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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **1ST QUARTER ENDS**
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- **2ND QUARTER BEGINS**
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- **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**
OCTOBER 15-16
- **SCHOOL PICTURE MAKEUPS**
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- **VETERANS DAY OBSERVED**
(NO SCHOOL)
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Patriarticle: Desmond Doss

During the 10th century, the idea of the “gun” was born, but it wasn’t until 1364 when the first use of a firearm was recorded. When hearing the word “gun,” many things come to mind. One thing that some people would think of would be war. Imagine you were in war, but you were not allowed to use a gun or any weapon at all, and this would only apply to you. So pretty much everybody else including the enemy has a gun except you. No doubt that that sounds extremely cruel, and you’re probably thinking that you would have no chance of survival. Well, on May 5, 1945, Desmond Doss fought in World War II without a weapon.



Now war is already extremely scary. What if you were fighting in the war, and you saw through the smoke, your fellow soldiers in a trench. You’d hear gunshot after gunshot and the deafening sound of bombs. You’d see dying soldiers on the battlefield. On top of all that you’d have no weapon to protect yourself. If I were Doss, I’d be absolutely terrified. But the thing is, he wasn’t forced to fight without a firearm; he just chose to. The reason for this is because Doss believed the Ten Commandments. And the sixth commandment solely states: “Thou shalt not kill.” Because of this, as a child, he promised he would never take anyone’s life.

Doss planned to be a medic. Instead of taking lives, he would be saving them. In war, sorry to paint the gory picture, but there are many bodies scattered across the battlefield.

Some of these bodies are not dead but are just immobile due to their wounds. Doss’s plan was to find those people and carry them to safety. This job was very dangerous because he’d be risking his life to save someone else’s. Not only did he have to be discreet, but he also had to treat people’s wounds. If he made one wrong move, he could get them caught, and both lives could be taken.

When Doss enlisted, the Army didn’t want him because he would not touch a gun. They didn’t think he’d be of any use. Doss was bullied, harassed, abused, and cursed all because he wouldn’t pick up a gun. They even tried to court-martial him because he wouldn’t obey direct orders to “carry a gun,” but they failed in all their efforts. You would think he’d just give in and take the gun, but he did not. He stood firm in what he believed.

In 1945, during the Battle of Okinawa, the men had to climb a steep, rocky cliff. At the top of the cliff were the Japanese soldiers. This cliff was also known as Hacksaw Ridge. This climb was very risky and perilous for there were many holes and caves dug by the Japanese. Later on, Doss managed to crawl underground and rescue one soldier after another. He risked his life so many times, and so many times he had to rescue men that were so close to the enemy line that he could hear the Japanese whispering.

A few days later Doss was terribly injured. Some Japanese soldiers threw a grenade at him, and this tore into his hip and leg. Although this happened, Doss rescued a total of seventy-five men including his captain who in the beginning wanted nothing to do with him.

In 1945, President Harry S. Truman awarded Doss with the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest award for courage under fire. In an interview, Desmond Doss spoke of when he rescued the men one by one, and his words were “I was praying the whole time. I just kept praying, ‘Lord, please help me get one more.’”



William Shakespeare

You may know of William Shakespeare because of his famous play titled *Romeo and Juliet*. William Shakespeare is a well known English poet and dramatist, he is also known as the “Bard of Avon” meaning “the poet of Avon”. He earned that name because he was such a great poet. Shakespeare is recognized around the world for his brilliant handiwork such as *Romeo and Juliet*, *Macbeth*, and *Hamlet*. But did you know that he wrote at least 37 plays? Imagine how much time that took! People believe that it took him 3 years to write just one play. I guess you can say it was “Hard to be the Bard”. William wasn’t just a poet, he was also a husband and a father. He married Anne Hathaway in 1582 and later had 3 children; Hamnet Shakespeare, Susanna Hall, and Judith Quiney.



Even though Shakespeare died 404 years ago, his legacy still lives on. His plays are still admired till this day. Plays such as *The Merchant of Venice*, *Twelfth Night*, *Romeo and Juliet*, and *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*. People still remake his writings into movies, plays, and television shows, and there was even a musical made about him! Shakespeare was such a hard worker and we can learn so much from him. Little did he know that his work would still be known over 400 years later. I’m sure people told him that his work wasn’t good enough. But that didn’t stop him, he kept making plays and stories and eventually the world knew who Shakespeare was. Remember that if someone tries to discourage you while you are working hard, don’t let that get to you. You never know if you’ll end up like Shakespeare and people will still know your name 400 years later.

Myth Busters: King Midas and the Golden Touch

I'm sure everyone knows that life has not exactly been the greatest during these last months. By which I mean things kind of stink. Due to the pandemic, we have been forced to wear masks and limit our time outside and in public places. We have to be careful with whom we spend our time and what we come in contact with. Of course, we should be careful where we put our hands to prevent the spread of germs. But I'm not here to talk about health requirements. What I will be talking about is someone who didn't have to worry about spreading germs because he was busy spreading gold. Have you ever heard the saying "Be careful what you wish for?" Yeah, King Midas learned this the hard way.

The story of King Midas is a story we have all heard before. Some might think it's a fairytale, but the story is actually part of Greek mythology. So for the people who already know this tale, I hope you might learn something new.

Midas was the ruler of Phrygia, a country in Asia Minor. The king was known for his love of luxury as well as his lack of common sense. The man seemed to care more for money than the betterment of his kingdom.

One day while King Midas was out in his garden, he found a satyr named Silenus. Recognizing that the satyr was a friend of the god Dionysus, Midas decided to help the man. The king made sure Silenus was fed and hydrated, showing great hospitality. When Midas brought the satyr back to Dionysus, the god of merriment was very pleased with the Phrygian king's kindness. To show his gratitude, Dionysus offered Midas a wish. King Midas could have asked for anything. Midas was a greedy man, so he wished that anything he touched would turn to gold. Dionysus warned him to think carefully before he made his wish, but the king's mind was already made up.

The next day, Midas's wish came true. Anything he touched became pure gold. The furniture, the palace walls, and even his garden turned to gold by his touch. The king was overjoyed at the fact he could now become the wealthiest ruler in the world. But the man soon learned there were some setbacks to his newfound power.

When it was time for lunch, Midas tried to eat his meal as usual. But, when the food touched his lips, it turned to gold. No matter what he tried to eat, the result was the same. Even the water Midas tried to drink would turn into liquid gold. The man realized that he would never be able to eat, and he would eventually die of starvation. Midas was horrified at the thought, and he begged Dionysus to take this golden curse back. He admitted he was foolish and wished for things to go back to normal.

Dionysus heard his plea and told Midas to bathe in the Pactolus River. If he did, he would lose the golden touch forever and everything would go back to the way it was before the whole mess started. Midas immediately went to bathe in the river. As soon as he did, the golden touch was gone and everything was returned to its original non-golden form.

The lesson from this story is pretty straightforward. Sometimes what we think we want will do more harm to us than good. We may think we know what's best for us, but that is definitely not true. In Matthew 7:8-11, the Bible talks about how no one can give better gifts to God's children than He can.

We cannot outgive God because He knows us better than we know ourselves.



WHAT WAS SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



ALYSSA'S ANTIJOKES

1. Why is "dark" spelt with a K instead of a C?
2. What do you call a bee from America?
3. What kind of math do birds like?
4. What do you call a bear with no teeth?
5. When do you stop on green and go on red?
6. Why did the math book look sad?
7. What do you call a belt with a clock on it?
8. Why don't skeletons fight each other?
9. How do you count cows?
10. What do you call an elephant that doesn't matter?
11. Why do cows have hooves instead of feet?
12. What do horses say when they fall?
13. What do you call an ant that won't go away?
14. Why can't your nose be twelve inches long?



Answer key: 1. Because you can't C in the dark 2.USB 3. Owlgebra 4. A gummy bear 5. When eating a watermelon 6. Because it was filled with problems 7. A waist of time 8. They don't have the guts 9. With a cowculator 10. Irrephant 11. Because they lactose 12. Help I've fallen and I can't giddy up 13. Permanant 14. Cause then it would be a foot



Why are Streaming Services Doing Well Right Now?

During the summer, while we were all trapped inside, we had nothing to do. We couldn't go outside, we couldn't spend time with friends, we couldn't even get a haircut when it was needed. So while we were trapped indoors with our own boredom, we had one thing to blow that boredom away. That thing was streaming services. Things like Netflix, Hulu, Disney+, etc. would keep us entertained when there was nothing we wanted to do. Now I am not one to talk since I enjoy playing video games, but I know families (including mine) would watch for hours together. The question of "Why are they making so much money?" has an obvious answer. Because we were quarantined, all we could do was watch T.V. So due to our boredom, we would pay to get T.V. streamed to us. Before the quarantine only 12-26 million people were using Netflix, but during the quarantine it had 118-120 million people using it. I enjoyed my time using streaming services when I had absolutely nothing to do. It was fun watching new movies I planned on watching later. I also enjoyed rewatching shows I watched when I was younger. One of my favorite things to do is watch a Netflix original movie with my sister and make fun of them. We would laugh at each other's witty remarks and how the movie could be corrected. In general, I believe it is worth it to get streaming services (especially during this quarantine) because it might have something you can really enjoy; something that will make you laugh, or something to just make fun of with your family.

Rare animal species

The world is filled with various kinds of animals that come in all shapes and sizes. Over the years we have seen many species go extinct. As you may have heard when the Australia wildfires occurred, the koala species almost went extinct. But besides the fires, many other species are going extinct as well due to the climate/environment or human destruction itself.

Another animal going extinct is the Seneca. This species of deer is going extinct due to isolation which causes high levels of inbreeding. These albino deer are an extremely rare species of deer that are leucistic, meaning they lack pigmentation in their body but still have brown eyes. There are only about 300 left in total. These kinds of deer live in seneca county, New York.

The Amur leopard looks like any other regular leopard except they have smaller ears. They live in far East Russia and have a lifespan of about 10-15 years; there are only 84 left.

Last but not least, Borneo Pygmy elephants are the smallest species of elephant and tend to live in the savannah. Despite the cuteness of this animal, this species is critically endangered due to poaching and deforestation, placing their current population at approximately 1,500. We don't know exactly how many species are extinct in the world, it is best that we take care of our planet to prevent the extinction of the animals.



Random Facts

1. The scientific term for brain freeze is "sphenopalatine ganglioneuralgia"
2. One habit of intelligent humans is being easily annoyed by people around them, but saying nothing in order to avoid a meaningless argument
3. In 2006, a Coca-Cola employee offered to sell Coca-Cola secrets to Pepsi. Pepsi responded by notifying Coca-Cola.
4. There were two AI chatbots created by Facebook to talk to each other, but they were shut down after they started communicating in a language they made for themselves
5. A single strand of Spaghetti is called a "Spaghetto"
6. There is actually a difference between coffins and caskets - coffins are typically tapered and six-sided, while caskets are rectangular
7. The first movie ever to put out a motion-picture soundtrack was *Snow White and the Seven Dwarves*
8. At birth, a baby panda is smaller than a mouse
9. Iceland does not have a railway system

Mood for Food: Cup Noodles

Food, what an amazing topic to talk about. Whether it be Thai, Mexican, Italian, or American. Today we are going to be talking about the world famous college go to meal, Cup Noodles.

There is only one company that can rightfully claim the Pinnacle of Noodledom. Only one company whose founder faced a Japanese food shortage after WWII and invented instant ramen which sparked a 3 minute global revolution. Only one whose spirit of innovation continues to provide simple and nourishing delight to billions of people. On a trip to the U.S. in 1966, Mr. Momofuku Ando noticed Americans curiously eating forkfuls of noodles out of cups instead of using bowls and chopsticks. With that simple observation, the worldwide Cup Noodles was born. Shortly after, Nissin put down its roots in the U.S. in 1972, in the city of Gardena, CA, the first instant ramen in the United States. Ever since, Nissin Foods has created a continuous stream of new and innovative products for noodle-loving Americans. The noodle flavors are beef, chicken, chili, crab, seafood curry, sriracha chicken, spicy lime shrimp, hot and spicy shrimp, and more.



You may or may not have noticed, Cup Noodles contains high amounts of sodium. A single serving of Cup Noodles contains 1,310 milligrams of sodium, meaning it contains about 87% of your daily sodium intake in that one little cup. These noodles are a good source of Iron and Calcium, but overall it has more cons than pros due to the high amounts of sodium and sugar. Although it is also difficult to reduce the high saturated fat content of the noodles, removing, replacing, or using less of the flavoring makes a Cup Noodles much lower in sodium. In conclusion, Cup Noodles are delicious but should not be eaten on an everyday basis :)

Google Glass

These Glasses were an unexpected flop. But is there hope for a more promising new beginning?

Google glass came out at a very crucial time in its era. During 2014, wearable technology was barely on the rise. And the Google Glass was promising to provide a user-friendly way to access directions, take video, and surf the internet all while doing this hands free. Now the software isn't what killed this product because the truth is that it could do what it said it would do, and it did it well. For starters it was only available to a very small amount of people initially. Only the press and some privileged Twitter people were allowed to have them. The second reason for its folly was the price, coming in at around \$1,500, making it very hard to take a leap on; especially since it was a new product. Even when more consumers were starting to get their hands on them, new problems were arising. Problems such as people being concerned that they were being filmed by the camera mounted on the front module of the glasses. They ended up being discontinued for consumers and were re-released recently for business use at a price of \$999. These were designed to be glasses to help construction workers or engineers look at schematics and surgeons and doctors to get alerts and look up symptoms. As of now, these aren't available to the general public but I guess we'll just have to wait and see.



The Pros: The glasses are lightweight, Everything it does, it does well. The camera quality is good and overall the construction quality is solid.

The Cons: People are constantly concerned that you are in violation of their privacy, They are not very well priced, pretty much obsolete, and honestly just look pretty bad from a fashion standpoint.

Verdict: So here we are at the verdict. Is this product dead? Does it have a future? These are both valid questions and to be quite frank, I have no idea. The new market they are aiming for seems pretty solid and companies seem interested, but in the end we will just have to wait and see.

"You could be a spy with them."- Ruby Quintana

Word Search

Q G K L J T N U E O
 K W K C M Q H U U X
 L P O E A A I N I F
 Q D D P R P S V Q F
 H E A X E A K K R C
 T U Z Y Z N S C E K
 P S E Y D N C E A S
 H S C H O O L I R B
 A I K O O B O C L Z
 J T F I K H N F N L

BACKPACK FOOD SCHOOL
 BOOK PENCIL TISSUE
 ERASER MASK

Obscure Sports: Curling

No, this is not like curling your hair, kind of curling; although, it would be pretty interesting to see an actual curling iron used in this sport. This is not the most obscure sport, but it isn't that well-known either. Well, I guess by the end of this article, you will be more informed. :)

Curling is actually kind of similar to darts. Well, the only big similarity is the usage of a target. Yes, a target is used but nothing will be thrown at it, rather slid on top of it. In curling, there is no ball or birdie; instead, there is a 44 pound stone called a "rock." The two teams' main objective is to slide the rock onto the center of the target.

After all of the rocks are thrown (including the other team's rocks), the team whose rock is nearest the center gets a point. This then repeats for six to ten rounds, also known as "ends," and the team with the most points wins. Each team consists of four people, and one of the four is the captain or "skip." The skip calls all the plays and makes sure there is a plan.

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At a glance, it appears that one person slides the rock across the ice. There are two other people in front of the rock, but they do nothing until after five seconds. After these five long seconds, the two people start sweeping. Why? Did they just suddenly decide that the floor was too dirty? Well, anyway, they do this until the rock slides to a stop on top of the target. Almost forgot to mention, that while this is all happening, another teammate is waiting by the target yelling.

What is really happening is that one of the teammates rolls the rock across the ice, after the rock reaches a certain point, the two teammates in front of the rock start sweeping. This sweeping helps the rock glide farther, and this will benefit the team because it will cause the rock to be nearest to the center. The other teammate who is by the target is the skip, and this person is yelling in order to direct the play. Some may think that this rock just moves in a straight line. Nay, my friend. The rock is actually spun in a certain direction in order to make it to a certain spot on the target. This spinning causes the rock to "curl" across the ice, hence, the name.

In all these articles, I say the same thing: "This sport is really cool, and I would like to play it." Well, today...this sport is really cool, and I would like to play it. Go outside and be sporty or something!



Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:



-Proverbs 24:33

MAD GABS

1. Ache Inks High Sped
2. Ail Huck Each Arm
3. Pretty Shack Scent
4. Ape Hand Hub Hair
5. Wand Her Womb Hen
6. Ease Ace Life Ox
7. Abe Less Sing
8. Know Sayer
9. Eye Pillow Fizz Sigh

1. A King sized bed
2. A lucky charm
3. British Accent
4. A panda bear
5. Wonder women
6. He's a sly fox
7. A blessing
8. Nose Hair
9. Apple of his eye



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