

**St. Patrick  
School**

# What's The Buzz?

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**Issue**

## She Shoots, She Scores!!!!

*By Brittany and Amanda*

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade girl's basketball team had a tournament Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. On Friday the first day, the girls won their first game. On Saturday the second game they won also, by one point! It was a nail biter!! And also on Saturday they had a third game, but this time they lost. Making it the first lost of the season. These were the first games/ tournaments of the season. Before, during that week of the tournament they had 3 practices in a row and that was it. But they were proud when they took home the second place trophy!!! It was a good start for their season!



**Go  
Hornets!**



## Students on RenWeb

*By Kara*

The wait is over; now students can get onto RenWeb! Ask your parents to contact the office if they need more information. The student login has almost all the same features as the parent login; for example, you can check your grades and keep track of any missing assignments— but we know you don't have any, right? Now go log away!



## Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

*By: Maggie & Taylor*

On December 8<sup>th</sup> the Catholic church celebrated the feast of the Immaculate Conception. We honored Mary with an all school mass lead by the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade and celebrated by Fr. Pat. Mary was chosen as a young girl to give birth to Jesus. God chose Mary because she was without original sin. She was frightened, but she was strong in her faith and believed in God. In our lives today we can look to Mary for guidance when we are faced with different obstacles. Like Mary we can say yes to God and have faith that he will help us through anything. As the hymn goes, "Gentle Mother, Peaceful Dove Teach us Wisdom, teach us Love!"



**Our next newspaper  
meeting is on  
Tuesday, January 20  
from 2:30 to 3:30 P.M.  
in Ms. Smith's room.**

# The Ghost of Christmas Past

When most people think of Christmas they think about the Christmas tree and the presents they will get. As kids and teens make their wish lists they write things like Nintendo DS or Wii but one gift they don't ask for but receive every year is Jesus Christ. Jesus is the reason we have Christmas.

About 2,000 years ago in a manger of an inn in Bethlehem a baby was born. This baby wasn't any baby he was the savior of all. In this manger there sat a young girl, her husband, a baby, and animals of course. The baby was named Jesus. He was a



Son of David. The writing of the Old Testament spoke of a Son of David that would save us all, but no one knew that it would be this one. In about 29 years people began to realize that he was the savior and he would save us. Christmas is known as the day of the birth of our savior!

As the years went on a new image was plastered on to Christmas. Every year kids go to sleep and wait for Santa Claus to come and drop off presents. While he was in their house he eats the cookies and milk or hot cocoa left for him. Santa was now the new poster child for Christmas. For some families, Christmas is a time to celebrate in both ways. This meant that they would go to a Christmas Mass or read from the bible on Christmas Eve but they would also read *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* and leave cookies for Santa! As a Catholic Christian School we ask that all families keep Christ in Christmas!

In 1773 a famous Dutch author, Washington Irving, gave the Americans their first detailed description of Santa Claus. His feast day is December 6<sup>th</sup> or "St. Nicholas Day." Santa Claus has many names such as Saint Nicholas, Father Christmas, and Kris Kringle. Saint Nicholas was a very generous man who was known for his giving gifts to the poor. A very famous bishop, named Sinterklaas, influenced the character of "Santa Claus".



## Santa's Sack



Dear Santa,

What your favorite thing to do in your free time?

Love,  
Questioner

Dear Questioner,

Well, being Santa I get hardly any free time, but when I do I like to play with the elves and my reindeer. We play games like ice hockey, snowboarding, skiing, and of course, snowball fights.

Love,  
Santa

Dear Santa,

What is your favorite cookie?

Sincerely,  
Cookie Monster

Dear Cookie Monster,

I love all cookies! If I had to choose a favorite though, I'd have to pick Mrs. Claus's famous double chocolate chunk cookies. They taste the best fresh out of the oven.

Merry Christmas,  
Santa

## HORNETS Come Out Buzzing

*By Taylor and Maggie*

The St. Patrick Hornets gave their competition a run for their money this weekend, at the Annual Knights of Columbus 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades boys' basketball Tournament.

Two teams were entered at each of their grade levels. All the teams played extremely well. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade Sportsmanship Awards were earned by Scott Cloe of Green team and Matt Stephens of the White team.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Green team took Consolation Championship, while the White Team took Third place in the tournament. The green team lost to St. Annie in the first round, went on to win against St. Bede in the second round. They continued their winning streak against Montini's white team landing them in the title of Consolation Champions.

The White team started out strong winning against Montini White in the first round, but lost to Emmanuel Lutheran in round two. In game three for the White team, they tied the game with 7 seconds left. Unfortunately with no time left a foul was called against St. Pats, giving Montini-Gold two shots at the free throw line. Monini made both shots, which gave them the winning points for the game.

The green team for 6<sup>th</sup> grade did very well in their first game verse St. Mary of Lake Forest. It was a tough first half. The hornets tried to sting their way through the next half, but lost 20-33.



## **Ha Ha Holidays!**

*By Brynn and Jane*

**What do snowmen eat for breakfast?**

**Frosted flakes**

**What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?**

**Frostbite**

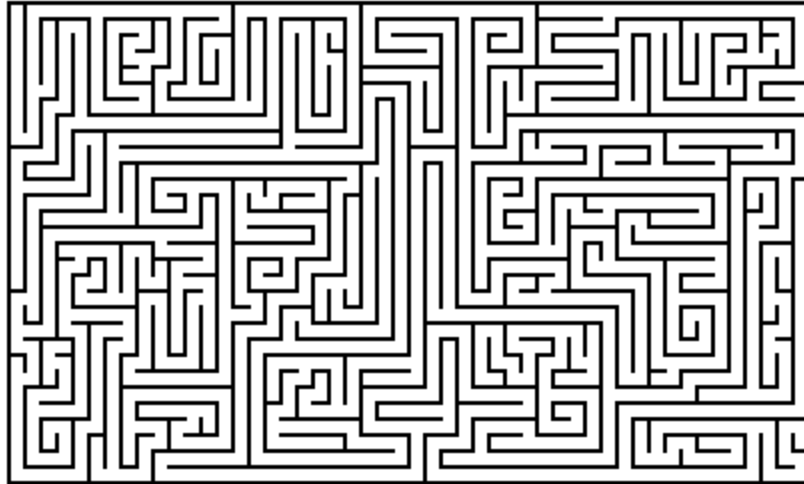
**Why are Christmas trees like bad knitters?**

**They both drop their needles!**

**Why did Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer cross the road?**

**Because he was tied to a chicken!**

## Holiday Maze



### What's All That Noise?

*By Kenny*

There are three bands. The beginning band played three songs: *King Wenceslas*, *Jingle Bells*, and *Hot Cross Buns*. The intermediate band played a holiday sampler, and last but not least the advanced band played *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*.

### I Got the Credit Card Blues

*By Thea*

About two months ago, we watched our economy crash and burn. Many reporters said that this would affect Christmas shopping this year for everyone. On the other hand, Black Friday had a great success this year. Does this mean that the economy is affecting us much? My personal opinion is that it is. Many people all over the world lost a great amount of money or even lost their jobs. This doesn't mean that families are giving nothing at all for Christmas. I think that people will give gifts but they will be very small, "low key" this year. Whether you get 4 gifts or 400 gifts this year, have a Merry Christmas!