

**St. Patrick
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What's The Buzz?

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Seventh Grade Jitters

Article written by Thea

Can you believe first quarter is almost up?! I still remember my first day as a seventh grader. My hair was straightened and I was anxious to see all my friends and what they would think of the seventh grade Thea. After the first hour of socializing and many hugs all the butterflies had gone away. I was more worried now about the hard Algebra class I was going to be a part of and the labs and essays I knew I would be doing. Now that I have two weeks left in the quarter the butterflies are coming back! I'm worrying about my report card and if my best friend is still mad at me. As I look back on that first day, I wonder if it was really important that I had my hair straightened or a new backpack, **or** if I was ready to take on the pressure and difficulty of seventh grade. As the quarter went on I became more adjusted and I realized that the first day of seventh grade rocked even though my hair wasn't perfectly straightened and my backpack had some dirt on it. The first quarter rocked now let's make sure second quarter rocks even more!



RenWeb is a GO! It's New and It's for YOU!

Article written by Kelly P and Brittany R.

Renweb, which is a website that the teachers use to show homework, grades, up coming tests, and other assignments, was started on the third week of school. Renweb also shows other important activities such as sports, field trips, school dances, and due dates for forms. Every Thursday you can check Renweb to see new updated grades in all classes. You must check with your parents to get the password to log onto Renweb, though. Your parents should have been given a password and username from the office, but if not, you should contact the office. So check out Renweb today!



Seventh Grade is not the "monster" I thought it would be!

If you are a great writer and want to join the newspaper staff, please come to our next meeting on November 3 from 2:30 to 3:30 P.M.

ASK COLLIN

Dear Colin,

I got a really bad grade on my test. My parents are wondering about my overall grade in that class and how it went down. What should I tell them?

Sincerely,

Test-flunker

Dear Test-flunker,

Just tell your parents the truth. And also tell them that you will work extra hard on ALL of your assignments to bring your grade up, which you should be doing. Hope this helps you, and always remember, you have a friend in Collin.

Sincerely,

Collin

Dear Collin,

I am having a problem with some of my friends. They are making fun of me behind my back! What should I do??

Sincerely,
Humiliated friend.

Dear Humiliated friend,

I think you should go to those friends and ask them if they really did say those things. Make sure to find out if they were joking or not because if they were your friends they wouldn't mean the things they said and if they your really really good friends they wouldn't say those things. Hope this helps you, and always remember, you have a friend in Collin.

Sincerely,
Collin

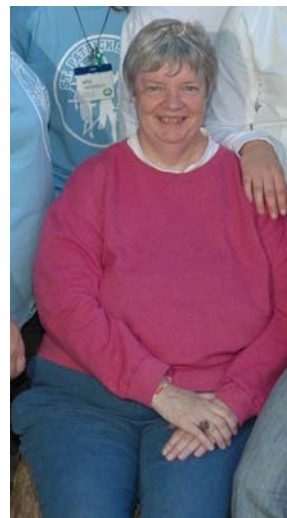
Have a problem? Write to Christa or Collin! You can drop the letter off in Ms. Smith's room and it will be promptly answered by our experienced advice columnists.



Biography of Mrs. Cooper

By: Kelly and Brittany

Mrs. Cooper was born on January 10th. She has been teaching at St. Pats for 10 years and has two daughters named Michelle and Elizabeth. Her favorite food is ice cream, and favorite color is green. She is a White Sox fan and roots for the Bears!!! Mrs. Cooper enjoys swimming but likes watching basketball. Her favorite holidays are Christmas and Halloween. She has read the classic book *The Giver* a total of 15 times!!!! Before she taught at St. Pat's she worked at Lady of Mount Carmel. Her favorite word is kindness but when she is mad she says boosh-kabbidle," which came from her daughter when she was very young. Some other interesting facts about



Mrs. Cooper are that she got Lulu from Mrs. Jennings, and her aunt made it to the Olympics for track! Although her aunt's 220 ft dash was not in the Olympics, it is still cool to know that she had been accepted! As you can see Mrs. Cooper has a lot of interesting things in her life. If YOU have any questions, ask her! See our next issue for a Biography on Mrs.Oldis!

8th Grade

Carmel Retreat

Written by Hannah, Jane, and Brynn

Last week the 8th graders went on a retreat to Carmel Catholic High School. It was a long ride there, and when we arrived we had to go sit in the gym and pick a nametag with an animal name on the back. Then we found our group leader that was making the animal noise and joined the group with other people with the same animals on their nametag. After that we listened to a series of songs and speeches about friendship and leadership, followed by some questions we wrote down and answered, which we later discussed with our group. A few of the questions we were asked were: "When was I there/not there for a friend? What are some qualities I like about my friends?" and "How can I be a good leader in and out of school?" We learned a lot about ourselves, our friends, and how to be good leaders.

We went to lunch shortly thereafter, and had pizza and French fries. When we were done with lunch we danced the chicken dance and the hokey pokey with all of the group leaders and other visiting schools. We returned to the gym, where we heard the director of the retreat, Mr. Fitzgibbons talk about values. He said that "Values are the things that are important to me and make me the person I am". Then we talked about our own values and how they make us who we are.



Kindergarteners Talk About Fire Safety

By: Brynn and Jane

Last week, we interviewed the kindergarteners in KC about their exciting field trip to the fire department! They had to walk all the way to the local fire station but it was worth it. We asked the kindergarteners what they thought about the field trip and a few of them said, "I liked it and it was better than Great America." One girl got a REAL bandage put on by a fireman, she said, "It felt like a pillow on my arm." Then two students, one boy and one girl, got to have their blood pressure taken. Nick described to us that it felt tight on his arm, and the other student, Sarah, told us that she liked it.

Many of the students liked the video about safety rules. Now they all know what to dial in case of an emergency, which is 911. They also know to NEVER go back inside a burning building for anything, including pets. A lot of the kids liked the HUGE hose. They said "It had a lot of water coming out." They told us that it is used to put out huge fires. We asked KC what they thought of the siren; Sarah said "It was not loud." Tess had to plug her ears because she thought it was loud. Some kids even got to be lifted into the ambulance to see what it was like inside.

Mrs. Campanella has been to the fire house for eight years and she still likes going! The whole class had a blast on their field trip and would love to go again!

Fall Word Search- by Ryan S.

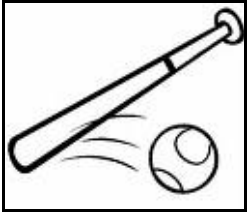


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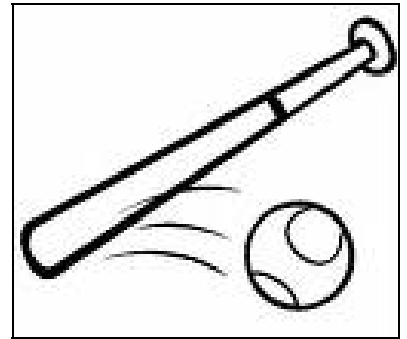
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World Series Crossword Puzzle

By Kenny



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walk

homerun

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manager

phillie

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win

The 2008 World Series Begins!

By: Ryan S.

It is the 104th World Series! The teams in 2008 are Tampa-Bay Rays and the Philadelphia Phillies. The first game starts on October 22, when teams will play seven games, if necessary, and the first to win four games will win the World Series. The Phillies have not won a World Series since 1980.