

The Newspaper Club

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A Paper By the Students, For the Students

#HUMBOLDTSTRONG

By Samantha C.

St. Cecilia is supporting the victims and families of The Humboldt Broncos bus crash by wearing a hockey jersey on Thursday, April, 12, 2018. St. Cecilia students made hockey sticks with a special message for the team and for their families. St . Cecilia



brought in real hockey sticks to put outside of their classroom to show support for those involved in the tragedy. Teachers have also printed pictures of the Humboldt Broncos team logo and taped it out of their classrooms. The bus crash happened on April 6 2018. Fourteen people died when a truck crashed into the bus carrying the Humboldt

Broncos junior hockey team. To this day there are 16 dead.



Classrooms placed hockey sticks to show support.

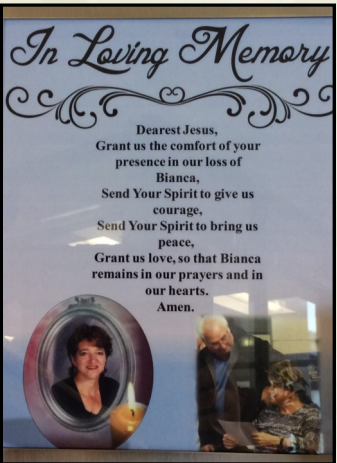
THE ST. CECILIA SENTINEL

BY THE STUDENTS, FOR THE STUDENTS

SPECIAL INTEREST

- The passing of Ms. Balanzin
- Teachers coming and going
- Feature on Mrs. Galati
- Student Feature Creative Writing

Missing Ms. Balanzin



By Selena T. Alessia C. Chloe H. & Laura M. Sadly, we have lost a very important and special person in our school community. Ms. Balanzin was a strong, yet kind-hearted woman. She was an Educational Assistant teacher at St. Cecilia and helped

multiple classes around the school such as Ms.Venneri, Ms. Mamiani and many more. Ms.Balanzin had a special bond with the teachers, staff and students. She had an abundance of faith, love and devotion that she displayed in many ways, with all those around her. Ms. Galati worked with her in previous years and is yet to forget this piece of advice she gave “put family first and to continue being the teacher you are because the children need teachers who love them”. Ms. Balanzin dealt with many challenges in life, but was always positive and strong. For this reason, she was very deserving of the Virtue Award for Courage that

she received in September of 2018. She received this award because of her dedication to St. Cecilia. Even though she was very ill, she still made an effort of showing up to multiple masses and activities at our school. Ms. Balanzin was born on August 5, 1956, and passed away January 18, 2018. Ms. Balanzin had two children. She was happily married for many years to a wonderful husband. All of Ms. Balanzin students were truly loved by her and all of her students loved her in return. We will forever cherish these wonderful memories of Ms. Balanzin. Much love, rest in peace, Ms. Balanzin.

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Say Hello to The Sentinel

St. Cecilia staff and students, please welcome back our newspaper, with even more news than ever before! Featuring surveys, articles, insights on new teachers and many more. Our vision for this paper was to make a newspaper

that was “by the students, for the students.” A newspaper that was fun, interesting, informational and of course all about St. Cecilia! This newspaper was written and edited by the students and devoted teacher Mr. Dulcigno who are all apart of the news-

paper club! We promise to you that this year’s newspaper will better than ever before!





# With New Arrivals Come Memorable Farewells!

By: Victoria, Cassidy, Hannah,  
Sophia, Samantha and Annalise

St. Cecilia has been around for eight years. There has been wonderful teachers that have come and gone. Whether the teachers come here from another school or just start their teaching career, they had nothing but good things to say. A few teachers that St. Cecilia will truly miss or adore include Mr. Russo, Signora Sinicropi, Mme. Sturino, Mr. D'Agostini, Mr. Filipelli and Mrs. Ianniello.

Starting with the smart Mr. Russo, he has been teaching since 2008. What he most enjoyed about his job is the children. He recently worked at Divine Mercy, Our Lady of Peace and St. Angela Merici, teaching grades eight, six and seven. What he enjoys the most about St. Cecilia is our diversity. What Mr. Russo

finds different about us from previous schools was the size of the school.

Next, is our beloved Signora Sinicropi. She has been teaching since 1990 and loves to teach to her family and friends. She worked at Our Lady of Peace and Father John Kelly, teaching Italian, but her favorite attribute about this school is the wonderful children.

More over, is our new French teacher Mme. Sturino. She had been teaching since 1995 and taught SK and grades one to eight French. She loves to teach kids everyday. She has taught at Our Lady of Peace and St. Gregory the Great. What she likes best about this school is the respectful students and her friendly international staff members.

Lastly, is our talented Mr. D'agostini. He has been teaching since 2008, teaching grades four, six, seven and grade ten math. He has taught at St. Gregory the Great and St. Stephen. He loves the great kids and the community and thinks the school is very diversified. Mr. D'agostini has been teaching at St. Cecilia for quite some time now. St. Cecilia wishes him all the best in the future and will be very missed.

Mr. Filippelli is a great new teacher. He took Ms. Risi's place for the rest of the year, Mr. Filippelli's favorite subject is math.



Mr. Onofrio

He finds the school community nice. This is just an example of our amazing teachers that shaped our school in many good ways.

Mrs. Ianniello is one of our many new job share teachers this year. She is here filling in for Mrs. Coelho. She taught many schools in a 5 year period, most recently St. Mary. She chose to be a teacher because it is a rewarding job. To Mrs. Ianniello our school is very happy and inviting. She enjoys learning more about the grade 8 students.



Mr. Filippelli



Ms Iannello with students.

# Lion King Success

By Cassidy G.

The fabulous Lion King Kids production performed to full houses on May 2nd and May 3rd. Over 100 students at St. Cecilia were taking part in it. The production all started by our hard working and creative teachers, Ms. Lister and Ms. Valardo and was produced by Mr. Nardo and Ms. Mancini. It all started when our last production Charlie and the Choco-

late Factory did a great job and decided to do another one. The Lion King production also would not have been a success if it were not for some of our fantastic teachers and students in our school, that helped out with the amazing costumes, the creative choreography, the design team, the rehearsal assistance, the programme team, the amazing photos, the backstage crew, our concession stand team, and the teachers that made sure the tick-

ets were sold so that everyone could watch this great production. Everyday our school grows and grows into something more amazing every day, and this production is one of them. The talented junior and intermediate students did a phenomenal job and we are so proud of them.



# Mental Health

By Alexandra L.

1 in 5 five people in Canada have experienced mental health problems or illnesses in their life. This rate is getting higher and higher. As the years have passed by, more people are developing mental health issues. One main reason why mental health rates are increasing is because of bullying. As we all know, bullying is a horrible thing that happens to a

lot of people. When victims of bullying can't take all the pressure anymore they can develop depression, anxiety, or eating disorders which are some of the most common mental health issues in Canada. It is really scary to know how much a person is hiding just because they are scared to share their feelings with other people. On the outside they might seem fine but inside they feel like

they are breaking apart. We should not judge people by their issues, we should actually get to know them. We have to learn to accept each other. We are all equals, God did not make one of us stronger or better than the other. You are not alone, there are many people out there that can help you cope with your mental health challenges. Some ways you can help other people cope

with their mental health issues is by learning more about the problem, let them share how they feel with you, and try to pay attention to them and make them feel loved. If you are dealing with a mental health issue just remember there is always hope. Even though the world might seem like it's falling apart eventually everything will come back together.

# Catholic Education Week

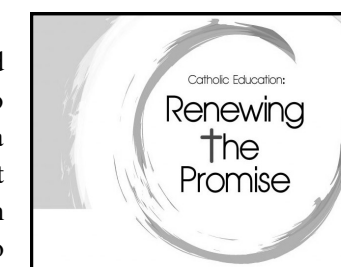
Every year in May, Catholic schools across Ontario celebrate Catholic Education Week. This is a week highlighted with events and celebrations noting all the positive contributions Catholic Education has made in Ontario. These year's theme is "Renewing the Promise".

Some of the events held by the board include the announcement of distinguished alumni who have graduated from YCDSB.

At St. Cecilia, we celebrate our talents by exhibiting all our creative work during the Night of the Arts, which will be held on Thursday

May 10 at 6:30.

This week should serve as a reminder to all of us at St. Cecilia for the wonderful gift of Catholic education where we are able to learn in an environment surrounded by God's love.



# The Unsung Heroes of St. Cecilia

Every well functioning machine has parts that you may not see but without them the machine would cease to function. The functioning of a school is no different. St. Cecilia is blessed to be a school where a lot of things happen but without the efforts of a few integral people things would not run as smoothly.

Mr. Pasqua is the head

custodian at St. Cecilia and has joined the school over the summer.

His impact may not always be noticeable, but if he didn't do his job you would definitely notice a difference. Thanks to his hard work, our school is always looking clean and safe. So if you see Mr. Pasqua, be sure to give him a big thank you.

Mrs. Iantorno and Mrs.

Masucci both work very hard at making sure all the front office stuff is taken care of. Not only do they have to take care of the attendance of over 700 students, they also help teachers make their jobs easier by taking care of administrative things. Plus, they happily give us ice when we bump our heads at recess. Thank you for all that you do to make our day at SCA go smoother.



Mr. Pasqua

## Night of the Arts

“Every child is an artist.”

By Hannah K. Arts Night is coming up so soon! The creative students of St. Cecilia were very independent and hard working for the past week. They were working with arts and crafts to make a unique masterpiece for their teachers and parents to see at Arts Night. St. Cecilia has been doing “Arts Night” for a long period of time. The students are all so talented and are doing an amazing

job on making their arts presentable for the big night. For example, in the grade 7, they had to choose two animals and combine them. After, they had to make sculptures out of paper mâché and paint it to make it look realistic. At the end, all the grade 7's have done a fabulous job making their animals. Arts Night is not just about making their arts look pretty, it's about how much effort they put in

while having fun with their gifted imaginary mind. During the creative process, they also had the time to share similarities and differences with their peers, friends, and teachers as well. Arts Night is a very exciting event for students, their parents, and teachers for them to show how cool and capable they are. We hope to see you there!

## Student Council: The Backbone of St. Cecilia

By Victoria P. St. Cecilia's student council run by Ms. Settecase and selected intermediate students is a wonderful group that want to make our school a better place for staff and students. Their main responsibility is to promote the interests of stu-

dents among the school administration, staff and parents. They inform students about any subject that concerns them, consult students on any issue of importance and organize campaigns for school life and charitable activities. Their three main and recent school

initiatives include popcorn sales, Valentine Cookie Grams and Ice-dogs. These were all successful initiatives for St. Cecilia. Our student council is the backbone of St. Cecilia, where not only staff's opinions are voiced but those of our amazing students as well.



SCA Student Council

# Carnival Fun for Everyone

By Vanessa J.

Carnival is a time to come together as one and celebrate winter as it is, cold, but also fun. The first carnival took place in 1894 in Quebec City and these activities warmed their hearts while it was still cold outside. From late January to mid February people would have a blast at this festival looking to make the best of the cold weather. As this event is celebrated in many countries, each have many different traditions. Actually, Carnevale started out as a food festival the day before Ash Wednesday because it was the last time to eat abundantly before the 40 days of Lent, a time that begins on Ash Wednesday. Usually, in Quebec, at the festival you will see an

ice palace with Bonhomme, a lot of food, many winter activities and tons of fun. In Italy, they celebrate it with dances by wearing handmade masks. Since this is such an important event, our school has been celebrating Carnevale every year. At our school Carnevale is also a time to embrace those Italian and French cultures as they are celebrated.



Every year for one week in February, our school celebrates Carnevale by hosting many events. Some of these activities consist of the Carnevale kick off at the beginning of the week where all of the characters introduce themselves and some wonderful plays go on, along with performances. There is also, movie day with pop-

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corn, craft day, bingo day, and the masquerade ball where we get to dance the day away. Along with activities each day, there were themes to them. These consisted of Arlecchino and Bonhomme Day (dress up in colours like Arlecchino and Bonhomme), Pajama Day, Hat, Scarf and Tie Day, Jersey Day and Wacky Hair Day.

“I am like a caricature of myself, and I like that. It is like a mask, and for me, the Carnival of Venice lasts all year long.” noted Karl Lagerfeld, a famous clothing designer. It is with this fun that we look forward to Carnevale every year.

## Grade Seven Students Get Confirmed

By Alexandra L, Lucas G. and Emily C.

Confirmation is just around the corner for all grade sevens in St. Cecilia. On April 19th the grade sevens are going to be confirmed at Saint Joseph the Worker. They will be completing the third of the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church. A sacrament is a blessing that we receive from the Catholic Church. The seven sacraments are Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Anointing of the sick, Marriage and Holy orders. Confirmation is all about strengthening your relationship with God and fol-

lowing him throughout your life. When you get confirmed the seven gifts will appear in your soul and follow you everywhere you go. Confirmation is about receiving more faith and hope in your soul. During confirmation you confirm that you do want to follow God and the Catholic religion. You will make a promise to renounce Satan and all of his work and that you will believe in God. During Baptism, your parents spoke for you but during confirmation you speak for yourself.



All grade sevens are very excited to finally receive this holy sacrament.



# See You Soon Mrs. Galati!

By: Annalise F.

St. Cecilia has many teachers, but one that stands out the most to me is Mrs. Galati.

Mrs. Loredana Campoli-Galati (or to her students simply Mrs. Galati) was born on July 4th, 1977 in Toronto, Ontario. She has lived in the City of Vaughan (Concord) since the age of 4. She went to Our Lady of the Rosary Elementary School, then St. Eliza-

**"I set you up for success My Little Darlings and if you follow my lead, I will give you the tools that with help you succeed."**

beth High School, and continued her studies at York University. She later graduated from Teacher's College at the University of Windsor.

Mrs. Galati has worked at many schools that belong to the York Catholic District School Board but mainly Holy Jubilee and now St Cecilia. She started working with the YCDSB in 1994 as an Italian and French Instructor; and since 2004, has been a permanent teacher working as a Junior Division teacher. In her words, "I have taught many grades but grade six is by far my favorite, I love it"!!! It was Mrs. Galati's childhood dream to become a teacher! She

loved all her teachers that she had over the years and she had great experiences at school.

Although Mrs. Galati struggled in some subjects such as math, she always tried her best in school and wanted to one day motivate her own class of students to do the same. Mrs. Galati is a teacher that makes every subject - especially math, easy, less complicated and lots of fun! I believe that her own teachers in school and love for children inspired her to be the great teacher that she is today.

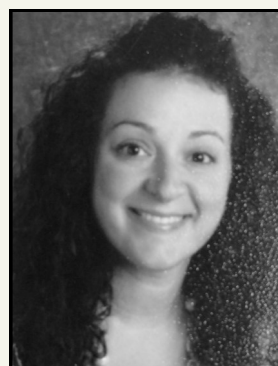
Mrs. Galati is happily married to Anthony Galati. They have two children, Giulia, 7 years old and Gabriella, 5 years old. She can't go a day without talking to them at lunchtime or talking to us about them. She is definitely proud of her family and we can tell she loves them very much. We enjoy hearing all the stories about her family and about Mrs. Galati's memories as a child and student.

One thing that everyone in our school can agree upon is how neat, tidy, and clean Mrs. Galati keeps her class. People would come to our door and compliment the way it looked and how it felt welcoming with all our bright colours and displays. She even allowed us to put

up all her decorations and decorate our door for the various seasons. We were definitely always prepared for learning.

Mrs. Galati always encouraged us to do our best. Mrs. Galati would say, "make sure every sheet has a home - no orphan baby papers should be left anywhere. Love and take care of every single handout." She wanted us to be responsible and take pride in our learning. If homework is not done on time, I'll admit she does get mad - more like disappointed and she may even yell, but we know it is because she really cares for us to learn. She always gave us time to catch up; not to mention she gives us the opportunity to stay in at recess to learn the lessons better. During her study reviews, she literally gave us what was on the test just so we know what to study. She always told us, "I set you up for success My Little Darlings and if you follow my lead, I will give you the tools that with help you succeed."

St. Cecilia is so lucky to have Mrs. Galati here. She is an amazing teacher for so many reasons. She also is so nice with all the other staff. She greets everyone with a hello and even wishes us a good morning and a good afternoon every day. It's nice that she can talk to Signora Sinicropi



Mrs. Galati

in Italian (Signora was her Italian teacher in elementary school) and she talks to Madame Sturino in French too! She is friends with Ms. Sullivan (and they worked together for a long time at her previous school) and gets along with the custodians too. Everyone has a great relationship with her. The students even think she can pass as Ms. Cutrone's twin, their looks and personality are exactly the same. Mrs. Galati has taught us many great things, especially our nice prayers. She reminds us to pray and talk to God. She tells us to be good and respectful to God and to ourselves. She always says that we are most beautiful to everyone when we have a beautiful mind and heart. I hope that some of you reading this article may be lucky to have her as your teacher one day! She will be dearly missed while she's home but we can't wait to have her back.

# WRITING SHOWCASE

Student Creative Writing  
Featuring Selena T.

## Misapprehension

"Carmen? Are you in here?" A voice asked. I didn't respond. I had no time to discuss petty topics, and so I continued to analyze the photos in front of me. "I haven't talked to you in a while." She stuck her head through the doorway, and then followed through the rest of her body. "Yeah, I kind of figured as much. This case is impossible." I tangled my fingers in my hair, my elbows resting on the desktop. "I decided to help you finish this case, I hope you don't mind." She said. "No, I'd prefer you to help anyways." I responded. She looked up at the ceiling tears filling her eyes. "Every minute I waste could be a minute that someone's life is at risk Dahlia." She paused as if pondering on what I had said. "I'm going to talk to the suspects after lunch," She said. "I'll head down there with you," I replied. She genuinely looked concerned, and I wasn't sure as to why. "We'll be fine D." I said while rolling my eyes. I began to feel uneasy inside. After my brother died, no one took me seriously anymore. They either showed me an abundance of pity or acted as if they knew me well enough to play the mother figure in my life. "Dahlia, don't worry about me. My brother's death won't impact the way I work on this case." Eerie silence filled the room. I was almost certain that we were both contemplating whether the conversation was over or not. I lifted myself off of my chair and adjusted my blazer. It was time to bring justice to the deceased. "I'll see you again later." She said. "Okay," I replied.

"Tara Sanders." The suspect sat there almost stone cold, darkened circles beneath her eyes. I watched intently from the window, trying to catch any suspicious reactions. "I didn't do it." Tara protested stiffly. "Then who did?" Dahlia asked. "I don't know. I wasn't a witness to the crime." "You're right. You just happened to be idling your car in the neighbourhood past midnight, at the exact hour that Henry was murdered."

She sat there silently, fidgeting with her own fingers. "I was just dropping off Aaron Conwell, a close friend of Henry's." "Why did he need a ride past midnight?" She asked. "He wanted to talk to Henry." "About what?" "Aaron was telling us that his house was infested with pests. He didn't want to spend the night in his house." "Interesting..." Dahlia said. "Do you have Aaron's address?" "He lives across the street from Henry." She replied.

Dahlia knocked the door - With me right alongside her - about to bring justice to Henry's family. An old man opened the door, with a rather annoyed look on his face. "Hello there," I said. "We're with NYPD and are looking for Aaron Conwell." The old man looked at Dahlia. "Aaron doesn't live here." He said. A young boy peered at us through a crack in a nearby doorway. "You're too late." The boy said to me. I looked at Dahlia, who was focused on the elderly man. And so I proceeded into the house. "There's a boy right here." I said to Dahlia. "May I see your identification please?" Dahlia asked. The man began to run in the opposite direction, and Dahlia chased him down. I attempted to follow, but was then stopped dead in my tracks. My reflection was not existent in a mirror hung on the wall. "They can't hear us." The boy said. "And we don't have reflections either." "What are you talking about?" I said. "The living cannot speak to the dead, and the dead cannot speak to the living." My memory rushed back to me as if a ton of bricks had hit me in the head. I was dead. I had died in a car crash alongside my brother, and Dahlia took on the case I had left behind. It was clear that Henry had been murdered by Aaron Conwell, the man who was just arrested by Dahlia.

*Selena is a grade 7 student who enjoys creative writing and singing.*



# FUN STUFF

- Lion King Kids

Crusaders

Cristiano

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Blue Jays
- Eco Team

Raptors

Mancini

DiPalma

Leafs

Nardo

Dance

Tata

## SCA Puzzle

GUODIPALMALD  
CCSECOTEAMIA  
GMTGCLNZAWON  
BACWRCENPJNC  
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UCCAUISRFJIK  
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JNLTVTAOLDGA  
AIIOTIPDNFKT  
YWAROAEDEUIA  
SMOSKNRRERDB  
EIANTORNOHSP

## Word List

## Top 10 Movies

We took a survey of students at St. Cecilia and we came up with this Top 10 list.

1. Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle

2. Black Panther

3. Emoji Movie

4. Wonder

5. Zootopia
6. It

7. Moana

8. Toy Story

9. Star Wars: The Last Jedi

10. Wrinkle In Time

## SCA Word Scramble

Unscramble the letters below to make words relating to SCA.

1. nacde

2. kastablbel

3. lcitaiecs

4. evyolblall

5. sohole

6. tcmeoea
7. roicnntmfaio

8. omonuincm

9. lmaeavec

10. arronmd

11. nmcmasnii

12. seerces

# A Beautiful Musical for Our Great School



Some of the Lion King Kids

By Chloe H.

Ms. Lister, our music teacher, has decided to make a musical like she did last year. Last year she directed “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory”. This year she was determined to do the movie “The Lion King”. The grades sevens and eights got to try out for roles Simba, Nala, Scar, Mufasa, Sarabi, Hyenas, Zazu, and the Rafiki’s. The Choir had a chance to try out for Young Simba and Young Nala. Ms. Lister, Ms. Vilardo, and Ms. Benincasa had to make a hard decision to pick two Young Nalas and two Young Simbas. They all made really hard decisions to pick all

the characters of the “Lion King”. Ms. Lister, Ms. Vilardo, Ms. Benincasa, Ms. Tata, Ms. Nasso, Ms. Mamiani, the Choir, and the students that have a role have been practicing very hard to put this amazing musical together.

When asked, Ms.Lister and Ms.Vilardo said they choose the musical the “Lion King” because it was a great story, has great music, and has many opportunities for kids to be involved along with an opportunity to make everyone shine. This musical includes all the arts: visual, dance, drama, and most importantly music. Ms. Lister stated, “The best

part of being a director is working with a huge team of teachers who all want to create a great opportunity and experience for the kids at SCA. Also watching so many kids improve, become confident performers, and become lovers of the arts for life.” Every situation has challenges. Ms. Lister explained that the most challenging part is getting everyone together because there are so many opportunities for kids to be included at SCA. Ms. Lister and Ms. Vilardo agreed that the hardest part of the musical was getting all the pieces of the puzzle together to have a great show.

All musicals and movies give an important message. The “ Lion King” gives an amazing message. Simba deals with tremendous loss and sorrow. We learn that even when we grieve and are hurting, there are always people there to support us during our hardest times. Even when those we love die and leave this world they will forever live in heaven. This musical should inspire everyone. “Where words fail, Music speaks.” Let’s hope the best for the production!



# SPORTS



By: Adam K and Annalise F

## Toronto Maple Leafs

Toronto Maple Leafs are a hard working team and are true Canadians. However, it may come as a shock that the team was originally named the Toronto Saint Patricks. Due to the name, the original jersey was green with the name 'Toronto St. Pats' across the front. This team has an incredible net worth of \$1.15 billion making them the most wealthy team in the NHL. In 2015, the Toronto Maple Leafs drafted the first overall pick. In the draft Austin Matthews who promises to lead the team to success. However, no one can match up to the legend and true Canadian Johnny Bower. Bower died on December 26, 2017 due to Pneumonia at Credit Valley Hospital in Mississauga. Bower was a legendary player from the legends row. The legends row is a row in front of the Air Canada Centre stadium that displays the best players. In other words, the best players on the team received a metal statue in their honor. The legends

row players are Johnny Bower, Darryl Sittler, Tim Horton, Dave Keon, George Armstrong, Ted Kenney, Turk Borda, Borje Salming and Matt Sundin. In 2015, the Maple Leafs changed their jersey. The old jersey has been around since 1917. The new jersey has a more detailed leaf. The Toronto Maple Leafs are finally shaping up to be a real Stanley cup contending team.

Sadly, the Boys in Blue had a difficult opponent in the first round of the playoffs against the Boston Bruins. The Leafs pushed the series to the limit by forcing a game seven in Boston, but ultimately fell short in a disheartening 7-4 loss. Hopefully the Leafs can build from this experience and make a better push for that elusive Stanley Cup. Fifty-one year and counting.

## Toronto Raptors

The Toronto Raptors have had a great year so far. They started 2018 with a streak of four wins and have been winning more games than losing. This year the Toronto Raptors drafted a new player named O.G. Anunoby and has made a great impact as a surprising starter.

The team was established in 1995, along with the Vancouver Grizzlies, as part of the NBA's expansion into Canada. The Toron-

to Raptors basketball team is owned by the the Maple Leaf sports and entertainment.. This year, the Raptors finished first in the Eastern conference winning a franchise setting 59 wins. They are off to a great 2018 and hopefully they can carry that momentum heading into the playoffs as the will have a tough test facing John Wall and the Washington Wizrads.

The best players on the team are Demar Derozan who is a shooting guard and Kyle Lowry who is a point guard. However, it has been the success of the secondary unit, or bench players, who have really caught the attention of the fans and opposing teams. Led by point guards Fred Van Vleet and Delon Wright, the bench players have often come up big in critical situations. Let's hope that trend continues throughout the playoffs.

The Raptors defeated their first round opponents, the Washington Wizards, in a challenging six game series and now are poised to face their old nemesis in the second round, Lebron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers.

## Toronto Blue Jays

Nothing says spring like the sound of the crack of the bat, and the umpire's call of "Play ball!" As the days get longer and warmer,



Demar Derozan

we know that means that the Blue Jays are ready to take another run at the playoffs.

Despite last years disappointing season, spring time is a time of new hope. The Jays made some moves this off-season in the hopes to strengthen the middle infield, outfield, and bullpen.

Hopefully their key players like Josh Donaldson, Troy Tulowitzki, Devon Travis, and Aaron Sanchez will stay healthy all season long to carry the Jays to the top of the very competitive American League East division.



# Eagles Soar Over the G.O.A.T.

By Victoria P.

One of NFL's most historically snake bitten clubs ended their 57 year losing streak, in a thrilling way on Sunday night, at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, racing for the lead against New England Patriots, competing with the defending champs. This thriller ended with a score of 41-33 Eagles.

This was recorded one of the greatest Super Bowls ever played and the Eagles who lost their quarterback to an injury, 7 weeks ago, are now the champs of the NFL.

Leading up to what would be, one of the greatest games of all time, there was much speculation that the New England Patriots dynasty would

come to an end. Several weeks ago, prior to the big game, much was speculated there was turmoil between Tom Brady and Bill Belichick, is this the reason for their loss? Was this fiction or fact that lead to the New England Dynasty coming to an end. We'll have to wait until the off-season to find out.

It took 58 minutes, for the Eagles to accomplish the task on Sunday Night, but the reward once they did will resound down the generations.

Later on that night, Eagles Quarterback, Nick Foles, won Super Bowl MVP trophy and stated, " We have such a great group of

guys and coaching staff. We felt confident coming in and just went out there to play football."

This is the start of a new era, were even

the underdogs, least expected to win, come out and shock everyone with their amazing win.

Congrats Eagle on a well played game.

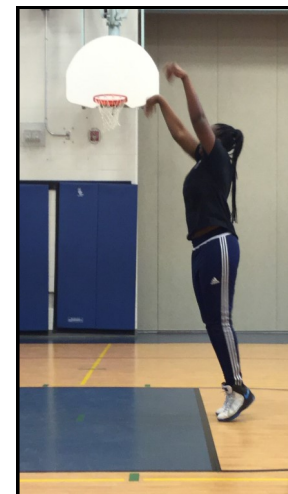


Philadelphia Eagles free safety Nate Allen (#29) hurdles a sliding New England Patriots

# SCA Girls Basketball Team

By Alessia C.

Our wonderful intermediate girl basketball team this year was taken on by Ms. Di Palma and Ms.Furino, along with our talented students. In the basketball team, there is sportsmanship in every player. Everyone is respectful and kind. They play respectfully, but they also play competitively so they can win the game. They are kind to help other players when they're hurt. They always respect and are kind to the other teams. In addition, Ms. Di Palma and Ms.Furino



Supreme O. sinking her free throws.

were generous to let the grade sixes try out for the team, even though they are still juniors. We thought that Ms.Dipalma and Ms.Furino did this to allow the grade sixes to have a chance and know what it's like to be on an intermediate basketball team. One quote to represent this outstanding, hard-working basketball team is "You can't be afraid to fail, it's the only way to succeed." GO CRUSADERS BASKETBALL TEAM!!

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