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SCHOOL-WIDE FUNDRAISER

By Alexander Kuznetsov, 12th grade

This year's annual fundraiser was a huge success! We sold the World's Finest Chocolate and raised an impressive \$17,819, which is especially exciting since our goal was \$18,900.

Each class celebrated a top student seller who earned a 1-pound chocolate bar for their outstanding effort. The enthusiasm and competitiveness across all grades truly made this year's fundraiser one to remember.

It's a close race between Ekaterina's and Тѣтя Dunia's 2nd grade class, but since the classes are continuing to sell chocolates, the winning class pizza party will be announced at a later date. Who will come out on top? Stay tuned!

A special shout-out to Anthony Burkoff (an 8th grader), who went above and beyond—selling 25 boxes which earned him the grand prize 5-pound chocolate bar as the top seller of the whole school. Read more about him in the Scholar's Spotlight on page 3.

Incredible job by everyone involved!



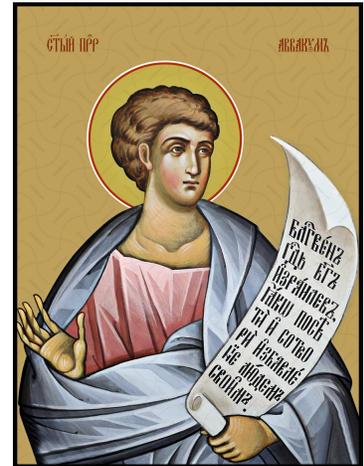
Top Class Sellers (left to right): Zoya B., Lukian A., Zasyrna C., Kira A., Anisia A., Ethan B., Vasilisa V., Evsevie S., and Enafa S. (not pictured).

LIVES OF THE SAINTS

By Kilikia Toran, 11th grade

Пророк Аввакум (Prophet Habakkuk)

The Пророк Аввакум prophesied 600 years before Christ. During the time of King Manasseh, he foretold the destruction of Jerusalem. He was the son of Asaphat and of the tribe of Simeon. The book he wrote in the Old Testament strongly focuses on the return of



Jews from Babylon, the birth of Christ, and the end of the period of the ancient Law. He teaches us how we should rest and trust in God's dealings with His creations. Пророк Аввакум is often heard in the ирмосы and hymns. These are meant to inspire faith in believers. A popular story many people know him by is when he brought a meal to Prophet Daniel in the lion's den.

During harvest Пророк Аввакум prepared soup for those working in the fields. As he carried the food out he told his servants, "If I do not return soon for more, continue taking them (the food) yourselves." As the Prophet left his house, he was met with an angel of God. He commanded Аввакум take the meal in his hands to the prophet Daniel, who was in the lion's den in Babylon. Not wanting to follow the orders, Аввакум was carried by the angel in the air for 1,300 miles into Babylon and set in front of the den. Calling out loudly, he said "Daniel, Daniel, take the food I have brought you!" Daniel cried out, giving thanks that God, who loves him, didn't forget him. After this occurrence Habakkuk was transported back to his land in Judah.

Пророк Аввакум is commemorated December 2nd по старому стилю (old date) and December 15th по новому стилю (new date).

ELEMENTARY UPDATES

By Nikolai Pleshakov, 12th grade

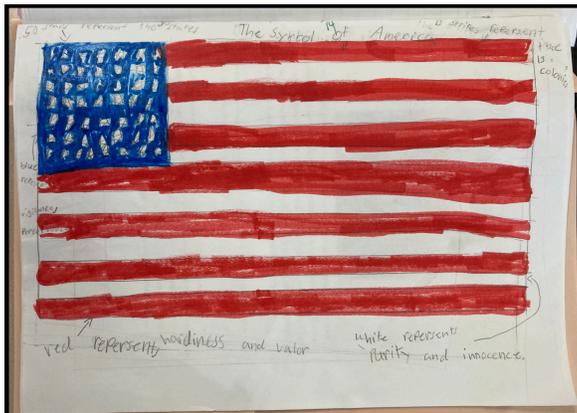


In the spirit of Veterans' Day, the fourth-grade class (класс Тёти Евфимьи) has been partaking in various activities in honor of our country's brave army heroes. One activity was giving group presentations. The students were split up into four groups, and each team put together a speech describing the life of one of four veterans. Each group then presented their words to the rest of the class. Additionally, Тётя Евфимья plans on teaching her kids some other things on the topic of Veterans' Day. She is currently working on teaching the kids about what each part of the American flag represents, and her class is also in the process of learning about the significance of the Veterans' Day poppy symbol.

In other news, Тётя Евфимья is very happy about her students' progress in mathematics. The teacher had her children draw graphs before and after a math unit representing how many students still need improvement in various given math skills. These graphs showed evidence of the kids' improvement, a product of their efforts in listening and working hard. Overall, Тётя Евфимья is proud of her students.



A graph a student made.



An informational drawing of the American flag.

VERSE OF THE MONTH

By Viveya Alagoz, 11th grade

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:1)

IMPORTANT DATES

By Susanna Chuprov, 9th grade

	4th	Entry of The Mother of God into the Temple (NO SCHOOL)
 PARENT-TEACHER Conference	5th	Teacher Parent Conference (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)
	16th	Bookmobile
	19th	St. Nicholas Day (NO SCHOOL)
 No School	26th	PD Day (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)

ИМЕНИНЫ OF DECEMBER

Dec 3rd	Анна	Dec 19th	Млѣдимъ
Dec 5th	Викли́къ	Dec 24th	Дани́лъ
Dec 6th	Алѣ́ксандръ	Dec 28th	Инф́іа
Dec 7th	Екатері́нна	Dec 29th	Со́фіа
Dec 10th	Гаврі́илъ	Dec 30th	Іза́ріа
Dec 12th	Висарі́онъ	Dec 31th	Зо́а
Dec 15th	Миропі́а		

PRIMARY UPDATES

By Logan Kuznetsov and Lev Chernishoff, 10th grade

This month the primary wing has been busy and exciting...

In Тетя Melania's Kindergarten class, students practiced beginning sounds, simple words, neat handwriting, and detailed pictures. They worked with numbers, patterns, graphs, made fun art projects, learned to share and be kind, and even earned an ice cream party for following directions and working hard.

Тетя Ksenya's 1st grade students learned about nouns, verbs, and adjectives, used stronger words in their writing, and created a "Thankful Cross" to show what they're grateful for and to thank the Lord. They proudly passed their fundraiser goal by selling 40 boxes of chocolate, and now they're excitedly hoping to earn a trip to the Oregon Zoo. In class, they also spent time learning about charity, fasting, and prayer as part of Рождественский пост. Along with finishing the story of Noah, they explored the roles of the Lord's Archangels and deepened their understanding of their faith.

NOVEMBER RECAP

By Zoya Burkoff, 11th Grade

In November, chef Keya came out twice to feed the students nourishing food. On November 6th, we had the choice of chicken alfredo for \$5 or a pretzel hot dog for \$3. Both were served with a side of fruit and a cookie. Again on November 20th, we had the option of a hamburger slider with a side of fries or nachos with ground beef and queso, served with toppings like sour cream, lettuce, salsa, and more. These both were sold for \$5. We are all very grateful for chef Keya for taking the time to feed us and hope she will do it again :) Since Рождественский пост begun before the students returned back to school, we had a week long spirit week. These included Comfy-and-Cozy Monday, Twinsie Tuesday, Sporty Wednesday, and Tacky Wacky Thursday!



SCHOLAR'S SPOTLIGHT

By Nikita Burkoff, 12th grade

Anthony Burkoff was the top chocolate bar seller in our annual field trip fundraiser, selling 25 boxes and raising \$755 for his class through determination and consistency. When asked what motivated him, he said, "I really wanted the five-pound chocolate bar."

His strategy was simple but effective. "I would go to Grocery Outlet and sell the chocolate outside, and people would buy them," he explained.

Anthony spent several hours each day after school outside the Grocery Outlet in Molalla. Some days he sold up to five boxes, while other days he sold only one. His sister, Zoya Burkoff, supported him by driving him to the store and supervising him during his sales, helping make his success possible.



ДУХОВНЫЕ DEVELOPMENTS

By Dima Molodih and Domian Scherbakov, 9th grade

Fedora Grigorievna's class is continuing with one of their cherished songs from the Обиходъ, which they have beautifully learned to sing по крюкам. This piece holds a special place in their hearts, and it is lovingly sung every Sunday service по напевке. They are also continuing to learn a graceful духовной стих. In addition, they will be joyfully preparing for the amazing celebration of Рождество Христово.

What Faddei enjoys most about teaching singing class is that it's easy and it doesn't take a lot of time to prep. How he chooses his songs is by starting at глас шестой then goes up. What inspired him most to be a singing teacher is that he really likes singing. It goes back to his time in Russia. There he learned all that singing and wanted to put it to good use.

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STAFF HIGHLIGHT

By Iroia Vshivkoff and Neeka Basargin, 9th grade

Kira Chuprov is one of our Ungraded teachers, teaching common subjects such as Devotional, Math, English Studies, Russian, History, and electives such as Technology, Theater, and Debate. Since graduating high school, she had always known



that she wanted to become a teacher. Her first teaching job was as a swimming instructor at the Woodburn Aquatic Center, before she became a teacher at a public school. Her experience as a teacher is best explained as a roller coaster. Whether public or private school, teaching constantly keeps her on her toes.

Her ELA class has just finished making some awesome letters to the veterans and active troops that have served our country. In Debate, her students are building fluency and public speaking comfortability, and she is hoping to do a class debate in front of the school. Finally, in Devotional, she is building up her students' fluency in reading and memorizing parts of the Bible in Slavonic.

Kira's major plans for this year include organizing an extravagant field trip to anywhere they can raise enough money to go to! She wants to raise enough money for something overnight and has been contacting companies and keeping in touch with organizations for her homeroom class field trip, which includes the 7th and 8th graders.

Kira has had experience in both public and private schools. This year is actually her 9th year of teaching! She explained that many people believe that public school is different from private school, but they are very similar in ways such as having the same kinds of students and challenges. She says that it is like a breath of fresh air to be able to pray and speak about God freely. In public school, most things about religion were restricted and too controversial to talk about to her students.

When asked, "What is one piece of advice you would give your past self about teaching?" Speaking from experience, she answered with, "Your classroom and teaching style don't need to be perfect, for nobody's are. Also, you don't need to spend tons of money on your classroom".

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UNGRADED UPDATES

By Sophia Konev, 11th grade

Our math students are exploring the Cartesian Plane and practicing how to graph basic linear equations. English, students are leading small-group book clubs and developing clear, articulate writing using their IEW skills. Science, students are studying matter and its properties across different phases. They are also applying engineering skills as they design and build marble runs and sky lanterns, putting creativity and problem-solving to the test. For the month of December; In our devotional class we will be covering the праздники "Введение в церковь пресвятыя Богородицы" and "Святителя Христов Николае". We will also be reading the книга "Григориёво Видение" together as a class.

In devotional choir class we will start learning глас первый in знаменное пение. In health, we will continue reading "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens". P.E., we will start another workout program similar to the calisthenics program that we did earlier in the year. For Russian, we will continue perfecting our usage and understanding of the beautiful and rich Russian language.

As an extra bonus, we also learned how to make sourdough and sourdough starter. Thanks to Тётя Анна S. and Natasha K., who volunteered their time, each high school student was able to bake their own sourdough loaf!



RIDDLE!

By Tatiana Valihov, 11th grade



Theme: Bible Miracle

I started as five and two in hand,
yet fed a crowd across the land.
With baskets full and left over still,
a miracle done by the Master's will.
What am I?

Answer: The miracle of loaves and fishes