

First Session of New Frassati Electives Ends, New Session Starts

By La Stompa Staff

Frassati Catholic Academy began offering elective classes during last school year. There were 3 electives every trimester, lasting the entire trimester. The same electives were offered every time.

This year, the electives offerings have changed. Six electives are offered and each elective session lasts for only half a trimester. Also, each session has some different offerings.

During the first six weeks of our 2017-2018 school year, all students have been taking their choice of elective. For the first session, which ended last week, those electives were Home Economics, Golf Course Design, Drama, Engineering 101, Stock Market Project and Sports History. Elective classes met every week on Thursday afternoons.

In the first session of Home Economics, also known as Home Ec, we baked, learned about measuring, and learned how to make equivalent fractions of baking ingredients. On the first day we learned all about measuring and later made a "gallon guy" which showed us how liquid measurements can all become equivalent.

We were able to get over the setback of not having an oven to use, instead using a form of baking called no-bake baking. What that means is we don't use the oven. For example, we refrigerated our recipe for it to achieve its form. After that, we wrote a reflection on what went well and what we could do better. Next, we "baked" once more, and made puppy chow and death by chocolate. Surprisingly, the entire class of Home Economics is 8th Grade students. Mrs. Rywelksi was the Home Ec teacher.

In the Golf Course Design elective, the teacher was Mr. Driscoll, who is the science teacher. In the class we had to build a golf course by only using recyclable materials (pop cans, cardboard, boxes, and etc). We had to make plans and brainstorm ideas

on the golf course and we had to make sure that all of our plans were approved by Mr. Driscoll before we could start building our golf course. When Mr. Driscoll approves your plan, you can't make any other changes. We also had a budget to work with, which was \$1.75. We could sell other recyclable materials to other groups so a group could gain money, but while maintaining your budget. We learned that we have to be careful with money and that we have to maintain a budget. We also learned that we should always recycle and that recycling is good and should never think twice about doing it.

In Drama, people act and play out plays and sometimes movies. "It is very fun and I get to be with my friends" says 8th grader, Angelica Puga. "We are doing 4 or 5 plays and we are going to play them to the Pre School kids, kindergartners and first graders."

Right now, drama has been working on *The Giving Tree*, *The Hungry Caterpillar* and more. In drama, you get to hang out with friends, act out your acting skills, be creative, and have fun. The teacher that is teaching it is Mrs. Ziegler.

Mrs. Kolozsy was the teacher for Stock Market Project. In this elective class, everything is mostly done with laptop. Everyone started with \$200 (not real money) and chose 6 companies to invest in. Students had to look at the opening price and closing price, then multiply how many shares you wanted to buy of each. After that the closing price was subtracted from the opening price in all six companies. Next you had to see how much money was left and who had the most. The student with the greatest profit won a prize of a \$15 gift card.

Engineering 101 was taught by Mr. Reisenbuechler and The Sports History elective was taught by Mr. Lesinski.

The new electives in the new session, which started yesterday, are Mock Trial,



Nick Cianci and Paulina Sroka are taking the Guitar Lessons Elective in the new session

Music Appreciation, and Guitar Lessons. Golf Course Design and Home Economics are available for another session. Current Drama students will be continuing for another 6 week session because more time is needed for rehearsals and preparing the shows.

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Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities

Monday, Oct. 16 @ 7:00 pm
School Advisory Board Meeting at St. Mary's Church

Wednesday, Oct. 18 @ 7:00 pm
Spiritual Charter Meeting in the Pollone Library

Thursday, Oct. 19
Rosati's Frassati Family Night

Monday, Oct. 23 through Friday Oct. 27
RED RIBBON WEEK

Mundelein Campus Welcomes New Teachers for 3rd & 4th Grade

By Emma Roberts

Frassati Catholic Academy Mundelein Campus has welcomed some great new teachers this 2017-2018 school year! Frassati is excited to introduce Miss Alexia Kaminski and Mrs. Jennifer Beckman! Both of these teachers are excited to share their knowledge and teach their students in a fun, engaging way while incorporating the values we all share here at Frassati.

Miss Alexia Kaminski is excited to step into her position as our new 3rd grade teacher! After graduating Carmel Catholic High School, Miss Kaminski continued her education at St. Norbert College and recently graduated with major in middle childhood/early adolescent education and a minor in language arts. Miss Kaminski has a variety of interests and states on her website, "I love the color green, spending time with my big family and friends, watching sports, cheerleading, reading books, being



New 3rd Grade Teacher, Miss Kaminski

outdoors, and traveling." Miss Kaminski is excited to have a great year with her 3rd graders!

Mrs. Jennifer Beckman has transitioned from our Wauconda campus. She taught ELA at the Middle School last year.



New 4th Grade Teacher, Mrs. Beckman

This year she's at our Mundelein Campus and has become our 4th grade teacher! Mrs. Beckman attended Niles North High School and continued to Illinois State University where she received her Bachelors of Science in Education. She has been teaching for 11 years and she has taught a variety of children from kindergarten through 8th grade!

She says, "I always knew I wanted to be a teacher, when I was in elementary school I would play school with my brother and I always loved school supplies. I went into teaching because I enjoy working with students and watching them learn and grow." 4th grader Claire Gannon would describe her new teacher, Mrs. Beckman with these words, "Caring, patient, and very stylish because she always wears matching clothing!". We welcome Mrs. Beckman as our new 4th grade teacher!

Virtual Backpack Provides Info, Saves Time & Paper

By Paulina Sroka

The virtual backpack is an online site that has flyers and other school related information from the school and the Archdiocese. It keeps parents (and students) from having to sort through printed papers sent home. It is a mess free, non wasteful way of getting information. It is also very eco friendly. Now students only have to bring home homework.

Many people, especially parents, are using the Virtual Backpack to organize school events and funds. If desired, papers can be printed at home (in case your computer stops working). Frassati's Virtual Backpack can be found on the web at <https://www.frassaticatholicacademy.org/>. Go to "Parents", and click on "Virtual Backpack".

Some of the informational flyers currently in Frassati's Virtual Backpack include sports schedules, a link to the FFA Shutterfly site, information about the craft fair, an explanation of school communication, and details of school committees. You can also learn about the Bee-Attitudes program and the Scrip program.

The site is updated regularly so be sure to keep checking back for new flyers, schedules and other info.



Pier Giorgio Frassati Fun Facts

Did you know...?

- As a young boy, Pier Giorgio saved a young girl who was going to fall through ice when they were skating.
- Frassati prayed so excessively that his worried mother had a priest come over who told him it was unhealthy to pray so much!

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Special School Spirit Section

Girls Volleyball Teams Keep Bumping, Setting Their Way Through Season

By Juliana Soto & Kate Roberts

Frassati's Girls Volleyball Teams are about halfway through their seasons. There are 5 total teams at Frassati: Two 5th Grade teams (one at each Elementary Campus), and one team each for 6th, 7th & 8th grade. They all play in the Northeast Illinois Catholic Conference against teams like St. Patrick (in Wadsworth), Prince of Peace (in Lake Villa) and Our Lady of Humility (in Beach Park).

The 5th Grade volleyball teams play virtually every Saturday during their season and the Mundelein Campus & Wauconda Campus will play each other at some point.

The 6th grade volleyball team has had great season so far! They are 5-5 and have made incredible progress, from learning to spike to improving their serves. They have a fantastic spirit on the court and get the whole crowd going! They have been working on digs and improving all their skills. The 6th graders are coached by Mr. Steve Hill and Mrs. Liz Zomchek.

The 7th grade team now has a record of 5-8, but were able to take 3rd Place in last weekend's Frassati Tournament. The 7th Graders are coached by Mr. Ken Deja and Mrs. Karen Brunk. The 7th Graders



The 8th Grade Girls Volleyball Team plays against Our Lady of Humility on September 6.

will finish their season around Oct. 20 with the NICC Conference Tournament.

The 8th Grade team, coached by Mrs. Carolyn Huner and Mrs. Kristine Asmussen has played some very tough opponents so far this season. Their record stands at 4-6 with less than half the season to go. The 8th grade team also caps off their season in their own NICC Conference Tournament around Oct. 23. Before that, however, their

final home game will be on October 11, which will be a special "Pack the Gym" night. The 8th graders will be recognized with their parents on that special night. Students attending the game to watch, wearing spiritwear, will receive an out of uniform pass and can use the coupon on this page for a free popcorn.

PACK THE GYM NIGHT!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

CHEER ON THE 8TH GRADE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM AT THEIR LAST HOME GAME!

**ALL GRADES WELCOME!
ADMISSION IS ALWAYS FREE
FOR FRASSATI STUDENTS,
SIBLINGS AND PARENTS!**

EVENT SCHEDULE

- 6:00 - 6th grade game**
- 7:00 - 7th grade game**
- 7:55 - Player and parent introductions**
- 8:00 - 8th grade game**



FREE POPCORN

Bring this coupon to the concession stand and receive one free bag of popcorn. 1 coupon per student. Expires 10/12/17



Special School Spirit Section

9600 Laps Completed by FunD Runners at Frassati

By Kate Hill

The FunD Run was awesome this year! At least that's what Frassati students are saying. This was the first year of joining the Mundelein campus elementary school and the junior high joining, too. To help the runners run, there was music, water bottles and freeze pops. Parent volunteers acted as lap counters for each student who ran, keeping track of the number of laps. They also gave out high fives to the people who they were counting for.

Every grade got about 45 minutes to run as many laps as they could, from Pre-K through 8th grade. Each runner had a goal they wanted to reach and if you reached that goal you could stop and help the counter or run for 45 minutes to get over your goal. Many runners got pledges for each lap they ran, so the more laps they could do, the more money they could raise!

There were 5 "races" on FunD Run Day, with the Pre-Schoolers running laps with Kindergarten and 1st Grade in the morning. Later in the morning, all the 2nd and 3rd graders from both campuses ran their laps together. 4th & 5th graders ran together around noon.

The middle schoolers held a pep rally



Preschool through 1st Grade kick off the FunD Run last Friday

in the PLC gym early in the day and then 6th grade along with half of 7th grade ran their laps, followed by the other half of 7th grade with 8th grade. Overall the students ran more than 9600 laps around the track this year.

The goal of this year's FunD Run was to raise \$8000.00. So far, over 40% of the pledges have been collected amounting to over \$5500.00. More pledges are coming in every day.

If you were unable to fill out a pledge sheet or your child was unable to run, we always welcome donations to the FunD

run. Please just send your donation to school in an envelope marked FunD Run. The FFA would like to thank you so much for all the support for our Inaugural FunD Run.

Individual winners were determined for each grade by their total laps. The winners are:

Pre-K: Abby Hicks (Wauc), Liam Potempa (Mund)

Kindergarten: Tucker Gornick (Mund), Morgan Spun (Wauc)

1st Grade: Colin Bauer (Wauc), James Roche (Mund)

2nd Grade: Zander Liscomb (Mund), Leo Puga (Wauc)

3rd Grade: Anna Parmley (Wauc), Lucas Gonzales (Mund)

4th Grade: Nicholas Ori (Mund), Michael D'Incognito (Wauc)

5th Grade: Cameron Lockhart (Wauc), Sean Sanderson (Mund)

6th Grade: Mikey McMurray

7th Grade: Joshua Puga

8th Grade: Kyle Snyder

Winners will receive prizes which will be delivered in the Wednesday Folders next week.

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Frassati's Robotics Club Starts Next Week

By Stephanie Aquino & Juliana Soto

Have you heard about Robotics? Robotics is a club about programming and controlling robots. Coach Roger Huner is the club leader and teacher. He says "Robotics club isn't really a club, it is mainly an after-school 'class' about programming." Coach Huner, with other parent volunteers including Mr. Fred Strobl, teaches students how to build robots and program them to do certain things.

The Frassati Robotics team is sponsored by Lake County 4-H. They provide LEGO kits to build robots. 4-H also puts on a Showcase where teams are given challenge parameters to compete against other teams in Lake County. The challenge will be announced in January and the Robotics Showcase is in April.

For this club, we use LEGOs, but we use them as tools, not toys. Robotics Club will meet after school on Fridays, starting on Friday, October 13th. The time of the club meeting is 3:30pm to 4:45pm until January. Club meetings will last until 5:00 pm during and after January. Why 5:00 during and after January? To prepare for the Showcase!

At the Showcase, different teams of Frassati students will program their robots to do certain tasks, depending on the situation. For instance, last year the challenge was being healthy. As one of the alumni from last year, Maddy Aquino, says, "In my opinion, Robotics is really fun!" At last year's Showcase, Frassati had four different teams compete. There were a number of awards that teams competed for including "Best Programming" and "Best Table Run". Out of about 8 possible awards,

Frassati Teams won two of them: "Most Creative" and "Team Spirit".

On Monday, Coach Huner came in to each of the ELA Classes and talked about the club and gave out information and registration packets for robotics. If you would like to join the Robotics Club, registration forms are due Tuesday, October 10, the day after Columbus Day. No late forms will be accepted. If you have any questions about robotics or for Coach Huner, you can email him (nevhuntre@me.com) or talk to him at school.

Student Council Makes Plans

By Angelica Puga

Frassati's Student Council has been making plans for the school year. Eddie Ferrer mentioned that one thing is "trying to make the dances better and longer than they are." For the dances, the best costume wins award and make a theme for every dance. He also explained that they want to "bring back Frassati Wednesdays."

Red Ribbon Week is coming up and the Student Council are going to make bracelets instead of ribbons. They've also made a plan for Red Ribbon Week: Monday: crazy hair/ hats day and wear a red top, Tuesday: favorite sports, Wednesday: twin day, Thursday: student choice, Friday: regular dress uniform.

Student Council is trying to take the whole school to feed my starving children and bring back SWWAG. Also do pep rallies at least once a month and a Shadow Day. Maybe have a pep rally and have six graders do the shadowing.

Yearbooks 10% Off in October

If you missed the 15% Yearbook discount in September, you can still save 10% if you order your Yearbook by the end of October!

Don't forget that each Yearbook includes 2 pages that can be customized with personal photos or other content. (Additional personal pages can be added.)

The standard edition of the book is softcover, but can be upgraded to hardcover (for an additional charge).

Parents should check their emails for reminders from TreeRing. Questions can be directed to the Chief Yearbook Editor, Mr. Roger Huner at nevhuntre@me.com.

Frassati Sets Uniform Policy

By Abby Tekampe

The FCA uniform policies are an important part of being a good school. Girls at both campuses K-5 can wear the plaid skort or khaki shorts through October 30 then they can wear pants until spring rolls around. Boys at both campuses can wear the khaki shorts through October 30 then pants for the winter. Both boys and girls at both campuses must wear belts with the khaki pants and the shorts. They can wear maroon, green or white shirts.

The Frassati 6-8 grade boys and girls can wear khaki shorts or khaki pants. The girls can also wear a khaki skort. They also have to wear belts. Shirts can be white or maroon.

On dress days, normally Fridays, the middle schoolers wear a white long sleeve button up, and a maroon and gold tie. The boys wear khaki pants, and girls wear a khaki skort.

On gym days, for both campuses, the K-2 graders wear their gym uniform to school. The gym uniform is a gray shirt with the words Frassati Catholic Academy, and navy blue shorts.

Since the uniforms have just changed recently there is a 2 year "cross-over" period to give people a chance to get new uniforms. Both campuses also have rules for dress down days. Including, but not limited to no leggings, no tear-away pants, no pajamas, no spaghetti straps, no pants with holes, or clothing with offensive pictures or language.

For more on the uniform policy contact Principal Tammy Kleckner at tkleckner@frassaticatholicacademy.org or at



Current 7th Graders Caitie Brunk, Jonah Lazaro, Julio Soto, Diego Prado, Elizabeth Strelecki, Marco Gonzalez and Meagan Friese compete at last school year's Robotics Showcase in Antioch.

Eagles Sports Corner

Eagles Runners Compete at Conference Championship Meet

By Michelle Van Wiltenburg

Frassati's cross country team completed their regular season with the NICC Conference Championship Meet this past Tuesday, October 3rd. The meet was held at the Diamond Lake Sports Complex in Mundelein, IL (located on Route 60-83). This was only the second time that any of the conference runners had run on this course.

As usual the varsity team ran a 2 mile race for this meet and the JV team ran 1 mile. While the boys and girls run their races at the same time, they are scored separately and awards are given out for each division (JV Girls, JV Boys, Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys). 7th and 8th grade athletes are only eligible to run in the Varsity race. Younger runners (6th grade and below) run in the JV race. There were a few younger runners from some of the competing school teams that ran in the Varsity race including Michael Van Wiltenburg, Frassati 6th Grader. In Cross Country it takes 5 runners to make a full team. Unfortunately, Frassati was only able to run 2-4 runners in each race.

The schools that ran with Frassati's Eagle Runners in the Championship Meet were: East Lake Academy, Home Run Kids, Lake Forest Country Day School, Prince of Peace, St. Joe-Libertyville, St. Gilbert and St. Patrick.

All of the Frassati runners were later saying that they had tried really hard in the meet. They passed a lot of other competitors during the race. The JV team stayed on after their race finished to cheer on the Varsity and some actually ran alongside them



Photo by Brianna Huner

Kyle Snyder, 8th Grader, running toward the finishing chute at the Conference Finals Varsity Race. Kyle earned the 4th Place ribbon in the Boys Division.



Photo by Michelle Van Wiltenburg

Varsity Eagles runners at the starting line of their Conference Championship Race.

for part of the course to motivate them. The team says they think they did a great job!

Awards were given out to the top 10 finishers in each race (1st place got a medal and places 2-10 got ribbons). The top 3 teams in each race also received plaques.

The JV Girls race was won by St. Joe's Norah Belmonte. Frassati's Amy Keane took 31st and Maggie Nickles took 32nd (also setting a new personal record (PR)). As a team they finished in 7th place (out of 8 teams). St. Patrick, St. Joe and St. Gilbert (all with 5 or more runners) took home the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place trophies.

The JV Boys race was won by LFCDS's Nate Wehner. Frassati's Cameron Lockhart finished 24th (with a new PR), Corrigan Huner finished 39th and James Nickles finished 40th. As a team they also finished 7th (out of 8). St. Gilbert, St. Patrick and LFCDS earned the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place trophies.

The Varsity Girls race was won by Audrey Luell from St. Patrick. Frassati's Caitie Brunk finished in 9th place, earning a ribbon! She also set a new PR. Juliana Soto finished 16th and Angela Van Wiltenburg, 20th place. As a team, the girls took 4th Place (of 7 teams) only 2 points behind HRK who won the 3rd place trophy. St. Patrick took 1st and St. Gilbert 2nd.

The Varsity Boys race was won by Kyle Pulido from St. Patrick. Only 3 places behind him was Frassati's own Kyle Snyder in 4th place (earning him a ribbon!). Jeremy Bobber finished 17th and Owen Bedell (setting his 5th new PR this season) placed 24th. Michael Van Wiltenburg took 33rd. The boys finished in 5th place as a team (of 8) losing the tie-breaker for 4th place to St. Joe's and only 7 points from 3rd place



Game & Meet Results

Girls Volleyball (Middle School)

9/25: 6th Grade vs St. Joe (Lib) - L 2-1
 9/25: 8th Grade vs St. Joe (Lib) - **W** 2-1
 9/26: 6th Grade @ St. Pat - **W** 2-0
 9/26: 7th Grade @ St. Pat - **W** 2-0
 9/26: 8th Grade @ St. Pat - L 0-2
 9/28: 7th Gr vs St Gilbert (Tourn) - L 0-2
 9/28: 7th Gr vs Holy Cross (Tourn) - L 0-2
 9/28: 8th Grade @ MBT - **W** 2-0
 9/29: 7th Gr vs St Pats (Tourn) - **W** 2-1
 9/30: 7th Gr vs St Pats (Tourn) - **W** 2-0
Eagles: 3rd Place in FCA Tournament

Cross Country

9/28: JV Boys, NICC Meet 4 - 6th (of 7)
 9/28: JV Girls, NICC Meet 4 - 7th (of 8)
 9/28: Var Boys, NICC Meet 4 - 4th (of 8)
 9/28: Var Girls, NICC Meet 4 - 4th (of 7)
 10/3: JV Boys, **NICC Finals** - 7th (of 8)
 10/3: JV Girls, **NICC Finals** - 7th (of 8)
 10/3: Var Boys, **NICC Finals** - 5th (of 8)
 10/3: Var Girls, **NICC Finals** - 4th (of 7)

Boys Soccer

10/2: JV Boys vs St. Joe (Lib) - L 3-7
 10/3: Var Boys vs MBT - L 1-11

Upcoming Games/Meets

10/6: Boys Soc vs OLH, 4:30pm
 10/6: GVB (6th) FCA Tournament
 10/7: XC IESA Sectional Meet
 10/7: GVB (6th) FCA Tournament
 10/7: GVB (5th, Mund) vs PoP
 10/7: GVB (5th, Wauc) vs St Gilbert

10/10: GVB (6th-8th) @ St Gilbert, 6pm
 10/11: Boys JV Soc @ St Annie, 5pm
 10/11: GVB (6th-8th) vs OLH, 6pm
 10/12: Boys Soc @ LFCDS, 4:30pm
 10/13: GVB (6th-8th) @ St Annie, 6pm
 10/14: XC State Meet Or LFCDS Invite
 10/14: GVB (5th Mund vs 5th Wauc)

10/16: GVB (6th & 8th) @ LFCDS, 5:30pm
 10/18: GVB (7th) - NICC Conf Tournament
 10/19: GVB (7th) - NICC Conf Tournament

(LFCDS). St. Gilbert took 1st place and St. Patrick 2nd.

The Varsity team will compete at the IESA sectionals this Saturday (Oct. 7) with ambitions to go on to the State meet on Oct. 14. Go Eagles!