

**St. Patrick
School**

What's The Buzz?

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A Week of Celebration

By: Thea

Catholic School's Week, also known as one of the most fun weeks of the school year, came and went to fast. This year the theme was "Celebrating Service." Even though Monday didn't have a theme, you could see the difference between the classrooms. Kids were more upbeat. On Tuesday, the school held an open house for families who want to send their kids to St. Pat's next year. We also had mass that day. During the mass we honored the Campenella Family. They have 5 graduates and some students at the school. They are an excellent example of a family that takes part in service. Wednesday was flannel pants day! Students and teachers were given the option of wearing their full uniform or wearing flannel pants and a sweatshirt along with the Birkenstocks or more comfortable shoes! Thursday was the famous "Get Up and Move Day!" The classes got up twice and danced to the "Chicken Dance" and the "Hockey- Pokey." Ian Gofe was going to be principal for the day, and it was even his birthday, but he was sick. So, Mr. Gofe was principal on Friday, February 6th. For the closing of Catholic School's Week, student council members held a prayer service in the Boehm Center. Catholic School's Week was a great success.



History of St. Valentine's Day

By: Taylor

St Valentine's Day was supposedly started in the time of the Roman Empire. In Ancient Rome, the date of February 14 was a holiday to honor the Queen of Roman Goddesses and Gods, Juno. Juno was known as the Goddess of women and marriage. The next day February 15 was the first day of the Festival known as the Feast of Lupercia

On February 14 it was said that the young boys and girls of the villages would write down the names of every girl and place these names in a jar of which each young man would have to draw a name of a girl and this particular maiden would be their partner for the duration of the festival. Sometimes these pairings would last a year and would result in marriage.

These rituals under the laws of Claudius were banned as the Emperor believed that the reasons why men would now go to war were because they did not want to leave their lovers or families. As a result all marriages and engagements were canceled as a result Saint Valentine a Roman priest was said to have married these couples in secret and for this he was executed on the 14th day of February



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



**Our next meeting is
Tuesday, March 10
from 2:30 to 3:30
P.M.
in Ms. Smith's room.**

**We'll have
Yearbook pictures
that day.**





Book Fair

The library recently held a book fair hosted by Mrs. Palecek and Mrs. Wilson. The book fair is a fundraiser for the library. This would make it the 18th book fair! We recently interviewed Mrs. Palecek and this is the interview that took place.

Q: What were some of the bestsellers at the book fair?

A: Well, Definitely the Guinness Book of World Records, Alabama Moon, and the Diary of a Wimpy Kid, The Last Straw.

Q: What is different about this book fair compared to the other book fairs in the past?

A: We offered customers a custom book fair this year, which included more books and more variety. There was also a larger amount of books for adults and longer hours.

Q: Do you only sell books?

A: No, we also sell posters, limited school supplies such as pencils, pens, bookmarks, erasers....etc. We also offer computer software, educational toys, and religious books.

Q: What can we look forward to next book fair?

A: Possibly longer book fair hours, more adult books, and audio CDs.

Q: Did you make more money than last years book fair?

A: We are always thankful and this year was no exception! We made about 6,500 dollars which will be contributed to buy more books for the students.

Interview and article by Kelly



Happy Birthday Abraham Lincoln!

By: Maggie

Abraham Lincoln was born on February 12, 1809 in a log cabin in Hardin County, KY. This year he would be 200 years old. Lincoln was the 16th president of the United States and guided our country through its greatest challenge, the Civil War. He was considered by many historians to have been the greatest American president.

In 1816, the Lincolns moved to Indiana, because they were against slavery. Land ownership was more secure in Indiana due to the Land Ordinance of 1785 which was provided by the federal government. Lincoln's parents belonged to a faction of the Baptist church that disapproved of slavery. That may support Lincoln's statement that he is "naturally anti-slavery".

In 1830 the Lincolns left Indiana for Illinois. Lincoln left home in 1831 for New Salem, near Springfield, Illinois. In New Salem, Lincoln served briefly in the Black Hawk War (1832) and was elected captain of his volunteer company.

Lincoln became a lawyer, an Illinois state congressman, a United States congressman and was twice defeated in elections for the office of United States senate.

In February 1860, Lincoln made his first political appearance in the Northeast where he addressed a rally at the Cooper Union in New York. He was now well known to be a presidential candidate. As a result, he won the nomination by being the second choice of the majority.

He went on to win the presidential election, defeating the Northern Democrat Douglas, the Southern Democrat John C. Breckinridge, and the Constitutional Union candidate John Bell. Lincoln selected a strong cabinet that included all of his major rivals for the Republican nomination: Seward as secretary of state, Salmon P. Chase as secretary of the treasury, and Edward Bates as attorney general.

By the time of Lincoln's inauguration in March 1861, seven states had seceded from the Union. His inaugural address had no effect on the South, and, against the advice of the majority of his cabinet, Lincoln decided to send provisions to Fort Sumter in Charleston harbor. On April 12, 1861, South Carolina fired on the fort and the Civil War began.

Lincoln's achievements, saving the Union and freeing the slaves assured his continuing fame. In the Gettysburg Address (Nov. 19, 1863), he defined the war as a rededication to the ideals of the Declaration of Independence and his second inaugural address (Mar. 4, 1865). In this address he urged "malice toward none" and "charity for all" in peace to come.

Lincoln was killed on April 15, 1865 by a southern sympathizer named John Wilkes Booth while he enjoyed a play at the Ford's Theater called "My American Cousin". His greatest work, saving the Union and freeing the slaves, had been completed. His ideals still live on today. So, as you are enjoying a day off from school or work, remember to say thanks and Happy Birthday to President Lincoln.



Victories

By: Amanda and Brittany

St. Pat's girls had a basketball game at St. Peters. 6th grade won, 7th grade lost, 8th grade won. It was a well fought battle for all 3 grades.

Over the weekend both 7th and 8th grade were in the Emmons tournament in Antioch. It was an all public school tournament so it was very challenging. 7th grade on Thursday night won but on Friday night they lost. But they did not lose confidence and they still played their best. Saturday 7th grade had 3 games and they won all three. So on Sunday morning they played another game but sadly they lost and the tournament was a double elimination so they took 3rd place out of 12 teams.

8th graders were in the same tournament they as well. Thursday night they lost. Friday night they won and Saturday they won. And Sunday morning they won but the afternoon they lost so they as well took 3rd place.

The losses were very tragic. They were very sad and very intense to both 7th and 8th graders. You can go see their trophies by the computer room.

Go Hornets!!



Touchdown!

By: Kara

As you probably know, the Pittsburgh Steelers won the Super bowl because the Steelers got a touchdown in the last minute of the game. Whether you are happy or mad about the Steelers winning, here are some fun and interesting facts about the Super bowl that you might not have known.



- The super bowl is the second largest day of food consumption behind Thanksgiving.
- Sales of big screen TVs increase during Super bowl week.
- The Super bowl is the top-at-home party event of the year.
- An estimated 14,500 TONS of chips and 4,000 TONS of popcorn are eaten on Super Bowl Sunday.
- More than 100 million people worldwide watch the Super Bowl which makes it the most watched event in the world
 - Super bowl weekend is the slowest weekend for weddings. (Probably because men want to watch their football!)

