

**St. Patrick
School**

What's The Buzz?

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Issue

Our Newspaper Staff Includes:

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6th grade: Ryan S., Brittany R., Kelly P., Thea P., Philip N., Erica V., Jack N., Christina C., and K. orina K.

Primary

First grade will be performing their Annual Christmas Story Pageant this week. Please look for a special feature on their performance in the next issue, coming out in January! Happy Holidays everyone!!

Please Pray For...

- The Baker family.
- All the veterans who have died and are currently serving our country.
- And all those who need our prayers.

Intermediate

Reporters: Kelley and Brittany

There is a lot of exciting stuff going on in the intermediate wing this time of year!

First, Mrs. Clarks 5th grade class is learning about advent and will be listening closely to the masses because they will be making advent wreaths and they will be putting the themes of the masses on their wreath candles. Fourth grade is also displaying their proud papers on the wall in their own space.

In Mrs. Johnson's 4th grade they are doing raps and poems. They are also doing a newspaper report about previous lessons, and some fun museum exhibits.

Mrs. Plutorak's 4th grade science class is learning about ecosystems.

Mrs. Placko's 5th grade is learning how to find the percentage of numbers. They are also going Christmas shopping!! Well, not really, but they are looking in magazines to find gifts for their family while learning how to find the percentage of their sum. They are also writing poetry about the holidays. Finally they are going to start their new novel *Because of Winn Dixie*.

Junior High

Reporter: Thea P.

The Jr. High students never have a moment to spare especially with the Holidays around the corner. In Religion everyone is learning about Advent and the Liturgical Calendar.

Eighth grade is learning about many interesting things and doing many interesting projects. In History they are learning about the events of World War I. In English they are making grammar posters about the eight parts of speech and reading *Separate Peace*. In Math they are learning about parabolas or curved lines on a graph. 8TH grade is starting the ExplorerVision Challenge, students all over the nation are connecting Science and Technology to create future technology that could be possible 20 years from now. For this competition they must write a 11 page paper and web design.

Seventh grade is learning about early presidents in History, and just finished grammar story posters. They had to use each part of speech 5 times within one story. In science they are studying a unit on cardiovascular and the repertory systems. They will be presenting this information as T.V. programs and commercials.

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Junior High News (continued)

Sixth grade is very excited to be learning math and taking notes with Mrs. Jennings and hope she appreciates the warm welcome sixth grade sends her. They also made and presented 8 parts of speech posters. In science they are learning about classification of organisms and are making tri-fold on 4 of the 6 kingdoms. The tri-folds will have interesting facts and pictures about them. Keep a look out for these displays in or near the science lab.

The Jr. High is also taking part in a program called Adopt-A-Family. Students bring in items that people would need to make a Christmas dinner and give all of these things to people in need! Many items are coming in already, and we are happy to provide food and gifts for those in need.

Recently, the Jr. High attended an assembly featuring a survivor of a hockey accident. He was very inspiring as he told his story, and made us all realize that we must be thankful for what we have. Hopefully we will not have to go through what he did in order to appreciate our families, our talents, and our friendships.

As you can see Jr. High is very busy!



A special wish for a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year goes out to all of our readers!

Happy Holidays,
from *What's the Buzz?* Staff

National News

Reporter: P.J.N

HOLLYWOOD WRITERS STRIKE

Are your favorite TV shows an important part of your everyday life? Now, imagine this: POOF! they're gone. How did this happen you ask? Well it's all because of the Hollywood writers strike. Many shows are affected by this strike, including 3rd Rock, Scrubs, The Ellen DeGeneres show, and many more. Why are they on strike you ask? Well the answer is very simple, MONEY! They want additional money from DVD purchases and the download of movies from the internet. The problem is no one has a way of figuring what the actual costs of downloads are. I don't know about you, but I hope this problem ends soon so I can get back to my favorite shows!



Cheerleading Editorial

Reporter: Emily S.

Cheer leading is a sport. I don't get how people tell me it isn't. People are put high above our heads and only relying on two bases for support. Then they can fall and break their neck. Still say it isn't a sport? Telling me that cheerleading isn't a sport is saying that dance, gymnastics, and figure skating aren't a sport. From my debate, the person telling me cheerleading is a sport said that because it isn't timed that it isn't a sport. She said that because you are judged makes the winnings based on opinions. Well in skating, there are rules you have to follow. You can't just go on the ice and do what ever you want. So the person has to do certain things to even qualify for the winnings. I understand that cheering for a basketball game may not be considered a sport, but when the only reason you practice is for competition, it's a sport.

Now to answer the question for what makes a sport a sport: Obviously running around and doing physical exercise qualifies for a sport. When there is a winner and a loser and you exercise it is a sport. And I don't think it matters whether you are judged or timed or scored, it's still a sport. You're judged in skating, dance, and gymnastics, but there are still rules you must follow to be scored high. Yes in basketball, volleyball, and football, you are scored, but there still are rules you must follow. And in the debate, the other person said that because you follow rules in volleyball, basketball, and football you win. But both teams may follow the rules but the opposing team just may be better and win. But in skating, dance, and gymnastics, you still must follow rules to win. And a referee in those sports can favor a team and make calls based on their opinion. So when someone tells me that because you are judged, your winning is based on opinion, so it isn't a sport, doesn't that still qualify for volleyball, basketball, and football?

(Please remember this is an opinion piece.)

Dear Abby...

Dear Abby,

We don't know what to do. A bunch of people who used to be our really good friends now hate us, and don't talk to us. Everyone made drama and gossiped about us. They call us bad names and put our hopes and feelings down everyday, by giving us dirty looks and rolling their eyes. They all try to make us jealous by making mean jokes and by doing things that they know we don't like. We just want our best friends back, and it really hurts.

From,

Gossip Hurts

Dear Gossip Hurts,

The first thing you need to do is find out if you truly want to be friends with them. If you say you want to you should really sit your friends down and tell them how you feel. Don't yell at them or accuse them of anything, but just ask them why what went wrong, and how they feel about things. If you need to, have a "referee". This person needs to be someone who will listen to both sides of the story, and keep things from getting out of hand. If you already have tried talking to them and they didn't respond to you, try writing a letter to them.

I hope this helps,

Abby

