

**St. Patrick
School**

What's The Buzz?

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Issue

Primary

Reporters: Philip N.

Some very interesting things are going on in the primary unit this month! The first graders are learning about magnetic pull in science, and in math they are learning about greater or less than ($<$ $>$ $=$).

Last week ID did a fantastic job putting on our school mass. Thank you to their class for a prayerful experience. Good Job!!

The second graders are learning how to find the median in math. Reconciliation is also coming up for them on February 29, 2008!

The third graders are starting their mighty multiplier tests and are also learning geometry. In science they are studying rocks and minerals. We wish all the best to our mighty multipliers!!

In Sports...

A Special Congratulations to our Boys Basketball teams on their championship victories, and their Christian display of sportsmanship throughout the season! Good effort to all of our athletes!



Intermediate

Reporters: Emily and Nikki

Right now the fourth grades are writing a story about a snowflake's journey to earth in their snowflake journals. The teachers will copy the stories and send them to the fourth graders' parents. Not only are they writing these fabulous stories, but they are also making a book jacket for a book about the Northeast. They are also starting a book called Stone Fox.

The fifth graders have been very busy too! In science they have been writing books on the six land biomes and are doing a great job. Keep it up!

Junior High

Reporters: Brittany and Kelly

In Mrs. Cooper's English and Grammar class 6th grade is reading a book called "Walk Two Moons" and they are writing journals for that book.

In Mrs. Gilmore's science class 6th grade is learning about minerals. 7th grade is doing a lab, and 8th grade is doing Exploravision. Best of luck to them as they begin the judging!

Mrs. Jennings's math class is learning about graphs and fractions

In Mrs. Oldis's religion class 6th grade is learning about the land of Canaan and Moses. 8th grade is learning about different kinds of religion.

In Mrs. Ortega's social studies class 6th grade is learning about Ancient India, 7th grade is learning about the Louisiana Purchase, and 8th grade is learning about World War I.

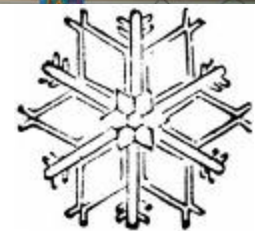
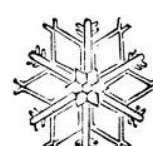
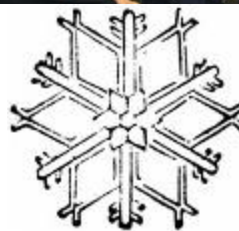
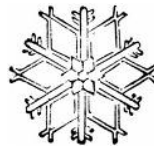
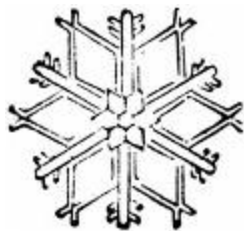
In Ms. Smith's English class 7th grade just finished performing "A Christmas Carol" and they are now reading a new novel called, "The Ear The Eye and the The Arm". 8th grade is reading "No Promises In The Wind" and studying the Great Depression.

Some non-academic news includes the excitement about the upcoming "Winter Fest." Students get an extended recess so they can enjoy some of the snow coming our way this season! Have fun!!

St. Pat's Christmas Spirit:

Before the holidays, classrooms and hallways were brightened by children with festive decorations. Everyone who entered St. Pat's school knew of our Christmas spirit!

(Pictures by Thea)



Dear Abby...



Oppps! Should I tell? HELP!

Dear Abby,

Help! I just broke my parent's one-of-a-kind vase. What do I do? I don't want to confess because I know I will get in trouble, but if I don't it will just keep bugging me, and what if I get caught anyway? Should I tell them or just let it go and see if they forget about it?

Sincerely,

Grounded-for-life

Dear Grounded-for-life,

Just be honest with your parents. If you lie and get caught later, you could be in twice the trouble. They may be angry at first, but they will appreciate your honesty and be able to trust you in the future. You may not even get in trouble if it was an accident.

Good luck,

Abby

Response to Last Month's Cheerleading Editorial

Reporter: Nikki

Cheerleading is not a sport. It is a difficult hobby, but is basically a choreographed dance routine that is used to pump up a team. In other words it's just a performance like dance. You get points for things like how you look, and in a sport that shouldn't count. Sports also have set rules that apply to every game, while cheerleading is judged and based on opinion. No matter how you look at it, cheerleading is not a sport. It has too many things that go against it, so I feel that it should not be considered a sport.

A Critters' Christmas

Reporter: Lauren N.

On December 21, 2007, Mrs. Dezelan's and Mrs. Jarvis's first graders put on a Christmas pageant for the whole school at the New Church. The first graders were all dressed up as different kinds of creatures, such as angels, lambs, ladybugs, and fireflies. They sang "This Little Light of Mine" and "Away in a Manger," both of which Mrs. Trygar taught to them. Each child had a speaking part where they debated the presence of God in our lives.

Thank you to the first graders for reminding us about the true meaning of Christmas!



Left: Children await their big entrance.



Right: The Holy Family gets ready.



Left: Carolers sing. **Bottom left:** Mrs. Trygar conducts the choir. **Bottom right:** A ladybug and angel lead the recession.

World News

The government just passed a new law called the Illinois Smoke Free Act. This law prohibits people from smoking within eight feet of a building. Now when you go to restaurants, the host won't ask you whether you prefer "smoking or non-smoking." Hopefully this will get rid of the uncomfortable air from smokers. Good-bye, and good riddance to smoke!

Remember if you have loved ones who smoke, let them know your concerns. It is an addiction, and they may need your support more than you know.

