

the **St. Theresa Catholic**
Pedicinis
 In Grease
 Soapy
David and Garrett

David Pedicini (Soapy) • 6th Grade
Garrett Pedicini • 8th Grade

ZONA: What's your favorite part of acting with your brother? **GARRETT:** Just watching him. We joke around and have lots of fun backstage. **SOAPY:** He is always there for me and at breaks we talk to each other. **ZONA:** How did you first come to act? Were you just born to be good? **GARRETT:** I started to act in fifth grade with a school skit on the history of America called, *We the People*. Soapy, my brother, acted in *Willy Wonka* with Art and Soul when we first moved here. I was a stage hand and took care of the curtains. I decided to act in the next play and found that I liked it a lot. I was born to act! **SOAPY:** I got a flyer at school and wanted to try it. I found my inner singing voice. Oooh yeah, you know it!! **ZONA:** What's your favorite scene in *Grease*? **GARRETT:** My favorite scene is probably the fight scene. We didn't really fight, because the people we were supposed to fight didn't show up, so we waited around, said some jokes and had some fun. **SOAPY:** The prom scene. I had lots of lines and got to dance for most of it. **ZONA:** What part did you play? Are you at all like your part in real life? **GARRETT:** I played Sonny. I liked it because I didn't have many singing solos. I'm like Sonny in real life because we are both funny and we are both Italian. **SOAPY:** Vince Fontaine. It was sooo much fun. **ZONA:** If you could play any role in a film, past or present, what role would it be and why? **GARRETT:** I would play Adam Sandler from *Grown Ups*, because he is so energetic and funny. **SOAPY:** Tom Hanks as Sergeant Miller in *Saving Private Ryan*. He is my favorite actor and has a great part. **ZONA:** Is Rydell High like St. Theresa? How is it different or similar? **GARRETT:** It's different, because it's a public High School and we don't go around the halls singing songs. **SOAPY:** No. Not nearly as much activity and fun. It is smaller and doesn't really have any posesses.

Megan Cramer
 Freshman

NEW WAY LEARNING ACADEMY

Talented Author

ZONA: So, you started a literature club at your school? Why did you do that? **MEGAN:** Well, I know that there are a lot of other kids at my school who also enjoy writing. I thought it would be a great chance to build a unique community of people who share a common interest! It's really neat, because it's

basically a student-lead group, everybody is equal. We come up with ideas together, and vote on everything! **ZONA:** What kind of things do you like to write about? **MEGAN:** I like to write fiction and poetry. My preferred genre is fantasy. Writing is all about characters; they are the heart of every good story. Any character-driven story has the makings of a good story; and that's what I love, both to write, and to read! **ZONA:** Where do you get your writing ideas? What inspires you? **MEGAN:** Ideas are so intangible. Thoughts are like grains in an hour glass; one inevitably follows another. Where did the first thought come from? Sometime around my early childhood? Who knows? Did a thought that I had as a baby affect one that I had just yesterday? Truthfully, I don't know where most of my ideas come from, somewhere in oblivion, maybe? **ZONA:**

What's your favorite color? What's your favorite word? What's your favorite book? What do you want to be when you grow up?

MEGAN: My favorite color is purple, but my favorite color to wear is pink. My favorite word? That's like asking a handyman to pick his favorite tool. Each word can form something beautiful... or not... words are tools, it all depends on how you use them. In writing, though, the best words are often the descriptors that can artfully form a vivid image in your mind's eye. My favorite book is definitely *Beastly*, which is a modern retelling of *Beauty and the Beast*. When I grow up, I want to be an author/ actress. **ZONA:** Are there good opportunities for writers at your school? Why do you like your school? **MEGAN:** Absolutely. At New Way, you make your own opportunities. If you can make it happen, anything is possible! I like my school, because at this school the teachers really care about students. Also at a small school like this, a lot more focus is put on the individual. **ZONA:** Do you want to write forever? **MEGAN:** Definitely. My ultimate goal is to be a professional novelist! Also, I'd really like to do something with my comics, (there are over 70 of them, now). As long as I can be creative, I'll be content. **ZONA:** Who's your English teacher at school? What is he/she like? **MEGAN:** My English teacher's name is Mr. Crawford. He's a really great teacher because he encourages intelligent discussions about literature. Also, he's a really nice teacher.



MEGAN C.
 Fave Desert: Pumpkin Pie
 Fave Board Game: Chess
 Fave Item at the Grocery Store? Pizza or Pie
 Fave Word: That's like asking a handyman to pick his favorite tool. Each word can form something beautiful... or not... words are tools, it all depends on how you use them.

Check it out!
 Look on the next page to read an excerpt from Megan's new, much anticipated novel.

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"This is an excerpt from my novel, Loner. The characters featured in this scene are Tandy, and Thaddeus, (it is written in first person form Thaddeus' perspective, so when it says "I" it means Thaddeus.) Thaddeus is a sorcerer, Tandy is not. To say that Thaddeus is socially inept would be an understatement."

EXERPT

From Megan's novel, Loner

"Well, I don't think you've been totally honest with me either." I replied, "Sit down, Tandy." I made room for her on the couch. I motioned for her to sit next to me. She did. "Tandy, what's wrong with you- okay maybe that didn't come out right. What I mean is, you were very sick last night, and I demand to know what's wrong!" She crossed her arms. I sighed, trying to speak gently, "Tandy, if you don't tell me the problem, I can't fix it!"

"You can't fix it! It's impossible." She whimpered. I could sense tears forming in her soft, almond shaped eyes.

"Yes, I can." I soothed.

She started to get a little hysterical. She was hyperventilating. I looked around the room for a paper bag for her to breathe into. Not seeing one, I sought to comfort her, though I wasn't sure I knew how. I wrapped my arms awkwardly around her, and rubbed the small of her back with one hand. There. That seemed about right.

"Get away from me. You wouldn't understand!" she screamed, trying weakly to push me away. I got the feeling that she still needed the comfort, so I stayed. Though I could've easily let her go. I realized this was the first time in a long while I had done something for someone else, regardless of the consequence to me. Did that mean we were friends? I wasn't sure. I'd have to look up the regulations and parameters for that...

"Sh! Sh! Sh!" I whispered soothingly, trying desperately to calm her, though she was falling apart at the seams in my arms; and I feared there was little I could do.

ANYA FEVRER-MELK - 3RD GRADER

- Fave Desert - Cheese, or a Donut (I do not get to eat them a lot but it is okay, because they are not healthy.)
- Fave board Game - Ker-Plunk.
- Fave Thing to do with Fam - Horse back riding, snow boarding, going to Costa Rica, and going to Disneyland / Sea World.
- Fave TV Shows - Dog Whisperer, Bob Ross Painting Show, The Three Stooges.

Anya Feyrer-Melk

NEW WAY Learning Academy • 3rd Grade

ZONA: When did you first do art?
ANYA: When I was really young. I just always remember doing it. **ZONA:** Why is art so fun? **ANYA:** Because you can draw whatever you want, no one tells you what to do, you take your time and it's calming. What I like most about art is that I can draw my feelings or if I get mad at someone I can draw or do whatever I want and it makes me happy. **ZONA:** What's your favorite art creation? **ANYA:** My favorite piece of art is probably a picture of the mountains that I drew. **ZONA:** What's your favorite medium? **ANYA:** Drawing with pencil. **ZONA:** What's your favorite art creation? **ANYA:** I get my ideas from looking at books or looking into the sky. I like to draw people and animals and scenery. **ZONA:** What's your favorite color? **ANYA:** My favorite color is pink and black. **ZONA:** Have you ever been to a museum of art? Where and when and what did you think of it? **ANYA:** I have been to a gallery and I thought there were really great drawings and pictures. They all seemed very creative. The gallery was in Scottsdale and I loved it. It was pretty cool. **ZONA:** Have you ever framed any of your art and hung it on the wall? Explain please. **ANYA:** Yes. I have many drawings on the wall at my house and a couple of my drawings went into a real art gallery. **ZONA:** Do you want to be an artist all your life? **ANYA:** Yes, I would like to be an artist all my life because I think I am good at it and I think in the future I will be a famous artist. **ZONA:** Who's your art teacher at school? What is he/she like? **ANYA:** My art teacher is Ms. Linda. She is good at explaining and she helps me draw and learn. I enjoy being with Ms. Linda.



Anya in art class at New Way Academy

anya's awesome artwork

"My personality is funny, happy, joyful, nice, energetic and helpful."

...And don't forget... TOTALLY CREATIVE!