

**St. Patrick
School**

What's The Buzz?

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Issue

WRITE ON!

By: Amanda

Three of the students in Mrs. Johnson's fourth grade class submitted their stories to the Warren Township Library writing contest. They are Kinsey, Declan, and Ellen. Kinsey took 2nd place and Declan took 3rd place. The award ceremony was this weekend. Congratulations to these students. We hope they keep writing, (and maybe join the school newspaper in sixth grade)!



**Our next meeting is
Tuesday, April 21
from 2:30 to 3:30
P.M.
in Ms. Smith's room.**



Candy the Lucky Leprechaun

*A St. Patrick Day Story by
Brynn and Jane*

One day a happy leprechaun named Candy decided to look for gold and other such treasures. She looked in the forest of Doom, but the only thing she found was a very scary bear which chased her out of the forest. She then looked by Crab River, but when she started to walk by the shore she would get pinched by evil crabs. She was getting very sad because she could not find any treasure. But then, she looked up at the sky and saw a beautiful rainbow! She knew as soon as she saw it that it meant there would be treasure at the end of the rainbow. So she ran as fast as she could to the end of that rainbow, and when she got there she used all the gold that she found to throw a Saint Patrick bash with her friends. What would you do with your pot 'o' gold?

You Can "Count" On



Math-a-Thon
to Help

By: Kara

Cancer is a very serious matter at St. Jude Children's Memorial Hospital. St. Jude's doesn't turn away any child even if the child's parents aren't able to pay for the treatments. So, what does math have to do with cancer? Well, St. Pats is raising money to help the families of these children by giving the 6th graders a book full of math problems. The 6th graders find sponsors who help them raise money by either pledging a flat donation or pledging a certain amount of money per problem. The students then put their math skills to the test and finish as many problems as they can. The money students raise helps St. Jude's patients in a huge way. It may even save a life. St. Pats has been a supporter of this program for over 10 years, and we hope to continue to fight for this impor-

Street Scenes: A Success!

By: Maggie

Street Scenes is Carmel Catholic High School's largest annual fundraiser. For one weekend a year, the entire school is transformed into a themed party with live bands, a casino, food and drink from popular area restaurants, comedy clubs and the famous Student Show in the auditorium. February 12th was student night which is when any student from 6th-12th grade can attend. The Carmel student show which is popular with the crowd is professionally produced and choreographed, performing four shows per night. This year's student show's theme was the calendar year and was outstanding! There were many student bands playing also. Many of the student's favorite band was *Wasted Innocence*. I think the highlight for most of the students was the DJ, Shah Quayoom in the dance room. The next two nights, shows were enjoyed by alumni and parents. It is a fun night and a good way to support our local catholic high school.



Carmel High School students perform "Hosts Game Shows"



Teacher of the Month: Mrs. Christian

By: Kara and Taylor

As you probably know, Mrs. Christian is St. Pat's new 5th grade science teacher. Taylor and Kara sat down with her for a quick interview. Mrs. Christian said that her favorite thing about teaching is that she enjoys working with the students and doing science labs. Her favorite color is red; her favorite restaurant is any Mexican restaurant, and her favorite subject when she was in school was reading and science. An interesting fact about Mrs. Christian is that she once traveled to the 1996 Olympics! Now that must've been pretty cool! She also has two children: Carly, who is four and Brandon who is ten. The best thing Mrs. Christian loves about St. Pats is that she felt welcomed when she first came here, and there are some very nice people and students at St. Pats. She also loves the Jog-a-thon (like many of us do)! Stay tuned for our next issue to see who is our next inaugural teacher of the month for April!

Will You Dance With Me?

By: Thea

As 7th and 8th graders started coming into the old church basement all they could think was, "Is there enough pink?" The Valentine's Day Dance took place on February 20th, a little late, but better than not at all!, The walls and beams of the old church basement were covered with pink and red streamers and hearts saying, "Be mine!" or "Email me" or even a great big "Hug me!" The DJ played many requests for everyone and even let Jack, a 7th grader, come and sing into the microphone. The dance was a huge success. The next dance is April 17th, and we will be inviting the 6th graders! See you there!

Good Role Models

Gone Bad

By Kelly and Brittany



In the past two years, there have been many good influences gone bad. Some of these figures include Miley Cyrus, Michael Vick, Michael Phelps, and Chris Brown. Of these, Chris Brown is the most recent and has been federally charged for abusing his girlfriend.

Miley Cyrus, aka Hannah Montana, is now known to take racy pictures and post them on the Internet. Michael Vick was arrested for illegal dog fighting. Michael Phelps, Olympic Champion, was arrested for smoking marijuana. These people were some of the most well respected celebrities. Especially by young people, in the United States until some bad decisions were made. Hopefully other role models will learn from these peoples' mistakes and continue to be good role models for children.

Think Before you Act!

Parents and Kids,

Below are some questions to consider about being a positive role model.

What does it mean to be a positive role model?

Do you need to be a celebrity to be a role model?

What kind of pictures or information about themselves do you think teenagers should post on the Internet?

What are the dangers of posting pictures on the Internet?

Dear Colin,

My friends told me to say something to the teacher that I know is wrong. If I say it to the teacher then I might get a suspension, and my parents will be **VERY** mad at me. What do I do?

From a Scared Kid

Dear Scared Kid,

Well, I would say your options are to tell your friends that you won't do it. Maybe they will stop bothering you. If they don't, then tell a teacher what your friends are asking you to do or say. Please don't be scared. And remember, if your "friends" are asking you to do this, are they really your friends?

Stay Strong.

From Colin

