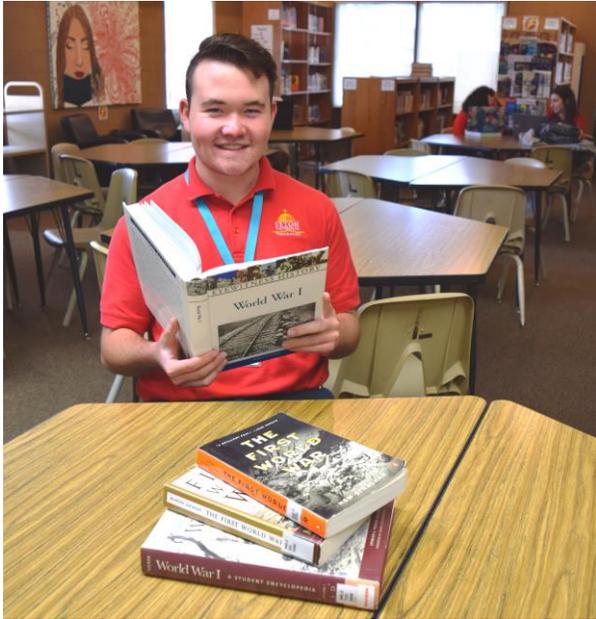


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Seton Catholic Student Places First in Veterans Day Essay Contest *Third Consecutive Win for School that 'Values Veterans'*



Jake Marr peruses books about World War I in the Seton Catholic Prep Library.

CHANDLER, Ariz., Nov. 9, 2018 – Seton Catholic Prep student Jake Marr placed first in the 2018 Phoenix Veterans Day Parade essay contest.

The Chandler junior was among more than 100 Valley students who entered the essay contest. The theme was, “Out of the Trenches: A Century of Remembrance – World War I 1918.”

This is the third consecutive year a Seton Catholic student has placed first in the essay competition. Last year’s winner was Ethan Bown, and the 2016 winner was Dillon Shipley.

Marr’s essay focused on the horrors of trench warfare during “the Great War.”

He wrote, “It was not uncommon to be buried alive, shelling would throw enough dirt onto a man that he could not be dug out. Curiosity

killed men as well. A quick look over the trench wall could prove fatal. Furthermore, even in the confines of the trenches, the mud and water could kill a man.” (Read the entire essay at bit.ly/2018essays1stplace.)

Marr received a cash prize courtesy of Durant’s Restaurant and rode in the Veterans Day Parade on Nov. 12. His Advanced Placement Language teacher, Patricia Nash, also received \$150 for use in her classroom.

Seton Catholic Principal Victor Serna said, “We are very proud of Jake and his teacher, Mrs. Nash. The fact that our students do so well in the essay contest every year is a great example of how we value and honor our veterans here at Seton Catholic.”

Veterans Day is a regular school day at Seton Catholic, where it is a tradition to observe the holiday with the annual Veterans Day Salute and Rosary for Our Country. The event is an educational opportunity for students to understand the true meaning of Veterans Day and honor the sacrifices of veterans and active duty service men and women.



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