



ELEMENTARY VALIANT NEWS

Ba Dum Tss... Drumline!

The **Varsity Drumline** as well as the **Percussion Ensemble**, both directed and conducted by **Mr. Delgado**, have been extremely busy these past few weeks! Last weekend, the **Southern California Percussion Alliance (SCPA)** hosted semifinals in which the **Varsity Drumline** competed in the **PSA**, or the **Percussion Scholastic A Division**, which has about fifty other schools competing. The **Percussion Ensemble** also competed in another division, the **Percussion Scholastic Concert A (or PSCA for short) Division**. This competition had less schools than the first, with only four participating in finals. The Varsity Drumline went to **preliminaries and semifinals**, placing nineteenth out of the twenty-five schools remaining, and placed seventeenth in preliminaries after beating thirty-six other schools. The Percussion Ensemble placed fourth in their competition and got to the finals. A huge **CONGRATULATIONS** to each of our ensembles, a grand **THANK YOU** to the parents and students for attending practices, and a **STANDING OVATION** for Mr. Delgado's wonderful conducting! **Hoorah for Valiants!**

Adan Rodriguez 8A, in drumline since fourth grade!



The Varsity Drumline and Percussion Ensemble have been practicing each weekend for their big day! That's VALIANT dedication!

What is the best part about being in Varsity Drumline?

"The best part about being on the Varsity Drumline for me is getting to play the instrument that I love and have loved since fourth grade, along with making friends and creating bonds with people I wouldn't have otherwise met. These friendships will last a lifetime, even as memories."

-Adan Rodriguez, 8A

Easter Fun with the Preschool!



Lent is a time to remember Jesus' sacrifices for us and the love He showed us through His hardships. Easter eggs are known to symbolize new life, like the Resurrection!



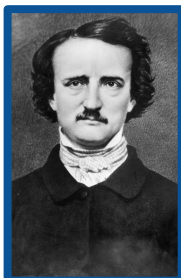
Looks like the **Easter Bunny** visited the Preschool and hid some Easter eggs! Before break, the Preschoolers were able to have a fun **Easter party** and collect eggs with awesome treats inside, like **candies, chocolates, stickers, and stamps!** The party was hosted by our **wonderful preschool teachers**, and the **parents of the children** came to help out with setting up the tables for the event. The parents also bought their children plenty of eggs, which the Easter bunny hid while the **mini Valiants** were inside. The **Student Council** was able to help out with the preparations for the event, and it led to a **fantastic** and **fun-filled** day for our **Little Angels!** The party was not only for fun, but the preschoolers also learned more about **Jesus' sacrifice** as God's only Son for the world and about **His Lenten journey**. A grand **THANKS** to families, and a **Happy Easter** season to all!



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April: National Poetry Month

Time flies fast when you're having a blast! Saint Genevieve hopes that you and your families have had a great Easter and a well-deserved break! As it's now the new month of April, it is also the start of **National Poetry Month!** This month, we celebrate the inspirational words from many different wonderful poets, such as **Edgar Allen Poe, Emily Dickinson, Maya Angelou,** and many more! April isn't just for poetry— It is also a time to celebrate yourself and **express your emotions** and feelings through many different forms of art, such as **music, drawing, writing,** and various other creative strategies! Happy April, and make sure to read some poems this month!



"True Friends"

By Ashley Campbell

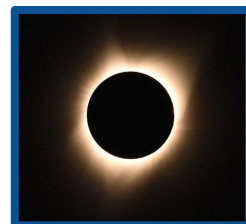
A friend is like a star that twinkles and glows
Or maybe like an ocean that gently flows
A friend is like gold that you should treasure
And take care of forever and ever
A friend is like an angel that is there to guide you
A friend is someone you can trust out of a few
A friend is more than one in a million
They are one in ca-zillion
And you, my friend, are very special
and so it is official.

The Solar Eclipse

Up in the sky...it's not a bird... it's not a plane... it's a **SOLAR ECLIPSE!** That's right, Valiants, a few days ago, on April 8th, a total Solar Eclipse happened! If you were in southern Texas near the US-Mexico border, you may have witness total darkness for a few minutes. The last total Solar Eclipse happened on **August 21, 2017.** Solar Eclipses occur when the moon completely blocks the sun from the Earth's view, casting a **shadow** on the Earth. The next total Solar Eclipse that will be visible in the United States is predicted to happen in August of 2044— **That's 20 years from now!** Make sure that you have your **solar eclipse glasses** ready so as not to damage your eyes while watching one of the most **magical natural phenomena** in the world!



The seventh graders were able to see a partially eclipse with their glasses!



What Season Is It?

That's right, it's **SPRING SPORTS SEASON!** The spring sport season has begun, and it consists of **Middle School Soccer** and **Boys A and B Volleyball!** Our **VALIANT** teams have been practicing hard for weeks to make their seasons great ones, and they've been doing wonderful so far! Our Middle School Soccer team started this season with **two wins**— they're on **FIRE!** Before spring break, our Soccer team had their first game, **winning 2-1,** and their second game, **winning 7-0!** Boys A Volleyball had their first home game this Wednesday and were great out there, **giving it their all** and **showing the Valiant spirit while on the court!** Our Boys B Volleyball has also started their practices and is excited to be on the Boys A team when they're in middle school. Let's wish our spring teams a **great season** ahead and encourage their **incredible efforts** no matter the outcome! **GO VALIANTS!**

