



“Impossible” Magic Comes to DSA

By: Jennie Coral

Anyone ever heard about a pumpkin turning into a golden carriage? In the story of Cinderella a pumpkin does! The story of Cinderella has 300 to 1500 different versions. There are also many versions of books and movies based on the story of Cinderella. DSA is having a play based on the story of Cinderella too! Most versions have the same basic theme: a girl is looked at as worthless and has to do all the chores of the household, then that girl somehow becomes worthy of marrying the Prince. In the DSA musical, the lead role of Cinderella will be played in the double cast by Victoria Adolphson and Gabriella Difabio. The Prince will be played in one cast by Javier Velez and, in the other, by Jack Farrens.

Gabriella Difabio was asked about her role in the musical. When asked what the hardest part of her role was, she answered, “The most complicated thing to learn so far is the *Ten Minutes Ago* dance. Jack and I are always tripping over each other.” She went on to say, “The thing I like most about being in a play is being able to connect with the character and being able to step in their shoes.”

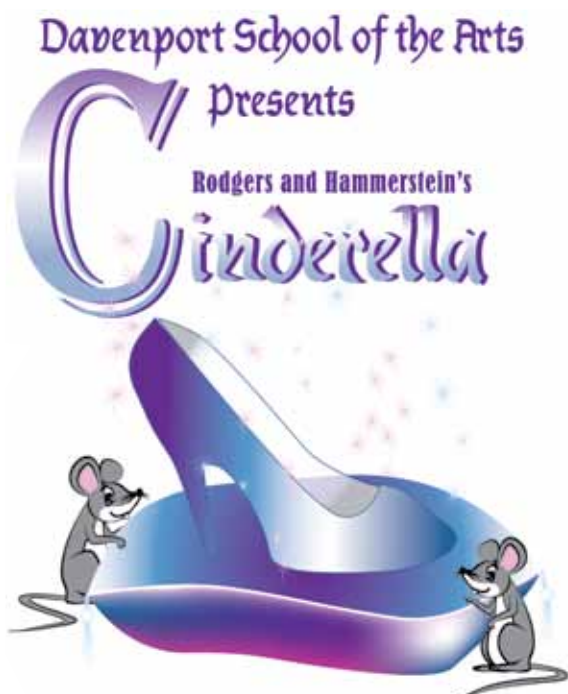
When interviewed, Mrs. Cain replied to questions about why she chose Cinderella for the play. Mrs. Cain stated, “After directing *Fiddler on the roof*, I wanted to do something light hearted and whimsical.” When asked

how hard it was for the young actors to act out the love story, she said, “At the beginning of the rehearsal process, it was awkward for the actors, but as they work together through the rehearsal process, the actors get more comfortable with each other and their characters. By opening night, they will bring perfection to the stage. No question!!!”

The show dates for the DSA Cinderella musical are Friday May 3rd, Saturday May 4th, Friday May 10th, and Saturday May 11th in the Frank Howes Theater at DSA. May 3rd is opening night followed by the gala. Tickets will begin on sale Mon-

day April 15th. The tickets will cost \$7.00 for opening night online and \$8.00 for opening night at the door. All other show dates are \$5.00 online and \$6.00 at the door.

For more ticket information, go to davenportschoolofthearts.com.





DO YOU KNOW THE SAINTS?

By Isaiah Sarria with Mrs. Varner



The Irish have celebrated St. Patrick's Day for over 1000 years and they have seen it as a religious tradition.

As a religious tradition, the Christians of Ireland attended church in the morning and celebrated in the afternoon. On



There is a Catholic church in Tampa named after St. Patrick.

St. Patrick's Day the Irish eat Irish bacon and cabbage, and then dance to celebrate the anniversary of the death of Saint Patrick.

St. Patrick lived in the fifth century, and was born in Roman Britain. At the age of 16, he was kidnapped from Britain and was brought to Ireland for slavery. After he escaped, he returned to Ireland and was credited for bringing Christianity to Ireland, thus becoming the patron saint of Ireland. St. Patrick explained

the Holy Trinity, (Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit) using the three leaves of the national Irish clover, the shamrock.

Years after St. Patrick's death, believed to be March 17, 1762, the mythology involving St. Patrick became more involved in the Irish culture. Mrs. McNulty, an Irish 5th grade teacher said, "Being a native New Yorker, I grew up with a lot of pride for my Irish roots. Unfortunately, here in Florida, it [St. Patrick's Day] doesn't get the same notori-



The passport above indicates that Mrs. McNulty's grandfather was a "Farm Laborer" from the area of Cork, Ireland when he immigrated to the U.S. in 1928.

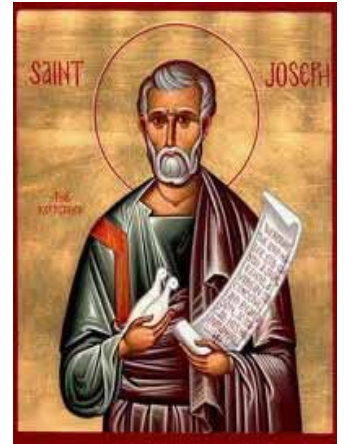
Right: Naturalization document of Margaret Lehane, her grandmother from Ireland.



St. Patrick's Day, Mrs. McNulty says, "We wear green (like everyone else) but also eat corn beef, cabbage and listen to music." Mrs. McNulty is also a member of the Cork Society, being a direct descendent of her grandfather's family in Cork, Ireland; she is also named after an Irish county and river. Mrs. McNulty's grandfather was one of many Irish immigrants who came to America through Ellis Island in New York.

Another saint that is celebrated in March is St. Joseph, the patron saint of Italy. Mr. Pranno, orchestra and piano teacher at DSA says, "He [St. Joseph] was a carpenter by profession and is often pictured with the tools of his trade. It was custom in the early Christian church to honor important people with a "Feast Day" or a day in their honor (e.g. St. Patrick and St. Valentine). St. Joseph is the patron saint of Italy, the county's "protector" much as St. Patrick is to Ireland. The Feast of St. Joseph is celebrated on March 19. It has been celebrated since the earliest days of the church. St Joseph's Day is during Lent. It has long been a custom to give up meat during Lent. St. Joseph's Day features meat free meals often highlighted by Minestrone soup, which is hardly a sacrifice! Another custom is to wear red (the color of Italy) on the day just as we wear green on St. Patrick's Day."

Understanding cultural influence for holidays and traditions brings more meaning to wearing red or green clothes on these special days in March.



There is a hospital in Tampa named after St. Joseph.

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The Books are Back!

By: Christopher Poisson with Mrs. Varner

"It's alive!!! My creation has been born and it shall be called Frankenstein!" You may have heard those words from a book in the book fair. The book fair's theme was Story Laboratory and had tons of crazy and wacky props that made every second creepy. Once past the creepy props all the books were shining bright like a diamond. The book fair had all sorts of books like *Can You See What I See?*, *Fly Guy*, and *Hideout* by Gordan Korman.



The book fair began February 25th and ended March 4th. Thursday of that week was Family Day; families were invited to attend the Book Fair that evening with entertainment provided by the Primary Choir, directed by Ms. Smokay, DSA music teacher.



The Media Center was crowded on family night as shoppers looked for a book bargain.

Guessing games were once again an exciting part of the Book Fair. There was a special prize of \$25 in books that went to Winter Gillispie for guessing the exact amount of candy in the jar. There was also a random drawing for all teachers and the prize was five free books of the winner's choice. The winner of the teachers' drawing was Mr. Mercier. Besides providing an opportunity for students to buy favorite books, the Book Fair raises money used for more books for the AR reading party. Additional money covers the cost of

books given as appreciation gifts.

Books have come a long way since the first one was printed with movable type in the 1400's. The first book created with movable type was the Gutenberg Bible, first printed in Latin by John Gutenberg. The Gutenberg Bible was widely appreciated for its artistic features. Over the years, books and authors have evolved in their writing styles and filled many libraries with their volumes. Children's authors such as Dr. Seuss, A.A. Milne, Judy Blume, and J.K. Rowling, have been entertaining and educating children throughout the decades. One popular children's author is Eric Carle who is most popular for featuring insects and animals, and great color usage in his illustrations. A.A. Milne is best known for creating the lovable character known as Winnie-the-Pooh. Maybe most notable to current student readers is J.K. Rowling, who created the Harry Potter series. Her books have sold over 400 million copies. Books by these authors and more are available in the DSA Media Center.



Mrs. McNulty poses with her students while checking out the Book Fair.



These "Mad Scientists" (AKA Jaden Hughes and Taylor Beasley) find the perfect book to fuel their reading experiment.

Gas Prices: Up or Down?

By Caleb Taylor with Mrs. Varner

In the past year, gasoline prices have slowly raised up to \$3.75 and more. Local citizens wonder why the prices are so high. A year ago gas was at a normal price of \$3.40. There are several reasons why gas prices have increased. One reason is that oil refineries are closing for renovation or maintenance, meaning less gasoline is being produced from oil. The states with the highest gas prices are New York, Virginia, Hawaii, Connecticut, and California. The highest state is Hawaii with an average cost of \$4.40 per gallon.

Oil Refineries turn oil into gasoline, and then ships the gasoline to gas stations in trucks. Saudi Arabia, which is the world's biggest oil supplier, produces 7 million less oil barrels than it used to, and in the U.S., several oil refineries have either closed or gone out of business, adding to the gasoline shortage. Gas prices are increasing because of the closing of refineries, shortages of oil, and the government charging at least 49.5 cents in tax nationwide.

Oil analysts say that prices will probably increase 75 cents in the next 2 months. No one knows if the refineries will open back up and the prices go down, or if more oil refineries will close and the price goes up more. This, combined with the unstable events in the Middle East, means gas prices will keep everyone guessing.

The pictures below show gas prices at the 3 gas stations closest to DSA with a range of price from \$3.59 to 3.75 (at the time of this publication)



Spring is Here!

By: Lydia Perez

There are many fun things to do and fun places to go over the Spring break.

Places students can go to are amusement parks, the beach and they could leave to visit family. For example, students can go to any of the Disney theme parks, Universal Studios and Busch Gardens. They could go to Daytona Beach, Clearwater or Vero Beach. There are many beaches within an hour or two drive.



Above: DSA art teacher Ms. Deans will spend Spring Break working at Circle F Dude Ranch. Left: Ms. Deans climbs the watch tower at Circle F Dude Ranch.

When Ms. Deans was interviewed she said, "I will be working at a camp called Circle F Dude Ranch for the week." Ms. Deans works there every summer. A 2nd grader, Yessibeth said, "I'm going to Universal Studios and Blizzard Beach for my Spring break."

Seventh grader Ashley Martinez said, "I'm going to Miami and I'm going to hang out at the beach and go surfing."

Spring break is a great time to sit back and relax. It's also a good time to go out and have fun with friends and family.



Ashley practices her surfing pose.



Let the Season Begin



By: Darren Ross with Mrs. Varner

Spring training signals the start of the MLB (Major League Baseball) season. Many teams hold spring training in Florida for the more appropriate weather. Florida hosts 15 Major league Baseball teams during spring training. The purpose of spring training is to give teams and players practice time before the real baseball season begins. Spring training also allows players to show off in order to get a starting spot on a team. The usual routines for a major league baseball team in spring training is to practice, then have exhibition games.

Briceson, a 7th grade DSA student, went to a Cleveland Indians game when they used to be a part of Florida spring training. He says the game was very interesting and was enjoyed by him and fans around him. He was not able to get any autographs, though, because of the crowd.

Spring training tickets are sold from a range of 8 dollars up to 45 dollars depending on what teams are playing and where the game is located. You can view and purchase tickets on TicketMaster.com. Spring training lasts about six weeks and starts in mid February and ends in late March. The attendance is not as high as in the regular season, but quite a few fans attend spring training to cheer on their teams.

Interested participants can go to a Miami Marlins game at Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter, or a New York Yankees game at Steinbrenner Field in Tampa. Atlanta Braves play at ESPN Wide World of Sports in Kissimmee, Baltimore Orioles at Ed Smith Stadium in Sarasota, Boston Red Sox at JetBlue Park in Fort Myers, and Detroit Tigers at Joker Marchant Stadium in Lakeland. For prospective baseball fans, participants may say that spring training is a good first experience.

Movie Review



By: Dylan Falevitch

Are you looking for an activity for the weekend? If so, check out one of these popular movies in theaters. One of the hit movies out is **Safe Haven**, which is directed by the same person who directed the movie **Dear John**. **Safe Haven** brought in \$21,401,594 on its opening weekend. Another hit movie is the movie **Snitch**. **Snitch** brought in \$13,167,607 its opening weekend. These are some great movies to see.

Do you need a safe haven to go to? **Safe Haven** is a romantic movie starring Josh Duhamel, Julianne Hough, Irene Ziegler, and more. When a woman named Katie (Julianne Hough) appears in the North Carolina town of Southport, her quick arrival brings up questions about the past. The rating for **Safe Haven** was 6.1 stars out of 10 stars.

Another hit blockbuster is the movie **Snitch**. **Snitch** is an action thriller star-



Josh Duhamel steals a kiss on the front of the poster for the movie **Safe Haven**.

ring Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson, Barry Pepper, Jon Bernthal, and many more. When John Matthews’s (Dwayne Johnson) son Jason (Rafi Gavron) gets arrested, John teams up with Agent Cooper (Barry Pepper) to arrest criminals to shorten his son’s prison sentence, but then once the criminals find out he is an informant, things go downhill. The movie **Snitch** was rated 7 stars out of a possible 10.

Both of these movies have been released. The release date for **Safe Haven** was February 14th, 2013 and **Snitch** was February 22nd, 2013.

The director for **Safe Haven** was Lasse Hallstrom and Ric Roman Waugh directed **Snitch**. In my opinion, **Snitch** was worth the watch; once the action started, it did not stop. This is a movie you will want to see. The source for this information was imdb.com



Dwayne Johnson stares of into the distance on the poster for the movie **Snitch**.

It Came From Space

By: Bryce Williamson

The gift from space is here. The Russian meteor crashed down on February 15, 2013. The meteor landed in central Russia, injuring approximately 1,100 people. The meteor impacted Russia a great deal by crashing into the central city of Chelyabinsk, which is very populated. Scientists say that the blast was bigger than expected. Scientists also say they have found over 50 fragments in Ural.

The impact of the meteor has fueled scientists to get to the bottom of the meteor's existence. Scientists have identified the meteor to be made out of chondrite. Chondrite is when asteroids that did not melt are thought to consist of a material made from a cloud of dust and gas. The tiny pieces of that material are called chondrite. Now people in Russia are mining for chon-

drite fragments. That still won't help them recover from the damages. The Russian meteor has impacted Russia by putting them in debt by 33 billion dollars for damages.



This picture of the trail left by the meteor was provided by Mrs. Varner, whose friend was in Chelyabinsk at the time and posted this picture on Facebook.

Twenty-five out of the 1,100 people that were injured were hospitalized but soon discharged from the hospital. When asked how the meteor impacted DSA, a student named Rain Waldron said she would be scared if someone would come over the intercom and say "there is a meteor heading straight for here."

Some say the Russian president is speculating that the US was testing new bombs. Think and decide if it's a weapon or meteors. There are a lot of websites to look up the Russian meteor. The ones used for this article was www.bbcnews.com and www.wavy.com.

Book Review on *Crescendo*

By Hannah Wood

Tired of lazy 14 year old boys and vampires that fall in love with humans? Then read *Crescendo* by Becca Fitzpatrick. It's a book written for 12-16 year old girls. It's filled with fallen and guardian angels, plus action that teenage girls will love. Also, for DSA students, it's a 4.8 level and is worth 15.0 AR points.

Haven't read it yet? Here is a quick preview.

Nora Grey is an average teenager who cares about school and her grades but this summer she's caught in a romance with her guardian angel, Patch.



Crescendo is the second book of four in a series.

That ends tragically when he gets reassigned to Nora's arch enemy Marcie Miller. Later on, she learns secrets to help her figure out who her father's killer was and why he was killed. However, she finds her father is not who or what she thinks he is, and her biological father is brought out of the dark.

When asked, 7th grader Tori Hale said "I liked the book so much the first time, I read it multiple times after." "Crescendo is one of the best books I have ever read in my entire life" said 7th grader Joyce Dejesus. So look for it at your local library.



RockBand Challenges Students



Davenport School of the Arts buzzed with excitement when, on March 4th, the internationally known band REO Speedwagon came to the campus. Music students and special guests were invited to a “Musical Experience” that included a mini acoustic concert, a question and answer time hosted by Marc Alexander, and an open dialogue about the music industry. The Band performed some of their greatest hits such as: “Roll with the Changes”, “Take It on the Run” and “Time for Me to Fly”. Interjected between musical numbers, selected student questions were asked by Mr. Marc Alexander and answered by members of the band. One question selected was by Jazz Band student Ben Wilmoth who asked, “How has your musical style and ability evolved over the years?” Band members responded with personal experiences and challenges to the students to practice diligently and continue experimenting with various musical genre.



Before the presentation, Mr. Kier led the Band on a tour of the school. REO Speedwagon members were genuinely amazed at the

exposure to the arts that DSA offers, remarking that they had not seen a public school (K-8) with such facilities or opportunities. The band members also took time to pose for pictures with the music teachers and special guests before sharing with the students on stage.

Davenport School of the Arts has a connection to REO Speedwagon because a band member’s son is in Mrs. Katz’s kindergarten class. DSA student, Timmy Hall, is the son of REO bass player, Bruce Hall. He and his



classmates were invited to join the Band on stage for the closing number of the concert. Timmy showed signs of future success as a drummer when he played with the band as they sang.

As a sign of appreciation, Visual Art mini majors created pictures for each of the band members, personalized with each of their instruments. The gifts were presented by Mr. Kier at the close of the program. Below are more pictures of this amazing experience.

[Thank you to Ben Wilmoth who contributed to this article.]



Kid Zone

FAMOUS PEOPLE BORN IN MARCH

1. Alexander Graham Bell
2. Charlie Pride
3. Jackie Joyner-Kersey
4. Elizabeth Barrett Browning
5. Michelangelo
6. Piet Mondriaan
7. Andrew Jackson
8. Nat "King" Cole
9. Fred "Mr." Rogers
10. Cy Young

If you can correctly identify the 10 people above (what they are most famous for: must be specific), see Mrs. Varner for a prize!

St. Patrick's connect the dots



**Connect the dots to see
the picture, and then
color it!**

Fun Facts

1. No matter its size or thickness no piece of paper can be folded evenly more than seven times.
2. If you yelled for 8 years, 7 months and 6 days, you would have produced enough sound energy to heat one cup of coffee.
3. 40% of McDonald's profits come from the sales of Happy Meals.

More Fun Facts

St. Patrick's actual color is blue.
Each leaf of the clover means something.

1. The first leaf is for hope
2. The second is for faith
3. The third leaf is for love
4. The fourth leaf is for luck!

March is national Women's History month.

Pi Day (the mathematical number) was celebrated in sixth grade math classes at DSA, March 14.

Spring



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