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Earth Day, Environmentalism and the Christian

by Michelle Ortiz



And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.” - Genesis 1: 28

AI: the Computer Generated Future

by Connor Roddy

It's everywhere. AI is taking over tasks which usually require humans, and it is automating work efficiently and quickly. What's to stop you from thinking this article is made by an AI? Pleased to say, this article is not written by AI. AI, or artificial intelligence, is recognized as a concern for many journalists and artists in our current age, but even Elon Musk has concerns.

What exactly is AI? Through the use of AI human intellect is processed, learned, and exhibited by machines in order to accomplish specific tasks set by the developer of the AI. While this may be a scientific advancement in automation, it presents a myriad of problems, potential job losses being one of them. About 85 million jobs are expected to be overtaken by AI between the years 2020 and 2025. Simple or routine jobs will be replaced by AI, leaving more complex jobs for humans to do, which may require

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Taking a break from school... growing spiritually!
(From left to right) Elizabeth Skorochood (sophomore), Kilee Goss (senior) and Jayden Goss (sophomore) enjoy the sun during Campus Life's Break Away Youth Conference on March 3-5 in Ocean City, Maryland.

During the creation of the world, God deemed man to serve a special purpose - to care and tend for his creation. God gave man dominion over all life on earth and gave them the duty of caring for it. The month of April is a reminder of this; the 22nd marks Earth Day. Earth Day is celebrated to serve as a reminder of how and why people should care as part of the environmental movement. The environmental movement is led by activist groups that push for changes in the protection of the planet and its resources. These groups are to thank for many of the environmental protection laws in America and across the globe. As the environmental movement has grown, it has become heavily associated with an atheistic worldview, but God has ordered Christians to take care of the world as well. Both Christians and environmentalists have the common goal of being good stewards of this earth. According to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), “Environmental stewardship is integral to U.S. policies concerning natural resources, human health, economic growth, energy, transportation, agriculture, industry, and international trade, and these factors are similarly considered in establishing environmental policy...” Conflicts with Christianity and environmentalism arise in a belief known as deep

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The image above shows AI generated artwork of Iron Man made using the Stable Diffusion AI algorithm by Stability AI.

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Editorial: THIS Is Why We Can't Have Nice Things



Perhaps recently when one has been walking through the halls at Faith Christian School, they have noticed the large amount of items under the students' lockers. These items range from trash to treasure; a large quantity of the items could be thrown away, while some of them also seem to be personal belongings that one would want to keep. In the school's efforts to represent Christ in all we do, it is important to remember that taking care of the facility and the items in it is a part of that effort, particularly since we have been blessed with many gifts and donations to improve our building. Students must remember that their belongings should be kept in their lockers, not under them. Likewise, it is important to remember that having nice lockers comes with the responsibility of keeping them neat and tidy. Students should be making sure that they pick up after themselves, leaving no personal possessions or garbage underneath their lockers or on the hallway floors. Part of getting nice things is keeping them nice. With great lockers, come great responsibilities. 🗑️

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ecology. Originating from the Norwegian philosopher Arne Naess, the American philosopher George Sessions, and the American sociologist Bill Devall, deep ecology is the belief that humans must radically change their relationship with the environment. Many deep ecologists believe that humans should regain a spiritual connection with nature, with both the living and non-living. This belief originates in the "Gaia Hypothesis", which, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica, is "...a model of the Earth in which its living and nonliving parts are viewed as a complex interacting system that can be thought of as a single organism." Gaia has origins in Greek mythology as the god of the earth and is often referred to as Mother Earth. Though not the driver in the early environmental movement, especially with the Christian crowd, the philosophy has slowly risen in popularity. The New Age

Basketball Season Highlights

By Stephen Williams



In early November, the boys varsity basketball (BVB) team had its first practice. Both the BVB and middle school basketball teams improved drastically throughout the season. On December 6, BVB played their first home game of the season against Quakertown. Unfortunately, it was a loss with the score being 50-30. BVB next played Veritas with the score being 57-29, another loss. Playing Trinity next, the BVB team clutched up and got the first win of the season, 51-48. In an away game, BVB played Veritas for yet another loss. Abundant Life was a close game, but again they lost with a score of 55-39. BVB had success against Kearny, defeating them 69-23. Another loss to American in a tight game, BVB lost 71-43, but won against Harmony on their court, playing incredibly well and winning 80-57. Lost games against Trinity and American followed. The team's Honor the Seniors game, in which BVB played Harmony, resulted in a win for Faith, 52-43. A loss to Abundant Life closed the season. Overall, the BVB team played to the best of their ability and performed well this season.

The middle school team showed great improvement from other seasons in the recent past. This season, they won their first game in 5 years, and the middle school and the varsity teams won together in back to back away games for the first time in 7 years! They won a total of 4 games, growing tighter as a team and with consistent improvement during the season. High scorers were Lucas Gonzalez, Tiago Morera-Cuadra, and Brandon Fox. Congratulations to the middle school team for playing their best this season and for impacting younger players, setting a course to play great basketball in the future. ~

Movement has been a large contributor to the rise of environmentalism as a spiritual tribute to Gaia.

With Christians and environmentalists both believing that people should be stewards of the earth, spiritualism is where they become polar opposites. Christians believe that God tasked man with the responsibility to care for His creation, originating from the beginning of the world itself. Genesis 1:28 (shown above) tells us that God has given man dominion over the Earth and later in Genesis 2:15 it states, "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." In a Christian worldview, God's creation should not be neglected; the earth is no exception to this. This is a sharp contrast to deep ecology, which believes that man should care for the earth, not because of a God-given command, but because humanity needs a spiritual connection to

nature. People of such a mindset often believe that nature can survive on its own, without man; a need to acknowledge the earth's great and delicate ecosystem should be our reason for caring for the earth.

Though great in intent, the environmental movement has many pitfalls for Christians. Earth Day is a great way to reflect on God's great creation and its beauty, but the focus is not to praise the creation, but instead the Creator. Stewardship of the earth and its resources is a way to demonstrate obedience and gratitude to the Lord for his gift to mankind.

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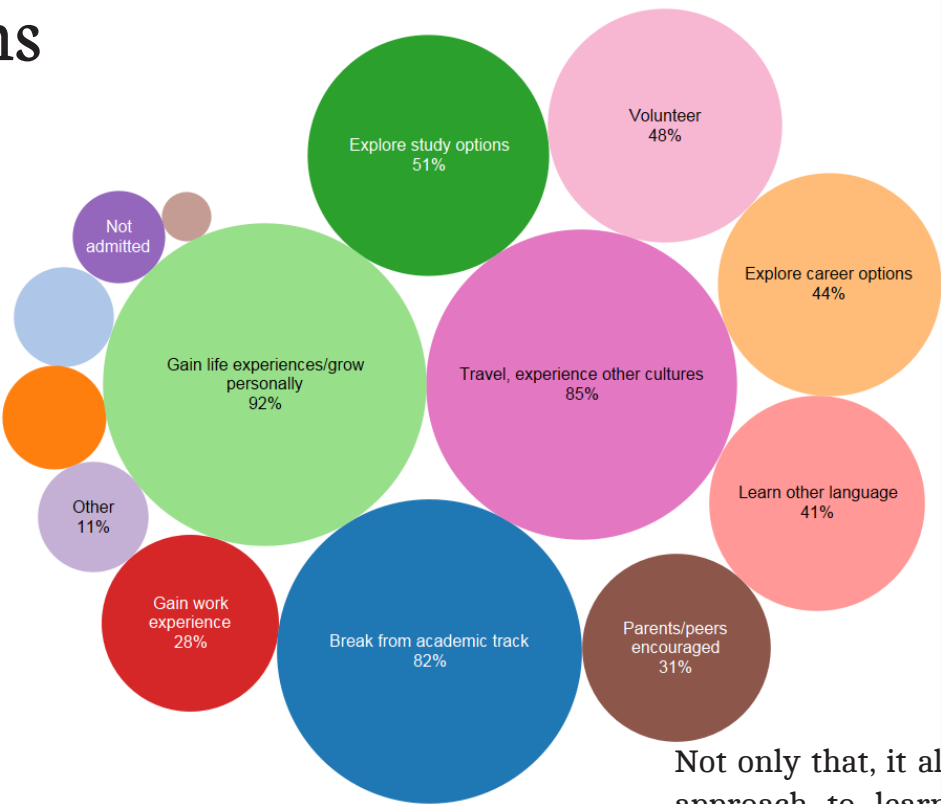
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Gap Year: Pros & Cons

By Stephen Williams

Most of the school year is already over and the next step in the life of seniors is almost here. With many options available after high school, one to consider is a gap year program. Gap years are meant to give students a break from academics. It's usually a time of discovery and consideration about what kind of education and career to pursue. A gap year can take many forms: working a job, completing an internship, volunteering or traveling. While college is great, it can be stressful and expensive for students uncertain about their long-term goals. Let's look at the advantages and disadvantages of a gap year.

One advantage of participating in a gap year is what you gain that can make your resume stand out once your move on to your career. Cultural awareness, organization, independence, and increased confidence are some benefits earned outside of a classroom. Meeting new people of all ages may lead to gaining a broader perspective. A gap year well spent will push you out of your comfort zone, unlocking opportunities to learn more about humanity and yourself. You will get the opportunity to create and



The chart (left), shows a part of a 2015 National Alumni Survey conducted by Nina Hoe, PhD, working with the Institute for Survey Research at Temple University, and the GYA Research Committee. It indicates what respondents reported as their most significant influences in deciding to take a gap year. Additional information can be found at <https://www.gapyearassociation.org/data-benefits/>

share stories; as the gap year progresses, unique experiences will unfold. These stories can be a real conversation starter in job interviews, parties, or public events.

Another advantage is a break from a traditional classroom. Regular schooling is like running a marathon; after years of sitting in school, a brain might need a break from lectures, note-taking and projects. Taking time off from traditional education gives you a chance to consider options before deciding what to do next.

Not only that, it also provides a hands-on approach to learning. According to the *Wall Street Journal*, 90% of students who take a gap year return to college the following year. You may find a new sense of maturity and confidence when you head back to the classroom.

Although a gap year offers many benefits, it comes with some downsides. One disadvantage is that you will pause your studies or traditional job for a year. As your friends continue to college or into the next semester, you may feel the cost of taking a year off from school or work. If you spend your time wisely, perhaps in

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The Legendary Saint Patrick *By Megan Erwin*

St. Patrick's Day, celebrated annually on March 17, is a holiday recognized by those with Irish and non-Irish ancestry alike. This day celebrates Ireland's national apostle, St. Patrick. The history of this patron begins all the way back in the late 300s. When he was just 16 years old, he was forcibly brought to Ireland to work as a slave. He eventually got out, but came back to bring Christianity to those living in Ireland in about 432 AD. His work there contributed to the start of many schools, churches, and monasteries. He died on March 17, 461 AD. From his work grew many legends, such as that he explained the Trinity using Ireland's national plant, the shamrock. Another legend was that he forced snakes away from the country. This day is now marked by grand feasts and religious ceremonies, since it was typically seen as a religious holiday by the Irish. Church services are usually held in the morning, and afterwards, families have celebrations. St.

Patrick's day takes place during lent, and on this day, the restrictions of

Right: an Irish necklace featuring a claddagh, which represents love, friendship, and loyalty. Photo credit: Megan Erwin



the Lenten diet are temporarily removed, so people can partake in particular food-related festivities. Irish bacon and cabbage is a common meal that is eaten on this day.

When Irish immigrants brought the holiday to the United States, it became more secular. Many cities and towns celebrate this day by paying homage to the Irish, and often have parades. One of the earliest parades held for this holiday took place in one of Spain's colonies, the current St. Augustine, Florida. The Irish

vicar of this colony, Ricardo Artut, was responsible for arranging the celebration. One of the earliest St. Patrick's day parades in an English colony was held in Boston, Massachusetts in 1737. New York City had its first St. Patty's Day parade, in 1762. To this day, New York City and Boston are known for having the most extravagant St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

Beginning in 1962, Chicago started putting green dye in its river to commemorate the holiday, even though St. Patrick's day used to be marked by blue, rather than green. Most people who celebrate this day adorn themselves with green and shamrocks. Common foods eaten on St. Patrick's Day include cabbage and corned beef. Sometimes people put green dye in beer to make it more festive. To appeal to tourists, some people in Ireland began taking part in these new traditions. Today, St. Patrick's Day continues to be a holiday celebrated by many across the nation and the world.



FCS Celebrates Pi Day!

By Connor Roddy



Pi's symbol, π , has an interesting history in mathematics. The mathematical symbol of pi was first introduced to the modern world by Welsh mathematician, William Jones, over 250 years ago. It has made its appearance not only in math textbooks, but also as a symbol for a national holiday held each March 14th; a day commemorated by students and math lovers everywhere with delicious pies. Pi Day has grown in popularity with families, communities, and schools. FCS celebrated with a day of pie eating contests, pi recitations, pi art and music, pie baking, and the students' favorite event, pie throwing.

Invented by the Ancient Babylonians of the Biblical Era, pi was used to find the area of a circle by taking its radius squared and multiplying it by 3, giving them a value of 3, or 3.125. Evidence exists on a Babylonian tablet dating from 1900-1680 BC. Later the Egyptians' formula gave them the number 3.1605. Pi only reached its ridiculously small value with the help of Archimedes (287-212 BC), who used the Pythagorean Theorem, and Zu Chongzhi (429-501 AD), who performed lengthy calculations that involved hundreds of square roots in order to find his approximation. Later on, pi was able to be calculated based on probability thanks to the efforts of French mathematician, Georges Buffon.

Now we know today that the first three digits of pi are 3.14. Today it is used in math for the same basic purpose as the Babylonians, to find the area of a circle, as well as in other geometric calculations.

FCS celebrated Pi Day, a day late due to weather, on March 15th. Students were able to celebrate this tradition during lunch and 8th period with pie eating competitions, pi art, pie baking contests, and students' favorite, pie throwing. Teachers Mr. Pagan and Miss Dempsey, as well as students, Matthew Ocasio and Matthew Lala, took a few pies to the face. During lunch, the winners for the elementary pi art and pie baking contests were announced. Highschool winners were announced during 8th period.

The winners of the elementary pi art contest were the following: Joseph Eberhardt (3rd place), Isabella Horn (2nd place), and Penelope Little (1st place).

Winners in the middle school/high school division of the art competition: Jakob Gillow (3rd place), Sophie Watson (2nd place), and Christian Eberhardt (1st place).

The winners of the pie baking contest: Catherine and Sarah Decandia (4th place), Abigail Shipman (3rd place), Ariana Horn (2nd place), and first place was Isabella Horn.

The staff at *The Lion's Epistle* extends congratulations to all of the winners!

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a more formal gap year program that offers college credit, you can still make up the apparent time loss. Learning and growing might lead you to an alternative type of educational program.

Another con is a gap year spent traveling may make you homesick. Getting homesick is common for people especially if you end up traveling overseas or far from home. While it may be unpleasant, this is natural and doesn't necessarily make the experience less meaningful. Traveling can also be expensive; there are many financial and personal risks. One way to relieve some stress is to consider travel insurance. Travel insurance can offer customizable options to protect your wallet whether you've lost your checked luggage or a pandemic breaks out while you're abroad. Financially, the costs associated with a gap year depend on the

destination and activities you plan to do. Generally, the best way to outline costs ahead of time is to plan and stick with a budget.

The gap year may become a problem if you do not have a goal, and result potentially in a waste of time and money. When you take a break from learning or working, it is important to be productive with your time; planning and preparing carefully for a gap year help to minimize the risks. Understand every decision poses risks; a gap year, like college, is no exception.

There are many advantages and disadvantages to taking a year off of traditional schooling. It may be hard to decide if it is the right choice. If you are dedicated to learning something new and longing to venture outside your comfort zone, while hoping to grow and explore,

then you should definitely consider a gap-year. It may be just what you need to refresh your mind, build confidence, acquire valuable skills, and make your

FOR LAUGHS & GIGGLES

Compiled by Stephen Williams

Why don't pirates take a shower before they walk the plank?-

They just wash up on shore.

Why did the scarecrow win an award?-

He was the best in his field.

What did the big flower say to the little flower?-

Hey there, bud.

How did the barber win a race?-

He knew a shortcut.

Why shouldn't you trust trees?-

They seem kinda shady.

What did the storm cloud wear under his raincoat?-

His thunderwear.

STUDENTS SHOCKED & DISMAYED: 2023 VARSITY SOCCER CANCELLED?

by Connor Roddy

Soccer is a deep part of Faith Christian School's culture, but unfortunately there may be some fatal changes this year. Many students have been preparing for the new season, getting ready for practices starting in the summer, but they may have to cut back on those plans due to the shortage of eligible schools. The decline in enrollment has led to...

April fools! Of course FCS won't be canceling varsity soccer, but what you can expect to have seen is lots of April Fool's Day jokes on April 1st, whether it's something silly, like a fake headline, or a sinister prank, like putting shaving cream on somebody's hand while they are sleeping (not recommended). April Fool's Day has been celebrated as a long standing tradition among many, although pinpointing its exact origin is difficult. Various sources provide a rough estimate about its progression. While some date its origin to Hilaria in Rome, others date its rough origin to 1582 in France, after their calendar was changed to the Gregorian Calendar, the same calendar used today. Previously they used the Julian Calendar, which had April 1st as the start of the new year. Those who did not get the news in time were called "April fools" due to their late celebration of the new year's start. Later, April Fool's Day began to

spread around the established communities including 18th century Britain and Scotland, who put their own spin on it. In Scotland, it became associated with "hunting the gowk." The gowk is a cuckoo bird that is symbolic of a fool. During this two-day event, people were sent off to complete spurious errands as a prank of sorts, and the next day, signs with expressions like "kick me" would be put on the backs of unaware victims.

April Fool's Day pranks have greatly evolved since then and have been committed worldwide. Notable examples include somebody acting as Richard Nixon announcing on National Public Radio that he was running for president again, giving many people a surprise since Nixon had left office following a dramatic political scandal. Another example would be Burger King announcing in 1998 its "left-handed whopper," which drew in many people to purchase this fake burger, a fact to which they were completely oblivious. April Fool's Day pranks will continue to evolve and be common throughout the years. It has become a light-hearted tradition passed from generation to generation. That being said, Happy (belated) April Fool's Day!

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tasks many people lack the necessary skills to do. Futurist Martin Ford says, "The reason we have a low unemployment rate, which doesn't actually capture people that aren't looking for work, is largely that lower-wage service sector jobs have been pretty robustly created by this economy. I don't think that's going to continue."

AI algorithms on social media, such as Tik Tok, can manipulate users' social views and promote misinformation harmful to content creators and their audiences. AI ChatGPT has been used by students for assignments, destroying any work ethic those students have and allowing them to move through educational exercises without actually learning anything. "No one knows what's real and what's not," noted Ford.

Fortunately, precautionary measures have been made to identify when assignments were generated by ChatGPT and various other essay writing softwares are soon able to be detected.

ChatGPT and other AI do have the potential to be useful. Used responsibly, AI speeds up industrial processes that would otherwise be unsafe for the average worker or too slow with human labor. AI can extrapolate information to give better product recommendations to satisfy daily needs and make unbiased decisions unbiased without human emotion. Lastly, AI decreases the risk of human error, constantly improves on itself, creates innovations and improves existing technology. Overall AI provides great potential benefits, but these come at a cost, so the question remains, "Is the risk



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Left, an image of the famous book character, Harry Potter, made using the Stable Diffusion AI algorithm.

worth it?" More than 1,000 technology leaders, including Elon Musk, have petitioned labs to pause development of the most advanced systems, citing "profound risks to society and humanity." Nobody knows how far AI technology can take us and many don't know where it already has.

Booster Club 3 Versus 3 A Success For All

by Meg Erwin

On March 17th, Faith Christian School held a basketball 3 v. 3 tournament in the school's gymnasium. This event was a fundraiser hosted by the FCS Booster Club. Each participant in the tournament paid an entry fee of three dollars. An admission fee was also charged for spectators. All of the proceeds benefit Faith's sports teams.

The event, enjoyed by all who attended, almost didn't happen. As of March 3rd, the registration deadline, very few people had signed up. Because of this, the event was almost cancelled, unfortunate news for all those who were looking forward to participating in and attending the event. However, juniors Stephen Williams and Serena Gonzalez launched a person by person campaign to persuade students, staff and alumni to participate. Because of their efforts, more than thirty people signed up for the event. The 3 v. 3 was scheduled to take place on Friday, March 10th. Due to inclement weather, it was moved to the following Friday, the 17th. On St. Patrick's Day evening, spectators watched as the different teams competed to win the tournament.

The tournament opened with team black battling against team red. Some strong feelings were evoked in the first round. "I feel exhilarated; I feel outraged that my brother didn't win," said junior Michelle Ortiz, sister of Michael Ortiz. Round 2 ended in favor of the green team, who won against the grey team. According to junior, Shaela Maldonado, the "shots were fire." During the 3rd round, the yellow team proved victorious over the blue team. As the event progressed throughout the night, people began to feel the pressure of the final matches. When asked to describe round 3, Michelle Ortiz replied, "Intense- it's very, very intense." Round 4 featured the purple team against the white team. Junior, Connor Roddy felt "mesmerized" watching the purple team defeat the white team.

Round 5 was considered by many to be the most intense round to that point in the game. It was black versus green, and moving on to the championship game was on the line. During this game, green team member, Noah Grauso, was injured and could no longer play. The black team ended up winning and advancing to the championship round. In the next round, the yellow team obtained victory over the purple team, moving them Team Yellow to the final.

Spectators held their breath, as the final round was about to begin. During round 7, the black team needed to defeat the yellow team if they were to have tournament victory. Many juniors thought the yellow team would win and rooted for their success. Elizabeth Williams, sister of Team Black member, Stephen Williams, believed that the black team could be victorious. "I have faith in them," she said.

The game had spectators on the edge of their seats. At half-time, the score was 9-6 with the Team Black in the lead. At this time, it was unclear who would win the tournament. As the second half progressed, Team Black gained a more substantial lead over Team Yellow to seal their victory. Team Black, consisting of high school Bible teacher Mr. Pagan, seventh grader Ethan Pagan, and junior Stephen Williams had beaten Team Yellow, juniors Matthew Lala and Connor Roddy, and senior Hill Wilson.

Money was raised for a very good cause, both from the entry fees for the event and various tasty treats for sale, such as hot dogs, snack foods, and baked goods. Everyone enjoyed the event, which supported sports programs at the school. Both players and spectators alike agreed it was an evening well spent.



(Pictured left) Winners of the 3 V 3 basketball game, Team Black.: Ethan Pagan, Mr. Ariel Pagan and Stephen Williams

<u>Team Black</u> Stephen Williams Mr. Ariel Pagan Ethan Pagan	<u>Team Red</u> Tiago Morero-Cuadra Jadon Cabrera Michael Ortiz
<u>Team Yellow</u> Hill Wilson Matt Lala Connor Roddy	<u>Team Green</u> Noah Grauso Jeffrey Hazelton Jayla Lane Brandon Fox
<u>Team Blue</u> Mercedes Long Mr. Joe Smith Aaron Smith Matt Ocasio	<u>Team Purple</u> Tim Jackson Chase Lowris A.J. Nyveldt
<u>Team White</u> Lucas Gonzalez Miss Sarah Dempsey Samantha Coca	<u>Team Grey</u> Brian Raisley Caleb Stender Elizabeth Williams



(Above) Excited onlookers watch as Team Blue and Team Yellow lay it all out on the court in their efforts toward victory.

FREAKY FACTS
AND
ESTIMATIONS

Compiled by Stephen Williams

1. IT IS SAID THAT HEARING IS THE LAST SENSE YOU WILL LOSE BEFORE YOU DIE.
2. THERE ARE 250,000 DEATHS PER YEAR DUE TO MEDICAL ERROR.
3. IF THE SUN EXPLODED, YOU WOULDN'T KNOW FOR ABOUT 8 MINUTES.
4. A HOMICIDE ARCHIVIST, ESTIMATES THAT THERE ARE OVER 2000 SERIAL KILLERS AT LARGE RIGHT NOW.
5. THERE ARE 40 SUPERVOLCANOES THAT CAN WIPE OUT AT LEAST A BILLION LIVES, AND WE ARE 24,000 YEARS OVERDUE FOR AN ERUPTION.
6. DOGS LIKE SQUEAKY TOYS BECAUSE IT MIMICS THE CRY OF THEIR PREY.
7. THE DEAD OUTNUMBER THE LIVING 15 TO 1.

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2nd place:
Noodle Naomi

She eats the noodles
Slurps them down vigorously
They are delicious

By Gwen Fossa (11th grade)



Uncaptured pictures
Live in memories only
That is their beauty

By Megan Erwin
(11th grade)

3rd Place:

4th Place:

The Four Seasons

By Autumn James (6th Grade)

There are many season that we all share,
Some more than others about that we care.
There are so many - I'll say them one by one,
Until finally they'll be listed and we will be done.

First, start with fall, the leaves on the trees,
The swoosh and whoosh in the brisk, cold breeze.
They start to fall, yellow, orange and blazing red,
Encompassing the season's name that has already been said.

Next, there is winter, frozen, snowy and cold,
All the flowers are hidden, waiting to unfold.
Making igloos, snow angels and snowmen,
But this season will soon come to an end.

Spring will proudly have its arrival,
When the flowers unfurl to show their winter's survival.
The trees' green leaves begin to grow,
As the seed of the new season starts to show.

Summer comes with a heat wave of excitement,
Family and friends gather fo a pool party that is giant.
Once ice cream is tasted and to the music you hum,
It is known that school is out and vacation has come.

The season's have so many delightful ways to be,
So many hundreds, thousands, can't you see?
Cannonballs and snowball fights fill children with glee,
But it can be calming curling up underneath a cherry-blossom tree.

As seasons and years come and go,
Remember an important lesson though.
If you love the Lord with your whole heart,
You and He will never be torn apart.

First Place:

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The nice air can bring a cool flow.
But it can be hot, humid, and slow.

Water can make rocks round.
It can also make rough ground.

Underneath your feet, earth can crumble,
But be careful if you feel a rumble.

A warm fire can be generous,
But out of control is dangerous.

By Bradley Kouamo Sime (8th Grade)



5th Place:

~Worship~

by Jayla Lane (7th grade)

Worship through song
Helps bring me along
It feels so right
Especially, when life isn't so bright

Christ's love is like a light.
He works hard and everything goes right
His light paves the way
And gets brighter every day

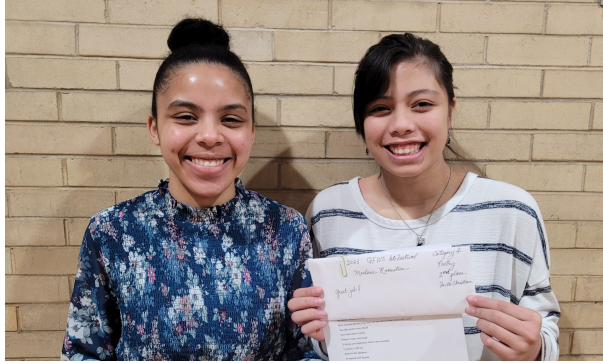
There's no song like "New Wine"
With the spirit flowing there can always be a new
line
Maverick City has great vocals
And shares with more than just the locals

Even with this society
And a lot of teenagers with anxiety
Music like this can vanquish it all
All you need is to give Him a call

One way to do so is worship through song
Even if it may feel wrong
You might not want to raise your hands
But there also might be no band



Creative writing winners of the Bangor chapter of the General Federation of Women's Club are announced; all first place winners move on to the state level competition. The high school short story winners:
1st Place - Connor Roddy (above right)
2nd place - Megan Erwin (above middle)
3rd Place - Joseph Blair (above left)
Winning in the high school poetry contest:
1st place Amaya Cameron (bottom left)
2nd place - Moelani Roometua (bottom right)
3rd place - Shayla Bartholomew (not picture)



Elementary winners (pictured from top center)
4th Grade:
1st Place Poetry - Alexander Kresge (middle)
1st Place Short Story - Lylah Remaley (middle)
2nd Place Short Story - Caleb Ruck (left)
3rd Place Short Story - Levi Lessig (right)
5th Grade (not pictured):
2nd Place Short Story- Abigail Shipman
2nd Grade in the short story category:
1st Place -Jesse Henninger (above right)
2nd Place - Anderson Little (above left)
3rd Place Short Story- Aaron Tilley (above center)

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