

St. Mike's Journal



St. Patrick
By Audrey vanHoute

St. Patrick was born in Roman Britain. He was 14 years old when he was captured by Irish pirates and sold into slavery. In Ireland druids and pagans were common at that time, but Patrick devoted his life to God and wrote his memoir, *e Confession*. In this he wrote:

"e love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was rosed, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same."

Patrick was 20 when he escaped slavery. He had a dream where God told him to leave Ireland by going to the coast and a boat would be waiting for him.

When St. Patrick was home he saw a vision, in his memoir he writes, "I saw a man coming, as it were from Ireland. His name was Victoricus, and he carried many letters, and he gave me one of them. I read the heading: 'e Voice of the Irish.' As I began the letter, I imagined in that moment that I heard the voice of those very people who were near the wood of Foclut, which is beside the western sea- and they cried out, as with one voice: 'We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us.'"

St. Patrick was ordained by St. Germanus. He was later ordained a bishop and was sent to take the Word of God to Ireland. ere are several legends about what happened when he arrived in Slane, Ireland on March 25, 433.

St Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. St. Patrick wrote about his love of God in Confessions and he worked many miracles. St. Patrick died March 17, 461.

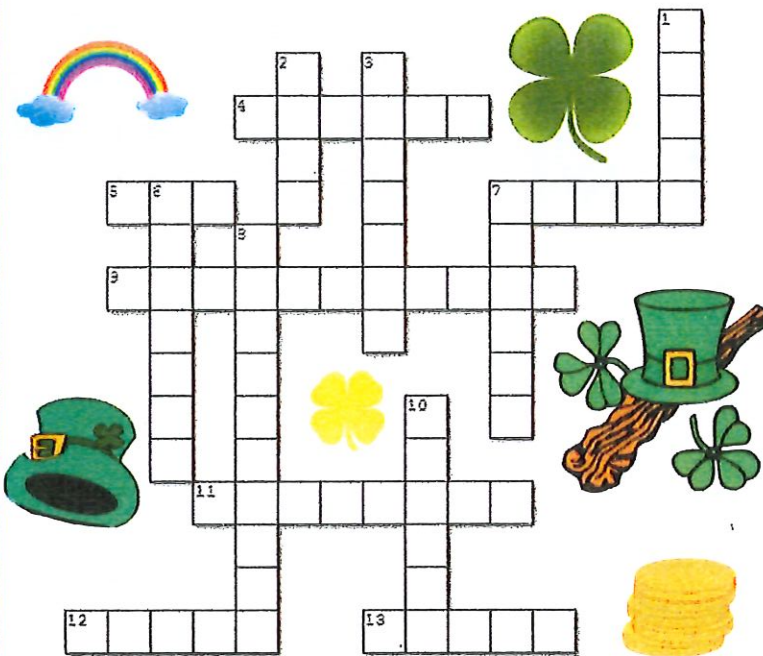
What is Daylight Saving Time all about?

By Joseph Zientara

Daylight savings is used in several places of the world but not all. It was first thought up by Benjamin Franklin in 1784 to economize candle usage. George Hudson came up with the idea of setting the clocks back two hours. William Willet also suggested it as a way to save energy. It was started in the US in 1918. It has been used in the US since then.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

- 4. capital of Ireland
- 5. a type of Irish dance
- 7. if you do not wear green on March 17 this will happen
- 9. the day St. Patrick's Day falls on
- 11. the national emblem of Ireland
- 12. yellow and blue make _____
- 13. from Ireland

Down

- 1. the 3rd month of the year
- 2. good fortune
- 3. nonsense or misleading talk
- 6. called the Emerald Isle
- 7. a starchy vegetable
- 8. a sprite
- 10. 4 leaf _____

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Editor's Note

By Olivia Lounsberry

We would like to congratulate all the 8th grade students who received their Confirmation as well as the 2nd grade students who received their first reconciliation.



CYO in the Know

By Olivia Lounsberry

We are looking forward to the new season of CYO. Track and Volleyball will/be starting soon. We can't wait to report their matches.

Play is coming along great and we can't wait for everyone to see the production!

Academic bowl has their first match on April 10th at Allentown Central. We wish them good luck!



The legend of the leprechaun

By Colin Fitzpatrick

A leprechaun is a little three foot tall speaker. It is said that it is a type of fairy, Do you think that a leprechaun is a shoemaker, or a trickster? Actually, he's both! Legend says you can hear the top of their nails being driven into a shoe. They are known to be little tricksters, Leprechauns are thought to be mythical creatures. Old Irish tales tell the little thing was first spotted in the 700s. The leprechaun name comes from an Irish word luchorpan, which means little man. The pot of gold is said to be hidden in the countryside. They try to fool someone to look away. Then Whoosh! They're gone with the gold! A small Irish town called Carlingford, has a law to protect Leprechauns, So you better set up your best trap to catch the little tricksters.



How well do you know the St. Mike's staff?

By Audrey vanHaute & Eli Gridley

We asked the staff of the MS the following question:

What would be in your dream pot of gold at the end of a rainbow?

Mrs. Kline	<i>Twix & gold</i>
Mrs Malik	<i>world peace & harmony</i>
Mrs. Sweterlisch	<i>happiness</i>
Mrs. Imlay	<i>a lot of books & gold</i>
Mrs. Durback	<i>mango everything</i>
Mrs. Torres	<i>beach house for her & her family</i>
Mrs. Gano	<i>live with family in immortality</i>
Mrs. Mickus	<i>wisdom</i>
Mrs. Martin	<i>powers of a medium to talk to family members who have passed</i>
Mrs. Emilia	<i>pearls</i>
Mrs. Sal	<i>pasta</i>
Mrs Chirico	<i>to be reunited with past loved ones</i>
Mrs Cauler-Moore	<i>enough money to pay off student loans</i>
Mrs. Ebert	<i>a beach house in OC or Jersey</i>

We love our teachers & staff!



St. Patrick's Day Trivia

By Eli Gridley



Q: Which is the original color affiliated with St. Patrick's Day?

A: *Blue*

Q: In what year was the first St. Patrick's Day parade in America?

A: *1762, New York*

Q: Which American city dyes its river green on St. Patrick's Day?

A: *Chicago, Illinois*

Q: On March 17, why do people traditionally wear green?

A: *To avoid being pinched by a leprechaun*

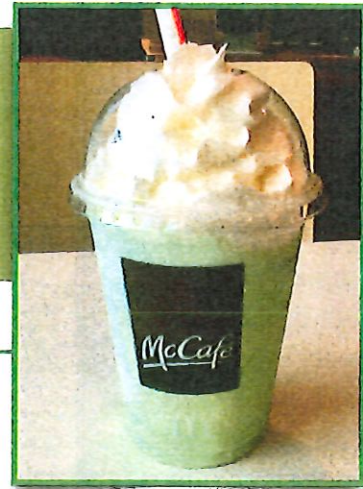
Q: What did St. Patrick bring to Ireland?

A: *Christianity*

Q: Where is believed to be Saint Patrick's place of birth?

A: *Britannia which is now known as Great Britain*

The Green Goodness By Eli Gridley



Everyone knows what a shamrock shake looks and tastes like. Green, Ice Cream goodness. But do people know the history?

The bright green minty treat dates back to 1970, and its story is based around a kind deed. The Shamrock Shake was developed in 1970, according to McDonald's. However, according to different reports, people say that Harold Rosen, who owned a McDonald's in Connecticut, claims he invented the popular holiday drink in 1966.

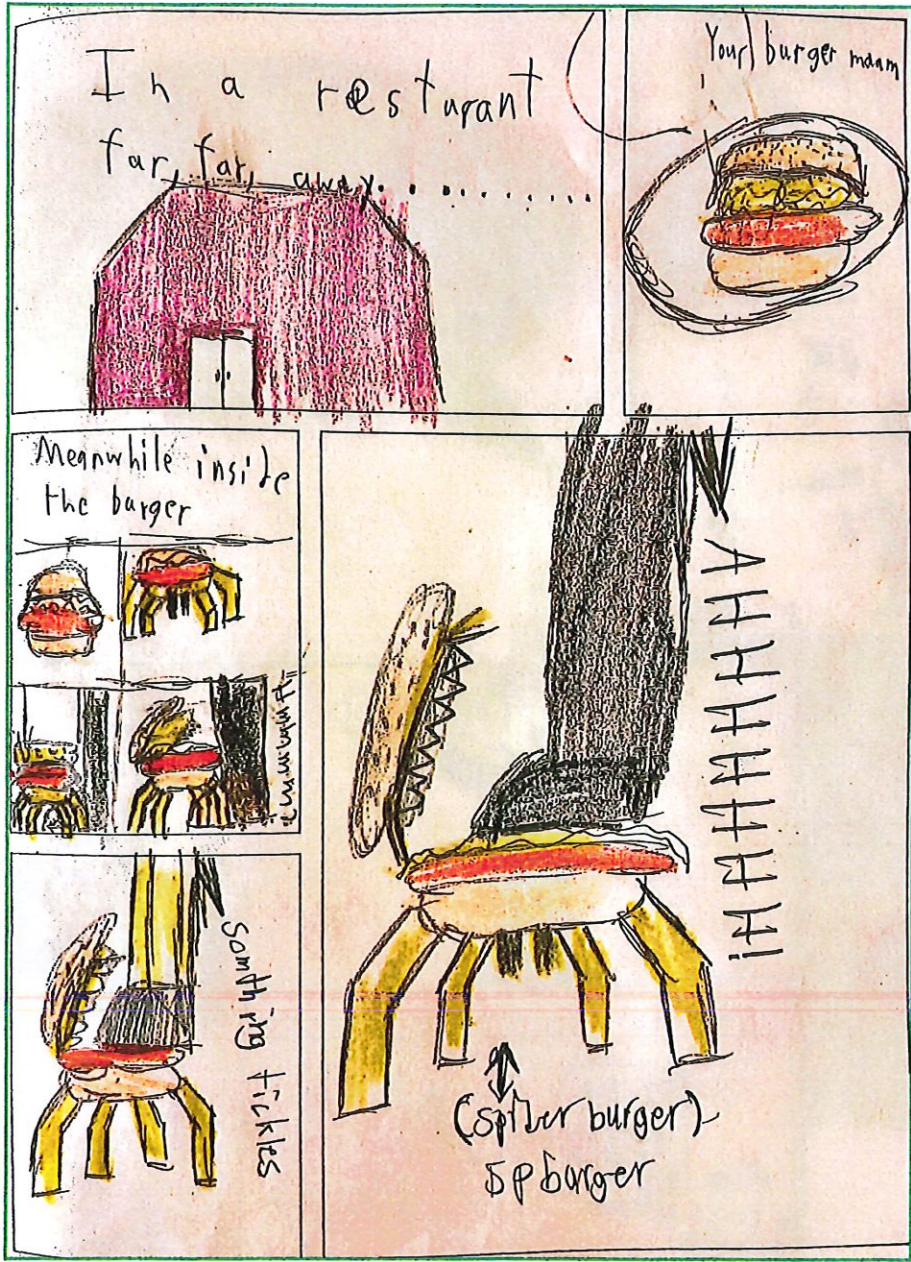
The Philadelphia Eagles Tight End Fred Hill's daughter was diagnosed with leukemia cancer. The Hill family were camping out and waiting in hospital rooms. They soon realized that many other families were doing the same, but they had nowhere to stay. The Hill family decided to do something about it. Hill and his team started to raise some funds.

Rogers Merchandising in Chicago created the shake and James Byrne, the executive artist at the firm, used a family recipe.

The Shamrock Shake made enough money to buy a four-story house which was the first Ronald McDonald House.



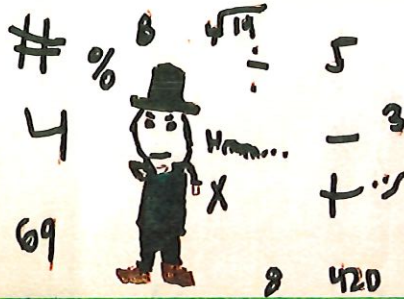
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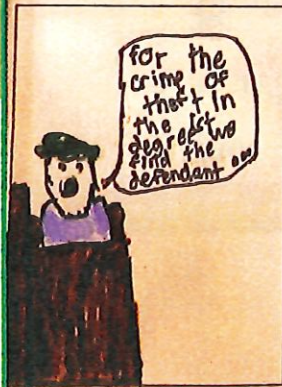
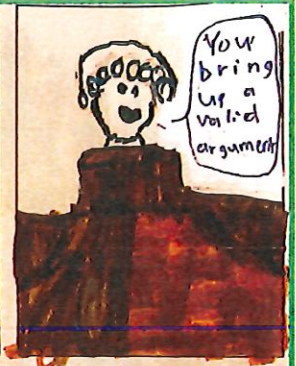
By Max Stolzer
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The Greatest Lawyer

At The Court...



By Donovan Malarkey



Guilty!

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