

# Scholar's Gazette



## Motown: Integrating Music

By: Lexy Miles

Most of you have heard of Motown or at least have heard a song that was produced by Motown or one of its related labels. Motown included lots of artists such as The Jackson 5, who had hits like "I Want You Back"; Diana Ross and the Supremes, who had hits like "Stop in the Name of Love"; The Marvelettes, with hits like "Please Mr. Postman"; Stevie Wonder, who had hits like "Superstition"; and The Temptations, who had hits like "My Girl".

Motown was founded in 1959 under the name of Tamla Records. The idea of Motown was born at the assembly line of Detroit's Lincoln Mercury automobile plant to Barry Gordy.

*"Every day I watched how a bare metal frame, rolling down the line would come off the other end, a spanking brand new car. What a great idea! Maybe, I could do the same thing with my music. Create a place where a kid off the street could walk in one door, an unknown, go through a process, and come out another door, a star."*

Motown did just that. Most of its clients were nobodies with massive amounts of musical talent. As Motown and its artists grew more famous, its sound became more distinct. In the past, for a song to become recognized and popular it had to be performed by a white artist, but the Motown Sound was so different it could only truly be performed by the original artists, most of whom were black.

Motown was (and still is) listened to and appreciated by people of all races. It brought people together like nothing else. When a Motown artist came to town everyone would gather to hear them, no matter who else was there. Smokey Robinson, another Motown artist once said:

*"Into the '60s, I was still not of a frame of mind that we were not only making music, we were making history. But I did recognize the impact because acts were going all over the world at that time. I recognized the bridges that we crossed, the racial problems and the barriers that we broke down with music. I recognized that because I lived it. I would come to the South in the early days of Motown and the audiences would be segregated. Then they started to get the Motown music and we would go back and the audiences were integrated and the kids were dancing together and holding hands"*

Motown has continued to bring people together, even after 56 years!



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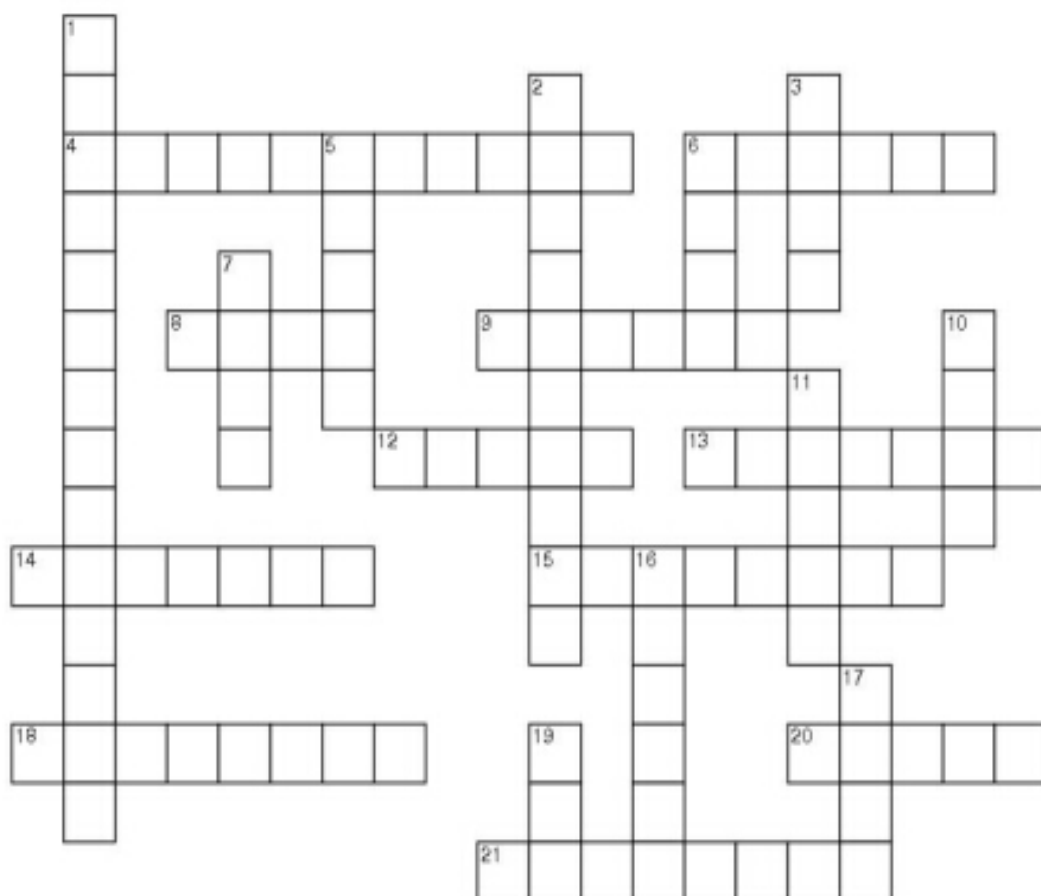
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# The Lenten Season



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## ACROSS

- 4 How Jesus died
- 6 Lent's meaning is connected to this earthly season.
- 8 To give up food
- 9 Jesus' death opened the gates to \_\_\_\_\_ for us.
- 12 Stations of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 13 The word that recalls the suffering death of Jesus.
- 14 Fourth Sunday of lent
- 15 Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ unto death.
- 18 Number of stations presented in the passion.
- 20 Jesus died because he \_\_\_\_\_ us.
- 21 The day of the week the priesthood was instituted.

## DOWN

- 1 Sacrament that restores sanctifying grace within us.
- 2 Another name for the sacrament of penance.
- 3 A way to celebrate lent
- 5 Number of days in the lent
- 6 Jesus died to \_\_\_\_\_ us from our sins.
- 7 The last supper was the celebration of the first \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10 The word that describes the Friday that Jesus died
- 11 It's placed on our forehead to remind us of our mortality at the beginning of lent
- 16 Lent prepares us for \_\_\_\_\_.
- 17 The week leading up to Jesus' death
- 19 The Wednesday event that marks beginning of lent

# I'll Give It all Away

By: Alyssa Dixon

During the season of Lent, it is common for Christians to voluntarily give something up and to refocus on God and what He has done for us. This practice is intended to be a reminder of how God gave up His Son, Jesus, so that one day we will have eternal life.

What are some things that people choose to give up during this 40-day season? Most teenagers give up things like snacks, soda, or flat ironing their hair. How many of us would make the choice and actually give up something that meant the absolute most to us? Think about it, God gave up what meant most to Him - His SON!! Others make the choice to add one more thing to our busy days as another way to focus on Christ during the season of Lent. What if we added a specific time in to our day that we just spend with God, have a conversation with him, and thank him for everything he has done for us?

Is He not worth you giving up something materialistic and adding something worth so much more? Treat God how you would want him to treat you in your greatest time of need.

*Here I am  
Here I stand  
Lord, my life is in your hands  
Lord, I'm longing to see  
Your desires revealed in me  
I give myself away*

*Take my heart  
Take my life  
As a living sacrifice  
All my dreams, all my plans  
Lord, I place them in your hands*

*I give myself away  
I give myself away  
So you can use me*

*My life is not my own  
To you I belong  
I give myself, I give myself to you*

Lyrics from "I Give Myself Away"  
By: William McDowell



## Lent

By: Julia Rehm and Kania Norman



What is Lent? Why is it widely practiced by Christians? What does the Bible teach us about Lent? When God gave up his Son for us he gave something very important. God loved his Son, but he gave him up. Lent is about Jesus's preparation for his suffering and death on the cross, and we prepare with him, looking forward to his resurrection from the dead. To understand Lent, we look back at the time of Jesus. Because Jesus and his disciples were Jews, they celebrated the season of Passover, which lasts 40 days just like Lent. Matthew 4:1-25 explains where the forty days comes from: "Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

There is a difference in the meaning of the Passover and Lent, though. The Passover is a time of rebirth for Jews to remember when their race was freed from the captivity of the Egyptians. On the day of the first Passover, the Israelites killed a lamb and smeared its blood on their doors. The lamb was a sign of Jesus's death. The angel passing over these blood-smeared doors was a symbol that Jesus's blood saves us. Lent, then, is a solemn time to reflect on the death of Jesus before Easter, when we celebrate his resurrection. Jesus actually celebrated the Passover right before he died, on the day we know as Maundy Thursday, when he sat with his disciples in the upper room to have the Last Supper.

Lent officially begins with Ash Wednesday where the pastors put ashes on everyone's forehead as a sign of humility before God and to show that we come from dust and we'll go back to dust when we die. Throughout the season of Lent, many churches have special services, usually on Wednesdays, to dedicate more time to worship and time in God's word. St. Marcus's Wednesday services during Lent will focus on the different things Jesus said while he was on the cross.

The season of Lent closes with Holy Week, which begins with Palm Sunday. "The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'" (John 12:12-19). The people celebrated Jesus on this day, but by the end of the week, they would turn on him and call for him to be killed on the cross.

The Bible tells us next about Jesus' arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane and his unfair trial. The season of Lent is almost over when we get to Good Friday, the day we remember Jesus' death on the cross. Why would it be *good* for Jesus to die? Well, when he died, he died for our sins and now we are perfect in God's eyes because of Jesus' sacrifice! The end of Lent (and the beginning of our promise of eternity) is Easter. As we go through Lent, take time with God--even extra time--giving yourself to him and remembering what he has done for us.



# Future Through Youth

**By:Joana Armstead**



I always believed adults were the only people who could make a difference. I thought wrong! We as youth, have the ability to change the world. We've been taught through words and actions that adults are in charge of everything. We've hidden our opinions and our thoughts, but we are the future. We will be responsible for this world when we get older. Now is the time to realize our impact and identify our leadership skills!

Many youth do not display their full potential, but I know that we all have great potential because we can do anything with God. Many of us have great goals; we just need to apply ourselves and create an indestructible mindset with a passion to succeed! I encourage every student to speak up for what they believe in. Your opinion matters!

Just a couple of weeks ago I was invited to go to a presentation where Dr. Darienne Driver, the Superintendent of MPS, spoke to a crowd of business men and women, school leaders, and professionals interested in the topic of education in our city. She spoke about the future through youth, initially stating that we have the power to cast out most of the world's tribulations and iniquities. Think about it: who's going to come after the adults? The world will never be immaculate. That was ruined long ago. Still we have a chance and choice to make things amazing.

Dr. Driver stated that “change is the only constant” indicating that the only thing that continues to happen is change. Change can be good and it can also be bad, depending on the production and effort put into it. She also stated that “children are the motivation, hope, and future of the world,” so education is everything for every next generation. Education has no limit or timeline because there are many things to learn and many generations to teach. We are the generation in need of this education and we will carry out what we’ve learned into the next generation. The doors we walk through and open will be shown in our future. Past experiences and knowledge, like the Civil Rights Movement and Black History Celebration, help us in the present and future.

We must make sure history does not repeat itself. Our education is our future. Every little thing that goes on during the present becomes the past. Our actions impact **EVERYTHING**, so step up and earn an education to make everything will be strong! Education is freedom and power.



# Youth Impact: Social Media Cyber Bullying And Harassment

By: Iyonna Bradley

## ***What is bullying and cyber bullying?***

Bullying is defined as repeated aggressive behaviors intended to hurt another individual physically, emotionally, and/or socially. There is typically an imbalance of power that is achieved and maintained through verbal harassment and or physical assault. Cyber bullying is any form of bullying done through the use of technology.

## ***Why should I care about cyber bullying?***

Cyber bullying happens most often among students between the ages of 10-18. When it comes to bullying and harassing others on the internet, people most often do it out of anger, revenge, or frustration. It is easier for people to post things, than to confront the situation and solve it with maturity. Other students choose to purposefully hurt others on social media for entertainment.

## ***The Golden Rules: Take Action!***

Protect yourself! Be careful what you write and share online, specifically on social media websites. If you find yourself in the middle of a bullying situation, stay calm and use the golden rules.

Rule 1: **Stop!** Don't respond to the bully. It only gives them power, and influences them to continue harassing you.

Rule 2: **Block!** Block the person, this way she/he does not have access to you online.

Rule 3: **Tell!** Get an adult that you trust to help you.

## ***Step Up! Be A Leader***

Stand up to bullying! If you see someone getting bullied, either in person or online, stop what you are doing and help out! Often when young people witness bullying they are tempted to entertain the situation - making it worse. This makes them a bully then too! Instead, assertively remind the bully about the rules for treating others if you feel comfortable. If you don't feel comfortable, tell an adult.

## ***Are you a bully?***

You may be reading this and wondering if you are a bully. Take the quiz!

- Do you engage in repeated hurtful behaviors towards others? .
- Does it make you feel better to hurt other people or take their things?
- Are you bigger and stronger than other people your age? Do you sometimes use your size and strength to get your way?
- Have you been bullied by someone in the past and feel like you have to make up for it by doing the same to others?
- Do you avoid thinking about how other people might feel if you say or do hurtful things to them?

## ***What can I do if I have bullied others?***

The good news is, you can change your behavior! If you have bullied other people, think about why. Think about how or what you were feeling at the time. Think about how you felt afterwards.

- Apologize to people you've bullied, and be friendly to them. Remember, they may not trust you right away, but eventually they'll see that you are making changes.
- If you struggle with feeling good about yourself, explore ways to boost your self-esteem. Find a hobby, do volunteer work, or get involved with a sport.
- If you feel like you're having trouble controlling your feelings, especially anger, talk to your school counselor and/or a trusted adult about it.



Before you speak:

**THINK**

**T** = Is it True?

**H** = Is it Helpful?

**I** = Is it Inspiring?

**N** = Is it Necessary?

**K** = Is it Kind?

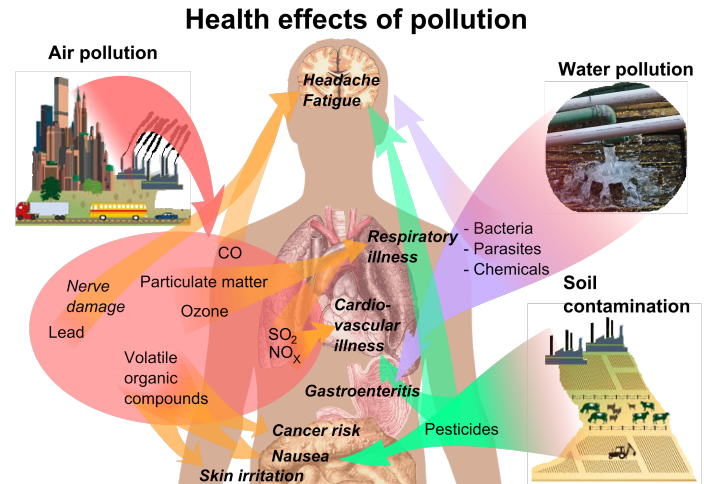
# Youth Impact: The Environment

By: Pia Moore

Young people around the world are suffering from the effects of pollution. Garbage accumulating can lead to lack of clean water and harm plants and local wildlife. Pesticides and chemicals can become part of the water and food supply. Rather than a more beautiful world, young people are getting a world full of litter and pollution, sidewalks sprinkled with cigarette butts, chip bags, cans, and bottles--things that can be reused or thrown away in the proper place. There are many ways that we as a community can help prevent further damage. By making an effort to save the earth, we can help save the people.

## Ways to help the earth:

- **Recycle aluminum, glass, and paper**
- **Use rechargeable batteries**
- **Use both sides of a piece of paper**
- **Recycle electronics**
- **Turn off the lights**
- **Plant a tree**
- **Take shorter showers**
- **Brush your teeth without running the water**



## Classroom Feature: 8th Grade & Biodiversity

By:Tevelis Winslow

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade is studying biodiversity and how it affects life on Earth. Biodiversity refers to the variety of many things in an ecosystem, from the makeup of plants and animals to cultural diversity. The eighth grade classes have gone to the Urban Ecology Center to study biodiversity. While at the Urban Ecology Center, our classes were exposed to different forms of biodiversity such as habitats, footprints, nests, and varieties of species. We also studied the ecosystem and made observations and hypotheses. Then we came to a conclusion as a class that “bio” means life and “diversity” refers to many different species. Our conclusion explained that biodiversity means a combination of plants, animals, and other wildlife.

People depend on biodiversity in their daily lives in ways that are not always clearly visible or appreciated. Human health ultimately depends upon the products and services of the ecosystem, such as availability of fresh water, food, and fuel sources. These resources are necessary for good human health and productive livelihoods. “A reduction of biodiversity can significantly and directly impact human health. Indirectly, changes in ecosystem services affect livelihoods, income, local migration and, on occasion, may even cause political conflict” ([www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)). Basically, if a population does not treat the ecosystem with respect, the effects are disastrous. Although we can’t immediately see how just throwing a piece of garbage on the ground may affect the environment, it causes a lot of damage.

Biodiversity is extremely important to people and the health of ecosystem. It allows us to live healthy and happy lives, provides us with an array of foods and materials, and contributes to the economy. Without the diversity of pollinators, plants, and soils our supermarkets would have a lot less produce. Biodiversity is an important part of ecological services that make life livable on Earth. They include everything from cleaning water and absorbing chemicals which wetlands do to providing oxygen for us to breathe, one of the many things that plants do for people. “Biodiversity allows for ecosystems to adjust to disturbances like extreme fires and floods.” For Example, If a reptile species goes extinct, a forest with 20 other reptiles is likely to adapt better than another forest with only one reptile. Genetic diversity prevents diseases and helps species adjust to changes in their environment. Simply for the wonder of it all. “There are few things as beautiful and inspiring as the diversity of life that exists on Earth.”([www.chgeharvard.org](http://www.chgeharvard.org)) Although biodiversity is very important, it is still being threatened by humans causing: habitat loss, degradation of trees, and removal of animals. Biodiversity affects humans’ condition such as the way we breathe or what we taste and mostly the eco system which we depend on daily for a strong, healthy, and enjoyable life.



# Sports Update - Girls' Basketball

By: Dameah Haynes

The girls' basketball season has come to an end. WOAHH BABY! It seems like everything is just moving too fast. The St. Marcus basketball girls worked crazy hard this season! I saw most of these girls in action. Some of them played their hearts out in their own games and then played for another St. Marcus team right away! Some practiced for more than one team during the week! Through warm-ups, running lap after lap, doing hundreds of jumping jacks, and practicing for an hour or more, they took no shortcuts.

Another area of the game that took strength was maintaining their behavior, meaning no getting attitudes, not being upset about not winning, and just remaining calm. They worked hard on and off the court, keeping their GPA at a 2.0 or higher by paying attention and remaining focused 100% of the time.

Basketball is really not something that just comes to you. It's something that you have to take seriously if you want to improve at it. The St. Marcus girls worked really hard, pulled out some wins, and made a lot of progress. These girls are really talented! They're blessed with the motivation and drive to be great!

## Spring Sports

By: Carlecia Plummer-Lawrence

St. Marcus' spring sports program offers a variety of sports such as track, golf, softball, and tennis. Two sports to note are softball and tennis. Softball is one of my favorite sports because it gets me outside and active. I also like softball because it is a team sport, and everyone plays a role. My second favorite sport is tennis because it is a sport that I can do by myself. I also like tennis because, whether you win or lose, you have to show good sportsmanship. Softball and tennis are two of my favorite sports coming up, and I encourage you to choose a spring sport to participate in this year!

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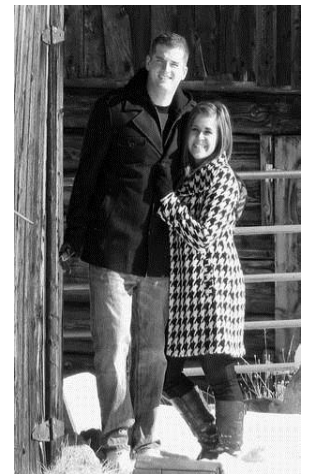
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## Teacher Feature: Mrs. Stege

By Jadi Balentine

You may know Mrs. Stege, our Kindergarten Dean, but do you know her story? Mrs. Stege grew up on a farm about 2 hours away from Milwaukee with her mom, dad, and two brothers. She attended Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee and was placed at St. Marcus for her student teaching during her senior year. Her supervising teacher was Mrs. Martwick! Mrs. Stege was then called as a full time 3rd grade teacher. She said that her first year at St. Marcus was really hard but it was fun! Four years later she was called to be a Kindergarten Dean. I asked why she decided to take the new role, and she answered, "I changed my role from a teacher to a dean because I wanted to help more children and I was ready for a change." Mrs. Stege was one of my favorite teachers! Say thank you and be grateful for all of your teachers!



# The Dontre Hamilton Case: Review & Opinion

By: Lauren Goins



On April 30, 2014, a young man by the name of Dontre Hamilton was shot. According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Hamilton was sleeping in Red Arrow Park, and two officers checked on him twice during that time to make sure he was OK after responding to a call from a nearby business complaining about him sleeping in the downtown park. Officers saw that he was fine and proceeded with their day. When Officer Manney arrived, he was unaware two officers had preceded him. Officer

Manney began to frisk Hamilton, and reported that Hamilton put up a fight, grabbed his baton, and hit him on the side of the neck with it. Manney then grabbed his gun and shot Hamilton 14 times. A high-publicity trial resulted in Officer Manney's actions being ruled self defense, and he was not found guilty of murder. The Journal Sentinel further reports that the Milwaukee Police Department took action and fired Officer Manney due to the fact that he did not follow protocol for approaching Hamilton after he correctly recognized him as mentally ill.

It seems as if this case still has a correlation to the Civil Rights Movement. I feel as though black people are still treated unfairly and looked down upon, just like before and during the Civil Rights Movement. The struggle starts from birth: the dangers and poverty within a black child's home and the violence in their neighborhood, the lack of a good education (or any education at all), the lack of a father figure to show love and how to grow up in this world, and discrimination and closed doors when looking for jobs. Without a good education, one cannot start their own business or grow to be successful. Young black people often look to join gangs so they can survive in their neighborhoods and make a way, even if it's not legal. When it looks like the world is full of people who only want to see us fail in life, kids drop out of school, especially when they do not have impactful teachers, to make sure their families have what they need and stay safe. The black community remains isolated by stereotypes. We are taught self hatred and not allowed to recognize our real potential. This is why the black community has not gotten justice: we are taught not to be one with ourselves - not to recognize and then chase after our potential and become more. We are taught the nonviolence way, but is that working? Nonviolence doesn't mean we stand by and let life and opportunities go by, it means to embrace who you are and stand strong! Don't let justice be just another hope lost!



## Valentine's Day

By Kashae Brown

Valentine's Day is a day to celebrate love and the people we love. Some teachers in our St. Marcus family made plans for Valentine's Day to do just that. For example, Mr. Leckwee told me that he took his wife to a marriage retreat here at St. Marcus and then took her out to dinner. I am really thankful for everybody in my life like family and friends. Take every opportunity--even now that Valentine's Day is passed--to show your friends and family that you love them!

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