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# Holy Trinity Students 'Brave the Shave' in Avon

Students at Holy Trinity School started summer off right last week - they 'Braved the Shave' in a St. Baldrick's Day fundraiser dedicated to raising resources to fight pediatric cancer.

"We were excited to host our 3rd annual St. Baldrick's event at Holy Trinity on Thursday, May 31," said committee member Noreen Woidke. "Students, faculty, family and friends had the opportunity to 'Brave the Shave.' Shavees asked friends and family to make donations "on their head" and in return they had their heads shaved in solidarity with kids fighting cancer."

The day was a resounding success! "We had 94 shavees and 6 Wigs for Kids participants this year and together have raised over \$23,300 thus far. We have raised over \$65,000 for pediatric cancer research in the last three years," reported Noreen.

At this year's event, the school honored the memory of Piper Samuels. At the age of five, Piper was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma, a complicated and rare form of bone cancer. After battling valiantly for one year, Piper passed



Noreen Woidke, Bob Catanza and Shane Haddad



Angel Ayala and Aiden Roche



Maria Ursetti and Caitlin Fox



Bob Catanza and Nolan Samuels



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## "Rock the Bald" at Holy Trinity School

This year's motto at Holy Trinity School in Avon is, "Be the Answer." 122 students and members of the school community lived up to that mantra last Thursday in support of the school's third-annual St. Baldrick's event.

With barbers and stylists from four local businesses donating their services, fellow students cheered on the "shavees" and "Wigs 4 Kids" participants in a pep rally environment inside the school's gym.

Each of the 122 participants solicited donations in advance of their hair cuts.

Second-grader Maddux Payne led all HTS fundraisers with more than \$2,500 in donations.



In total, this year's HTS St. Baldrick's event raised over \$20,000 for pediatric cancer research.

The St. Baldrick's Foundation is a volunteer-powered charity that funds more in childhood cancer research grants than any organization except the U.S. government.

Holy Trinity's ongoing support of the Shanerock Foundation, a Cleveland-based

not-for-profit organization that helps families battling pediatric cancer, has served as inspiration for the St. Baldrick's event. This year's Holy Trinity School "Rock the Bald" also supported Piper's Legacy, in memory of Piper Samuels. Piper's Legacy works to promote awareness and raise funds to fight Ewing sarcoma.

Located in Avon, Ohio, Holy Trinity School is the largest Catholic school in Lorain County, serving more than 500 students in preschool through eighth grade.



Angel Ayala, Billy Butts, Avon Service Dept. and Mayor Bryan Jensen

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# Memorial Day 2018: Remembering Those Who Gave All

Memorial Day 2018 was observed in Avon the morning of May 28 with a parade starting at the Avon Senior Center east to the Avon Cemetery at the corner of Detroit Road and Route 83.

The parade included many community groups from our area, including Avon Police and Fire personnel.

There was a program once the parade arrived at the cemetery. Participating were members of the VFW Post 7035, Boys Scouts & Girls Scouts, West Side Irish American Heritage Pipe Band, Mighty Eagle Marching Band, Golden Crescent Choir and Mayor Bryan Jensen. The Memorial ceremony concluded with a 21 gun salute.

VFW members then traveled to Resthaven and St. Mary's cemetery to perform the Memorial ceremony. The VFW members returned to the VFW Memorial to conclude with another ceremony and open house. All were welcome and many turned out for the parade and all of the ceremonies where the VFW members honored the fallen.



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A member of the Mighty Eagle Marching Band sounds Taps.



A large turn out of patriotic support for Avon's Memorial Day observances.

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# Avon Eagle Run Draws 1300 for Memorial Day Weekend Event

The 18th annual Eagle Run presented by Mercy Health brought 1300 runners, walkers and guests to Avon High Saturday morning, May 26, to participate in different categories of running and walking races.

The annual event benefits the Avon School Educational Endowment Fund, French Creek YMCA and other local charities.

29 year old Mark Grogan of Bay Village topped the strong 5 Mile Run field with a first place effort of 25:39. 28 year old Malory Grogan of Bay won the women's division in 33:16.

In the 5K, 16 year old Joe Laforet was first overall in 18:04 while Abby Sidloski of Avon, 16, won the women's division in 22:54.

On hand to welcome runners were Edwin Oley, Mercy Health, Race Director Chris Carroll of Flavorseal, Supt. of Schools Mike Laub and Mayor Bryan Jensen. All shared gratitude for generous outpouring of support the Eagle Run brings to local funding and community resources.

Here is a link to all results: [www.hermescleveland.com/roadracing/results/eagle.asp](http://www.hermescleveland.com/roadracing/results/eagle.asp).



Supt. of Schools Mike Laub, Edwin Oley of Mercy Health and Chris Carroll, Race Director, welcome runners.



Malory Grogan, women's overall winner, at the finish line.



Men's overall winner Mark Grogan at the finish line.

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## WDAB Hosts Inaugural Demon Derby "Night at the Races"

Demon pride was alive and kicking at the Westlake Demons Athletic Boosters (WDAB) inaugural, sold-out Demon Derby "Night at the Races". The event, held at St. Demetrios Church Cultural Center on April 27, included dinner, drinks, sideboards, horse races and raffle packages with all proceeds benefiting WDAB and our mission to support all Demons athletics.



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