



Month of May Brings First Communions to Frassati's Associated Parishes



Frassati 2nd grade classes pose for photos during their First Communion rehearsal or at their May Crowning Mass. First Communions at both St. Mary's and Transfiguration were on Sat. May 5.

By Kate Hill & Lauren Zomchek

On Saturday, May 5, 2018, Frassati's second graders had their first communions. The second graders were very excited to get their first communion ever. In the Introduction at St. Mary of the Annunciation Church, the first communicants went down the aisle to their parents. After the liturgy of the word, Fr. Jerry asked questions about what it is really like to get your first communion and other questions.

Before they got their communion, the altar servers went across the rows of people holding the holy water to be blessed by the priests. When they went up for communion, the children had to go with their parents and the kids received their communion

first.

At the conclusion of the mass, Fr. Jerry gave acknowledgements to the family members, altar servers, and the people who participated in the mass and there were many pictures taken with the second graders and family members. There were also some refreshments of cake and water.

The First Communion mass at St. Mary's was a success with no accidents from dropping the holy communion or making the wrong step.

Transfiguration Parish had First Holy Communion on the same day as St. Mary's, and most our 2nd graders from the Wauconda Campus participated in this ceremony.

Students who received First Commun-

ion at Transfig were Sofia Cardenas, Isabella Chamberlin, Sam Glasnovich, Nathaniel Kovarik, Dominic Lazaro, Tim Phelan, Leonardo Puga, Olivia Sroka, Aiden Werner, and Sean Zomchek. There were 5 priests who conducted the Mass including Father Juan Pablo, Father Marcin and Father John.

The reason we receive Communion is to become closer to God, and grow in faith. All of the first communicants will take the body and the blood of Christ at every mass from now on.

The students have done a lot to prepare for this big event. They practiced

taking the bread with vanilla wafers, they had their first Reconciliation, and had to do an activity book to get ready for reconciliation and communion.

Sean Zomchek said he was extremely excited, but slightly scared about the wine, because he didn't know how it tasted. Isabella Chamberlin said she felt good about it, and excited and a bit scared. Our school community congratulates all our First Communicants at St. Mary's, Transfiguration and Santa Maria Del Popolo.

Congratulations, Frassati First Communicants!

Manny Alvarez	Max Aragon	Sofia Cardenas
Isabella Chamberlin	Enrique Dirzo	Alan Dye
Steven Galuska	Thomas Gannon	Sam Glasnovich
Lukas Kelpas	Nathaniel Kovarik	Elizabeth LaMora
Dominic Lazaro	Zander Liscomb	Andrew Mattingly
Drake Meier	Sadie Olsen	Timothy Phelan
Lilah Potempa	Leonardo Puga	Brandon Rodriguez
Rachael Russell	Olivia Sroka	Aiden Werner
Sean Zomchek		

Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities

- ⇒ Wed, May 9
May Crowning @ Transfiguration
- ⇒ Fri, May 11
Wauconda Café Fundraiser
GOLDEN APPLE GALA
- ⇒ Sun, May 13
MOTHER'S DAY
- ⇒ Mon, May 14
Band Concert @ St. Francis, 7:00pm
- ⇒ Tue, May 15
8th Grade Parent Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- ⇒ Wed, May 16
Catholic Identity & Mission Meeting @ 7pm
- ⇒ Thur, May 17
Mundelein Cmps. Spring Concert, 1&7pm
Robotics Showcase @ Wauc Cmps, 2pm
- ⇒ Fri, May 18
Wauconda Café Fundraiser

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Friday, May 11th, 2018

6:00pm - 12:00am

Final Electives Session Brings Four New Fun Courses

By Brianna Huner

As the end of school gets closer and closer, our elective sessions will come to a close. But, that doesn't mean we can't still have fun with them!

One of our new electives is Women's Self Defense, taught by Mrs. Kolozsy. This is our first non co-ed class. Women's Self Defense is an all-girls class created to teach our young female students how to defend themselves against an attack. For their first lesson, they learned to get out of wrist grabs.

Another new elective is Art Therapy, taught by Mr. Driscoll. Though it is called Art Therapy, it really means coloring and listening to relaxing moments. Coloring has been proven as an amazing stress reliever. That's why people in hospitals seem to frequently have coloring books. Music is

also important for relaxation and recovery.

Popular Music is the third new elective, which is being taught by Mr. L. Popular Music is similar to an old elective called Music Appreciation, where the students listened to music in an attempt to understand it. Unfortunately, Mr. L was absent for the first class on May 3rd, so Coach Huner (who substituted for Mr. L that day) had a study hall for the students instead.

Another New Elective is Zumba, taught by Senora Rywelski. Zumba is a

type of fast-moving yoga which incorporates dance moves.

Our final new elective is Songwriting, taught by Mr. Maday. Mr. Maday wanted an opportunity to teach those who are interested to write songs. Many of the songwriters play an instrument and are interested to learn more.

The only elective for this 6 week session that is carried over from the previous session is Coding, taught once again by Mrs. Soudan.

"Mad Science" Brings Experiments, Slime & Fun to FCA

By Isabella Chorazy

On Tuesday 26, we got a visit from the "Mad Scientist." The group comes every year to show their funny and crazy experiments. This year they had slime, a show, and table layouts.

Here are what some people thought of it. Michael McMurray said, "It was cool!"

and that he would go back again.

Kyle Steckenrider, who volunteered to help with an experiment said that it was fun and that the fog tastes like sugar and lime.

When I asked Sarah she gave me a thumbs up!

The scientists chose a bunch of volunteers to help them out with experiments. It was so much fun!

Pier Giorgio Frassati Fun Facts
by Emma Roberts

Did you know...?

Frassati was a member of the Italian Alpine Climbing Club and climbed countless mountain attractions across Italy

"With every passing day, I fall madly in love with the mountains; their fascination attracts me," Frassati wrote to a friend.

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This Issue's "Great Debate": Are Apple Products Better?

La Stompa Staff Weighs In

"I choose Apple because the Iphone is not as confusing as an android is. It shows great upgrades on how to block phone numbers to helping find your Iphone on the Find My Iphone app. There are also great tips on the Iphone that can become easier. There is also an app store where you can by apps that show what the best apps of the day are and what your style is on the app. In Conclusion, I think that Apple is better than Android."

- Kate Hill

"In my opinion, I think Apple is better because I think it's easier to control. I have tried an android phone and I couldn't find an app that was downloaded on the phone. On Apple, I can just find the app right way. And then there is the settings on Android. I can not get through the settings on Android. It's too confusing and I don't get it. The Apple settings are way easier to get through. That's why I like Apple better than Android."

- Ariane Rajcevich

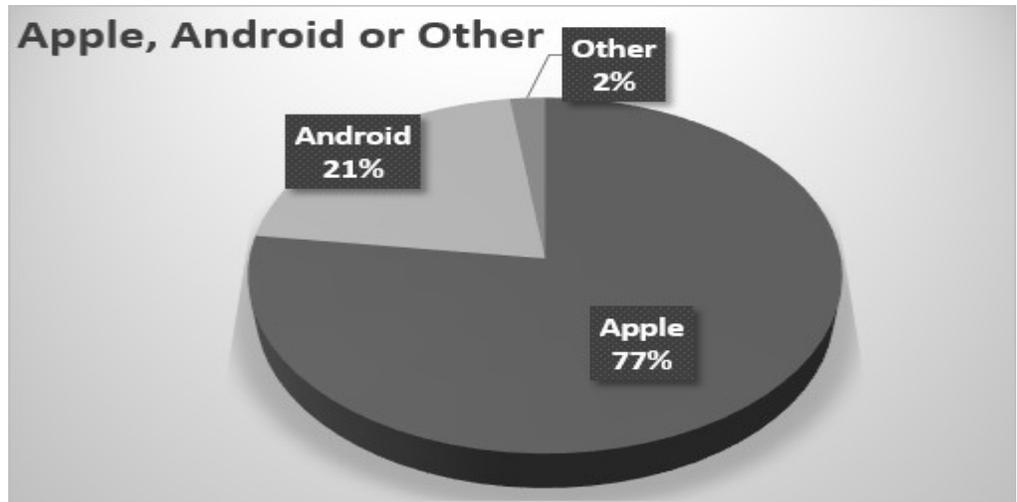
"I prefer Apple products over Android products because I like technology better. Also are more pleasing to the eye. They come in different colors which is better. That is why I like Apple products."

- Kate Roberts

"Obviously Apple, because of all its awesome features. Everybody loses their phone and sometimes we lose our phones when its on silent so we can't hear it ring. Apple has Find My iPhone which allows you to "ring" your phone even if its on silent or "do not disturb." It is possible to do this same feature on Android but it is so much more complicated and requires another app. There are so many other cool features that Apple provides so I encourage you to use an Apple Phone."

- Kyle Snyder

"I prefer Apple devices and products for a few reasons. Some Apple devices and products may come with a heavy price tag, but they are usually good quality product and long lasting and if something isn't right there are people who can help you. I have almost always used Apple products and they work great and if it isn't broke don't fix. Those are a few reasons I prefer Apple products and devices. As long as it doesn't



We polled our Frassati middle schoolers about which brand of phone/tablet device they liked best. 48 responses yielded an overwhelming preference for Apple.

have a huge price tag I will be ready for the next Apple products."

- Abby Tekampe

phone companies to make sure I am making the right choice!"

- Emma Roberts

"Personally, I would choose Apple products mostly because I am not familiar with Android products. I own an iPhone and am happy with the features it offers. I would like to do more research on other

"I prefer Apple products, mostly because that is what my parents use. Also, Apple has different colors. That makes me happy."

- Lauren Zomchek

Frassati Shows Appreciation for Teachers All Week Long

By Emma Roberts

"A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination, and instill a love of learning." - Brad Henry. Our teachers here at Frassati Catholic Academy truly experience and share the meaning of this quote. This week, Teacher Appreciation Week May 7 – 11, and especially today, Teacher Appreciation Day, May 8th, we celebrate our teachers and the passion and joy bring to school everyday.

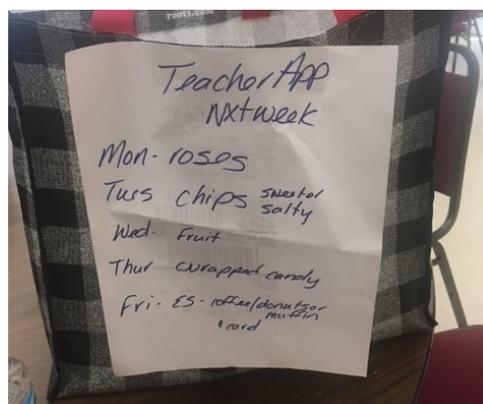
Everyday this week, our Frassati parents, specifically room moms, and students K-5 are doing something special to show



Breakfast treats for the teachers in the lounge.

our teachers how much we appreciate what they do. Whether its bringing in flowers, candy, or special notes, it's all about showing gratitude. Today, the Frassati Family Association, FFA offered a special breakfast for our teachers and are planning more fun activities this week.

As we continue to celebrate our awesome teachers this week, make sure to show your teachers your appreciation. May our teachers continue to inspire, educate, and show what it means to be a good Catholic example for all.



Best Wishes to All Frassati Students & Faculty Celebrating Birthdays in May!

		May 1 Kathryn Minard				May 5 Tyler Johnson John Clarizio
May 6 Nathan Sangston <i>Coach Huner</i>			May 9 Chase Marcotte <i>Mrs. Gebelhoff</i>	May 10 Brianna Huner		May 12 Michelle & Michael Van Wiltenburg
	May 14 Dylan Bott Luke McEwen <i>Ms. Kleckner</i>	May 16 Adrian Sikora	May 16 Edward Ferrer			
			May 21 Jacob Szejda Hannah Werner	May 22 Adi Campos Megan Brunk		May 24 Henry Huntemann
May 25 Aiden Rous						

School Dance Celebrates 8th Grade Class

Electives Beat

By James Stubitsch

The final Frassati school dance of the year was held on Friday, April 20th from 6:30-8:30 pm. At the dance there was the usual dancing, music and food.

This dance celebrated our graduating 8th Grade class with a display of the different high schools that they will be going to in the fall.

There were also raffle tickets and the prizes for the raffle tickets were Beats head phones, a movie basket, an Amazon basket, an iTunes basket and a limo ride. The winners of the raffles were Beats headphones - Angela Van Wiltenburg, Movie Basket - Abby Tekampe, Amazon Basket -Ariana Conzelman, iTunes basket—Ethan Giunta, limo ride - Kyle Snyder.



The "Wall of Graduates" at the school dance, with each 8th grader listed with the High School they will be attending this fall.

St. Mary's Youth Group Plans Activities for Summer

By James Stubitsch

The St Mary's youth group is a group that is like junior high friendly night but a little different the group plays games in the gym and teaches some religion. Last time they taught us about the beatitudes.

They also have some refreshments like junior high friendly night. The youth group has some events like going to Six Flags Great America on July 26th, a Cubs game on September 3 and for 8th graders and up they can register to go to July 20th-22nd.

The La Stompa Staff would like to wish a Happy Mothers Day to all our moms and mothers everywhere. We wouldn't be who we are without you!



photo by Kristina Spada

At the dance!

Frassati Faculty Fun Facts

- Mrs. Zeigler's favorite sports teams are the Blackhawks and the Cubs.
- Mr. Driscoll sings in two choirs.
- Besides teaching Social Studies and Religion at FCA, Mr. L also teaches tennis!
- Coach Huner was once the only adult actor in a Children's Community Theatre production of "Jack & The Beanstalk." He played the giant.

- Mrs. Zeigler's favorite shoes are flip flops.
- Mr. L has 8 grandchildren, including one who goes to St. Gilbert's and competes against Frassati athletes in Cross Country and Track & Field.

Avengers: Infinity War Gets All Marvel Characters Together For Epic Film

Movie Review

By Joaquin Cardenas

Marvel is back with laughter and battle. *Avengers: Infinity War* was expected to be the best Avengers yet, actually, most expected it to be the best Marvel movie yet.

It was a very good movie in my opinion. Thanos wants all Infinity Stones to restore balance and apparently his version of death is mercy. So the Avengers have to reunite and fight.

Infinity War continues the tone and picks up the story of all the recent Marvel Movies, especially *Thor: Ragnarok* the most recent movie. The characters that are in this movie are Loki, Thor, Iron Man, Hulk, Vision, Spiderman, Doctor Strange, Captain America, Scarlet Witch, Wong, Black Panther, Okoye, Thanos, Gamora, Star-Lord, Drax, Groot, Rocket, Black Widow, Falcon, Bucky Barnes, War Machine, Nebula, Shuri, Heimdall and some people from comics that haven't previously been in the movies. I think that's all.

The infinity stones are Time Stone (Eye of Agamotto), Space Stone (Tesseract), Mind Stone, Soul Stone, Power Stone, and Reality Stone. Tip: always watch the scenes after the credits.

Avengers: Infinity War is top of the



box office with more than \$250 M dollars in it's first weekend. Rotten tomatoes rated it 84% on their meter thing. So, this is another Marvel movie at the top. I personally think this was an awesome movie filled with laughter, and, well, Marvel. (Rated PG

Movie Review

By Diego Prado

Avengers: Infinity War was released on April 27, 2018. It has been a week since the release of the movie but it has already

garnered a billion dollars in the world wide box office. It has a 92 percent audience score currently on rotten tomatoes and has been getting really good reviews from critics.

The plot revolves around Thanos trying to get all the infinity stones together so he can wipe out half of the universe to save resources which are becoming scarce, and the Avengers doing everything in their power to stop him. I personally loved the movie. It had a great plot, setting, characters, and action. It did a great job of bringing all the past ten years worth of movies together. With the cliffhanger ending it gave us I will be waiting for part two!

My Flavor It! Place is Back In Business for Summer

Restaurant Review

By Emma Roberts

Since our school season is slowing down, and summer is approaching, it's the perfect time for a frozen treat! My Flavor It! Place has recently opened for Summer 2018 and offers deliciously crafted shaved ice, ice cream, and much more!

My Flavor It! Place is a small family owned chain of dessert shops spreading across the Northwest Suburbs of Chicago. The shop opened in 2003 in its first location, Lake Zurich. Since then, My Flavor It! Place has grown and opened in three more locations; Palatine, Libertyville, and Main St. Wauconda, which is walking distance from our school.

Flavor It's selection of frozen desserts is very broad. With almost 30 delicious flavors to choose from, which can be mixed into shaved ice, slushies, brainfreezes, milkshakes, or flavored ice cream cups, there is something for everyone! Some of



photo by Emma Roberts

our 8th graders, which often visit the shop, share their favorite combinations. Brianna Huner loves strawberry shaved while Bella Niemotka orders the rainbow shaved ice. Savannah Campos and Clare Keane love the same combination of chocolate-vanilla swirl ice cream with cookie dough!

My Flavor It! Place offers a convenient option when looking for a unique, fun-filled experience to cool off on a hot summer day. Flavor It's motto sums it all up; "Make My Flavor It! Place YOUR favorite place!"

Chromebook Tips

by Stephanie Aquino

- ◆ Press ctrl + shift + L to lock your chromebook's screen
- ◆ Press ctrl + shift + Q to logout of your chromebook. Press ctrl + shift + Q two times to turn off the chromebook
- ◆ Did you notice your chromebook does not have a caps lock button? Alt + search button to toggle caps lock!
- ◆ To increase the screen scale: Ctrl + shift and +
- ◆ To decrease the screen scale: Ctrl + shift and -

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“Frassati Five” Go to Elmhurst to Play in Honors Band Concert

By Stephanie Aquino

On April 28th, Music Education Services (MES) had their annual Honors Band Concert, located at the Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church. Out of the 2,500 students in the music education program, 160 students were chosen for honors band.

Five of the 160 students were Advanced Band members from the Frassati middle school. Three were 8th graders: Juliana Soto (clarinet), Kathleen Asmussen (clarinet) and Jeremy Bobber (Alto Saxophone). Seventh grader Meagan Frieze (Tenor Saxophone) and Sixth grader Stephanie Aquino were also selected.

Honors Band has two groups, concert band and symphonic band. Band students have to be selected for the concert band, but the MES started to do something new this year to get into symphonic band. Students have to send in a video audition to be selected into symphonic band.

All students that were selected had to be at the church at 8 am to start practicing for the recital at 3:30 pm that day. At 3:00 pm, the teachers had a teacher concert, where the teachers got to play songs for the students. Some of the songs they played were the Wii theme song and the Mario theme song.

This year’s concert band played the Star Spangled Banner, Lost Lady Found from Lincolnshire Posy, Greek Folk Trilogy, the Hobbits Dance and Hymn from the movie Lord of the Rings, and Do-Re-Mi from the famous musical The Sound of Music.

Symphonic band got to play Tribal Drums, Nimrod, Lincoln Legacy and Selections from the Lion King. Those of us in the Honors Band also saw an awesome snowman.

Great job to all of the honors band students!



Frassati Students Meagan Frieze, Stephanie Aquino, Juliana Soto, Kathleen Asmussen and Jeremy Bobber (along with Band Director,

8th Graders Will Be Busy During Their Final Month

By La Stompa Staff

The 8th grade class at Frassati is only about 4 weeks away from graduation and end of the year activities are underway for them. Last week, they got their 8th grade t-shirts, which they will wear every Monday through the rest of the school year.

On Friday, May 4, they participated in

the May Crowning Mass and all got their special 8th Grade pins to wear for the rest of the year.

Coming up on May 24th, they will take their excursion trip into Chicago. The dinner-dance will be on Thursday, May 31 followed by graduation the following day on June 1st!



Marisa Spada, Angela Van Wiltenburg & Juliana Soto bring up the crown for Mary during the May Crowning Mass on Friday, May 4.



The entire 8th grade class (almost) poses with their special t-shirts on the playground for a group shot before recess on May 7.



Mr. Driscoll and Mrs. Zeigler “pin” 8th graders Owen Bedell, Ella Cappelle, Edward Ferrer, Kathryn Minard, Matthew Molsen and Emma Roberts during the pinning ceremony at the end of the May Crowning mass on Friday, May 4.

P.E. Class Sees Birdies in the Gym for Badminton Tourney



Ben LaMora & Jeremy Bobber play in their 8th grade PE Badminton tournament during PE class on May 1.

teams play each other and advance when they win. Once your team gets to the top, you play other teams that reach the top and beat them to stay at the top. Depending on when each class finishes the tournament, the teams change.

Opinions of the tournament vary. Kathryn Minard said, "I didn't like it."

Angela Van Wiltenburg

By Marisa Spada

In PE class students from all grades are participating in a king of the hill badminton tournament. A king of the hill badminton tournament is a tournament where 2v2

said, "It's fun if you have a good partner."

Jeremy Bobber added, "It was good, I won every game but one!" It seems that some students liked playing in the badminton tournaments while some did not.

Frassati in Photos



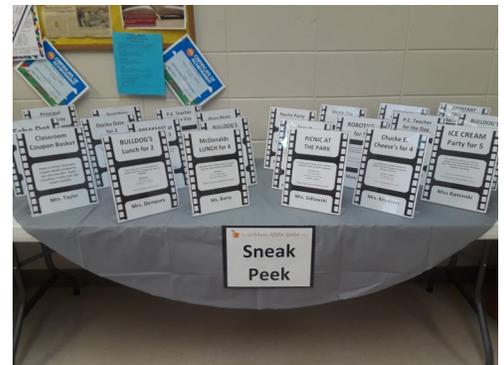
Barbie Soudan "grabbing air" competing in the Long Jump at the JV track meet on May 1.



Father Matthew blesses the 8th grade pins during the May crowning mass on May 4, assisted by 6th grade altar server Ethan Giunta



Meagan Friese and Angela Van Wiltenburg in a tight 100 M race at the Ringness Meet on Saturday, May 5.



A sneak peek at the Teacher Gifts up for auction at the Golden Apple Gala this Friday!

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Eagles Sports Corner

First JV Meet of Season Features Many New FCA Runners

Frassati's JV Track & Field team took to the track for the first time this season on Tuesday, May 1st at Wauconda High School. This was the first Conference meet for runners in 4th, 5th & 6th grade with many athletes competing for the very first time in their careers.

Out of the 10 teams competing in the Meet, Frassati's athletes scored enough points to earn 5th place overall. St Patrick's took 1st place.

Competing in their first meet was 6th graders Jorge Camargo and 5th graders Derek Bishop and Shawn Stonis. 4th graders running for the first time were Addison Dempsey, Clare Gannon, Maddy Gardner, Amy Keane, Kasey Kruger, Zadie Navarrete, Maggie Nickles, Nicholas Ori, Ava Potempa and Isabel Rodriguez.

FCA runners who scored in the meet (earning 6th place or better in an event) included:

200M Dash: Barbie Soudan (5th)
800M Run: Keira Ackerson (6th)

1600M Run: Michael Van Wiltenburg (4th)
High Jump: Derek Bishop (2nd), Shawn Stonis (6th)
High Jump: Kate Hill (1st), Keira Ackerson (6th)
Long Jump: Barbie Soudan (3rd)
Softball Throw: Nicholas Ori (2nd), Noah LaMora (6th)
Softball Throw: Ava Potempa (3rd)

FCA relay teams also got scoring finishes in the Boys 4x100M (6th), Girls 4x100M (5th) and the Boys 4x200M (5th).

There were also several new PRs (Personal Records) set by several competitors including: Keira Ackerson (Long Jump), Kate Hill (Long Jump), Corrigan Huner (100M & 400M), Noah LaMora (Long Jump & Softball Throw), Barbie Soudan (200M & Long Jump) and Michael Van Wiltenburg (800M & 1600M).

The JV team also competed in the Ringnes Invitational meet on Saturday, May 5. Their next meet will be this Thursday, May 10th.



Game & Meet Results

Track & Field

5/1: NICC Meet #2 (JV) - **5th** (of 10)
5/4: NICC Meet #3 (Varsity - cancelled)
5/5: Ringness Invitational - **6th** (of 9)

Girls Soccer

4/30: JV vs LFCDS - not reported
4/28: Varsity vs LFCDS - L 1-4
5/1: JV vs St. Annie - cancelled
5/1: Varsity vs St Annie - cancelled
5/2: JV vs St Joe (Lib) - cancelled
5/2: Varsity vs St Joe (Lib) - cancelled

Upcoming Games/Meets

5/8: Girls Soccer vs St Joe @ Dymond
5/9: Girls Soccer vs LFCDS @ LFCDS
5/10: Track Meet (NICC-JV) @ Lbtyvl HS
5/14: Girls Soccer Varsity Playoffs Begin
5/15: Track Meet (NICC-Var) @ Wauc HS
5/18: Track Meet (NICC-JV) @ Lbtyvl HS
5/19: Track Meet, Conf Finals @ Carmel HS

Frassati Track Team Competes Shorthanded but Takes 6th Place Trophy

By La Stompa Staff

The weather was beautiful on Saturday, May 5. It was a great day for a track meet and the entire FCA team (both Varsity & JV) travelled to Crystal Lake to compete in the Annual Thomas Ringness Invitational Track Meet at Prairie Ridge High School.

The first Saturday in May is always full of conflicts and only about 2/3 of the full team could participate so several athletes competed in events they don't normally run, some for the very first time. It was enough to take 6th place out the 9 teams participating.

Notable scoring finishes in this meet included:

200M Dash (JV): Barbie Soudan (5th)
200M Dash (Var): Kylie Soudan (4th)
400 M Run (JV): Keira Ackerson (6th)
400 M Run (Var): Meagan Friese (4th)
800 M Run (JV): Michael Van Wiltenburg (1st)
800 M Run (Var): Owen Bedell (5th)
800 M Run (Var): Caitie Brunk (2nd)
1600 M Run (JV): Michael Van Wiltenburg (2nd)
1600 M Run (Var): Kyle Snyder (4th)

High Jump (JV): Shawn Stonis (5th)
High Jump (Var): Kylie Soudan (4th), Miacaela Ackerson (6th)
Long Jump (Var): Marco Gonzalez (5th)
Long Jump (Var): Caitie Brunk (1st - NEW SCHOOL RECORD of 13' 7")
Shot Put: Tony Bishop (4th)
Shot Put: Kathleen Asmussen (5th)
Softball Throw: Nicholas Ori (1st)

In addition, FCA finished in scoring position in several relay races:

4x100M (Girls JV) - 6th
4x100M (Boys Varsity) - 4th
4x100M (Girls Varsity) - 5th
4x200M (Boys Varsity) - 3rd
4x200M (Girls Varsity) - 5th
4x100M (CoEd Varsity) - 5th

Coach Huner said that all of the athletes were fantastic at the meet and he was very proud of all their performances, especially the runners who stepped up to fill in where there were gaps. Go Eagles!



Caitie Brunk in an extremely close finish with St. Pat's Olivia Bucelli in the 800 M Run on May 5.