming of Jesus. This year, Mazzuchelli will be showing the importance of the Advent season.

Mazzuchelli has started celebrating by putting up decorations and has already hosted an Advent Night.

"I like when we do activities to learn more about it," said Ella Pfeiler, a 7th grader at Mazzuchelli. Another student, Nick Splinter, said, "My favorite part about Advent is lighting the candles at Mass."

The students we talked to seem to be very excited about Advent. Some classes have made Advent calendars, also.



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Another event Mazzuchelli hosts for the season is a prayer service. It will be held the last day before Christmas break, December 22. Many students seem to enjoy the lighting of the candles on the Advent wreaths at Mass. Students at Mazzuchelli clearly enjoy celebrating the Advent season and can't wait for the birth of our Savior.



## Transform Your Uniform

By Bryce Bauer, Danny Cerda,  
Hannah Ness, Jenna Kadolph

Some days at Mazzuchelli, the students look unusual for they are not in uniform. They are in their everyday clothes within a theme. Some liked the idea of themes, while others did not. Eighth grade student Garrett Kadolph said, "I would much rather have activities like the kickball game than themes." While others like seventh grade student Ava Sprenger said, "I would rather have a theme."

The next question is what theme will we have next? Some said Pajama Day, while others said it was weird because they didn't like the idea of going to school in their PJ's. School librarian, Mrs. Gonner, said, "My least favorite would be Pajama Day." Another question was what was your favorite? Many said there was not enough to choose from. One person Ella Donovan, a sixth grade student, said, " My favorite was clash day." However, that was not the answer many people gave. Many said Clash Day was the hardest to dress for. What do you think was the hardest?

## Here Comes the Band

By: Chris Schmitt, Lilly Wessels, Kevin Mendoza

It starts as chaos, but when the director comes and bring it together, it sound's like beautiful music. The trombones are blasting. Drums are beating. All the instruments come together as one band. With band concerts around the corner, students are preparing in all different ways for the next concert.

The concerts are always exciting because you see how the bands improve over time. When asked if she thought she improved, sixth grader, Gracie Godel, says "I no longer have to stare at my clarinet and wonder where I put my fingers." This just proves how much people in band learn.

The band director of Mazzuchelli, Mr.Tebbe, when asked why do you do band concerts, he said, " It's the goal for the group to show what they learned. It's also for the audience's enjoyment." The group is always improving, and it helps that Mr. Tebbe picks good challenging songs.



Seventh and Eighth Graders listening to music.

When Joe Chapman, an eighth grader at Mazzuchelli, was asked do you like the music you play for the concerts, he said,"The songs that we play are fun but challenging at the same time.

The band concerts are something great for the students to see how they've done and improved. When asked what she enjoyed about the band concerts, sixth grader Ella Donovan said, "The satisfaction you get for all your hard work."

## Lights, Camera, and Of Course, Action!

By: Mallory Zeman,  
Emma Glennon,  
Grace Schroeder

Lights, camera, action! Does this sound familiar? The Mazzuchelli school musical is coming soon! Over the years Mazzuchelli has done musicals, such as Mulan and the Lion King, but this year we are trying something a little more realistic, Guys and Dolls.

This is a great experience to give students an acting opportunity, such as Ian Borelli . He has experience by being in Mulan, and the Lion King. Ian Borelli commented, " It is very exciting when you know who gets what part, like when I got Simba in the Lion King, and I was a 6th

grader, so other students were really surprised! I was really excited to go home and tell my parents." Mr. Eiffes, one of the directors of the musical, said," I chose Guys and Dolls as the play this year because I really like the music, and it was the first play that I was ever involved in."

Students who are trying out for the musical have to practice and get ready, like Mr. Eiffes said. " What we see at auditions definitely helps you get the part you want."

If you don't want to be in the play, but you still want to participate, you could be part of the stage crew. Ian Borelli said, "Stage crew helped move the stuff on stage."

Overall, being in a musical is a great opportunity for students who like to act or are just trying something new. It's just that simple; you don't even have to act. You could be in stage crew, or just sit in the chairs and enjoy the show!



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## Basketball, Is It Worth It?

By Anastasia Jones, Cecilia Jones, and Leah Park

Ever thought about joining the basketball team? Why not? What's the harm in trying? Basketball is an enjoyable sport that you could learn from and make new friends. Here is a glimpse in the life of a girl's basketball player.

"We learned a lot of challenging plays this year," said Ellie Kirby, eighth grade basketball player, "During the game I felt excited but also worried." If you like the excitement of the game and can deal with the stress during and before the game, then basketball is a sport you should try. "Our team worked well together. I never felt unprepared before a game."

The way to play is to have fun and make friends. Basketball gives girls the opportunity to do both. Bailey Welu and Amya Lavenz, both on the seventh grade basketball team, said that playing basketball was a fun experience, and it helped them make new friends. They also said that the coach was nice and hard but in a good way. To have a good experience and make friends is what basketball is all about.

In conclusion, basketball is a fun way to make friends, have a fun time, and stay active and healthy, but if basketball is not the sport for you, don't worry. There are lots of ways to stay active, to have fun, and to make friends.

## The Boys Are Back and Ready To Play

By: Riley Woods, Luke Smith, and Charlie Dominguez

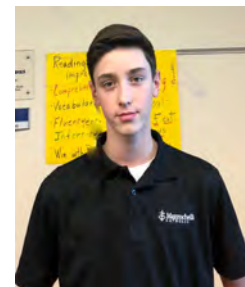
Today we interviewed a couple of seventh grade basketball players and a coach. We were hoping to get some thoughts on their basketball season and how they want it to be. Their names are Seamus Crahan and Coach Willis. We asked each player and coach a couple questions each. We asked Seamus what he hoped to achieve., Seamus said he, "Wanted some wins" and "To have fun." Seamus is asking for some simple things which can have great results.

Mazzuchelli has been successful this fall in football and hope to carry that success into the basketball season. We asked Seamus, " Do you think you can carry over the success you had in football into basketball?"

"Yes, our success will carry us and I hope we can do it."

We asked Coach Willis, "What do you hope to achieve this basketball season?"

"I hope my players grow and learn to appreciate the game."



Seamus Crahan(left)  
Coach Willis(right)



## Victory Begins on the Mat!

By: Mia Brooner, Emma Jungblut, Ella Pfeiler, and Lilah Takes

Do you think wrestling is worth trying? Well, according to Carson Burger, a seventh grader at Mazzuchelli Catholic, "Yes, because it was a good experience, and it kept me fit. I suggest others to do it." Carson's score for the season was 10 wins, seven losses. His score improved throughout the season. They learned "pins and technical moves," said Nolan Burger, an eighth grader at Mazzuchelli Catholic. Nolan's score was 15 wins zero losses.

Wrestling includes many moves, according to Nolan Burger, Carson Burger, and Aidan Brown, a seventh grader, such as the donkey kick, hip toss, and the cradle. These moves were used against their

toughest competition, Washington Middle School. Nolan Burger added that Washington had, "strong wrestlers."

With the support of Mazzuchelli, we can continue to have a great season next year! The sport wrestling seems to be a good fit for kids who want to stay in shape and have fun!



Wrestling Team 2017/2018



Nolan Burger,  
eighth grader at  
Mazzuchelli Catholic



Carson Burger,  
seventh grader at  
Mazzuchelli Catholic

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## What's It Like To Be A Swimmer?

By: Nadine Mueller, Layla Krausman, and Kylie Schmidt

Swimming is a very important sport to some people. It takes up a lot of time, effort, and strength. We interviewed Callie Dolphin, Jamie Schmid, and Tess Breslin which of whom are on DASH.

We asked Jamie Schmid, eighth-grader at Mazzuchelli Catholic Middle School, how often she attends swim meets. She replied, "It depends on which ones you sign up for, but you can usually attend one every other weekend."

We also asked the other two swimmers the same question, and they replied very similar to Jamie's answer. This shows just how dedicated these swimmers are to their sport! We asked Tess Breslin a eighth grader, if she wanted to continue swimming and why? She responded that she wanted to continue swimming though high school, and she would want to do it

for fun when she is older. Many of the people interviewed have a strong passion for the sport, so they would also love to continue it through high school, and maybe college.

Finally, we interviewed Callie Dolphin, sixth grader at Mazzuchelli Catholic Middle School, who is her swimming idol and why? She answered, "I love Michael Phelps because he never gives up," Never giving up is a quality you need if you want to achieve your dreams as a swimmer."

## Skiing/Snowboarding

By: Ava Mohr & Katie Lemke

Skiing and snowboarding are fun sports that most kids at Mazzuchelli Middle School enjoy doing. A lot kids don't have anything to do in the winter, since there aren't many sports like soccer, baseball, and softball. Instead of sitting around the house all day doing nothing, they can go to Sundown and have fun with friends while skiing and snowboarding.

There are tons of activities to do at Sundown. For example if beginners get bored just going down small hills, like

the bunny hill. They could try to go down some bigger hills. If they keep trying they would eventually be able to go down black hills, which are the hardest hills. We asked Katrina Lemke, a 7th grader a Mazzuchelli, What hills were her favorite? This is what she said "I like to go on black hills, because they are fun." If you want to try to go on black hills, remember, you don't have to go fast. You can just take your time going down the hill.

Another thing people like to do is practice to be on a team, and do tricks. For example, we asked Tony Zuccaro if he is on a team. Tony said, "I used to be on a team, but I quit because I wanted to

to do tricks. When on a team you can race, but people don't do tricks. If someone like Tony wants to do tricks, then they would probably have to quit the team to do so.



Tony Zuccaro, from Mazzuchelli Middle School

A lot of kids at Mazzuchelli go to Sundown to ski or snowboard. Skiing and snowboarding will help with exercise and socializing. As well as learning new things and it gives people something to do in the winter.

## What is hockey?

By: Logan Trifone, Blake Herburger, Noah

### Boom, Bang, Crunch

**A big hit along the wall. Joey Bisdorf, Dubuque Jr. Saints Bantam forward, is pretty educated in the sport of hockey. When asking him what his favorite part about the sport was he said "I like the hits."**

**We interviewed three people for the DYHA organization, Joey Bisdorf, Tatum Maternach, Kennedy Highland. Tatem called hockey one of the most fastpace games she everplayed, while the others also enjoyed the sport.**



## Bump, Set, Spike... It's Intense!

By: Blair Hughes,  
Brooke Wuebker, and  
Meghan McDonald

Club volleyball is an exciting sport that many students at Mazzuchelli Catholic Middle School enjoy to play and watch. To see how much they like it, we went around the school asking students about volleyball. We asked both spectators and players. One of the spectators that we interviewed was Lydia Foy. We asked her what her favorite thing about volleyball is, and she said, "bumping". She also said, "Ugh! It's so intense!" Another spectator that we interviewed was Patrick Fitzgerald. "I enjoy watching volleyball because it is exciting, and there are a lot of good games. My favorite team to watch is Intensity because they are really intense." Player on the club team Intensity, Amya Lavenz, says, "I like to play club volleyball because it's fun, my teammates are encouraging, and it helps me become better at my skills." Many students enjoy playing and watching club volleyball, and they plan on continuing to enjoy it.

## Minute To Win It

by: Mia, Makayla, Kate

On Friday, February 1, 2018 students and staff gathered together in the Mazzuchelli gym as a part of Catholic Schools Week. Each class from 6th, 7th, and 8th grade has spent a couple days preparing for this competition, including face paint, costumes, posters, and chants.

One of the players from the winning 7th grade team, Lydia Foy, said that her experience from last year compared to this year was the same because her homebase last year won the 6th grade competition. We asked her what she did to celebrate and she replied happily saying, "Mrs. Decker gave us candy!". When asked if there was any conflict with other losing teams, she said, "Another homebase was intense, and they lost points."

We also interviewed a player from the winning 6th grade team, Sophie Schlosser, to see what she thought about her first year of Minute to Win It. She said that her first experience was fun and that she thought it was a good way to bring the school together. Her class wore blue face paint and blue clothes and accessories. We asked what he favorite game was and she said, "My favorite game was stacking the cubes on the plate that we had to balance on our head".

We also got some input from a teacher of the winning 7th grade team. Mrs. Lisa Decker said, "Every year we are named Black and Decker because of my family owned manufacturing business because we got the job done". She also mentioned that she was very proud of her homebase for their hard work.

All of the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders of Mazzuchelli have a lot of fun each year during this event. and it is the highlight of Catholic Schools Week. The 8th graders that will be graduating this year will miss it most will have many memories.

# Staff vs Staff game

By: Jet Solinger, Ben Freed, and Aidan Travis



Who wouldn't want to pay only a dollar to watch your teachers play basketball? I thought it was a super fun experience. The Staff vs Staff game was a great fundraiser. I personally love to watch basketball, and it is even better that it is your teachers.

The staff vs staff game had a great turnout this year! It really brought the Holy Family community together to have a great time and have some fun, while also being a little competitive. "It is a great idea. It really brings the staff and students together. I would 100% go again," says 8th grader Tommy Specht.

To make the game more enjoyable Tommy suggests to have a dunk and skills contest. "They could lower the hoops to make it easier. It would bring an even bigger crowd. It would switch it up and would be an opportunity to have another great time."

The thought of a dunk contest is a great idea. Some times you just have to have a fun time inside of something fun. It would not be a big deal either. It would be something that a lot of people that would come out.

In conclusion, the staff game really brought the whole Holy Family community to have a great time. It sounded like a great time and that everyone would go to it again. I went and I knew it was a blast. It is a great idea.



## Ignite!

By: Jonathan Park, Jamie Vondra, and Ava

5, 6, 7, 8... The participants of Ignite have been working relentlessly to prepare for their competition.

Ignite has been practicing since September in order to be prepared for their first competition, which was on Friday, February 23rd. Ignite practices on Mondays and Thursdays at Wahlert Catholic High School and Mazzuchelli Catholic Middle School. When asked what a typical practice was like, Andrea Swift, 8th grade show choir participant, answered, "On Mondays we go to Wahlert and practice on the same risers that the high schoolers practice on. We also learn choreography and clean our songs. On Thursdays we work on vocals and choreography." They try to stay focused the whole practice, but as Ian Borelli, another 8th grade participant, said, "We practice songs and sometimes stay on task; it really depends on the day."

This year, Ignite has two competitions, one in February and one in March. They will be performing five songs: "Hey, Brother", "Faith", "Stand In The Light", "Shake a Tail Feather" and "Love Runs Out". Ava Anderson, Kody Arthofer, Andrea Swift, and Ms. Hoffman all said their favorite piece this year is "Love Runs Out". On the other hand, Ian Borelli and Jackson Haugen both said that they prefer "Faith".

Overall, the participants of Ignite! Show Choir are very excited for their upcoming competitions. It has been a great season for them.

## Mazzuchelli Students Pack Lunches for the Dubuque Mission

What would you do to help your fellow neighbors in need? How far will you go to help them? The Dubuque Rescue Mission have out done themselves for 81 years helping the poor of Dubuque, Iowa. The Dubuque Rescue Mission started with two gentlemen, Rev. William Masters and Mr. Edward Beach. During the Great Depression, those two men started to make food and offer shelter to those who could not afford it. The Dubuque Rescue Mission has continued doing these actions up to this day. They also have a ton of people who take time out of their day or weekend to help out the Dubuque Rescue Mission staff. They also accept money and food donations. This Holy Week Mazzuchelli Catholic Middle School has decided to help out.

Mazzuchelli Middle School, located in Dubuque, Iowa, donated packed lunches to The Dubuque Mission. On Monday, January 29, 2018, the 8th grade students of Mazzuchelli packed the lunches that would be given to The Dubuque Mission. The Mazzuchelli staff thought up this idea for the students to participate in. Sixth grade students were to bring pudding or applesauce, seventh graders were to bring in juice pouches, and eighth graders were to bring peanut butter or cheese crackers. The teachers then counted out the food items for the 8th graders to start packing. The teachers gave each student a bag to decorate. The students

were instructed to write a letter to whomever received the lunch soon in the future. Although they were told to do so, the eighth grade students had a lot of fun decorating and writing the letters! Each bag got a juice, either peanut butter or cheese crackers, pudding with a spoon, a napkin, and a bar. The packed lunches were taken to the Dubuque Mission where they were then given out to people who need it most.

out. Students were asked about why they thought doing this for people was so important. Quinn Cerino, a sixth grader at Mazzuchelli, said, "It was a little something that helped them a bit more. By giving them some food that we don't need, it really made a difference and helped them." Another student said, "It is fun to help others, feels good, and to teach the importance of helping others." This teaches students many things. Cerino says that this activity teaches "That it is helpful and kind to help others when they need it most. When we donated food for others, that was an example of that." Emma Glennon, another student who was asked the same questions, said, "It is fun to help others, feels good, and teaches the importance of helping others."



# Catholic Schools Week was Banging!!

**Article: Jackson Haugen, Alex Link, John Cox, Aiden Wagner**

Catholic Schools week started out with a bang! The week started off with the entire Mazzuchelli staff and student body making sack lunches for the mission. That was an amazing experience for the kids being able to draw and write on bags for children or people in need. The second day was another wonderful day because all the Mazzuchelli students got to write nice little cards to the

military people. The kids also got out of uniform day as the theme was American.

On Wednesday, Mazzuchelli went over to the big doors of Wahlert to celebrate Catholic Schools week mass. Another special thing about this day was that it was dress up day. We saw lots of sweet outfits. Thursday was minute to win it and the home bases were excited about this. "its something the students enjoy!" Mrs. Hoffman's

thoughts on minute to win it. Minute to win it was the highlight of this week but there is something else the kids like more than school, no school. Out of all the nice events this one was probably the best. But don't forget all the others event will help you in the future.



## Students March for Life

By: Laney Duggan, Brooke Bauer, and Ellie Kirby

On Wednesday, January 17, Mazzuchelli Middle School students boarded a bus to take them to Washington, D.C. The bus left from Theisen's parking lot around 7 p.m. That night the March for Life group drove through Chicago and many beautiful cities. The drive took about ten hours to get to Pittsburgh where the students stopped for breakfast. From there they headed straight to D>D>, another four hours on the bus. When they got to the city, they toured many famous monuments like the Washington Monument, US Air Force Memorial, and a statue of Andrew Jackson in front of the White House. The group got to look at the White House and get pictures. Later, they went to Mass at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. They walked around and saw beautiful shrines

and mosaic art displayed around the Basilica. Later, the students went to church and afterwards listened to Joni Ernst and other Senators speak. They had a private tour of the Capitol and met at the Washington Monument to start the March for Life. The March was powerful and hopefully impacted others as it did the students.

The following day the students went to the Holocaust Museum. The whole building was quiet and respectful with many important displays. The students also saw the Arlington Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The March for Life was overall a very empowering experience.

## Recent art show proves to be educational

By: Zachary May, Megan Andress, Sophia Loso

The Holy Family Art show had recently occurred at the Wahlert gymnasium on Sunday, February 2, 2018. "It is a great place where students can show off their art for everyone to see." said Mr. Matt Pfiffner, the art teacher at Mazzuchelli Catholic Middle School, a major contributor to the event. The art show consisted of various art pieces made by students from both Mazzuchelli and Wahlert Catholic High School and featured a performance from the Mazzuchelli 7-8th grade choir in the morning, as well as a waffle breakfast in the recently remodeled Wahlert cafeteria.

According to Pfiffner, the art show is important because it is a "good opportunity to show off our artwork and lets people see what we're up to in class." When asked how Pfiffner gets people to participate in this exciting event, he responded that he tries to "pull out a few works from each project that students create."

We also interviewed an eighth grade student from Mazzuchelli Middle school who was a part of the art show. "It was a very cool opportunity to view some of my classmates artwork," stated the 14 year old Sophia Loso. "I had painted a self portrait that was put into the show, and I took part in singing with the Mazzuchelli 7-8th grade choir. It was a lot of fun."

