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Catholic Schools Week kicked off on Sunday morning with a children's mass and pancake breakfast. Here Rev. Patrick McConnell takes time during the mass to talk with some of the younger children about what makes them afraid. Spiders were high on the list. See more pictures from the event on page 16.

Damm, he's smart

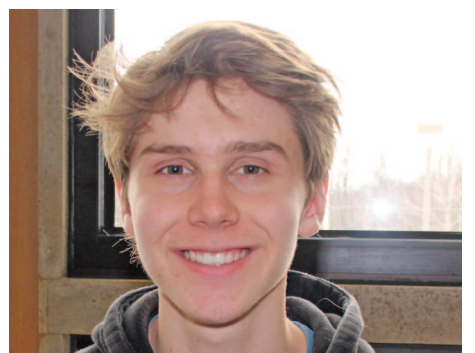
Saskatoon Damm named candidate in Presidential Scholars Program

Saskatoon Damm, a graduating senior at Medford Area Senior High School, has been named one of more than 5,000 candidates in the 2023 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. The candidates were selected from nearly 3.6 million students expected to graduate from U.S. high schools in the year 2023.

Inclusion in the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program is one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors. Scholars are selected on the basis of superior academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character and involvement in community and school activities.

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964 by Executive Order of the President to recognize some of our nation's most distinguished graduating seniors for their accomplishments in many areas: academic success, leadership, and service to school and community. It was expanded in 1979 to recognize students demonstrating exceptional scholarship and talent in the visual, creative, and performing arts. In 2015, the program was expanded once again to recognize students who demonstrate ability and

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Saskatoon Damm

Soggy Tuesday for Medford High School

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Students and staff at Medford Area Senior High School got a soggy start to their Tuesday as a pipe burst resulted in some flooding in the school library.

According to buildings and grounds director Dave Makovsky, the break was in part of the school's heating system.

Makovsky explained, "Each classroom, or space has a Unitventalator, this one being in the library. Unitventalators have a copper coil inside of them that hot water flows through, and a fan blows

against the coil pushing the warm air out of the coil and into the space. Similar to how a car heater works."

He said when the building switches into an unoccupied mode at 6 p.m. the water stops flowing to conserve energy. However they are all equipped with a freeze stat inside them.

"When the temp drops down like it did [Monday] night the freeze stat should signal the unit ... water temp to cold start circulating water. However the freeze stat failed, so no signal to circulate hot water," he said.

According to Makovsky it is an iso-

lated problem, with the part to repair it costing about \$50. He said MASH has 100 plus unitventalators which were replaced in 2017 under the maintenance referendum.

"We are on top of it," he said, noting the break is just one of those things that happens.

He said that prior to making upgrades in 2017 they would have four to five freeze every winter.

"This is the first one since 2017," he said, noting it is a small part that makes a big mess.

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