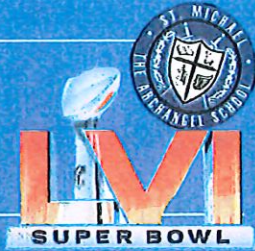




# St. Mike's Journal



February 2022

## Biggest Super Bowl upsets

By: Eli Gridley



### 5. 1968 New York Jets over the Baltimore Colts in Super Bowl III

This upset is definitely a big one. The Jets had no chance in winning the AFL championship, but they ended up winning against the Oakland Raiders. Then in the Super Bowl they were able to upset the Colts.

### 4. 1991 Super Bowl- NY Giants vs. Buffalo Bills

Football fans know the whole "Four Falls of Buffalo" phrase. A documentary was made about it on Disney+. This Super Bowl was the first of four losses for the Bills. They lost this one by a field goal that curved wide to the right as time expired.

### 3. 2002 Super Bowl- New England Patriots vs. St. Louis Rams

The Rams were definitely expected to win, mostly because of their 14-2 record. But this is Tom Brady we're talking about! In the last minute, he led his team down the field for a 48 yard game winning field goal by Adam Vinatieri.

### 2. 2008 Super Bowl- NY Giants vs. New England Patriots

The 16-0 Patriots were expected to easily win, but Eli Manning and the Giants unexpectedly won. Many people know about the likely greatest catch in the world by David Tyree, which possibly lit the spark for the Giants.

### 1. 2018 Super Bowl- New England Patriots vs. Philadelphia Eagles

The Eagles' Cason Wentz was doing great, until he got injured playing against the Rams. The Eagles held on, thanks to Nick Foles. He led them to the Super Bowl, where the famous 'Philly Philly' paid off after Nick Foles caught a TD in the endzone to clinch the game for the Eagles!

## The Reason behind Valentine's Day

By: Olivia Lounsberry



Valentine's Day is named after Saint Valentine, a Catholic priest, who lived in Rome. Claudius the Emperor believed that Roman soldiers should be completely devoted to Rome and passed a law preventing them from getting married. St Valentine began to marry these soldiers in secret. St. Valentine was found out and jailed for his crimes. While in jail he cared for other prisoners and also his jailor's blind daughter. It is said that Valentine cured the girl's blindness and that his final act before being executed was to write her a love message signed 'from your Valentine'. Valentine was executed on 14 February in the year 270.

## Groundhog's Day

By: Joseph Zientara



On February 2, at Gobbler's Knob, in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, a groundhog named Phil comes out of his hole and predicts the weather. He does this by looking for his shadow. If he does see it then it means 6 more weeks of winter, if he doesn't then it means early Spring. This is a very old tradition from way back in 1883. This was started by German people who came to America who already had a tradition similar to it, just with a hedgehog. When they came here they switched to a groundhog because they were more plentiful in the Keystone state.

Groundhog Day has its roots in Candlemas, a tradition where a church would bless candles and distribute them. After our Groundhog Day tradition started several other states started doing it including Birmingham Bill, Staten Island Chuck, and Shubenacadie Sam in Canada.

Groundhogs, also called woodchucks and whose scientific name is *Marmota monax*, typically weigh 12 to 15 pounds and live six to eight years. They eat vegetables and fruits.

Groundhogs go into hibernation in late Fall. During that time their heart beat slows from 80 to only 5 beats per minute which I don't think should be possible. Also the movie "Groundhog Day" starring Bill Murray popularized the usage of "Groundhog Day" to mean something that is repeated over and over.

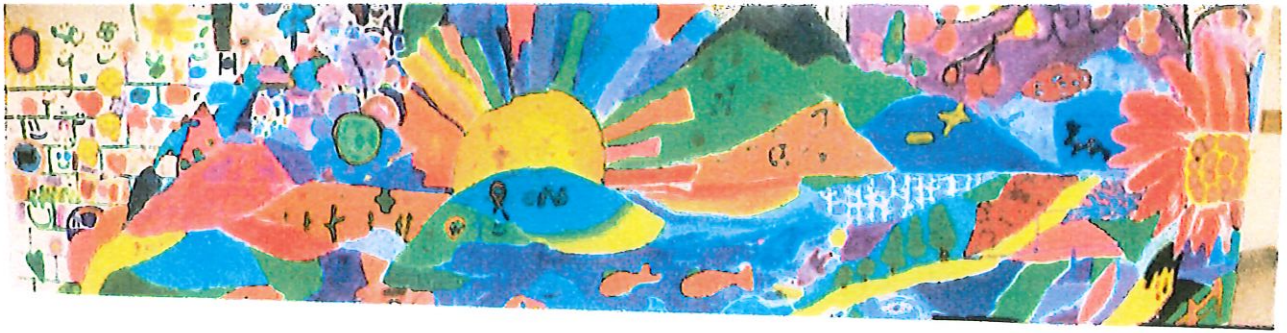


## Olympic coverage

By: Colin Fitzpatrick

Some of the favorite events in the Winter Olympics are Curling, Luge, Skeleton, Mono-bob, 2 man bobsled, 3 man bobsled, 4 man bobsled, slope style, big air, skiing, snowboarding, big air, Super G, Slalom, half pipe, super pipe, down hill, figure skating, snowboard cross, ski cross, speed skating, and Olympic Jump. If you didn't know the Winter Olympics comes up every four years. The next Olympics will be 2024. 2024 will be the Summer Olympics. Below is the final medal count.

				TOTAL
NORWAY	16	8	13	37
ROC	6	12	14	32
GERMANY	12	10	5	27
CANADA	4	8	14	26
USA	8	10	7	25



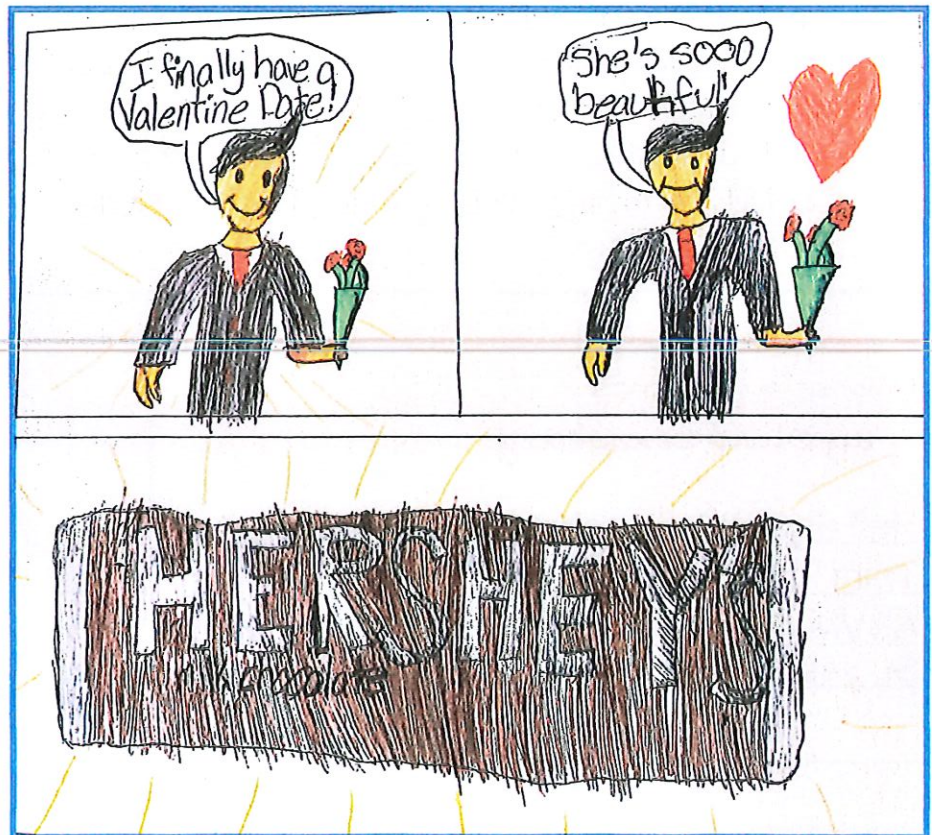
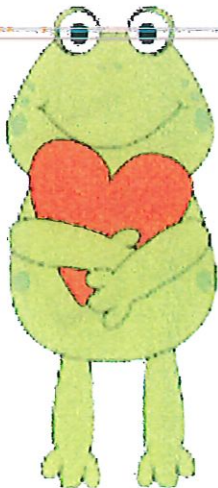
## New Hal Mural

By: Audrey VanHauten

On January 3rd, 2022 Mrs. Ebert let the middle school students paint their own pictures on the hall to create a huge mural. The mural is full of so many different colors, some bright and others muted. The mural includes lots of doodles from smiley faces to sunsets. This gives children an opportunity to express themselves, it also lets them freely explore different styles and techniques when painting. It represents teamwork, unity, and listening skills. Mrs. Ebert stood by as she let the kids paint away and turned a plain white wall to an incredible colorful masterpiece.

## Comics

By: Colin Fitzpatrick



## IXL- Good or Bad?

By: Eli Gridley



Some people may think that IXL is good, but reviews show that IXL is not really good. Out of 174 reviews, IXL only has a 1.36 star rating. Over 400,000 teachers use IXL. I asked a few people in my class about their thoughts on IXL. Here are some responses.

“I think IXL has bad examples because our teacher will help us with a question and tell us to answer it the way we learned but sometimes IXL is wrong.”

“If you get a question right it will only send you up several, but if you get it wrong it drops you down at least 10 points.”

“I don’t like it because it is frustrating that you don’t get another chance and you get discouraged when you get a lot wrong.”

“It is a good learning experience, but it’s also annoying. You know?”

Some people may think that IXL is rigged because of their point system. Other reviews say that when kids do IXL they get less engaged in the lesson than they were in the beginning. I also found that IXL is designed in a way that is likely to cause most people frustration in its use.

If some of you are complaining about the point system, I found that IXL’s point system is based on their proprietary algorithm and is the best possible measure of how well a student knows the skill. As student’s answer correctly, the smart score increases. If a question is answered incorrectly, the smart score decreases. Overall, I think that IXL seems aggravating to too many students. There may be better learning apps out there.

## Upcoming Events

By Olivia Lounsberry

Half day & Variety show on March 4th

Third Trimester begins March 7th

ABVM confirmation is March 16th

St. Joseph confirmation is March 17th



## Valentine's Trivia

By: Eli Gridley

**Question:** How many states in the USA have cities named Valentine?

**Answer:** Four: Arizona, Nebraska, Texas and Virginia.

**Question:** Sweethearts production was temporarily suspended (paused) in which year?

**Answer:** 2019

**Question:** About how many roses are sent for Valentine's Day each year in the U.S.?

**Answer:** 50 million

**Question:** How many heart-shaped boxes of chocolates are typically sold each Valentine's Day in the U.S.?

**Answer:** 35 million

**Question:** When was February 14 first declared to be Valentine's Day?

**Answer:** 1537

**Question:** In what country is Valentine's Day known as "Friend's Day?"

**Answer:** Finland

**Question:** How much money do Americans spend on chocolate for Valentine's Day each year?

**Answer:** \$1 billion

## Editor's Corner

By: Olivia Lounsberry

We hope everyone is having a great start to the New Year. Please look forward to next month's polling email. All of us at the St Michael's journal hope you enjoy this edition.

POLL

We Want to know!

The POLL coming to your inbox SOON!

By Donovan Malarkey

Which themed down day would you like at this school?

Costume Day

Fancy Clothes

Pajama Day

Add option or [add "Other"](#)

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# Super Bowl Word Search



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Remember that the same number may be used  
more than once.



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