

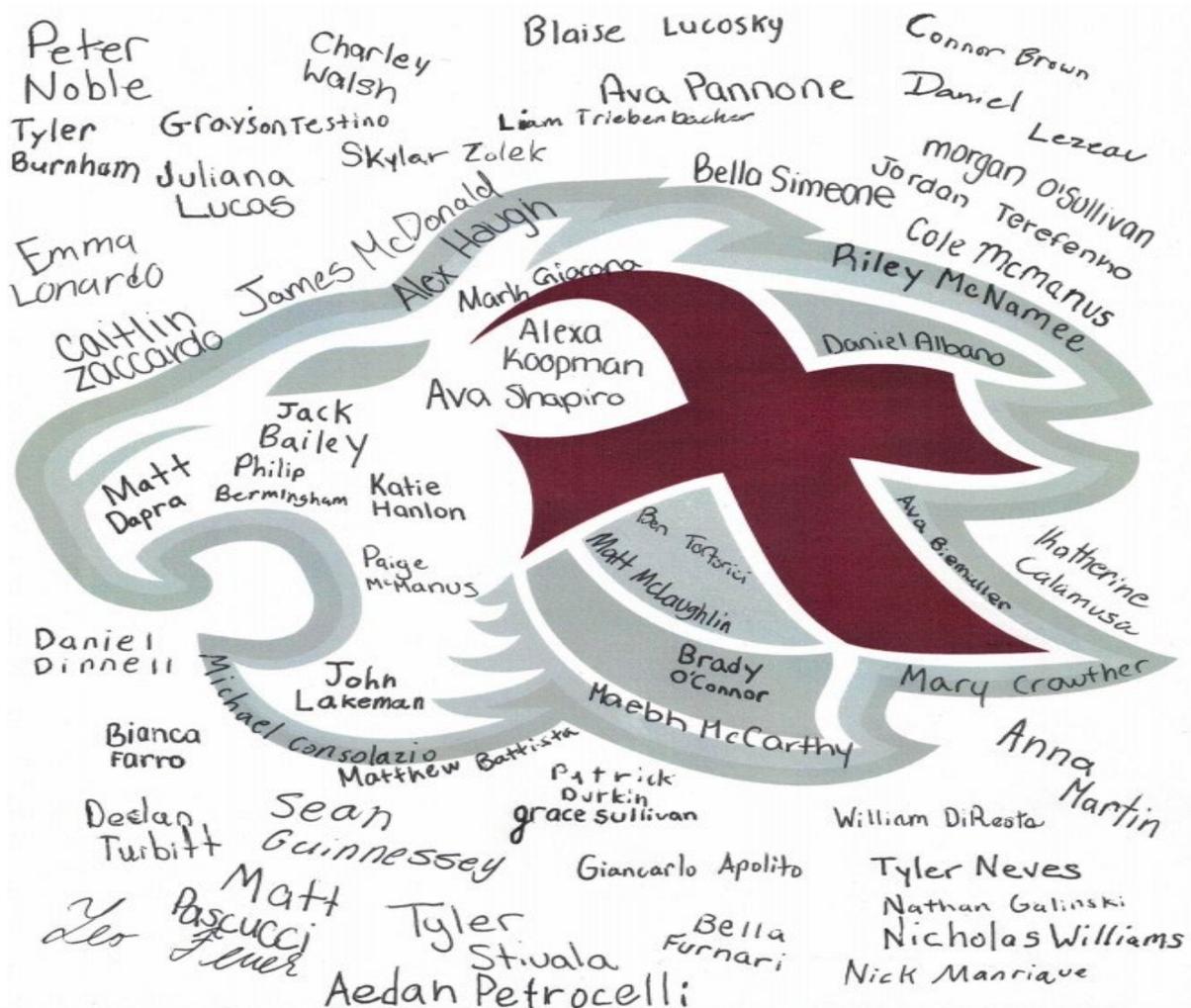
The Paw Print Press At Home Edition

Eighth Grade Graduation

By: Lawrence Royce

We are so proud of Saint Leo the Great's class of 2020. They have done an extraordinary job in school throughout the years. They are all very sad that they could not have a traditional graduation before going to high school. The administration and the eighth grade teachers worked hard to put together a celebration for the graduating class of 2020.

The Baccalaureate Mass was held outdoors on Thursday June 4, 2020. Father John, Mr. Begley, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mr. Guglietti, Mrs. Mullins, Mrs. Brock, and Mrs. Tommolino were present for the celebration. Ava Shapiro read the Call to Worship and Peter Noble read the Reading. The proud parents participated in the Mass from their cars.



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During the virtual graduation John Lakeman and Alexa Koopman addressed the class. Dr. Margaret Boland, Associate Superintendent of the Diocese of Trenton was the guest speaker. Pictures of the graduates were shown, and special awards were recognized. The integrated Language Arts award went to Alexa Koopman. The Algebra award went to Declan Turbit. The Mathematics award went to Katlin Hanlon. The Science award went to Mark Giacona. The religion award went to Daniel Albano. The Social Studies award went to Matthew Mclaughlin. The Spanish award went to Peter Noble. The Computer award went to Brady O'Connor. The Art award went to Patrick Durkin. The Academic Excellence Award was presented to students who have achieved a 93 and above average in all trimesters of all of their years at Saint Leo the Great School. Those students are Matthew Battista, Bianca Farro, Mark Giacona, Alexa Koopman, and Peter Noble. This year's General Excellence Award was awarded to Matthew Battista and Bianca Farro. The Community of Faith Award was awarded to Alexa Koopman.

On Monday June 8, the eighth graders had a Diploma Pick Up Ceremony in the school parking lot. They lined up in front of the stage to receive their diplomas. They had special masks that read, "Go Lions!". After they received their diploma, they had pictures taken.





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Graduation Signs

By: Emily Scanlon

It is a very special time of year. With the pandemic new times are upon us and new traditions are made. One new tradition are the Saint Leo eighth grade graduates congratulations signs. This year the administration and faculty honored the graduates by delivering the personalized signs in person to each of the graduates. These signs represent hope, accomplishments, and celebration. Hope, because we look to the future as these new graduates go to high school. Accomplishments, for what they have achieved at Saint Leo the Great School. Celebration, to commemorate the end of their career at the school.





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Awards Night

By: Cole Dougherty

We at Saint Leo the Great School are very accomplished people and we know how much it means to everyone to celebrate these accomplishments. We have all endured and overcome many challenges that came from online learning and the coronavirus and we should be proud of that. So, this year instead of having a live face-to-face Awards Night, the principal, vice principals, Father John, and all the administrators and staff worked together to make a virtual Awards Night. They filmed the entire ceremony and turned it into a video that everyone could watch. The video was then sent out in an email and was posted on the school website. In the video Mr. Begley and Father John gave speeches and then Mr. Guglietti presented the awards. As each person's name was called, it would show their school photo. Everyone should be proud of their accomplishments and congratulations to all.



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Lion's Pride Spirit Day

By: Lawrence Royce

On April 29, 2020, Saint Leo the Great Students participated in Lion's Pride Spirit Day. Students, parents, teachers, and even pets participated. Mrs. Nolan and Mrs. Woram worked together and took all of the student's photos and videos and made one big video. This is posted on the school's website and Facebook page. "It was so great to see all of our students, faculty, and staff that we miss so very much", said Mrs. Nolan, "All of the submissions truly helped raise everyone's spirits during a time that we all wished we were together." It was great to see everyone's faces. We would like to thank Mrs. Woam and Mrs. Nolan for putting together this wonderful presentation. We would also like to thank all of the students and teachers who participated. We can't wait to see everyone when we get back to school. Go Lions!





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Remote Learning

By: Lawrence Royce

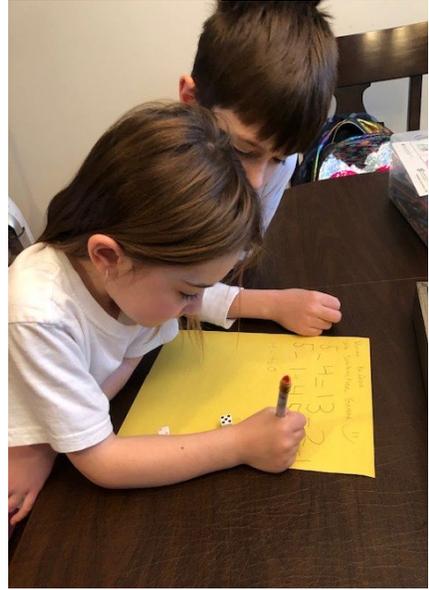
Remote Learning is different from what we are normally used to, but everyone is doing a great job with it. Teachers and students are all doing a great job working from home. Many teachers are doing fun projects and lessons. The positive things about remote learning are that we can sleep in later and we can do our work at our own pace. When you get done with your schoolwork you can enjoy fun activities such as baking, video games, swimming, social media, bike riding, and going to the beach. The negative things about remote learning are that you can not hang out with your friends and you do not get the same quality of learning from home, as you do in school. Even though the teachers are doing an amazing job it is not the same as getting a lesson in person.

Many of the middle school teachers are holding office hours through Microsoft Teams, where students can log on and ask questions. The teachers have been doing fun lessons and projects. Mrs. Casciano's 3rd and 4th grade STEAM Lab engineered and tested suspension bridges. The kindergarteners were able to choose from different fun math activities. Some played the card game war to learn how to identify numbers, while others went on a household shape hunt. For Earth Day, Mrs. Casciano's kindergarten through 5th grade STEAM Lab made Earth Toast, a fun experiment that shows global warming. Mrs. Siebenmann's preschool class learned how to reduce, reuse, and recycle by recycling household items to make new creations. Ms. Miller taught the 1st graders Sign Language remotely. She has also provided students art lessons to help them create Mother's Day gifts. Mrs. Brock has been teaching the 8th graders that it is important to analyze an author's mood and tone because they help the reader to determine the author's purpose. Mrs. Wyrovsky has been doing virtual Bible studies with her middle school students. Mrs. Folk has been hosting, "Are You Smarter Than a Teacher?" Each week Mrs. Folk's 5th and 6th grade students compete against a different teacher. Many students have been virtually celebrating Cinco De Mayo. Mrs. Baker has been teaching her elementary school students about Cinco De Mayo and they have been doing many fun activities. The 4th graders had their virtual Harry Potter Day. Traditionally, the 4th grade reads Harry Potter and they have a Harry Potter themed lunch and play a game of quidditch. This year they had to change the Harry Potter Day activities to a virtual celebration. They still had a great time doing it virtually. It is unfortunate that students are missing so many fun things such as field trips and fun activities. We would like to thank all of the teachers and students for doing a great job We can't wait to see everyone when we get back to school.



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Remote Learning Pictures





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Thank You to Healthcare Workers and First Responders

By: Emily Scanlon

The coronavirus has changed our daily lives from how we learn to how we work. It has also changed how we think about health care workers and first responders. These individuals put themselves at risk every day to protect us while risking their own lives and the lives of their families. A family friend of ours since I was born named Rose is a social worker at Saint Barnabas Hospital in Livingston, NJ. A social worker is a healthcare worker who meets with patients daily to understand the problems the patient is facing and how to solve them. Rose works in pediatrics (young adults) and geriatrics (older adults). Some of Rose's patients have the coronavirus or have been faced with family and friends having the coronavirus. Rose has two daughters named Kaitlyn and Colleen, ages 16 and 12. Every day she comes home she can't hug her girls until she showers and changes her clothes. Asked if she would change anything her response is she wouldn't change a thing because she knows she is making a difference, one patient at a time.

Thank you Rose for your service! And thank you to all of the health care workers and first responders who make this country a better place, one patient at a time.





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Online Activities

By: Emily Scanlon and John Sorsaia

Since quarantine has started, people have been trying to find alternatives to the many things we are prohibited from doing. Sports Teams have been meeting with each other via zoom. People who like to draw have even been taking online art classes. Another alternative, as you may know, is online school. Students have been partaking in calls via zoom or teams and have been doing all their work using school websites. Because of the quarantine some of the activities at school won't take place in person, but online. Some of these activities involve the rainforest play and Harry Potter day. Another activity you can do is online escape rooms. In all, there are so many ways that people have been using technology to try to connect with others. Be well and stay safe.

In quarantine, we cannot go out into the world like we used to. However, there are many things that people do while they are stuck at home. People have zoom calls for school, sports, and to get together and talk to friends. Secondly, other people Facetime their friends more than ever before in order to see how they're doing and talk to them. Lastly, people are talking and playing with their friends in video games and working together on a team. There are many ways to talk to friends online, which is especially useful when we are all staying in our respective homes.





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Harry Potter Day

By: Lawrence Royce

On Monday, May 18 the fourth grade had a virtual Harry Potter Day. Every year the fourth grade reads Harry Potter and they have a special Harry Potter Day. Unfortunately, they were not able to have it in school. The teachers worked hard to make sure that the students had fun.

The fourth graders participated in activities such as online Quidditch, visiting the Wizarding World of Harry Potter, crafts, Harry Potter yoga with Mrs. Gordon, shopping on Diagon Alley with Mrs. Cotgreave, and Potions Class with Mrs. Berman. Since they were not able to play Quidditch in person, all four houses were awarded the Quidditch Cup. This year's House Cup winners were Ravenclaw from 4A, Hufflepuff from 4B, and Slytherin from 4C. The day ended with a homeroom Zoom meeting. Each homeroom participated in a Harry Potter Kahoot. When playing Kahoot, the students tested their Harry Potter knowledge.

The fourth grade students enjoyed reading Harry Potter and they had fun on Harry Potter Day. Everyone looked great in their Harry Potter apparel. All in all, the fourth graders had a lot of fun on Harry Potter Day.





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A History of Saint Leo the Great School

By: Lawrence Royce

Saint Leo the Great Parish was established in 1958 and the school opened a year later in 1959. The school was staffed by the Sisters of Saint Francis from Glen Riddle, Pennsylvania. The sisters lived in four rooms on the second floor of the school building. By September of 1960, there were 201 students enrolled in grades 1 through 4. By 1962, the school was kindergarten through eighth grade. The first graduation took place in June of 1965, with 50 students and in May of 1959, 44 students made their First Holy Communion.

As the years went by the school continued to grow. In 1987, the Parish Arts and Athletic Center was built. In 2002, a major addition was built which doubled the size of the school. The addition was built on the Hurleys Lane side of the school. In 2012, Saint Leo the Great School received the National Blue Ribbon School Award. They also received that award again in 2018. Additionally, Saint Leo the Great School has been recognized with the Green Ribbon award and as a National School of Character.

Saint Leo the Great School is a great community and has been very successful over the years. It is a great place for students to get a good education and learn about their faith. Every day the school is expanding and making changes for their students.





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Teacher's Free Time

By: Lawrence Royce

Recently, I have interviewed some teachers on what they have been doing in their free time. Most teachers told me that they have very little free time between schoolwork and taking care of their families. Teachers have been doing activities such as reading, watching Netflix, and cooking. Some teachers are doing video calls with friends. Mrs. Wyvrosky is training for a virtual marathon. Mrs. Mosquera has been watching Netflix and Mrs. Mullins has been doing Zoom calls with her family and friends. During this time Mrs. Folk has moved, so she said that she was busy unpacking. In conclusion, all of the teachers are doing fun things in their little bit of free time.

Fifth Grade Mother's Day Celebration

By: Lawrence Royce

In school the fifth graders celebrate Mother's Day with a luncheon and prayer service. Unfortunately, this year they were not able to do this. For Mother's Day, the students made a Mother's Day Tribute and gave it to their moms. John and Alexa Lakeman helped put together a slideshow of all of the students and their moms.

Even though they were not able to have the luncheon and prayer service the fifth graders still showed their appreciation for their moms. The fifth grade teachers are planning on having the luncheon and prayer service when everything gets back to normal. Hopefully they will be able to have it soon.





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Cinco De Mayo

By: Lawrence Royce

On May 5, students at Saint Leo the Great School celebrated Cinco De Mayo. Preschool through 5th grade Spanish teacher, Mrs. Baker, taught her students about Cinco De Mayo. They learned that Cinco De Mayo is a celebration to commemorate the Mexican Army's victory over the French Empire at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. The student's made all kinds of fun projects and food. Student's stayed dedicated to studying their Spanish studies, while at home. Happy Cinco De Mayo!



Thank you Parents

By: John Sorsaia

To All of Our Parents,

Thank you for all that you've done during this quarantine. Thank you for spending so much time helping us with our schoolwork. Thank you for taking the extra time out of your day to juggle homeschooling, your jobs, and us. Thank you for all of your emotional support during this difficult time in our lives. It may not have been easy all the time, but we love you for all you have done!

Sincerely,

Your Children



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Outdoor Celebration of the Solemnity of Pentecost

By: John Sorsaia

On Sunday May 24th, after months without in-person Mass, Father John held the first outdoor Mass in the parking lot of our church. The parishioners stayed in their cars while Father John spoke from under a tent over the loudspeaker. Most people received spiritual Communion, although physical Communion was available to those comfortable with receiving it in light of the pandemic. It felt good to be back at St. Leo's and gathering together as a parish.



Quarantine Summary

By: Oliva Sullivan

During this "new normal" of quarantine, many people have a new routine or schedule they follow. People are getting outside and enjoying nature while spending quality time with family. Some people are trying that new baking recipe they didn't have time for previously. Here are many things people do to keep busy. One thing many people do is bake something. I have baked many things during this quarantine and I hope to bake more. I have baked cupcakes, homemade cookies, and brownies. Many people take walks or ride a bike around their neighborhood. It is healthy to get vitamin D daily. Many people also have been finding fun activities to do online on a Zoom conference. Many people do art classes, girl scout meetings, and sports practices. Another thing I know many people do is communicate with friends through a Zoom conference or facetime. There are many things people do and started doing during this quarantine. This is a family bonding time for all families. This time has probably caused many fights between siblings and children and the parent but after all we love our family.

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I BELIEVE THAT
EVERY HUMAN MIND
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Happiness springs from doing
good and helping others.

Plato

do **GOOD**
to **others**
as you would like
GOOD
to be done to you.

Students in the Spotlight

During these unfortunate times students in our school have been doing things to help others who are in need. This section is dedicated to recognizing the good that the students in our school have done.



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Vivian Moore Helps Health Care Workers

By: Cole Dougherty

Throughout these difficult times everyone is doing their part to help out. Like Vivian Moore a seventh-grade student at Saint Leo the Great who is 3D printing mask adapters to relieve pressure off masks that must be worn by frontline workers every day. The surgical masks worn by doctors and nurses chafe their ears and make them red and bruised. The adapters relieve the stress on their ears and they hook on to the straps of the mask. Vivian donates these adapters to all people who are working to keep us safe on the frontlines. The picture on the left is of the mask adapters. The adapter on the right is for ponytails, the one in the middle is for hair, and the one on the left is regular. The picture on the right is of the 3D printer Vivian is using to make the adapters. It is no surprise that the students at Saint Leo the Great have risen to meet the needs of others during this pandemic.





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Emily Scanlon and Caitlin Zaccardo Donating Masks

By: Olivia Sullivan

Two of my fellow schoolmates, Emily Scanlon and Caitlin Zaccardo have made a positive impact on our community during this pandemic by making masks. Caitlin plans to donate all masks to the local hospitals. Emily is selling her reusable masks to friends and family for \$10 each. She is also donating some of her masks to the local hospital as well. Emily is going to donate all of the proceeds to a local food bank.

I bought a mask from Emily. I was very pleased with the quality and care she put into making this mask. It fits perfect and the fabric is pretty. I highly recommend purchasing a mask from Emily if you have the opportunity. Emily and Caitlin's efforts are needed now during this pandemic. Masks and donations are appreciated by health care workers and many others too. Great job, Caitlin and Emily!





Cooking and Baking

During quarantine students have been cooking and baking delicious foods. In this following section the students share their recipes and favorite foods.



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Lobster Tails

By: John Sorsia

Since all the restaurants are closed during quarantine, I would like to share some cooking ideas to make during quarantine. If you have a special occasion during quarantine, try this fantastic surf and turf recipe:

Ingredients: Lobster tails, beef ribeye steak, salt, black and red pepper, paprika, garlic powder, olive oil, butter, lemon, and white wine.

Lobster Tails:

1. Take a flat straight knife and split each lobster tail in the middle.
2. Once you split the tails, pull both sides apart so the lobster tail is fully open.
3. Once opened, season with salt, black and red pepper, garlic powder, paprika, butter, olive oil, and white wine.
4. Ensure oven has been preheated to 375 degrees and place lobster tails into oven and bake for approximately 18 minutes.
5. Once complete, either place lobster tails on barbecue grill or broil for 4 minutes.
6. Once cooked, take one lemon and squeeze lemon juice on all the tails.
7. Eat and enjoy with clarified butter!





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Italian Stuffed Artichokes

By: Cole Dougherty

Have you ever cooked breakfast, lunch, dinner, or dessert for your family? Throughout quarantine many people have been cooking for their families and discovering new recipes. The joy of cooking helps ease stress and anxiety. Here is a recipe to try for yourself at home:

Italian Stuffed Artichokes:

First prepare your artichoke by snipping off the pointy parts of the leaves with scissors cut the top off with a knife and then cut the stem down to an inch. Put your artichokes in a bowl and let warm water run down on them to open up them leaves. Then while the leaves are opening up prepare your stuffing. Mix bread crumbs, grated cheese and black olives (optional) together. Take your artichokes out from the water when the leaves are open and stuff them with your mixture. Be sure to get in between some of the leaves. Put your artichokes in a bowl and fill it with water to about a fourth of the way up the artichoke. Turn on the heat and put the lid on the bowl to let them steam. Steam for 30-40 minutes (you'll know when they're done if you can take a leaf off of one easily). Enjoy!





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Chocolate Chip Cookies:

By: Cole Dougherty

- 1 stick of butter
- 3/4 of a cup of packed dark or light brown sugar
- 3/4 cup of sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract
- 1 (12 ounce) bag of chocolate chips
- 2 1/4 cups of all-purpose flour
- 3/4 of a teaspoon of baking soda
- 1 teaspoon of salt

Line two baking sheets with parchment paper and preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Melt the butter in a microwave safe bowl

Whisk the sugars, eggs, butter, and vanilla in a large bowl until smooth

Whisk the flour, baking soda, and salt in another bowl. Scoop parts of the dry mixture into the wet mixture and stir with a wooden spoon to make the dough. Stir in the chocolate chips.

Roll the dough into balls and position on the racks. Bake until golden but still very soft in the center about 12 to 16 minutes depending how you like your cookies. Remember that it is okay if the cookies are still soft in the center when they cool they will harden.

Enjoy!





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Easy to Make Cookie Bar

By: Cole Dougherty

Looking for a great dessert? Try this simple amazing cookie bar recipe!

1 yellow cake mix

5 tbsp. of melted butter

2 eggs

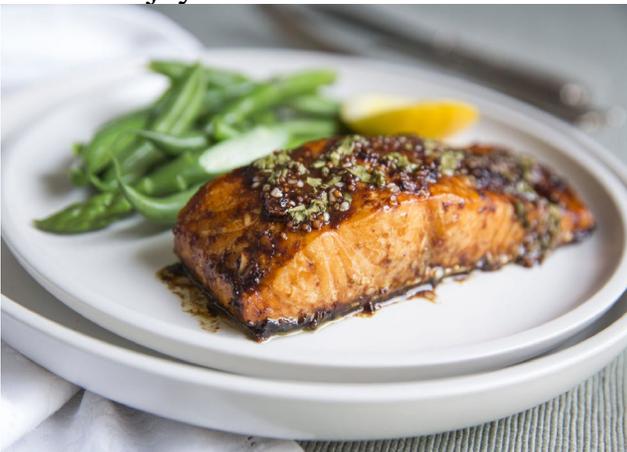
Cook for 20-25 minutes at 350 degrees

Pan-Fried Salmon

By: Lawrence Royce

This amazing salmon recipe is a quick and easy dinner. You do not have to be a master chef to cook this delicious recipe. This recipe really brings out the flavor in the salmon. It tastes good with a side of mashed potatoes or honey mustard.

1. Warm a large skillet with olive oil over medium-low heat
2. Season the fresh salmon with salt and pepper
3. Place the salmon skin side up in the pan and cook until it is golden brown, or 4 minutes
4. After 4 minutes flip it and cook the other side for 3 minutes
5. Eat and enjoy





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Peanut Butter Cookies

By: Lawrence Royce

These peanut butter cookies are an easy and delicious dessert. The creaminess of the peanut butter melts in your mouth. During quarantine we cannot get to the store that often, so you can make these using only three ingredients. This recipe consists of peanut butter, sugar, and egg.

1. Preheat your oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. combine peanut butter, sugar, and egg.
3. Mix until the batter is smooth
4. Put spoon fuls of dough onto a baking sheet lined with parchment paper
5. Cook for 6 to 8 minutes
6. Eat and enjoy!



Strawberry-Yogurt Ice Pops

By: Lawrence Royce

Summer is around the corner! This recipe is great for a hot summer day by the pool. You will love these delicious strawberry ice pops.

1. Place strawberries, 1/3 cup of sugar, and lemon juice in a blender.
2. Blend the ingredients for 3 minutes
3. In a bowl, stir 1./4 cup of sugar into the yogurt until the sugar is dissolved
4. Pour the strawberry and yogurt mixtures into an ice pop mold
5. Put the ice pops in the freezer for 6 hours
6. Eat and enjoy!





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Italian Sunday Sauce

By: John Sorsaia

If you're looking for a great Sunday dinner, try this fantastic Italian Sunday Sauce.

Ingredients: 2 cans of tomato sauce, two small cans of tomato paste, one large onion, 4 garlic cloves, salt, pepper, garlic powder, olive oil, red pepper, parsley, basil, oregano, water, and any pasta of your choice.

Sauce:

1. In a large pot, add 4 tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil, red pepper flakes, one chopped onion, and garlic cloves. Sautee until lightly browned.
2. Then, add two cans of tomato sauce and tomato paste, followed by filling the two tomato sauce cans with water and pouring it into the sauce.
3. Cook on medium heat for one and a half hours, occasionally adding water to compensate for evaporation and stirring every 15 minutes.
4. Once the sauce is cooked for an hour and a half, reduce the flame to the lowest setting.
5. Take a separate pot and fill it halfway with water and boil it.
6. Once the water is boiled, add the pasta of your choice and cook for approximately 8-10 minutes until al dente or soft.
7. Once the pasta is cooked, drain using a strainer and add the sauce.
8. Eat and enjoy!

