



What's the Buzz?

Mardi Gras Dance

By: Izzy C.

St. Patrick's Junior High seventh and eighth graders were excited about the dance on November 18, 2011. The Theme of the dance was Mardi Gras: the theme the dance committee came up with. The committee worked very hard with the teachers to set up the dance and make it enjoyable for their fellow classmates.



Clover and Haley smile while dancing together.

Many of the students that were going to attend the dance had wanted to dance to LMFAO's new single and *Stereo Hearts by Gym Class Heroes*. When these songs came on the dance crowd went crazy. The crowd got up and danced and sang along with the lyrics of the song. Eighth graders Jenna W. and Gina L. said that

they had an amazing time at the dance and being with her friends.

At the dance the students danced with friends. The DJ even got on the dance floor and taught us a few dances. The Disc Jockey showed us how to do the *Cupid Shuffle* by Cupid and how to dance to *Jump on It* by Sugarhill Gang Apache. The Students thought that the DJ was great and played all their favorite songs. The DJ also played a few slow songs where the students had to come together and dance with one another.

At the end of the dance the students said their goodbyes to one another and to the teachers. They were all happy and worn out from dancing with each other and had made new memories.

Seventh Grade boys pose while they are having fun during the first dance of the year.



Breast Cancer Awareness Month

By: Allison M.

Do you know why tons of people all over the world wear pink on their shirts, in their hair, or even on their shoes in the month of October? If you guessed because of breast cancer, you are correct!

Every October people around the world do things for breast cancer month such as fundraising, a walk/run, or wearing pink. The Susan G. Koman foundation sponsors a three day, 60 mile walk to raise money for a cure.

The NFL and other sport teams wear some sort of pink on their uniform during the month of October to show support for breast cancer research. Our school and a lot of other schools participate in "Volley For The Cure". This is when there is a volleyball game and people sometimes sell pink shirts and headbands along with other raffles to raise

money to give to the breast cancer foundation. Breast cancer awareness isn't just found during October. During other times of the year some of the local high schools have "pink out" games for both girls volleyball and girls basketball to show their support.

While most people think that breast cancer is only a disease that affects women, men can also get this harmful disease. Each year about 250,000 people are diagnosed with breast cancer. Doctors all over the world are trying to find a cure for this terrible disease. It is simple to show you care, just find some pink to wear.



Everybody Cut Footloose!

Movie Review

By: Catherine P.

Have you ever wanted to change a rule or law that seemed unfair? Well in the remake of the classic *Footloose*, Ren McCormack acted and fought against the “no dancing” law in his new town of Bomont, Georgia.

- It all started when 5 seniors of Bomont High, after a long night of dancing and partying, crashed their car into a truck tragically killing all of them. One of the teen’s fathers convinces the town council to pass a law prohibiting all forms of public dancing.

Three years later, Ren McCormack (Kenny Wormald) moves from Boston to the little town of Bomont to live with his aunt and uncle after his mom died due to leukemia. There, his outspoken attitude gains him fast friends in Bomont High. He also meets Ariel (Juliane Hough) whose father proposed the “no dancing” law after Ariel’s brother died in the crash. After her brother’s death, Ariel became rebellious and began going to parties with drinking and hanging out with the wrong crowds. Ren grows closer to Ariel and tries to open her eyes to the dangers and bad choices that lay ahead of her. As he explores his new town, Ren learns about the outrageous law. His love for music and dancing drives him to make a big change in his little Georgia town. He faces more than just unfair policies, but also bullying, alcohol, and drugs. Growing up means making good choices and turning away from harmful situations as Ren quickly finds out. As he battles against the town council he helps Ariel with her abusive relationship, confronts his memories of his dead mother, and discovers how one person with a determined heart can inspire a whole town.

Footloose is 113 minutes long and is rated PG-13 for mature audiences. The original *Footloose* was released in 1984. Heartfelt with a touch of humor, this movie puts a new twist on a beloved classic.



Dressing Up for the Holiday

By: Gina L.

Halloween is all about the candy and the costumes. The costumes play a big role in Halloween, whether you are going Trick-or-Treating or going to a Halloween party. There are babies, kids, teens, and adults who get all dressed up for Halloween. Some costumes people can dress up as are ghosts, princesses, superheroes, and many more. But, which ones are the favorites of Halloween 2011? You’ll found out right here.

The top ten children’s Halloween costumes for 2011 are Transformers Bumblebee costume, the Twister board, a Jack Sparrow costume, the Pink Crayola Crayon, Captain America, the Leopard Ballerina Costume, a Ghost face outfit, the Monster High Frankie Stein Costume, a Wolverine Costume, the Smurfs, and Harry Potter-themed costumes. The top ten teen costumes are the banana costumes, the Red M&M costumes, the Wolverine from X Men, Jack Sparrow from The Pirates of the Caribbean, a cat, Zombie Ghost Face Costume, Spider-Girl, a penguin, and a bee.

The top ten adult costumes are Captain America, The Green Lantern, Lady Gaga, Where’s Waldo, Tron Legacy, Angry Birds, Katy Perry, Sue Sylvester from the hit TV show “Glee”, Star Wars characters, and eighties costumes.

There are different types of costumes, stores to buy them from, different places to where them to, and different personalities you can have with the costumes on. As you can see on the Trick-or-Treating day of every year, costumes play a big role.



St. Pat's Cooks!

Peanut Butter Double Decker Fudge Recipe!

BY: Kate O.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup of CHOCOLATE CHIPS
- 1 cup of PEANUT BUTTER CHIPS
- 1 teaspoon of VANILLA EXTRACT
- 1 14 oz. can of SWEETENED CONDENSED MILK

Preparation:

- Line 8 in. square pan with foil
- Take a bowl and pour the 1 cup of CHOCOLATE CHIPS in and **HALF** of the 14 oz. can of SWEETENED CONDENSED MILK
- Take another bowl and pour the 1 cup of PEANUT BUTTER CHIPS and the other **HALF** of the 14 oz. can of SWEETENED CONDENSED MILK
- Microwave each bowl separately for 1 min.
- After each is heated, stir until smooth
- In each bowl, stir in **HALF** of the teaspoon of VANILLA EXTRACT
- Stir. Make sure mixture is smooth.
- Take the 8 in. square pan that you lined with foil. Spread in the peanut butter mixture on the bottom. On top, spread the Chocolate mixture.
- Put this pan in the fridge until firm.
- Cut into squares. Enjoy!



Confirmed In Christ

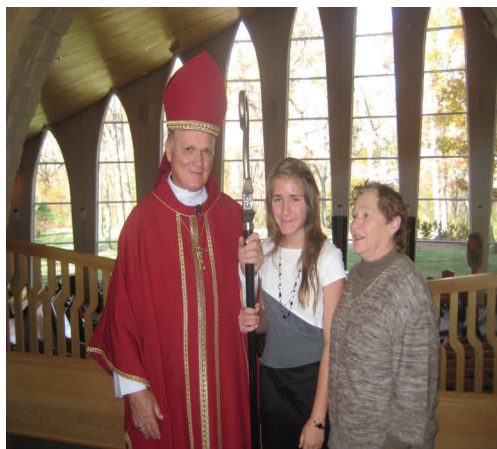
By: Jenna W.

In October, Saint Patrick School's eighth graders received the sacrament of Confirmation. They were learning about this sacrament in religion class for a whole year, and even after confirmation, they still continue to learn about it. Confirmation is very important in the Roman Catholic religion.

To be confirmed means to be fully accepted into the Catholic Church and to be initiated as a full member into it. The confirmant, or person being confirmed, makes their own choices of how to live their life in faith. They take full responsibility in their own relationship with Christ, and in doing so could help them become better people if the person chooses to do so.

When being confirmed, the confirmant is anointed with oil that looks like bee's wax, called chrism. The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are then received by the confirmant. These gifts are wisdom, understanding, reverence, courage, wonder and awe, fortitude, and knowledge. After a person is confirmed, he or she may not feel any different than before because it takes years to let the Gifts become a part of the mind and soul.

Pray for this year's seventh graders as they start their confirmation lesson. They will be going through the same thing next year!





Veterans' Day

By: Lexie A.

Did you know that Veterans Day is on November 11th? Here is a fun fact about Veterans Day; More than 50,000 soldiers died in Iraq between the years 2009 and 2010. At first, Veterans Day was not called Veterans Day. It was originally called Armistice Day in 1919 by President Woodrow Wilson. It comes from the meaning "to stop fighting". When it was declared a holiday many people wore red poppies to remember the bloody battle in a tiny field called Flanders Field. After the ceremony at 11 p.m., everybody became silent to honor all before them that had sacrificed their lives to save our freedom. Now, in 2011, we do still occasionally honor that very custom. But the peace found did not last long later dictators took over Germany and generals took over Japan. In 1935 they teamed up and attacked other countries. They planned to take over the world. In 1939 they started to attack innocent countries. This was the begin-

ning of World War II. The war spread to several different countries, 57 to be exact. There were battles on land, air, and sea. In 1941, the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. After the bombing, the US entered into the war. In 1945, the Axis Powers were defeated. Finally World War Two had ended more than 50 million people world wide died in this tragic war. After the wonderful surprise of the war being over in 1954 we got another surprise Armistice Day was officially called Veterans day. Today, we now have a powerful army, air force, and navy. We have the Marines and the Coast Guard. Even when there is no war we are always prepared for the worst. Our forces help keep peace in troubled places. We will always put our trust in these highly trained army's. Even in 2011 we still celebrate this custom or holiday from 1919. Peace to the world!



Fright Fest

By: Megan G.

From bone chilling haunted houses to the terrifying rides, Fright Fest is a fun event at

Six Flags for everyone. This year was Fright Fest's 20th anniversary. Six Flags is a family friendly amusement park that puts on a thrilling show for Halloween called Fright Fest.

Six Flags decorates to the highest extent. Most of the rides are decorated and have new names. King Chaos, a ride that flips you around, is now the Dying Trapeze. The Condor is now the Birds after the horror movie where birds go and attack a town. Even the American Eagle has been transformed into the Black Widow, named after the giant spiders that hang off its side. One of the most famous rides from the park has its name changed; the Whizzer is now the Bio hazard. It goes along with the theme of Sector 7, formally Hometown square. There is a fictional story that goes along with every area. Sector 7's story is as follows, they say there was some industrial disaster that turned everyone there into zombies. The town was cut off from the rest of the world and labeled Sector 7. No one from the outside world has been in this town... until now! Southwest territory has become Tinseltown Terror, an abandoned movie set where the deadliest stars in movie history are dying to see you. The haunted houses are also a huge hit, though most of them cost an extra fee to get

in. Netropolis, formally the Picnic Grove, is now the City of the Living Dead. It's a haunted walkthrough that has booths to buy tickets for the other haunted houses and more haunted houses inside. The basic walkthrough is open to anyone during daylight hours and people 12 and up at night. Massacre Medical Center is the newest haunted house, having opened this year. It's a haunted medical center that an enormous massacre took place in. To find out what happened, you might have to go inside. Although an enormous amount of this festival is dedicated to scares, there are some scare free zones. This year these zones are Kidopolis and Camp Cartoon. The shows at fright fest are killers. "Love at first Fright" has been going on for 21 years and is at Six Flags Parks all over the country.

Overall, Fright fest is for everyone. Come next year for a ghoulish good time. They are dying to meet you next year.



GO H-O-R-N-E-T-S!
By: Nora M and Victoria C

Who has spirit and wears green and white? If you guessed the St. Pat's cheerleaders you are right! You can see the cheerleaders cheering on the Hornets at all the boy's home basketball games.

The cheerleaders are coached by Mrs. Kloss, who was very excited about this year's turnout. It is the largest group of girls she has had since she took over the role two years ago. She feels that the cheerleading clinic they hosted last year helped with these numbers. They will be hosting a clinic again this season for 4th and 5th graders, so watch the bulletin and posters for information regarding this event.

We interviewed Kate O. and she said that she enjoys cheering and loves to keep up the Hornet Spirit. Some of their cheers are; "Dynamite", "Basket, Basket, do it again", and many others.

The cheerleading squads are made up of girls from 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. They do get a lot of help from Mr. Buzz, the school mascot. The mascot, a hornet, runs around and cheers for the boys playing. This year the turn-out for boys wanting to be mascot was very high also.

Come out and cheer your Hornets on to victory and see our cheerleaders and Mr. Buzz in action.

