

**St. Patrick
School**

What's The Buzz?

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Issue

B-Ball for Boys!!

By: Jacob

This was a great season for the 6th-8th grade St. Pat's Hornets. Our beloved St. Pat's team faced several teams, including: St. Mary (2), St. Joe's, St. Peter (2), Prince of Peace, and Transfiguration.

The 6th graders have the best record for the junior high. Their determination to have 6 wins and 0 losses against Transfiguration was huge for them. They showed their determination against Transfiguration as the 6th graders creamed them 27-7! They have shown the exact same type of determination against St. Peter, but all the 6th graders managed to keep the game close as they lost, 27-21. Some of the leading stats for them is:

5 players have double digits scores for the season, their lead scorer is Matt Moran, with 70 for the season, and their record is 6-1, leading the nation (or at least the conference)!

Seventh grade did just as well as the 6th graders. Their record is 5-2! The 8th graders are struggling to have more wins than loses; their record is 3-4.

Go Hornets!



**Our next
newspaper
meeting is on
Tuesday,
December 16
from 2:30 to
3:30 P.M. in
Ms. Smith's
room.**

Students Succeed in the Academic Fair!

By: Jacob

Have you ever thought about how Mount Rushmore was made, or how people survived in the 18th – 19th century, or even how the National Football League started? Well, these are some examples of researched topics for the Academic Fair. The Academic Fair is required of all Eighth Graders. After weeks of research, all Eighth Graders present a wide variety of topics in multiple ways.

Miss Smith, the seventh/ eighth grade Literature teacher, is the director for the Academic Fair. She has been doing this for the last five years. She guides students in selecting their topics and they begin researching for several weeks. Once all the research is compiled, the students compose a research paper which is 3-5 pages long. Then, the students must tap into their creative mind and make a poster board displaying all the information they learned. Many students even make models or objects based on the topic to further explain their information gathered. The last part of the project was presented in front of their classmates and teachers on November 12th. On November 19th, the projects went on display for the whole school to see. The Academic Fair took place at the Boehm Center (the gymnasium). The projects that the eighth graders are doing will be part of their grade and some awards will be presented.

As you can see, the Academic Fair seems easy to some of us, but most of the eighth graders were very nervous. So, the least we can do is congratulate them on a job well done. So, all you 6th and 7th grade Junior High students, start thinking about your future Academic Fair project!

Be sure to see the school bulletin for a list of placement awards.

The Flannel Pants Dance

By: Jane and Brynn

The 8th graders and 7th graders had a blast at the dance. The theme was to wear your flannel pants; even Mrs. Ortega wore hers. There was a new DJ who played some of the songs that were off records. This was very cool. He even let Jack N. in 7th grade sing karaoke to a Justin Timberlake song. The Jr. High got to participate in a limbo competition also. The flannel pants dance was a lot of fun; the 6th graders will have a blast next year!!! The students can't wait for the next dance! What will the theme be?



ASK CHRISTI AND COLLIN

Dear Collin,

I think some of the teachers don't like me and are not picking on me at all when I put my hand in the air. I try to please them but they just don't care. What should I do?

From,

Teacher's Least-Favorite Pet

Dear Teacher's Least-Favorite Pet,

Maybe your teachers don't hate you; maybe they just want to give other kids in the class a chance to answer questions too. If you still feel like your teacher *never* calls on you, talk to your teacher and find out why.

From,

Collin

Have a problem? Write to Christi or Collin! You can drop the letter off in Ms. Smith's room and it will be promptly answered by our experienced advice columnists.



Answers to Guess Who:

How well do you know your teachers?

Last week we asked you to match your teacher to their quote. This week we'll tell you who said what!

"I was a child model!" *Mr. Garrity*

"I was a tomboy!" *Mrs. Placko*

"I didn't talk, unless for school, until I was 18 years old!" *Mrs. Jhonson*

"I have twin children and twin schnauzers!" *Mrs. Uko*

"I have a twin sister!" *Mrs. Grum*

"I worked my way through high school as a lifeguard!" *Mrs. Cooper*

"I met my husband at Walgreens!" *Mrs. Ortega*

"My husband fell in love with me before he knew what I looked like!" *Mrs. Gilmore*

"I'm going to be a grandma in March!" *Mrs. Jennings*

"I have five godchildren but no children!" *Ms. Smith*

"I like pineapple on my pizza!" *Miss Standriff*

"My husband and I met on a blind date bowling!" *Mrs. Ogrin*

"When I was in Jr. High I wanted to be a writer!" *Mrs. Schubring*

How well did you know your teachers?

History in the Making!

By: Jacob

This is it! The results are in! History was made in the United States of America on November 4th, 2008. The 44th President has been elected..... the people have spoken! Barack Obama will lead our nation starting in January 2009.

Many Americans decided to fight the crowds and vote early. In Florida alone, 40% of the voters voted early. When November 4th rolled around, the lines for voting were enormous. The race between McCain and Obama was very close all night until the Pacific Coast closed their election polls. Then all of a sudden..... Obama's electoral votes rose over 300! For the first time in history, Nebraska split their electoral votes between the two candidates: I vote for Obama and the rest to McCain.

This election was history in the making. It was between the first African American candidate and the oldest candidate that people were to chose from. The people spoke and rose over many hurdles that existed in our country. For the first time ever, Americans looked past racial/ cultural differences and are starting to unite again. The 44th president can lead us a long way; it will be an exciting four years!

And the winner is...



What a Race it Was...



Candidate Blast from the Past

By: Kelly

Did you know that Barack Obama used to get up at 4 A.M. every morning to go over his studies with his mom, because that was the only time she had? Did you know that Obama graduated from Harvard and was the editor of the *Harvard Law Review*, a major issue dedicated to covering the previous year's Supreme Court Term?

There is more to the candidates than meets the eye. Here are some historical facts about them. Obama's parents were divorced. He was raised in Hawaii but he moved to Chicago after college to pursue a teaching career. Obama went to about 4 different colleges. McCain went to a boarding school and he excelled in wrestling. He became a naval pilot but was known to "push the limit" often. He was captured as a prisoner of war in 1967 and released in 1973. His wife's name is Cindy. He has 2 daughters, Bridget and Meghan, and 1 son, Jack.

Obviously both candidates have an interesting past and have a lot going for them!