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History Monthly

" I SWORE NEVER TO BE SILENT WHENEVER AND WHEREVER HUMAN BEINGS ENDURE SUFFERING AND HUMILIATION. WE MUST ALWAYS TAKE SIDES. NEUTRALITY HELPS THE OPPRESSOR, NEVER THE VICTIM. SILENCE ENCOURAGES THE TORMENTOR, NEVER THE TORMENTED." -ELIE WIESEL

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

START-II in Moscow

On January 3, 1993, U.S. President George H. W. Bush and Russian President Boris Yeltsin signed the START-II (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty) in Moscow. This historic agreement aimed to reduce the threat of nuclear war by eliminating nearly two-thirds of the long-range nuclear weapons held by both nations. It was a significant step toward arms control and marked a milestone in U.S.-Russia relations following the end of the Cold War, promoting global stability and security.



V.O.T.P. Student Highlight

EMMA LOHRI

Senior Emma Lohri decided in order to honor Holocaust Memorial Day by putting together a project that included the whole school. We asked each teacher and student to answer the question "How can we ensure that this history is not forgotten?". They answered the question on colorful cut out butterflies that are on the display case in the North Wing of the school. Emma's idea helped faculty and students throughout the school critically think about the Holocaust, and our role in continuing remembrances.





Holocaust Survivor Story

Naki Touron-Fais' story begins in 1926 in Greece, where she was born to her parents Avraham and Reveka Touron. She was the youngest of three siblings, they were a comfortable, upright family, though not rich. During the war, she found herself sleeping in her former school teacher's house after leaving home in search for a doctor. The Germans overheard that she was sleeping inside and they took her. She was put on a truck with other Jews where they were taken to a concentration camp. She mentioned that "the conditions were bad, the food was okay, and we were sleeping on a cement floor."

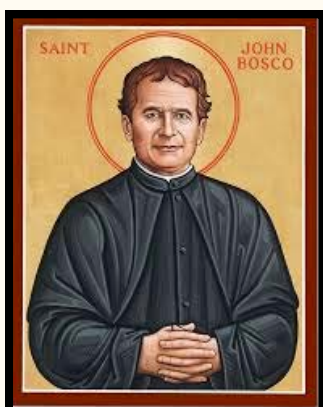
[LEARN MORE ABOUT HER STORY HERE](#)

Catholic Corner

SAINT JOHN BOSCO

This month on January 31st, our school celebrated the feast of St. John Bosco with Mass. He is the patron saint of our school, so this Mass was very important to our community. Read this article to learn more about our patron!

[READ THE ARTICLE HERE](#)



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

During the last week of this month our school celebrated Catholic Schools Week. To celebrate, we held a food drive, celebrating Mass with our feeder schools and Bishop Fernandez, and Mass for the Feast Day of St. John Bosco. This week was all about giving to those in need and celebrating our Catholic schools!



MASS WITH
THE BISHOP

Holocaust Remembrance Day Projects

January 27th, 2025 was the 80th anniversary of International Holocaust Remembrance Day. To honor this day, we decided to make a few school projects to display, in order to help our school get a better understanding of how many people were targeted and lost their lives during the Holocaust. Both of these projects are displayed where the whole school can see.

11,000 Pom Poms

This project was to have a visual representation of how many people were killed during the Holocaust. Since purchasing or making 11 million of anything would have been difficult, we decided to condense the item to 11,000 and we chose pom poms as our medium. We counted out all 11,000 pom poms, with different colors representing the different types of people that were targeted. Each pom pom represents 1,000 people, there were 6,000 yellow pom poms symbolizing the Jews. The 500-2000 of each other color represented the millions of others who faced Nazi persecution including Blacks, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, those with disabilities, criminals, and political opponents.

[LEARN MORE HERE](#)

The Butterfly Poem

For this project we found a poem called "The Butterfly" which was written by Pavel Friedmann. We learned that since this poem was written, butterflies have become a symbol of resilience and hope to honor the victims of the Holocaust. We decided to display this poem on a poster and at the end pose a question to the whole school, "How can we ensure that this history is not forgotten?" We then displayed the responses from students and staff in the North Wing display case.

[READ THE POEM HERE](#)



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