



## **Spring Carnival and Easter Egg Hunt draws hundreds to Saint Viator High School**

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Junior Sean Paul Loup of Arlington Heights prepares a carnival-goer for pin the tail on the bunny.

At their most recent student council meeting, Saint Viator students worked to fill more than 1,000 plastic eggs with candy. On Sunday, at their Spring Carnival and Easter Egg Hunt, they saw all their hard work scooped up in a matter of minutes.

Nearly 200 children attended the carnival, each accompanied by their parents and often grandparents. When combined with the 100 teen volunteers, the event was a buzz of activity.

“Seeing the kids makes it so much fun,” said senior Meghan Malone of Arlington Heights. “Just the looks on their faces when they win a prize makes it all worthwhile.”

Anticipation for the egg hunt built throughout the carnival. Children and their families started first in the Cahill gymnasium where they found as many as 30 games to play, crafts to make, an inflatable moonwalk, and a balloon artist taking requests.

The cake walk, ‘pin the tail on the bunny,’ and fish pond turned out to be popular stops, along with the photo station, where children could pose for portraits with the Easter Bunny.

When the egg hunts finally were announced, families moved to their appropriate age group area, either to the school’s library, cafeteria or commons areas.

Clutching their oversized Easter baskets, each child came away with heaping amounts of eggs, as well as prizes, art projects and more sweets.

Senior Meghan Donahue of Arlington Heights reflected that as a student council member, she had worked on the event every year while in high school, and this was her last one.

“It’s bittersweet,” she said. “I love to see the kids, but I also think it promotes our school and our students so well. Plus, all these families get to see so much of our school.”

JoAnne Francis, student activities director, concurred, adding that the carnival was another outreach by student council members to families in the surrounding neighborhood.

“It’s always well attended,” Francis said. “It draws neighbors, faculty and their children, and alumni. We love to have them here, and I hope they leave impressed with the event put on entirely by our students.”