

What's The Buzz?!?

St. Pat's "PARTIES" in 2012-13!!

Halloween Parties! (No Zombies Allowed)

By: Sarah M. and Maddy B.

Happy Halloween to ghosts, goblins, ghouls, and the kids at Saint Patrick School! The kids, kindergarten through fifth grade, had their Halloween parties on October 31. The kids in preschool made a witches' hand (by filling a plastic see through glove with popcorn), spider hats, and spider treats (made using ho-hoes, M&M's, chocolate frosting and pretzels). There were many Halloween costumes, including Cinderella and a skeleton. In kindergarten, the children played Halloween bingo, hot "pumpkin" (hot potato), and matching games, made Halloween masks, colored, and solved puzzles. Brianna E.'s favorite thing at her party was playing bingo. In first grade, they played duck duck goose, pin the spider on the web, and a pumpkin ring toss. Anna K. was a zebra girl for Halloween.

The second grade also played Halloween bingo, worked on a dot-to-dot worksheet, made tissue paper pumpkins, and played a pumpkin bucket toss. Claire R. said that her dream Halloween party would include blue decorations, candy, and her teacher Mrs. Sulla. The third graders created bats, played pumpkin bowling, and played a game where you feel food that is supposed to be gross materials to fit the Halloween theme. Chloe B. said if she could carve a pumpkin it would look like Minnie Mouse.

Across the school in Mrs. Johnson's fourth grade, made toilet paper tube owls as seen in the pictures. Alex C. said that if he got to do a Halloween prank he would do it on Keegan M. His prank would include calling Keegan. Then telling him he ordered seventy pizzas and the bill is five hundred dollars. He would top it off by egging Keegan's house. All of the class parties were finished with every kid receiving a juice box and a cookie. Our principal, Mrs. Bosnak, wears the same orange blazer every year on the day of the Halloween parties, and she says she is going to pass it on to one of the other teachers when she retires next year! In the end of it all, the kids, teachers, and owls had a great time and are looking forward to their Christmas parties!

St. Patrick's Christmas Parties

By: Sarah M.

Merry Christmas from all of the elves, reindeer, and students at Saint Patrick School! On December 21, the students in kindergarten through fifth-grade celebrated Christmas with their very own classroom parties. In Miss. Fallos' kindergarten class, the students participated in many activities including pin the button on the snowman, a Christmas-version of hot potato, and a guessing game in which the kids had to guess which of their friends had Santa's sleigh. The children also decorated birdhouses. Angela C. said that all she wants for Christmas is "jelly beans! A little ways down the hallway in Mrs. Jarvis' first-grade class, the kids were also very busy taking part in activities that included making reindeer food for Santa's reindeer, making an angel, and working on word searches and coloring pages. Nadia O. said that if she was an elf, she "would make over 100 toys for babies". Down the hall in Mrs. Arcaro's first grade, just like in Mrs. Jarvis' class, the students were busy trying to stack cups in the shape in a Christmas tree shape in one minute, tossing Ping-Pong balls into cups, making fingerprint light balls, and wrapping their partner in toilet paper to make them look like snowmen. Kaitlyn M. said that if she was an elf she "would make puppies"! In Mrs. Sulla's second grade class some of the many events going on included pin the bow on Santa, a Jack Frost freeze dance, a nativity craft, and a Christmas story was read. Across the hall in Mrs. Eriksen's second grade the kids were entertained by a Christmas bingo, word searches, mazes, word ladders, and a craft in which the kids used sharpie to decorate a tile to wrap and give to their parents. Zoe E., Lilly D., and Mia G. agreed that their favorite reindeer was Rudolph. In Mrs. Uko's third grade class a lot was going on including two games. During the first game you had to put a spoon into your mouth then place a marshmallow onto the spoon, you lastly walk the marshmallow on the spoon across the room and dump the marshmallow into the bucket. The second game included putting a marshmallow into your mouth and you have to keep a mini marshmallow sucked onto the straw without using your hands. Gabbie K. said her favorite Christmas carol was Silent Night. All the classes had a snack of a cookie and a juice box. At the end of the day all of the students had a lot of fun and can't wait until Valentine's Day!

Upcoming Events

By: Maddy B.

♥ January 27th

- Mass @ 7, 9, 11
- Pancake Breakfast @ 7:30-11:40
- Book Fair
- Art Show

♥ January 28th

- Art Show (for students' observations)
- Book Fair (1/27-2/1)

Catholic Schools' Week is from January 27th to February 1st



Mrs. Johnson's 4th grade class posing for a class picture!!

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Ring, Christmas Bells

By: Isa A.

Thanks to weeks of hard work, practice, and Christmas Spirit, the Saint Patrick School's band gave a wonderful performance at their 2012 Winter Concert.

The performance started off with the Beginning Band playing the song *Warm Christmas Biscuits* (also known as *Hot Cross Buns*). This was followed by the well-known tunes such as *Au Claire de la Lune*, *Good King Wenceslas*, *Donkey Round* and *Dreydl, Dreydl*. A great solo for the song *Jolly Old St. Nicholas* was performed by Harrison S. and was then followed by the whole band playing the popular song, *Jingle Bells*.

Following the Beginning Band was the intermediate band, which played some lesser-known songs such as *Arctic Encounter*, *We Three Kings*, but also more familiar songs such as *Joy to the World* and *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*.

For the first time, the Jazz Band made an appearance during the concert, playing the song *Jolly Alto Saxophones*. At the evening concert, Stephanie S. and Allison M. read the introduction for the song written by the arranger of the piece, Timothy Loest.

After the movement of some percussion equipment, the final part of the concert was the experienced Advanced Band, where most of the Jazz Band players resided. They started off with the *Holly Wreath Medley*, a medley that continued parts of the songs from *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*, *The First Noel*, *Up on the Housetop*, and *O Come All Ye Faithful*. Once the song was over, the musicians continued the show with *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* and *Here Comes Santa Claus*. The concert ended with *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*.

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

A Trip to the Wolves' Den!

By: Jeremy G.

For the junior high's first trimester trip, the students went to see a Chicago Wolves hockey game at the Allstate Arena. The Wolves played against the Abbotsford Heat. It was a fun, well-thought-out trip, but did not meet all of my expectations.

First of all, we got goldfish instead of chips, and we did not get a cookie, like it said on the sheet telling about the trip. Second of all, we did not get to see the whole game. That was aggravating, but we had to get back to school on time for dismissal. Other than those few things, the field trip was quite fun for me. The beginning of the game was very exciting because the entryway for the hockey players and referees was a giant wolf, just like the Wolves' mascot. Fire came out of the wolf's paws and there were tiny fireworks and flashing lights from the jumbotron, which was all very interesting to see. We also got to see the players practice taking shots on the ice before the game.

This field trip was not the best, but was still fun overall. I think some of the less-sporty students would have had more fun with something else, but they should have still somewhat enjoyed it because of the excitement at the beginning of the game. Overall, the first trimester field trip was quite fun for many junior high students!



The Intermediate Band performing at the afternoon recital.



The student of St. Pats had a great time on their field trip!