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THE GREEN SPACE

Written by Roxana and Joanna Garcia Martinez

At the end of last year, the houses that were behind the school were demolished to make room for a new green space. The green space has been a work in progress for the past several years. Principal Tran said the reason they wanted to build the green space was, "because our playground was very tiny, and we wanted more space for the students to run and play. And to not get hurt when they fell on the grass."

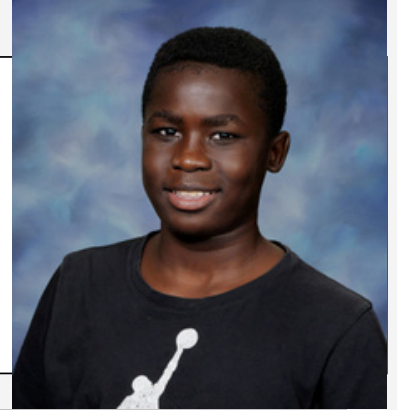
The green space more than doubles the playground area. We asked some kids what they like to do in the new space. Javier, a 4th grader, said that he likes to play soccer ball tag. If he could add something, he would add a tether ball. Floriane, a 5th grader, said that she would add soccer goal posts because she enjoys playing soccer. All of the students are excited to have more space to play!

Student Spotlights

Written by Chelsea Billioux and Ayauna Shonka

MEET KHAMIS

He is the School Spotlight chosen by Mrs. Tran for this spot. Khamis is an eighth grader. He plays basketball and likes to play soccer at recess. He is a great basketball player and is a stand out player on the team. He is a good friend to others and sticks up for people if he sees something going on.



MEET EVELYN



She is in kindergarten, and she was chosen by her teacher for the student spotlight out of the girls in her class. She was chosen because she is a kind, caring student who helps others if she knows what is going on and if she does not, she tries her hardest to figure it out. She likes to collect toys because she likes to play with them. If she has free time she likes to draw and color to show her creativity. She likes school because she likes to play with her friends in the new green space.

MEET CARSON

He is in kindergarten, and he was chosen for the student spotlight by his teacher out of the boys in his class. He was chosen because he is a good student and a good friend to others. He likes to draw in his free time. He likes to collect toys so he can play with them when he can. He thinks that school is fun because he can hang out with his friends and his favorite special is computer.



MEET BRADLEIGH



She is in 4th grade and was chosen by Mrs. Parker for the student spotlight out of the girls in her class. She got chosen because she is a good student and good friend to others. In her free time, she likes to draw and read to escape the world around her. She likes school because she can play and learn. Her favorite thing about the green space is there's more room to run than on the regular playground. Her favorite special is gym so she can exercise and learn new sports.

MEET JAVIER



He is one of the students in the 4th grade. He was chosen by his teacher because he is kind to others and likes to play at recess with his friends. In his free time, he likes to color and read. His favorite thing about school is recess because it gets his energy out and he gets to play with his friends. He likes the new green space because there's a lot of room to run and play. His favorite special is Computers because he likes to learn about technology and what happens to it.

MEET JOEY

He is one of the boys in the 7th grade class and was chosen by Mr. Chu. He was chosen because of his kindness to others and how he stood out to Mr. Chu. He likes to collect Pokémon and likes how there's more space to run around in the green space to play soccer.



MEET ZOE

She is one of the few 7th grade girls and she was chosen by Mr. Chu for the spotlight for the quarter. She was in volleyball earlier this school year and is a big help to others. She is also in archery. She likes recess the most about school because it gets energy out and gives freedom about what she can do.



MEET EVA

She is in the 8th grade and also played volleyball earlier this year. Her favorite sports are basketball and soccer. She likes to run around and help others. She likes to play soccer and tag at recess when she can so she can run around.



Staff Spotlights

Written by Hannah Hoang and Edhleen Leija Puente

MRS. WETOVICK



Mrs. Wetovick is the 2nd grade teacher of Blessed Sacrament. She has been working at Blessed Sacrament for quite some years, 19 in fact. She even taught me when I was in the second grade! I remember when she gave us these books so we could follow along in Mass. She has a husband and one child who goes to this school, and she loves to spend time with them. She likes how we can all share our faith in this school! She loves to help kids learn new things. Her favorite sport is volleyball, and she likes to watch the Nebraska team play! Her favorite food is steak for the reason it's simply good and delicious! I hope you have learned more things about Mrs. Wetovick aka the 2nd grade teacher!!!

Sam Hamilton has been working at Blessed Sacrament as the school's maintenance man for 4 years. He is married and now has 5 lovely children. He does carpentry in his free time, and he loves to work in school just like his dad. The best sport in his opinion is football. He loves football because he is good at it. His favorite food is steak because it's fancy. You can find steak at any restaurant. Now that's all about Sam.

SAM HAMILTON



Sports

VOLLEYBALL

Written by Angelyna Huerta and Natalie Meysenburg

Volleyball is done for the season, but we interviewed Charley Carey, a seventh grader, and Roxana Martinez, an eighth grader, who played volleyball this year, to see how they felt during this season. Charley's favorite drill to do during practice was pepper. Peppering is when one player bumps the ball up to their teammate then their teammate sets it to them to spike it. If she could change any rule in volleyball, she would change the three hits rule because there is no reason you cannot hit it more than three times. Roxana joined the volleyball team because she went to a volleyball game and she said to her mom, "What if I joined the team?" and her mom thought that was a promising idea, so she joined. While playing during a game, she thinks about doing the correct hit or pass and hoped her teammates would be able to get it over the net. Roxana says that she would rather be playing than watching from the sidelines because when you are sitting out, you are hoping for your teammates to do well. The girls enjoyed this season and are looking forward to getting some wins next year!



Coaches: Ali Taylor and Steph Haddan
Players: (back row) Charley Carey, Zoe Nguyen, Reese Taylor, Eva Haddan, Natalie Meysenburg, (front row) Gabby Pinto, Roxana Garcia Martinez, Ayauna Shonka, and Chelsea Billiouxe

BOYS BASKETBALL



Drake O'Neill goes up for a layup!

Basketball was just starting so we interviewed two players, Nestor Mendoza and Khamis Musa, who are both 8th graders. When we interviewed Nestor at the beginning of the season, he was optimistic about how the team would do this year, saying, "We already have a win and with more practice we will get better." If he could choose any jersey number, he would choose #10 because that is his soccer jersey number. He joined the team because he wanted to try something other than soccer and he wants to be a better basketball player. Khamis said that a good coach is someone who pushes the team during practice and games but doesn't get mad if you make a mistake and instead helps you see what you did wrong and fix it. A good team captain is a person who encourages the team and pushes their teammates to do and be better. Regarding his response to losing a game, he said, "I wouldn't really get mad, I would just play it back in my head, see what I did wrong, and fix it." The team currently has a winning record, 6-1, with just one game left in the season. The team is coached by Blessed Sacrament alum, Minh Ninh, and Joseph Ninh. Players on the team are Merson Barifagok, Nestor Mendoza, Khamis Musa, Drew Jochum, Drake O'Neill, Anotnio Ordonez Pinto, Julian Ordonez Pinto, and Evan Wandzilak.

WHAT TO DO AT RECESS?

Written by Drake O'Neill, Joseph Sai, and Evan Wandzilak

If you ever wonder what kids do at recess, then you are in luck, because we wrote an entire article about three different students and what they do at recess. We interviewed a 1st grader named Abigail, and two 3rd graders, Sabastian, and Carter. Here are the answers that we got: Our 3rd graders said that they are usually playing football or running around. Our 1st grader, Abigail, said that she likes to play tag with friends. And we also interviewed a junior high student and she said that she interviews random people. So, now if you were wondering, you know. Thank you and have a good rest of your day.



SCHOOL MERCHANDISE PREFERENCES

Written by Cassandra Alvis and Reese Taylor

At the beginning of the year, Blessed Sacrament offered some different options for school apparel. We polled 8 kids from every class and asked them what their favorite sweater or jacket is. The options were grey crewnecks, dark grey zip-ups, or grey quarter zips. The most voted was the grey crewneck with 32 votes. The second most voted was the dark grey zip-up with 28 votes. Then the last most voted merch was the grey quarter zip with 11 votes. In our opinion we like the grey crewneck the best.



Kindergarteners model the different sweatshirt options.