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Memorial Day by Cayla Keares



Memorial Day is a holiday celebrated in the United States to honor all those brave men and women who died while fighting in our country's Armed Forces. This annual holiday is celebrated on the last Monday in May and was first known as Decoration Day. It was initiated after the American

Civil War to remember the Union and Confederate soldiers who died in the war. By the 20th century Memorial Day honored all deceased Americans who died in any war defending our country. On this great day many citizens visit cemeteries and memorials

that honor all of America's veterans who died during the wars. Some people even volunteer to place an American flag on each grave. Memorial Day is a proud holiday when we remember those brave soldiers who died for our freedom.

"Tale as old as time..." by Isabelle Anzabi



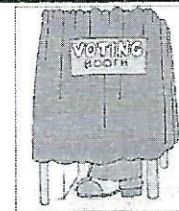
"Beauty and the Beast" was Nazareth Academy Grade School's 2014-2015 theatrical production. The tale of Beauty and the Beast came to life on the stage, and made you feel like you were a part of the story. Every year the play seems to exceed expectation and this year's was by far the best. It was so good that audience members kept coming back for more. None of this would have been possible without our Director: Ms. Natalie Monari, Assistant Director: Carol Greco, Music Instructor: Miss Trotter, and Dance Instructor: Mrs. Linda Monari, and, of course, along with the talents of the entire cast.

Congratulations to our third trimester Student Council representatives.

Grade 6: Johnny Bonfini, Courtney Bristow, Lauren Yost

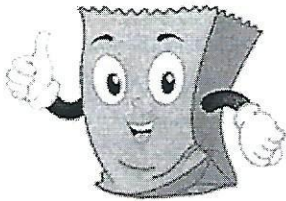
Grade 7: Rose Driscoll, Sarah Macauley, Kathryn Tereshko

Grade 8: Dino Cerquetelli, Helen Dotchel, Abigail Gangemi-Hague



Congratulations to our graduating officers, Jessica, Meaghan, Victoria, and Derek, who led us very well in service and fun this year. We look forward to the campaign for our new officers for next school year. Good luck to the seventh graders who have taken on the challenge of leading our school. We look forward to the fun posters that will be decorating our hallways soon.

St. Francis Inn *by Christina Carbone*



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Mrs. Culp is the organizer for the St. Francis Inn lunches that the seventh grade class prepares the first Monday of every month. Grades 1 through 3 make lunches at home, while grades 4 through 8 donate a dollar to purchase food and supplies to prepare the lunches at school. With the help of the seventh grade students, the lunches are assembled Monday morning and then parent volunteers drive the lunches to the St. Francis Inn. During Catholic Schools' Week, socks and soup were collected and also donated to the Inn. Thank you, Mrs. Culp, for your continued leadership and guidance.

Aid for Friends *by Christina Carbone*



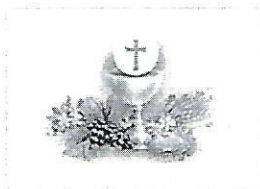
Señora Furman is the organizer for *Aid for Friends*, and she helped us raise funds for this organization by selling Easter eggs from March 25th to the 27th. Students also were given an empty foil tin and were asked to fill it with a homemade meal to be donated for this fundraiser. The school was successful with both events, and we were able to donate both money and food to *Aid for Friends*. Gracias, Señora!

Congratulations to all of the members of the 6th grade who received the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation this year. The names of the newly confirmed are:



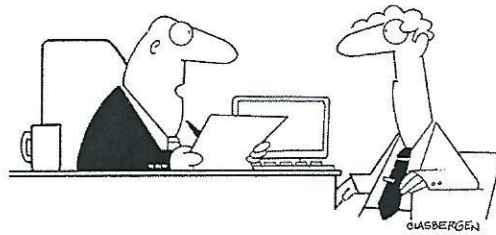
Anthony Joseph
 Alex Paul
 Brynn Theresa
 Courtney Elizabeth (B.)
 Caleigh Marie
 Morgan Clare
 Courtney Elizabeth (S.)
 Katelyn Katharine
 Malia Maria

Lauren Katherine
 Liam Francis
 Patrick Francis
 Johnny Joseph
 Emma Lucy
 Shawn Anthony
 Michael Thomas
 Angela Bridget
 Gavin Blaisse



God's blessings on our wonderful third grade with receiving their First Holy Communion on May 2nd! Thank you to Ms. Ricci and Sister Teresita for preparing the Communion Class so well. We wish you God's blessings in your journey as members of the Catholic community.

Staff Interviews by Christine Stephin



"You describe yourself as a 'free thinker'. That's good, because we can't afford to pay you."

Miss Trotter:

1 Why did you pick "Beauty and the Beast" for our play? Ms. Natalie chose Beauty and the Beast because it was a good showcase of all of the students.

2 Is there anything you would like to change in the way auditions or rehearsals are done in the future? I would like to have auditions and rehearsals earlier in the year for student preparation.

3 Did you expect such an amazing turnout at the play? Yes, it was an amazing showcase of all the students.

4 Was it fun working with all of the students to put together such an amazing play? Always, always, always!

5 Do you have any ideas on what our play next year will be? Personally, I would love to do "School House Rock" or one of the newer Jr. plays.

Mrs. Rovnan:

1 What is/are your favorite part(s) of working at Nazareth? All of the children are my favorite parts of working at Nazareth.

2 What made you choose Nazareth as the place where you work? I previously worked at a preschool. I left and worked in insurance, but I missed working with children. Here, I found a place where I could still work around children.

3 Do you enjoy the fact that a diversity of students often goes through your office daily? Yes, I love to meet all of the new people.

4 Is there any job that you do that you would like to do more often? No, I am still learning all of the ins-and-outs of this job and I pretty much help everyone.

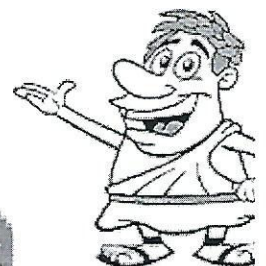
Congratulations to our Forensics Team on the results from the tournament at Ancilla-Assumpta Academy in Wyncote, PA. Our team had many members participate, and the following students were awarded certificates/trophies:

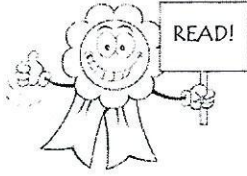
- Joan Dotchel 3rd place trophy in Poetry
- Helen Dotchel 5th place certificate in Dramatic Interpretation
- Katie Cleary 5th place certificate in Poetry
- Kathryn Tereshko 5th place in Declamation

Congratulations to our forensics team who competed at Holy Ghost Prep on Saturday, April 25. The following students placed:

- Isabelle Anzabi 4th place in Poetry
- Maura Budd 3rd place in Dramatic Interpretation
- Madelyn Congdon 4th place in Dramatic Interpretation
- Derek Swider 7th place in Declamation
- Kathryn Tereshko 3rd place in Declamation

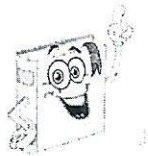
FORENSICS TEAM by Maura Budd





READING OLYMPICS BY ISABELLE ANZABI

This year our first through fourth grades participated in an in-school Reading Olympics Tournament during Catholic Schools Week. This competition was wonderful and each team did a phenomenal job. The tournament took place to prepare them for how a fifth through eighth grade Reading Olympics Tournament is held. The 6th grade team received green ribbons at Bucks County, and the 7th and 8th grade teams placed with red and yellow ribbons. The 2014-2015 Nazareth Reading Olympics teams ended the year on a high note.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Three Musketeers names are Porthos, Athos, and Aramis.

Cinderella's slippers were originally made out of fur. The story was changed in the 1600s by a translator.

Dr. Seuss wrote "Green Eggs and Ham" after his editor dared him to write a book using fewer than 50 different words.

Wax Museum by Kathryn Tereshhko

On Monday, April 27th, the eighth grade students participated in a "Wax Museum," in which they embodied a famous figure, living or deceased. This project is the culmination of a major research paper. The school students walked through the "museum," and learned much about the figures portrayed. We congratulate them on their efforts.

Penny Wars by Angelina Singmaster

The Penny War and Penny Carnival were a rousing success! We raised over \$2000 for The Ronald McDonald House and St. Francis Inn. Grades 1-4 participated in a Penny Carnival. They created wonderful designs on the floors with their pennies. Grades 5-8 participated in a Penny War. Each grade competed for first place. The objective was to collect the most pennies, but each grade could "bomb" each other with other coins. At the end of each day, the pennies were counted, along with the other coins, to create the total. The cycle would continue into every new day. At the end of the week, the grade with the most pennies won. Sixth grade won the Penny Wars this year, and third grade won the Penny Carnival. Both grades will be treated to a pizza and ice cream lunch. Hopefully, we can continue these activities in the years to



NAGS' "Num-nums" *by Christina Carbone*

1 1/4 cups sugar
 3/4 cup butter, softened
 1 egg
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 2 1/4 cups all purpose flour
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 48 mint meltaway candies

Mint Blossoms



Heat oven to 375°F.

Combine 1 cup sugar, butter, egg and vanilla in bowl. Beat at medium speed until well mixed. Add flour, baking soda and salt; beat at low speed until well mixed.

Shape dough into 1-inch balls; roll in remaining sugar. Place 2 inches apart onto ungreased cookie sheets.

Bake 8-10 minutes or until edges are very light golden brown. Remove from oven; immediately press 1 mint candy in center of each cookie. Remove from cookie sheets to cooling rack; cool completely.

1 cup Butter, softened
 1 cup sugar
 1 Egg
 2 tablespoons milk
 1 teaspoon almond extract
 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 60 (4-inch) lollipop sticks

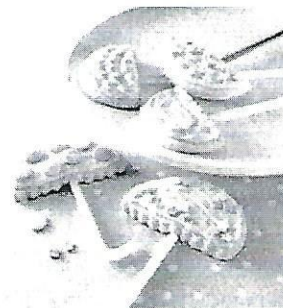
Frosting

3 cups powdered sugar
 1/3 cup butter, softened
 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
 2 to 3 tablespoons milk
 Food color

Umbrella Butter Cookies

Decorations

Decorator candies, as desired
 White decorator gel
 Colored bendable drinking straws



Combine 1 cup butter, sugar and egg in bowl. Beat at medium speed until creamy. Add 2 T milk and almond extract. Continue beating until well mixed. Add flour and baking powder; beat at low speed until well mixed.

Divide dough into thirds. Shape each third into a ball; flatten slightly. Wrap each in plastic food wrap; refrigerate 2-3 hours or until firm.

Heat oven to 400°F.

Roll out dough, one-third at a time, on lightly floured surface (keeping remaining dough refrigerated) to 1/4-inch thickness. Cut with 3-inch round cookie cutter. Cut each cookie in half, using crinkle cutter if scalloped edge is desired. Place each cookie, cut-side down, over lollipop stick on ungreased cookie sheets; press dough lightly around stick to adhere cookie to stick. Bake 6-10 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Let stand on cookie sheet 1 minute; remove to cooling rack. Cool completely.

Combine powdered sugar, 1/3 cup butter and vanilla in bowl. Beat at low speed, adding enough milk for desired frosting consistency, until creamy. Tint frosting with food color, as desired.

Frost cooled cookies. Decorate as desired. Using white decorator gel, draw 3 or 4 horizontal lines across umbrella. To form umbrella ribs, drag toothpick from top center of umbrella down to bottom edge. Let stand until frosting is set. Pull out bendable portion of straws to resemble umbrella. Trim straight portion to same length as umbrella stick. Slide straw over stick; trim bent end, if necessary.

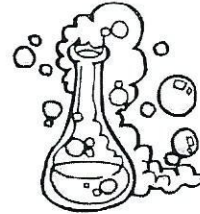
Science Fair by Catherine Monteith

In November, the annual Science Fair for grades 5-8 was held. The students worked very diligently for two months on their science projects and they all did very well. Several students progressed to the prestigious George Washington Carver Science Fair. The students who placed in the Science Fair were:



Tyler Juskalian
 Elizabeth Bowe
 Annaliese Hencck
 Katie Harmon
 Emma Cusano
 Isabella Aleman
 Gavin Mcguigan
 Jeremy Delia
 MaryKate Wheeler
 Madelyn Congdon
 Morgan McCafferty
 Megan Bozarth
 Christina Carbone
 Jessica Scipione
 Angelina Stride

Paris Keegan
 Courtney Bristow
 Christine Stepkin
 Morgan Lewis
 Michael Kieffer
 Erin Murray
 Angela Farinella
 Edward Miller
 Sarah Macauley
 Ryan Spangler
 Maggie Miller
 Julia Davis
 Caroline Clark
 Lindsay Long
 Agatha Zin



One student, Madelyn Congdon was admitted to the Delaware Valley Science Fair. We congratulate Madelyn for her effort.

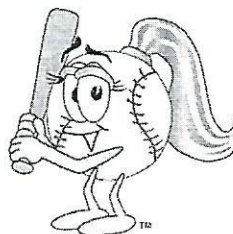
In April a science fair for grades 1-4 was held. These students also worked very meticulously and it is made evident in their projects. We congratulate everyone on their hard work. All of the projects were fabulous. Good job, everyone!

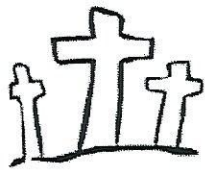
On Friday, May 1st, the First Grade Class, along with Mrs. "H" provided the school community with a beautiful and prayerful way to honor our Blessed Mother. Congratulations, First Grade, and thank you for sharing this with us! *Immaculate Mary, pray for us!*



Sports by Maura Budd

Congratulations to our basketball and swim teams on a wonderful season. Much thanks to our dedicated coaches, without whom our teams would not be playing so well. Our spring sports have begun their seasons and are off to a good start. Good Luck to the baseball, softball, and track teams on their games and meets this season.





Living Stations of the Cross by Christine Stepkin

Every year on the day before Easter break, the eighth grade depicts the Stations of the Cross. This year on Monday, March 30, at 7 PM and Tuesday, March 31, at 1 PM, the Class of 2015 portrayed the Living Stations of Jesus: His suffering, death, and Resurrection. The spectacular event portrayed Jesus being condemned to death, walking with the cross in hand, being nailed to the cross, and inevitably being put to death and laid in his tomb, all of this followed by the Resurrection from his grave to take his place beside his Father in Heaven. The liturgical dancers performed beautifully and were very inspirational. The guards, along with all of the other actors: Veronica, Mary, Judas, Simon, John, Mary Magdalene, Pontius Pilate, and Jesus were inspiring. The seventh grade stage crew did an amazing job of readying the music, costumes, lighting, and props. The Living Stations was an amazing success and a beautiful, prayerful activity.

Who can spell? We can spell! The mind-numbing, sweat-producing, nerve-wracking classroom spelling competition resulted in Madelyn Congdon, Morgan Craven, Destiny Rivera, and Kathryn Tereshko representing NAGS at the annual Archbishop Ryan 7th Grade Spelling Bee. Congratulations on your fine performance, girls! We are proud of you.



In March, there was a contest to promote healthy eating. For the contest, students tried their best to create a slogan for the topic. A student in OUR second grade here at Nazareth, **Braydon McGuigan**, won this contest! *Congratulations, Braydon!*



Geo Bee & Geo Bowl

On Wednesday, April 29, 2015, four students participated in the annual Geo Bowl at West Catholic High School. These students were Jeremy Delia in fifth grade, Joan Dotchel in sixth grade, Isabelle Anzabi in seventh grade, and Derek Swider in eighth grade. These students worked together to solve geography questions on a piece of paper. *We are proud to be able to say that our team placed 1st* above 6 other teams! Great job, boys and girls!

DIY Beach Bags by Madelyn Congdon



- A plain, white, canvas tote bag
- Your favorite colors of 3D or Puffy paint
- Small paintbrushes and sponge brushes (**sponge brushes have a cleaner finish with a stencil. If you do not use a stencil and are creating certain designs, I recommend a paint brush**)
- Pencils (**you can use the eraser for small dots or details**)
- A stencil of whatever you would like on your bag
- Masking tape
- Paper plates



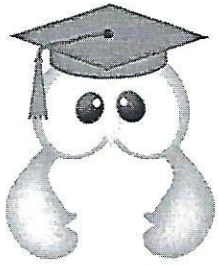
First, lay out all of your supplies. If you would like a specific design on your bag, look online for a stencil of that design. Once you find the perfect stencil, print it out, cut the shape out and tape it to your bag with masking tape. Squirt your paint onto the paper plate and dip your paint brush, pencil eraser or sponge brush into the paint. Now you can start painting your bag! If you have a stencil, paint the whole area inside your stencil. It is okay if you paint onto the stencil because you will remove your stencil when you are finished. Once you are finished, you can remove your stencil and enjoy your bag! If you do not use a stencil, follow the same steps and paint whatever you want. Have fun!

DIY MASON JAR By Nicole Sullivan

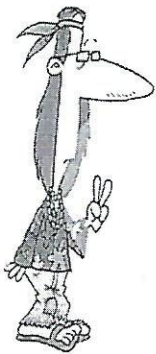
- Scissors
- Craft Glue
- Light-Weight Colorful/ Patterned Fabric
- Small Cup
- Paint Brush
- Mason Jars
- Water



1. Measure the height and circumference of your jar, and cut strips of fabric to roughly fit (approximately 1cm wide – doesn't have to be perfect).
2. In your small cup, pour in some glue and water it down with a bit of water (about 1:2), and mix well. It should be the consistency of slightly thicker water.
3. Soak your first strip of fabric in the glue. Once soaked, lightly run your thumb and forefinger down the strip to get rid of any excess glue.
4. Place the strip into your jar (pattern side facing the jar) and position it. Use your paintbrush to push any air bubbles out from between the fabric and the jar.
5. Repeat with the rest of your fabric. Allow to dry overnight before using.



We bid a fond farewell to each and every member of the graduating Class of 2015. Good luck and many blessings as you begin your new journey in high school. You have been such a dynamic presence here for the past 8 years and you will be dearly missed. Come back and visit; you are always welcome here!



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Congratulations to the new "top dogs," the Class of 2016! We look forward to an exciting year of leadership, example, and service to our school and each other. Rest up over the summer; the best is yet to come!

Michaela Bruslin
Rose Driscoll
Cayla Keares

McKenzie Tobler
Kathryn Tereshko
Morgan Craven

Maddie Congdon

Isabelle Anzab
Molly Dwyer

Christine Stephen
Catherine Monteith

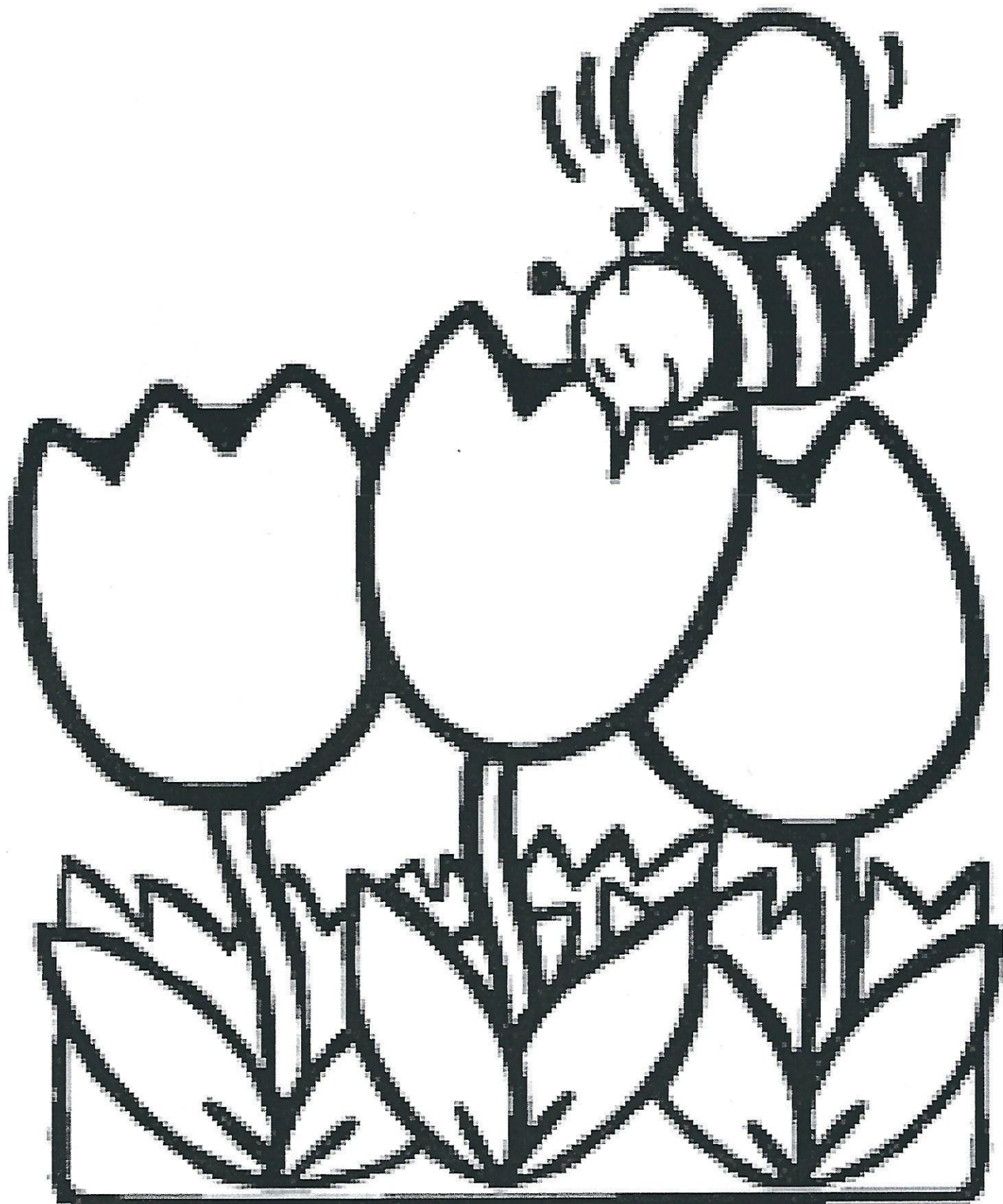
Morgan McCaffery
Sarah Masauley
Destiny Rivera

Dianna Udowenko
Christina Cabore
Michael Roman
Edward Miller

Mary Kate Wheeler
Nicole Sullivan

Angelina Dingmaster

Have fun coloring!



VICTORY VIEW MAZES

By: Helen Dotchel

Directions: Start in the middle and escape the maze.

