

Scholar's Gazette



Memories of...

As we prepare to end our school year, we want to take a some time to thank those teachers who are leaving this year and to give them a few reminders of the impact they have had on us during their time at St. Marcus. You will always be a part of our St. Marcus family. We will miss you all!



Mrs. Martwick

Compiled by: Alicia Webb

Mrs. Martwick will be leaving St. Marcus this year to start a new adventure. We look forward to hearing about all of the great things God has in store for her! Mrs. Martwick has touched the lives of so many students and staff at St. Marcus. We felt it only appropriate to have some people share their favorite memories and words of goodbye for her.

"Many deep conversations about life. I enjoyed being able to have someone to confide in." - Mrs. Gross

"Thank you Mrs. Martwick for everything. I am going to miss you so much and I love you." - Tevelis Winslow

"Morning dance contest and trying to get everyone excited for the day!" - Mr. Buss

"She complimented a teacher on Ugly Sweater Day saying 'Oh, that really is an ugly one!' Unfortunately, the teacher wasn't participating in Ugly Sweater Day!" - Mr. Minor

"It has been such a great blessing to work with you and watch you, as well as myself, grow into what God can use us for. Please know that I will be praying for you and hoping that our paths will cross again someday. God's blessings as you continue onto the next journey God has planned for you." - Mrs. Kacmarynski

"Over the years, Mrs. Martwick has made a huge impact on my ability to teach in the city I am so incredibly grateful for our friendship (football parties, grabbing coffee and after school get-togethers), but I'm also grateful for the coaching and feedback she has given me. She has pushed me to be a better teacher and better person. She is a phenomenal leader and God will use her in many way to improve this city. Edie, you say that God's timing is always right, so here you go! God's got the most amazing plan for you! You will be missed." - Miss Slane

"Mrs Martwick, thank you for all the hard work and leadership in the middle school. Your work and vision has made such a positive impact. For me personally, you have been not just a director, but a coach, guide, support, and most importantly a friend. Blessings as you leave St Marcus and enter a new adventure!" - Mr. Wiegman

Mr. Beilke

Compiled by: EnJolie Smith

Mr. Beilke is leaving St. Marcus at the end of this year to move to Florida and begin his role as a principal! Thank you for making St. Marcus great, Mr. Beilke! We'll miss you!

"We have the same birthday!" - Dallas

"My favorite memory is Mr. Beilke dancing in health class." - Zhane

"My favorite memory is when Mr. Beilke caught me for moving the desks and everybody was confused when they got back to the classroom." - Jolie

"I had a really fun time dancing in class to that Just Dance video." - Ashley

"Thank you for being so fun and easy to work with. You're a great teammate. Your willingness to work together for the benefit of the students will help you be successful in your new role as a principal." - Mr. Stielow

"Mr. 'Buffalo-hide-Comfy-classroom' Beilke, it was a blessing and a pleasure to work with you in your classroom a couple years ago, and to get to know you and work with you more since then! You bring so much to the St. Marcus family! I love seeing you hanging out with the kids at recess and making learning fun in the classroom. God bless you and Mrs. Beilke on your next adventure!" - Mrs. Hein

Mr Bielke, It truly has been an honor to work with you over the last three years. I have had a great amount of respect for you and the dedication you have had for St Marcus. You have been such a valuable member to the middle school. I am confident that you are going to rock as a principal in Florida. Blessings to you and Rachel!" - Mr. Weigman



Mrs. Gross

Compiled by: Dejanee Brooks & Iyonna Bradley

As many of us know, Mr. and Mrs. Gross are leaving for a mission trip to Chile. Mrs. Gross is one of the strongest teachers I have ever met, and I honestly think that she cares more about her students than anything else. I have asked for a few people to share some of their favorite memories of Mrs. Gross:

Memory from Dejanee Brooks

"I remember one Friday, 7th grade got to dress down and we were all outside with the 8th graders. We were in this circle and we were dancing and she came over there and we made a beat to her name - it was cool and hilarious."

Memory from Mr. Gross

"I remember one Saturday when I got to Saturday School and afterward she piled our car with 8th grade girls and we went sledding. Our dog was with us and chasing the sleds as they went down the hill of the Urban Ecology Center. Mrs. Gross cares so much about the students that she dedicates other times to be with students outside of school."

Memory from Mr. Lepke

"Mrs. Gross loves her dog, hiking, camping and all of her students. She loves her husband Mr. Gross and her Savior very much. She is inspirational to me in these last two years. I wish Mr. and Mrs. Gross the best of luck and can't wait to see them at St. Marcus in two years!"



Mr. Gross

By: Joanna Armstead

The end of the year is creeping up on us and we're all going our separate ways for three months--some are graduating, and some are leaving to spread God's message somewhere else. Some teachers are leaving our St. Marcus staff/faculty this year and we will miss them dearly. There's a handful of amazing teachers and we want to show our appreciation and love for them. I will truly miss them all. They are incredible, they allow God's light to shine through them, and they are very powerful in their teaching.



Although, I've spent very little time with Mr. Gross, as a student, I've come to see his inspiring skills and hear his honest words. He taught me things no one else could, and I thank God for the blessings He put into Mr. Gross to reach me. I've never met someone so patient and encouraging. Trust me when I tell you, it isn't easy working with me. I can be very annoying and disruptive. Somehow, he put up with me and gave me a million more chances than I deserved. I loved working with Mr. Gross, and I think everyone would agree!

I've gathered many incredible memories about Mr. Gross. There's one from Mr. Tyson who said to me, "I loved coaching soccer with him! Just the love he had for the sport was amazing! I appreciated the time he put into coaching and helping out." So many things have happened over the years Mr. Gross served God at St. Marcus. I asked lots of other kids, but one of the things that hit me the hardest (positively of course) was from my mom and my sister, Kayla. They reminded me of the sweetest thing ever: when my family had our struggles, lots of teachers offered to help, including Mr. and Mrs. Gross. Mr. Gross calmed Kayla when she grew upset, and he gave advice and reassured my family that he was always there for us. I was younger, so I was somewhat clueless to the whole situation, but now that I can really wrap my mind around it, I am truly grateful for everything he did.

Another memory from Kayla was last year when Mr. Gross cancelled all of the classes for eighth graders in FAMU. Kayla said, "Made me realize how much my present actions can have an effect on my future. It also opened my eyes to reality. It helped me to stay on track and grow as a person." She quoted from him, "It's okay to help others but you have to do for you too." I think that impacted her integrity TONS and her idea of life. These words, although they were not spoken to me, help me to think more openly and remember that I have to take care of myself in order to help others.

Memories flood my head as I write this and I am so grateful for all of Mr. Gross's hard work and dedication to this school. These memories will last forever and he will always be appreciated. We love Mr. Gross and, though we hate to see him leave, we know this is God's will and we all support him through it all.

WE WILL MISS YOU MR. AND MRS. GROSS!

Miss Dirksen

Compiled by: Jalyynn Tolbert-Jones

Miss Dirksen will be heading to Fox Valley Lutheran High School to continue her love of helping students live up to their God-given potential. She has been a great role-model for all of us here at St. Marcus and we wish her God's blessings as she starts her new journey.

"Miss Dirksen taught 2nd grade over in the Primary building when she first arrived at St. Marcus. With both of our personalities being very strong, there was a bit of tension whenever we engaged in conversations. During that year we both grew to understand and appreciate each other for whom God created. Most importantly we grew to LOVE each other. The following year Amy went over to the MS and please believe I felt an emptiness when she left. Now whenever we cross each other whether in the hallways, lunchroom or PD, we never go without hugging each other. My sista in Christ will be missed!" - Mrs. Young

"My favorite memories of Miss Dirksen are early morning Bible studies in the primary library and sharing food, mostly chocolate, while sitting on the floor behind my counter. I will miss the surprise visits and so will our primary kids! They loved to see you whenever you popped over! Love you!!" - Mrs. Holz

"I don't know if I have a specific memory that I have to share, just many memories of her being so joyful and caring so much for those around her. I am reminded of how important it is to bring fun into the classroom when I watch her teach, and how she can shrug off the little things that seem to be so annoying, and yet still hold the kids accountable in her continual jovial manner. Her passion for sharing Jesus is infectious to us around her and she will be missed dearly. She has been a pillar in the middle school." - Mr. Leckwee

"Just one of favorite memories of Miss Dirksen is the first time we really got a chance to get to know each other and realize just how invested in kids we both are. We both chaperoned a tough group of ladies for the 7th grade camping trip her first year in Middle School. We spent a lot of time sitting on the bench outside of our cabin enjoying the clear star-filled sky, nature's quietness, and good conversation while we thought our girls were sleeping...." - Mrs. Kacmarynski

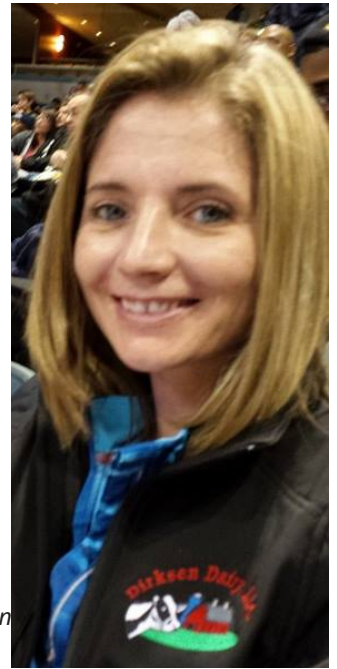
"I love Miss Dirksen for her faith, passion, genuineness, and joy. She is more than a teacher, more than a co-worker. She is a partner, mentor, inspiration, and friend. Some of my favorite memories with Miss Dirksen are from teaching the 7th grade homerooms last year during the DA trip. Groovin' to songs about the United States, rockin' onomatopoeia, and becoming a unique family. Then, we were blessed to travel together on the 7th Grade trip to AZ this year. We had a great team! Miss Dirksen was amazing--from leading a straight-up rock climbing experience at South Mountain (...by accident) to getting drenched by water balloons and water bottles at Grace to actually touching a snake at Tahono Chul. Way to go, Miss Dirksen! I know I don't stand alone in saying I am who I am because of you." - Mrs. Hein

"At Old Tucson Studios Miss Dirksen rejected kissing a cowboy after she punched him in the mouth." - Nebiyah

"It's funny when Miss Dirksen tries to say the yeet. She also tries to do the whip and the nae nae dances." - Ambrea

"A good memory of Miss Dirksen is how she is always trying to make our class laugh and have fun." - Jalyynn

"This has been an incredible journey that we have been on at St. Marcus. We worked together in Primary and now in Middle School. Each portion of the trip has had different highs and lows. The entire time you have been a positive Christian role model for others as you let your light shine in everything that you do. The students will share that you impacted each of their lives, but I want you to know that you have impacted mine. You are slow to anger and quick to show joy which is Christ living in you each day. You will do incredible things with God on your side at Fox Valley Lutheran. Thanks for blessing us at St. Marcus." - Mrs. Martwick



5th Grade DA - Wisconsin Trip

Work Hard - Play Hard!

By: Brendan Lane

As part of the 5th grade class, I received a DA invitation to tour Wisconsin! A couple things I liked about Discover America were that we still learned while we had fun, and the teachers showed us that when you work hard, you get to play hard! A couple places we went were Bay Beach, Lambeau Field, EAA, UW-Madison, and the Kalahari.

What I liked most about Discover America was when we went to the hotels and the teachers trusted us to be places at a certain time. Another thing I liked was when we went to Madeline Island. It was a totally new experience! I'm looking forward to going to the Badlands next year on Discover America!



Lambeau Field



Christian Young Men & Women

By: Jordan Glenn-Hawkins

I was able to go on the 5th Discover America trip around Wisconsin because I had earned enough passports points and completed my homework this year. Some places we went were the Railroad Museum, the University of Wisconsin, and the EAA Museum. It was a great opportunity to learn about God's creation!

Our chaperones were Mr. Stielow, Miss Slane, Mr. Meyer, Pastor Steinberg, and Miss Dittmar. They made us understand that Christian young men and young ladies should follow Christ rather than other people who are sinful and can make poor choices.



Devil's Lake



EAA Museum



UW - Madison



"Facing the Darkness"

6th Grade DA - Badlands Trip

Discover America Best Moments

By: Evelyn Schauer

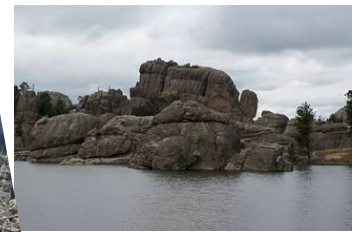
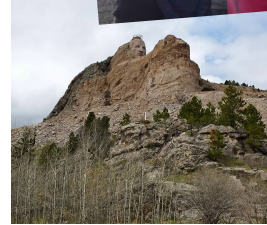
Discover America was a great experience for the 6th grade D. A travelers. Even though we had tons of great moments, I feel these are my favorite two!

The City Museum is a large structure that people climb through. It winds throughout parts of the city and allows for great views and opportunities to overcome fears. This year the 6th grade travelers were extra courageous and everyone got an opportunity to go into the plane at the City Museum. Some people were scared and wanted to turn back but many conquered their fears and made it through. One of those people was Kevin. He felt scared at first, but after that he conquered his fear and made it through. He even went up to the plane a second time! This experience took grit and perseverance, and everyone made it through!

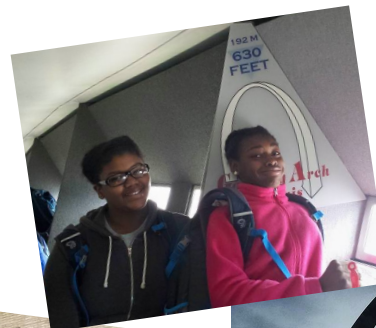
All Discover America trips have their funny stories and this year's funny story happened in the Badlands. While we were there, some scholars were part of the X-treme team and started climbing the rock formations. As it was getting to the end of our adventure, we were climbing down the last and final rock formation when the park ranger came up and yelled, "Hey guys, that's illegal you can't climb on the rock formations!" We didn't know! We told the park ranger 'sorry' and climbed down. So if you ever go to the Badlands National Park don't climb on the rock formations!



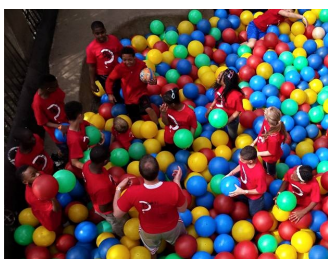
*Mt. Rushmore
& Crazy Horse*



Harney Peak



*St. Louis
"Gateway
Arch"*



*City
Museum*



"Identity Crisis"

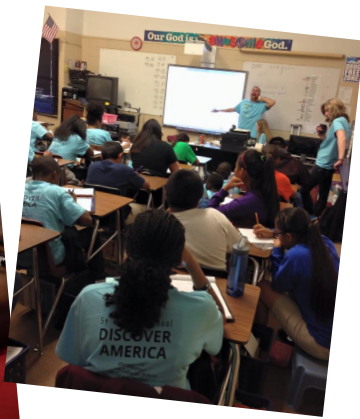
7th Grade DA - Southwest Trip



*East Fork
Lutheran School*



*Stagecoach Trails
Guest Ranch*



Exploring the Southwest!

By:Jalynn Tolbert-Jones

The 7th grade Discover America trip was full of fun, great sights, and opportunities to build relationships with many different people. Some of the places we visited included: the Grand Canyon, the Hoover Dam, Stagecoach Trails Ranch, Old Tucson Studios, Route 66, and South Mountain.

We had a lot of fun having a water-balloon fight with the teachers at Grace Lutheran Church and seeing a gun fight at Old Tucson Studios! Many of the sites we were able to visit were great experiences that might not be possible if it wasn't for DA. Seeing the Grand Canyon was really cool! It was colorful and so large that I can't even explain it! It was also very interesting to learn how it was started by a river and that the river still plays a large role in it today. The Hoover Dam was amazing! We actually walked across it, and when we looked down, it appeared we would fall right off the side! Everywhere we went, we were able to see God's great creation--even when we were just riding on the bus.

Another big part of the trip was building relationships with our classmates, chaperones, and strangers. We built relationships with students at East Fork Lutheran School. They may have looked different than us, but they believed in the same God and have some of the same interests. During the trip, we were also able to get to know a person who works here at St. Marcus, but we don't see him much during the school day. His name is Mr. Q. He is smart, funny, helpful, awesome, and understands kids! We were also able to build relationships at Grace Lutheran Church. The people there were very kind to us and treated us so nicely, just like we were their own children! Overall our trip was a blast, and we are already looking forward to next year's trip!

Encouragement Helps to Overcome Mountains

By: Nebiyah Jordan

The 7th grade Discover America trip was such a blessing. We were able to go to South Mountain, East Fork Lutheran School, Old Tucson Studios, Grace Lutheran Church, the University of Arizona, Tohono Chul, Montezuma Castle, Grand Canyon National Park, Route 66, Hoover Dam, and Stage Coach Trails! All of these places were awesome, and not to mention had very interesting facts that even someone who didn't care for history would have found interesting to hear!

At our first destination, which was South Mountain, we were divided into two groups. People who were only going to go halfway and the people who were going to hike all the way up to the top. Those who were going to go to the top, were considered the "Extreme Hikers". I remember being a part of the Extreme Hikers group and seeing all of the people who decided to push themselves and make it to the top. Not saying that the people who didn't go to the top didn't push themselves, but the people who decided to go all the way to the top really showed grit by hiking 2 hours to make it to the top of the mountain. At the top, we had a minute to rest. During our rest the teachers told us to gather together for a group circle. In our circle we gave build-ups to each other to encourage one another. I was happy to see everyone's smiling, tired faces as I looked around the circle. I felt happy and surprised to see people that decided to hike the top of the mountain. They really pushed themselves.

The same thing occurred during our hike down the Grand Canyon. We split into two groups again: the people who would just hike the rim and the people who would go down into the canyon. The canyon group split again into people that went back up after we reached our stop and a group that went farther down. This time instead of a bigger group hiking to the bottom we only had three people. It was all girls, and we hiked down feeling ready and excited! We hiked for a couple hours down before deciding to hike back up. During our trip back up the canyon, we stopped to rest and decided to do another build-up circle. We were all tired but I could tell we all felt good and maybe even surprised that we were the only ones in the extreme hiking group with two chaperones.

The 7th grade Discover America has been one of the best things I have ever experienced at any school! Most of the time I get bored when I hear a long lecture about history, and sometimes I even start to doze off a little. Discover America has shown me that learning about historical events and artifacts can be fun! I loved the amazing sites, and not to mention Mr.Boche's random funny stories. I had a great time this year and I hope that I will be able to participate in the DA trip next year.



*Hiking the
Grand Canyon!*



*Old Tucson
Studios!*



"Never Stop Exploring God's Creation!"

8th Grade DA - Civil Rights Trip

A Place to Relax & Grow!

By: Sandra Tiller

My favorite part of the 8th grade Discover America Trip was when we went to Camp Baldwin. This was my favorite part because it was a family environment. We built relationships and learned a lot about God. I liked Camp Baldwin because Rusty taught us many Bible verses about overcoming our fears. As I reflect on the Discover America trip, I realized that a lot of people gave up their lives to make our generation better and this makes me want to do the my part.



Camp Baldwin & Estuary Life



National Civil Rights Memorial



Lorraine Motel



Edmond Pettis Bridge



New Orleans



If Not Us, Then Who?

By: Tevelis Winslow

I worked very hard to earn Discover America this year and almost lost it the week before. I'm so thankful that I was able to earn the trip back so that I could have such a great experience. I loved Estuary Life! It was awesome, except for the part where I almost lost my dear life on the zipline - well, at least I thought I did. I wouldn't let it go. First I was so excited to go on the zipline until that very moment when I looked down and saw the drop!

My favorite part of the trip was the Georgia Aquarium because I was able to hang out with my friends and then was able to see the marvelous dolphins do a show! As part of the show, they "danced" when the trainer asked them to! I saw all kinds of beautiful animals that live in the water. It was just awesome!

I learned that I should be grateful for the rights and privileges I have today as a young black man. I am grateful because of the steps others took to be free. Back then, many African American people were very unhappy because they did not have the freedoms we do today. I will continue to fight for civil rights, because IF NOT US, THEN WHO? IF NOT NOW, THEN WHEN? Education is the most powerful tool we can use to change the world! Failure can only lead to success when one refuses to give up!

"50 Years and We Continue the March"

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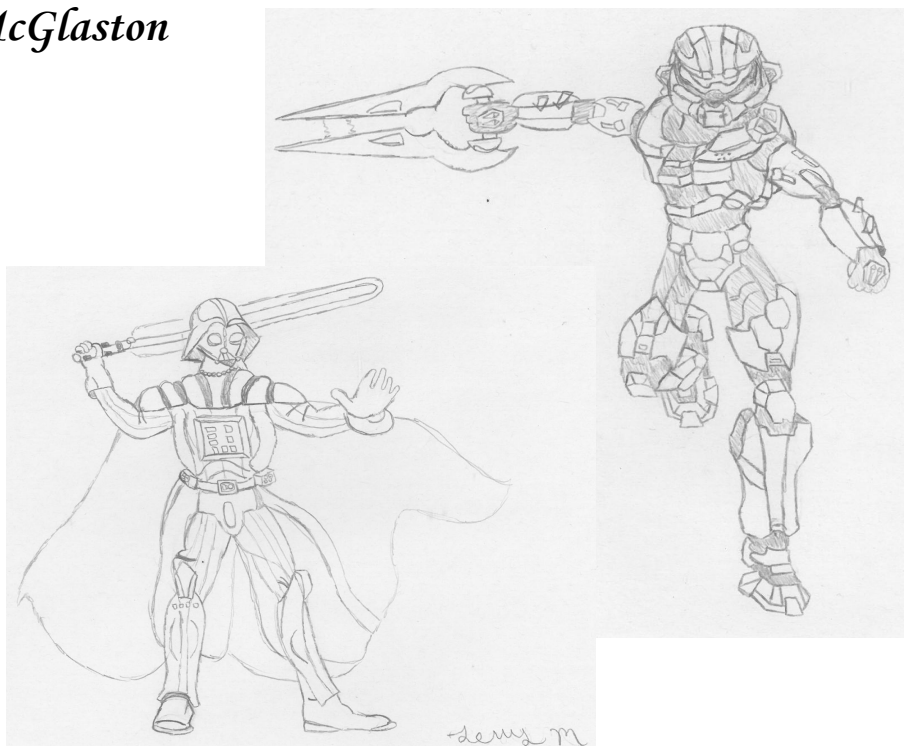
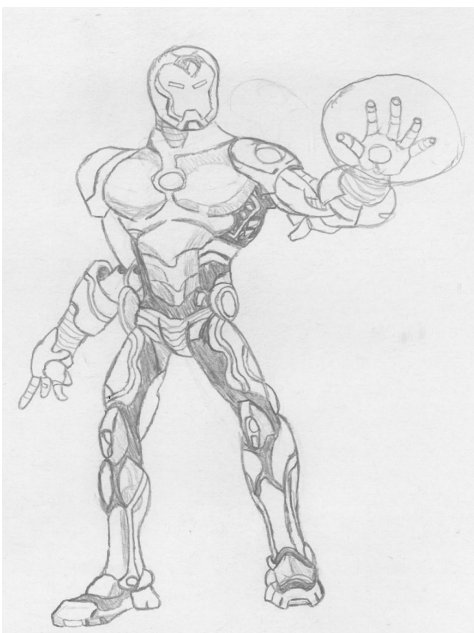
By: Joana Armstead

They keep pushing me away
I'll be gone some day
Can't you hear my soul screaming to be let out?
I keep trying but you still doubt
You don't even listen to what I say
It's all about you and getting your way
But where do I come in?
Trapped in a box, a plastic bin?
I'm quick into action
I'm unheard so I make distraction
I feel abandoned and unwanted
I'm in a place where my soul is continuously
being taunted
But you expect a smile out of me?
I just wanna live, I wanna be free
Still that doesn't matter to you
You putting all this pressure on me like I know
what to do
I'm a MISFIT to this world
Some say they see potential in this girl
And you just take the credit
Like you made this
For you I try to be perfect
Yet you still make me feel like I'm not worth it
How do you think I'm taking this in?
You don't even recognize your sin

Don't apologize for nothing
I'm still trying to be what you want, ain't that
something?
but I'ma just do this for me
I'm here for what God wants me to be
So let me just embrace this myself
Let me stop running, trying to be something
else
I mean sometimes I cry
Like I should just roll over and die
I'm only here for your use
I'm in pain from all the abuse
I've got holes in my heart
It's like a vacuum sucking up my soul, tearing me
apart
I'm still trying to find my way out of this mess
My mind is still trying to escape the stress
But my journey ain't finished
It's only beginning

I want to thank Miss Dirksen for encouraging me to submit this poem to the newspaper. I wouldn't have done it without her. Miss Dirksen you have no idea how much I appreciate your uplifting words of wisdom. Your love for literature and appreciation for creativity has impacted my writing and art. Thank you so much for being a part of my journey and lifting me up when I was down. Love you and I'll miss you so much! God has a wonderful plan for you and I promise to keep you in my prayers. Congratulations on getting that job. I know it took lots of work! (:

Featured Artist: *Terry McGlaston*



8th Grade Superlatives!

A tradition in most high schools is to nominate students from the Senior class for specific social awards. We started doing this last year in the Scholar's Gazette with 8th graders, and we're excited to continue the tradition this year! These 8th grade students were nominated by their peers for our 2nd Annual St. Marcus Scholar's Gazette 8th Grade Superlatives!

"Your Future Bosses?!"

(Strongest Leaders)



Alicia W & Terry M

"Always Keeping a Smile"

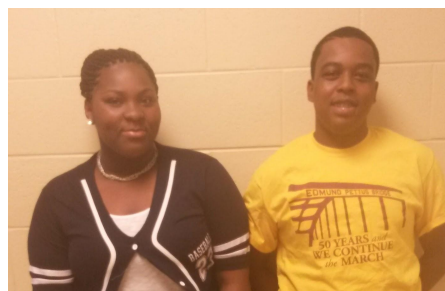
(Most Friendly)



Julia R & Aaron B

"Trustworthy is My Middle Name"

(Most Trustworthy)



Sharmane B & Dashun C

"Sports Fanatic"

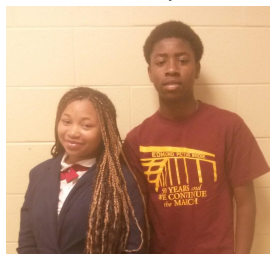
(Most Athletic)



Aaron G & Myah S

"Helping Hand"

(Most Helpful)



India J & Deandre J

"Future Comedian"

(Most Funny)



Carey M & Tiana R

"I Know Where That Is!"

(Most Organized)



Joerden T, Dante G, Gianna M & Kiasha S

"Can I Have Your Autograph?"

(Most Likely to be Famous)



Kelise W & Rahsaan RT

"Artsy Smartsy"

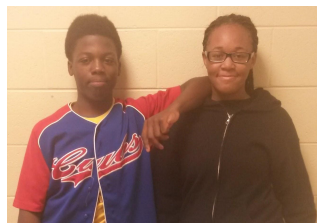
(Most Artistic)



Rashaun V & Sandra T

"You're Gonna Teach My Kids"

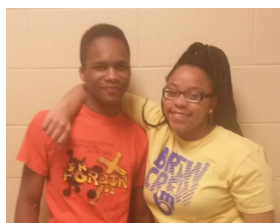
(Most Likely to be a Teacher)



Tevelis W & Nellie A

"Hit that Note!"

(Most Musical)

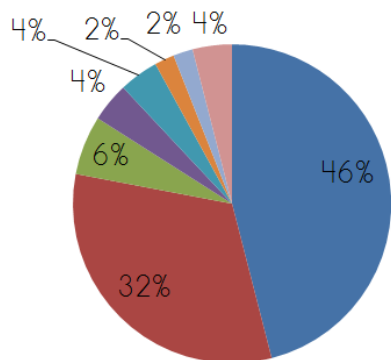


Noel W & Azariya W

8th Grade Goodbyes!

The Class of 2015 is moving on to these high schools:

■ MLHS ■ WLHS ■ HOPE ■ Dominican
■ Martin Luther ■ Cristo Rey ■ Riverside ■ Out of State



We can't wait to hear where your next move will be in 2019!
Keep in touch so we can be at your high school graduations!

Top Favorite Class Bible Verses:

Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.

Philippians 4:13

"I can do all things through him who gives me strength."



John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

SCHOLAR'S GAZETTE

Shout Out!

Thank you to members of our core crew this year and all of the guest writers for this final edition of the Scholar's Gazette for the 2014-2015 school year!

Brendan Lane (5th)
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Iyonna Bradley (7th)
Dajane'e Brooks (7th)
Jalynn Tolbert-Jones (7th)

Terry McGlaston (8th)
Carle'cia Plummer-Lawrence (8th)
Julia Rehm (8th)
Sandra Tiller (8th)
Tevelis Winslow (8th)
Alicia Webb (8th)
Kelise Wright (8th)

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Mrs. Kacmarynski & Mrs. Hein



WE WANT YOU!

Do you like writing? Are you interested in writing for the St. Marcus Scholar's Gazette next school year?!

Please contact Mrs. Kacmarynski and/or Mrs. Hein! We would LOVE to have returning & new writers join the journalism team!

Summer Reflections!

Middle school scholars,

The journalism team is looking forward to making the Scholar's Gazette better each year!! For our first newspaper of 2015-2016, we would love to highlight summer activities that YOU participated in. If you are involved in something AWESOME over the summer, share it! Type up a summary of what you did and thoughts about why it was a great experience, and share it with Mrs. Hein or Mrs. K in an email or Google docs! Include pictures, too, if you have them!!

Have a GREAT SUMMER!

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& Mrs. Kacmarynski
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