

## Hundreds of Laps Recorded at Annual FunD Run



At left, Frassati 1st graders get ready to start their laps at the FunD Run on Sept 27. At right, the 5th graders are ready to go.

By La Stompa Staff

Frassati’s Annual FunD Run was held on Friday, Sept. 27 during the school day. The FFA (Frassati Family Association) led by Mrs. Janel Kovarik and Mrs. Erin Gardner was in charge of setting up and running the event and outfitted the school parking lot with flags and decorations with a circus theme. The FunD Run MC (who also provided the music) was Mr. Huner.

The schedule was set up to have multiple grades run together outside in the parking lot. Unfortunately, after the 2nd and 3rd grades got to run outside, the weather turned and a heavy storm rolled in, so everything had to be moved inside to the PLC gym. This also meant the schedule had to be adjusted so that not so many kids were running together in the small space. But

the event pressed on and all the students got to run!

The “lap champions” for each grade were:

Pre-School/Pre-K: Matthew Ferrer & Kate Zomchek.

Kindergarten: Arianna Celedon & Brady Foat

1st Grade: Thomas Hall & Addison Hall.

2nd Grade: Preston Steckler & Juliana Gonzalez

3rd Grade: Andrea Bobber & Colin Bauer

4th Grade: Dominic Lazaro & Taylor Lockhart

5th Grade: Lucas Gonzalez & Fiona Ackerson

6th Grade:Zadie Navarrete & Max Chamberlin

7th Grade: Cameron Lockhart, Andrea Lazaro & Maggie McConville.

8th Grade: Alex Castillo & Keira Ackerson.

Several runners also earned “Golden Eagle Sportsmanship” Awards. Each grade had one winner:

PS/PK: Logan Hamilton

K: Stephenie Dye

1st: Maura Keane

2nd: Justin Wright

3rd: Ivan Juarez

4th: Bella Chamberlin

5th: John Munoz

6th: Anthony Bart

7th: Kayla Finnerty

8th: Tommy Asmussen

Thanks to all the runners who helped raise funds to support our school!

### Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities

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| <b>Sat, Oct 5</b><br>Children’s Mass @ Transfig | <b>Sun, Oct 6</b>  | <b>Mon, Oct 7</b>                                | <b>Tue, Oct 8</b>                           | <b>Wed, Oct 9</b><br>Uncle D’s Fundraiser | <b>Thur, Oct 10</b> | <b>Fri, Oct 11</b><br>NO SCHOOL |
| <b>Sat, Oct 12</b>                              | <b>Sun, Oct 13</b> | <b>Mon, Oct 14</b><br>Columbus Day—<br>NO SCHOOL | <b>Tue, Oct 15</b><br>Chess Scholars Begins | <b>Wed, Oct 16</b><br>FFA Meeting @ 6:30p | <b>Thur, Oct 17</b> | <b>Fri, Oct 18</b>              |

## 8th Graders Revisit the Passion With Trip to Shrine

By Michelle Van Wiltenburg

On Wednesday, September 18, 2019, the whole Frassati 8th grade class went to the Shrine of Christ's Passion located in St John, Indiana. The trip was meant for the students to learn more about the passion of the Christ. There are several other shrines for saints and other holy people which are located everywhere.

At this particular shrine there were detailed statues of the stations of the cross. Most of the stations had only 2-3 people in them. All of the statues were sculpted by the same artist. The students saw statues of Jesus at the last supper to Jesus in the garden, to Jesus being condemned to death and all the other stations of the cross. They had Jesus' empty cloths in the tomb, Jesus meeting Mary Magdalene, and Jesus finally rising from the dead. It also includes Jesus on the cross between the two criminals.

In most of the statues the facial expressions of the characters mean a lot to the actual scene itself. After the whole tour through the shrine, students ate lunch and were able to buy something from the gift shop if they brought money with them. The gift shop has jewelry, statues, candies, t-shirts, charms, and lots of Christ related items. Then the students took a few pictures next to the Millenium Mary statue which stands 33 feet tall. After this they departed for the school.

Most eighth graders seemed to have enjoyed the trip overall. 8th grader Mikey McMurray said, "My favorite part about

the trip to the shrine was the statues."

Lauren Zomchek recalled, "I really enjoyed the tour, it was absolutely gorgeous, the bus ride was very interesting to say the least, but overall it was fun!"

Stephanie Aquino said, "I really liked the gift shop, and I loved the Christmas decorations on the second floor." Some eighth graders were also able to see the newest addition to the shrine, Mt. Sinai. This includes Moses holding the ten commandments and a burning bush not too far from him. The shrine was a great place for the 8th graders to reflect on what Jesus has done for us, and how much he loved us.



Photo by Michelle Van Wiltenburg

Frassati 8th graders view one of the Stations of Christ Passion at the Shrine in St. John, IN during their field trip on Sept. 18.

## Well Traveled Spanish Teacher Shares His Motto

### Faculty Feature

By Lauren Zomchek

After the absence of a Spanish teacher for a few weeks, there is finally someone to fill the position. Frassati is happy to welcome Señor Andres Castanon to the faculty.

Señor Castanon was born in Bay City, Michigan after his two older sisters. Now, he is married and has a son in Pre-school at Frassati! He also has two dogs. Señor Castanon went to college at Saginaw Valley State University in Michigan.

He has had quite the array of jobs, including a Foreign Language Teacher in Europe, a Bike Mechanic, and has worked

in Law Enforcement along with other education jobs.

Some of his current hobbies are carpentry, trail running, and mountain biking. His favorite movie at the moment is *Django*. Señor Castanon has also lived in various places. He's resided in Michigan, Illinois, and Colorado in the U.S. Internationally he's lived in Mexico, Austria, the Czech Republic (now Czechia) and Spain. His motto for his students is crawl, walk, run.



Sr. Castanon's classroom desk awaits him.

## Frassati Alumni Come Back to Talk About Carmel

By Corrigan Huner

On Friday, September 27, students from Carmel Catholic High School, several who were Frassati Middle Schoolers, came to Frassati to encourage students from the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades to attend Carmel, when their highschool years arrive. The Carmel students included Siobhan Huner, Brigid Hull, Molly Halverson, Emma Chitwood, and Caiti Shrofe. They were led by Carmel's Assistant Director of Admissions

and Head Football Coach, Mr. Blake Annen.

During the assembly in Frassati's cafeteria, the Carmel Corsairs showed the student body a video that briefly covered all the things students would be able to do. Then, they talked more in depth about the variety of options for sports, clubs, and classes at Carmel Catholic. Finally, they answered questions that the students may have had about clubs like Mock Trial or Journalism.



### Pier Giorgio Frassati Fun Facts

Did you know...?

Pier Giorgio 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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The JP Club meets every Monday (and every other Friday on publishing days) during recess. New students wishing to join JP Club will need to take the Journalism Elective class (taught by Coach Huner) as a pre-requisite.

# 1st & 8th Grade Buddies Create Apple Art

By Lauren Zomchek

On September 25th, the 1st and 8th grade buddies worked together on an apple project. Mrs. Masterson, Ms. Baseley, and Mrs. Kolozsy decided on a time for the pairs to spend some fun time together and create a beautiful piece of art.

First, they went to the 1st grade rooms and read a book about Johnny Applesed. They answered questions throughout the story and learned more about how Johnny traveled all across the U.S. to plant apple trees everywhere.

After they finished reading, the buddies transferred to the cafeteria to work on their projects. Both grades worked together to make an apple window decoration for the 1st grade rooms. The first step was to color the apple outline red, yellow, or green to make it look like a real apple. Then, they cut out the apple outline and put it face

down on the transfer paper they received. Transfer paper is basically a very sticky sheet of paper, almost like an enormous sheet of tape.

Next, they took tissue paper the same color as the outline of the apple and put it all over the inside of the apple outline. Once they finished, all projects were stuck to 1st grade windows. When light shines through the tissue paper in the center of the apples, it makes a very pretty effect. It was

# FCA Bible Study Starts Third Year of Reflection

By Kate Roberts

Last week marked the first meeting of Bible Study for the third year. Led by Mrs. Lori Roberts, the club meets every other week. They study the Bible and review next Sunday's Gospel and readings. In Bible Study you will also learn how to properly find a passage in the Bible.

In Bible Study the group talks about in depth topics and it is a safe space to discuss serious issues. Kate Hill, a member of the club says "I go to Bible Study to learn more about the scriptures and we get to talk about them." Bible Study is a no commitment club. So you can come once and see if you like it.

**FFA Coming Events**

**Trunk Or Treat**  
**Sunday, Oct 20**  
**@ St. Mary's**

# NJHS Tutoring To Begin

By Kristina Spada

NJHS stands for National Junior Honor Society. The students in NJHS are in eighth grade, but the seventh graders will get invited later this year.

The NJHS will be starting tutoring on Friday the 3rd. They will be tutoring every Friday. The eighth graders that want to tutor can tutor kindergarten through fifth grade.

The NJHS presidents, Stephine Aquino and Alex Castillo, will be talking to Ms. Kleckner about the eighth graders tutoring the sixth graders as well. Parents can sign their kids up by emailing Ms. Kleckner.

# Frassati Band Begins

By Stephanie Aquino

On September 18th, this year's band program began! The program at Frassati consists of 3 bands, Beginner (4th grade) Intermediate (5th grade) and Advanced (Junior High students).

Unfortunately, Mr. Slater, who directed the Frassati bands for the past several years is not teaching at Frassati this year. Students will get to see Mr. Slater at band concerts in a few months, however.

For the band program there are 3 concerts: Winter concert, Christmas concert, and the Spring concert! This year, we welcome a new band director to our school, Ms. Swenson! Band classes are on Wednesday and Thursday. Times for the classes vary for each grade and band, but are all during school except for Advanced Band on Wednesdays after school.

# Fun Lunch Brings New Options to The Table

By Kate Roberts

Due to students' requests this year the school has expanded the fun lunch options. They have added in hot dogs from Bull-Dogs in Wauconda, chicken tenders from Culvers, and changed the pizza from Little Caesars to Dominos. The lunches occur once a month with the first one being Friday, Oct 4th. This month's lunch is Dominos pizzas.

The price for each lunch is 5 dollars but you can pay 2 dollars for extra. The lunch includes the entree, dessert, drink, and chips.

## Entertainment

# Spider-man "Thwips" Back Into The MCU

Movie News

By Joaquin Cardenas

Some of you may be asking "Didn't he just leave?" We published an article about it (was it for nothing?). Luckily, Disney made another deal with Sony to extend Spidey's time in the MCU for 2 more films. Was it staged? Honestly, I have no idea. Also, with this deal, Venom could possibly crossover with Spider-man.

The 3rd film will be released July 16, 2021. Sony gained a lot of money while they worked with Disney and looking back on the original Spider-man movies they were not nearly as successful. *Homecoming*



earned \$880,166,924 and \$1,131,026,557 came in from *Far From Home*. There are so many possibilities for these next 2 movies. 2021 will be jam packed with 4 movies in that year. But for now let's be happy Spidey is back.



## Eagles Sports Corner

# Frassati Hosts First 5K Race at Lakewood

By Joaquin Cardenas  
& Lauren Zomchek

On Saturday September 28th, Frassati held a new tradition, the Frassati Fall 5K. The reason this was an event was to raise funds to support Frassati. Principal Kleckner organized and ran the event and helped make sure we could hold it Lakewood Forest Preserve.

There were two different races. For ages 5 to 12, there was a one mile race. For anyone else who wanted to run, there was the 5K. A 5K is about 3.1 miles.

The course for one mile was a path out into the forest and a finish line at the end. The course for the 5K was the same start as the one mile, except then they went further into the forest and then around in a loop and came back to the finish line not far from where they started.

Mr. Huner set up the course, placing multiple volunteers at strategic locations to guide and encourage runners.

All runners had numbered bibs printed that the runners pinned to themselves to help record their time. At the end of all the races, there was an awards ceremony for the top time in each age and gender group. Each winner got a medal for their achievement.

Overall 1st place went to Mr. Alvaro Rodriguez, 2nd to Luke Burkhalter, and 3rd



Frassati students line up to start the 1 mile run at the Frassati Fall 5K.

to Mariano Rodriguez. Mariano Rodriguez's opinion on the race is "5k's are just a sport of mental resilience and persistence 'till the finish.'"

Many of the racers were Frassati students and their parents. There were refreshments for after the race along with the awards.

The fastest female racer was Mrs. Janel Kovarik. To find out more winners in the multiple categories, you can go online to [racetime.info](http://racetime.info).

Many volunteers showed up to contribute to the effort. It was a great turnout. Ms. Kleckner said it was a good first year event and mentioned she is hopeful for an even better turnout next year! Thank you to all the volunteers and all the racers.



## Game & Meet Results

### Cross Country

- 9/24: NICC Meet #3: JV girls—**4th** (of 9)
- 9/24: NICC Meet #3: JV boys—**3rd** (of 9)
- 9/24: NICC Meet #3: Var girls—**6th** (of 9)
- 9/24: NICC Meet #3: Var boys—**4th** (of 8)
- 9/24: SSPP Invite: JV girls—**4th** (of 5)
- 9/24: SSPP Invite: JV boys—**4th** (of 5)
- 9/24: SSPP Invite: Var girls—**1st** (of 5)
- 9/24: SSPP Invite: Var boys—**2nd** (of 5)
- 10/3: FRV Invite: JV girls—**2nd** (of 6)
- 10/3: FRV Invite: JV boys—**2nd** (of 6)
- 10/3: FRV Invite: Var girls—**2nd** (of 7)
- 10/3: FRV Invite: Var boys—**3rd** (of 7)

### Girls Volleyball

- 9/23: 6th Grade vs LFCDS -
- 9/23: 7th Grade vs LFCDS -
- 9/23: 8th Grade vs LFCDS -
- 9/25: 6th Grade vs St Annie -
- 9/25: 7th Grade vs St Annie - L 1-2
- 9/25: 8th Grade vs St Annie -
- 9/26: 7th Grade vs ?? -
- 9/27: 7th Grade vs ?? -
- 9/28: 7th Grade vs ?? - W (1st Place Tourn)
- 9/30: 6th Grade vs St Joe (Lib) -
- 9/30: 7th Grade vs St Joe (Lib) -
- 9/30: 8th Grade vs St Joe (Lib) -
- 10/3: 6th Grade vs ?? -
- 10/3: 7th Grade vs ?? -
- 10/3: 7th Grade vs ?? -

### Boys Soccer

- 9/26: Boys JV vs St. Joe (Lib) - L 2-6
- 10/1: Boys JV vs St. Joe (Lib) -

## Upcoming Contests

- 10/5: GVB (5th) @ St Anastasia
- 10/7: GVB (6th-8th) @ Home
- 10/8: XC - NICC Conference Finals
- 10/9: GVB (6th-8th) @ OLH
- 10/10: GVB (6th-8th) @ Home
- 10/16: GVB (6th-8th) @ PoP
- 10/17: GVB (7th-8th) @ Home
- 10/18: GVB (8th) - Frassati Tourney

## Congratulations to Tournament Champs Frassati's 6th & 7th Grade Volleyball Teams



The 6th Grade team took 1st place in the Frassati Tournament on Sept 14



The 7th Grade team took 1st place in the Frassati Tournament on Sept 28

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