

**St. Patrick
School**

What's The Buzz?

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Issue



From left to right it is Angela P., Amy S., and Taylor W. They are in 7th grade; they are standing in front of the "Run Hornets! Run!" sign.

RUN HORNETS! RUN!

By: Taylor W.

St. Pat's hornets started track in early April, and have practices every week on Mondays Wednesdays and Thursday which help the hornets to train for their meets. The first meet was on May 1st. The hornets did very well and placed well. There are a total of three meets that St. Pats has in the season. The 2nd one, which was on May 8th, was another great day for the hornets. Even though it was brutally cold the hornets managed to keep up their speed. Many team members even made it to finals. The 3rd meet will be this weekend on May 22 in Wauconda. The hornets are especially working hard for this meet because they have always won the conference meet in all the years of track. In addition this meet is suppose be 75 degrees so it's perfect running weather not to cold not to hot... unlike the previous meets.



This is Angela P. in 7th grade doing the long jump.

So Long, Farewell

By: Jenna W.

Mrs. Schubring in Second grade is leaving this year. Mrs. Cooper is retiring. I had a chance to interview Mrs. Schubring.

"How long have you taught at St. Pat's?" I asked.

"23 years. I started in August of 1987."

"Have you always taught second grade at St. Pat's?"

"Yes."

"What are your plans after leaving?"

"Moving to Wisconsin. I might tutor or be a substitute."

"What is your fondest memory of teaching at St. Pat's?"

"Winning the heart of the school. My family came to the celebration."

Lastly, "What will you miss the most?"

"I will miss the kids, colleagues, Kathy, Mrs. Strain, Mrs. Roy, Mrs. Krell, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Bosnak, and the classroom."

I didn't get a chance to interview Mrs. Cooper, but she will be very missed. Good luck, teachers!

Good-Bye!

By: Thea P.

As the last days of my eighth grade year come closer, I begin to realize that Graduation is no longer of figment of the Class of 2010's imagination. In a blink of an eye the year is already gone. We have made memories we will never forget. They have prepared us for the future and molded to be the best high school students possible. Our teacher and fellow peers have become people to turn to in rough situations. We all hope that we won't lose them when we progress on to our new social and education environments. We hope we made the right decisions along the way. We always keep our years here near our hearts. As we say good-bye to friends we will never forget we think of all the memories we have made. Graduation is going to end our journey. The Class of 2010 is ready and prepared to leave St. Pats as we begin our preparation to become the Class of 2014! Good-Bye!

Magnificent Mary

By: Maggie

The tradition of honoring Mary in May originated in Italy and spread around the Roman Catholic Church in the 19th century. Traditionally, the First Communicants would lead the May procession with the youngest girl in the school carrying the crown, and the oldest crowning Mary. On May 4th, St. Patrick's school celebrated the crowning of Mary at the all school mass. The procession was led by the eighth graders carrying white carnations, followed by Bianca A., the crown bearer, and Katie K. who had the honor of crowning our Blessed Mother. Candle bearers, Garrett Z., Ryan Q., Emily E., and Anna B. surrounded Bianca and Katie as they made their way to the statue of Mary. While the students were processing, Mrs. Oberdick sang "Bring Flowers of the Fairest", a Marian hymn, which is one of the most popular songs performed on this special day. Even though the weather outside was dark and gloomy, the atmosphere inside the church was of warmth and celebration.



THE KNOWN AND THE UNKNOWN

By: Ryan T.

Who is the god of the seas? Which god had the most wives? Who is the goddess of the hearth? Read on to find out the answers to these questions and more about the twelve major Greek gods and goddesses.

The most well known of all the Greek gods, is Zeus. Zeus overthrew his father, Cronus, and his two brothers, Poseidon and Hades. Zeus became the ruler of all gods and goddesses. His chosen weapon is the thunderbolt which he chucks at anyone who makes him upset. Although his wife is Hera, he has had many other love affairs. He is known for punishing the liars and oath breakers on Earth.

Zeus' brother Poseidon was the god of the sea, horses and earthquakes. He could shape-shift into a steed or give his shape-shifting powers to others. His weapon was a trident, which is a three-pointed spear. Poseidon is known for having a big temper and being greedy.

Zeus' other brother was Hades. He is the god of the underworld, or ruler of the dead. This was the worst spot to rule of all. An unknown fact is that he is also the god of wealth because he mined metals out of the Earth.

Zeus' wife, Hera, is also his sister. Hera is the goddess of women, marriage and childbirth. She is the queen of the gods. Zeus' other sister is Hestia. She is the goddess of the hearth and home.

Two of Zeus' children, Ares and Athena, are the god and goddess of war. Athena also has the role of goddess of wisdom and art. Something unknown about Ares is that his bird is the vulture and his animal is the dog. Athena's bird is an owl.

Apollo and Artemis are twins and are also children of Zeus. Their mother is Leto. Apollo is the god of music and could never speak a lie. Artemis is the goddess of wild things such as animals. Apollo is also the god of the sun and Artemis is also the goddess of the moon.

What do the gods Aphrodite, Hermes and Hephaestus have in common? They all have unique talents and gifts. Aphrodite is the goddess of love and beauty. Hermes is a messenger and the fastest god. Hephaestus is the god of craftsmanship. He is also known as the ugliest god.

All of these gods and goddesses are different yet they are related in many ways. They all have a responsibility to rule. So are these gods and goddesses known or unknown to you?

Movin' on up!

By: Monica

As we celebrate the eighth graders graduation from St.Pat's, what are the seventh graders thinking? They are going to be in eighth graders next year and it will be their turn to graduate St.Pat's, So what's going through their heads? I got a chance to interview a few seventh graders to see what their looking forward to next year.

First is 7O.

The eighth grade trip to Chicago.

-Tess K. and Faith U.

I'm looking forward to basketball.

-Jeremy S.

I'm looking forward to Basketball and the class trip.

-Myles F.

Eighth grade trip.

-Marco C.

New home rooms.

-Tyler S.

Now to 7C.

Graduation ceremony!

-Julia C. and Kayla Z.

Having fun at the end of the year.

-Thomas K.

Conformation, and the eighth grade dance.

-Lizzy M.

Obviously, the seventh graders are very excited to be move'in on up to eighth grade!

Junior High? Already?

By: Ethan C.

Our newspaper staff decided that it would be cool to know what the current fifth graders are most looking forward to next year when they meet Junior High for the first time. Ryan T. and I took a trip down memory lane. We went down to the intermediate unit where Ryan and I had been just last year. We came to both fifth grade classrooms taught by Mrs. Christian, who teaches science, and Mrs. Placko, who teaches math. When we came, the students were doing many different things. Some were doing spelling, some reading, and some getting their morning books for the first period.

Ryan and I asked eight fifth graders our question. These were Henry S., Erin K., Natalie S., and Joey P., from Mrs. Christian's class. Henry said that he was excited about the better lockers that you can get in sixth grade. Erin said that she liked how you have more teachers than before while Natalie said that she liked how you could use any color pen in sixth grade. Finally, Joey said that he like that in Junior High there aren't any desks, just tables.

In Mrs. Placko's class, we found more answers to our question from Andrew S., Maddie S., Meleny C., and Joey L. Andrew said that he liked that you could read the school books online. Maddie said that she liked that you can pick your own seats at the beginning of the year. Meleny agreed with Natalie from Mrs. Christian's class that using any colored pen in Junior High is really cool! And Joey agreed with Henry that getting better lockers is way cool too!

Welcome to Silly town!

By Kevin O'H.

Have you ever wondered how a town got its name? Especially a silly one? The 6th grade just recently did a report and a poster on how they thought a town with a silly name got its name. They got to make up a story with strange characters who somehow name the town a certain name based on their adventure. There was a wide range of different kinds of reasons for the town being named the way they were. There was also a variety of strange and unique town names, such as towns like Duck, North Carolina (Colin), Bigfoot, Texas (Tommy), Dogtown, Alabama (Amanda), and Redhouse, Kentucky (Julia). Some of the stories were serious, some were sad, some were happy, and some were very strange. It might have taken a while and took a lot of hard work to complete these projects, but it was all worth it.

Some people had a different point of view about this assignment, but most of them were positive. Tommy said "I thought it was interesting to learn about weird town names and stories." Julia thought that "It was fun because you got to be creative in your story." Amanda, similar to Julia, said "I thought it was fun because you could be creative with the story." Colin said "I thought it was fun but I was nervous about the speech." I also asked Tommy, Julia, Amanda, and Colin what their favorite part of the whole assignment was. Tommy and Colin both said they liked the writing part, while Amanda and Julia said they liked the poster part of the assignment.

In the whole assignment the 6th grade had to write and type a story, make a map, make a poster, and give a 1-2 minute speech. They all had fun preparing and presenting their work to the class. I think this was a very fun and enjoyable. I hope the whole 6th grade had a great time doing this project.



Remembering Our Heroes

By: Jacob

It's that time of year again where we remember all of the people who fought for our country throughout its history. It was proclaimed by General John Logan a national holiday on 5 May 1868 to memorialize those who fought for freedom and peace. Logan had been the national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic for many years and thought that it was right to allow the holiday to continue. The holiday then became known as Decoration Day and would take place on the last Monday of May. The name of the holiday was changed to Memorial Day in 1882. President Lyndon B. Johnson declared that Waterloo, New York quickly became known as the birthplace of Decoration Day in May 1966.

New York became the first state to recognize the importance of the holiday in 1873. In 1890, all of the northern states were celebrating Memorial Day. However the South never agreed to this holiday, so they honored the dead on separate days until after World War I. Today, every state celebrates this holiday with the exception of several Southern states (Texas on January 16, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, and Florida on April 26, South Carolina on May 10, and Louisiana and Tennessee on Jefferson Davis' birthday, June 3).

On the last Monday of May, you will more than likely see people wearing a red poppy on their shirt. The idea was made by Moina Michael after she made a poem in 1915 that went like this:

*We cherish too, the Poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led,
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies.*

Next, Moina thought of the idea of wearing red poppies on Memorial Day. She started to wear one every year and then she began to sell poppies to her friends and co-workers. Eventually the tradition of wearing a red poppy spread all around the nation and soon all over the world.

Many people started to pass on traditions from generation to generation. These ideas have made an incredible effect on United States history and have inspired everyone. I hope that they have succeeded for you in many ways.

Congrats
Grads!

*John, Kate H., Thea, Tyler, Evan, Brittany, Derek, Carolyn, Richie, Mike,
Ryan S., Amanda,, Katie, Natalia, Bianca, Gabbi, Emily, Justina, Nick, Alex.,
Nikki, Maddy, Drew, Rachael, Sergio, Monica P., Ryan Q., Ellie, Monica S., Kristina*

You'll
Never Be
Forgotten!

We Present to you:

THE CLASS OF 2010

Good Times

By: Jenna

I asked several eight graders one question: *What is your favorite memory from St. Pat's?*

Here are the responses from Mrs. Oldis' class...

Evan- eating pie on the bus

Natalia- almost falling in the lake at Camp Duncan with Anna and Katie

Nikki- laughing at squirrels at church with Natalia, Anna, Katie, Ellie, Kelly, and Monica

Ryan- when Emily tripped down the stairs

Kate-"egg" and recess

Ellie- 6th grade literature class with Anna and Katie

Ashley- 5th grade when Erica fell in the trash can

Rich- going to church

Maddy- computers

John- Jog-A-Thon

Rachel- Jog-A-thon and Van Patten Woods

Justina- singing in computers

Gabbi- lunch

Thea- chuckling and meeting Shanaynay at the finish line, and in religion class
that the scenic route isn't all that much better. than the highway

Tyler- learning how to dance

Brittany-5th grade science class and 8th grade math class with Kate.. "egg"

...And the responses from Mrs. Jennings' class...

Anna- my 6th grade literature table

Katie- math class with 8A

Carolyn- putting makeup on Jack on the bus and croaking to the fribbet with kayterz

Gabby- the last day of 7th grade

Jessica- my last year at St. Pats

Christina- my friend falling in the garbage can

Erica- fourth grade with Mrs. Johnson

Meagan- the first day of 8th grade

Jack and Garrett- Camp Duncan, Jog-A-Thon, and math class

Nathan- Camp Duncan

Dean- my friends and teachers

Ryan- being moved up to the A Class

Haley and Tara- Mrs. Jennings' facial expressions in math class, Jog-A-Thon

Good
Luck In
High
School!

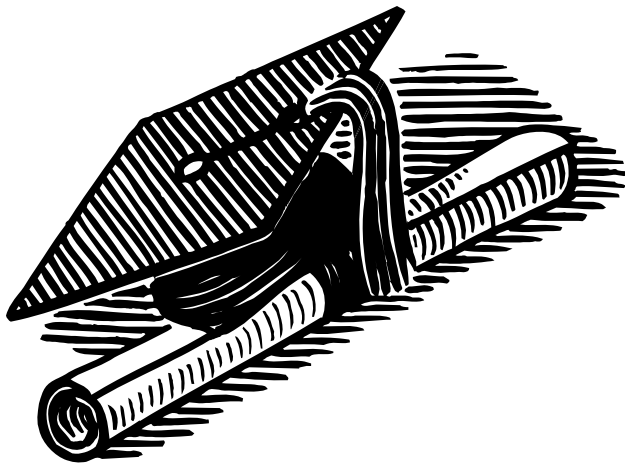
*Andy, Kenny, Kelly S., Ashley, Anna, Madi, Matt, Dean, Adam, Gabby, Cristina,
Jake, Sophia, Tara, Anthony, Joe, Nathan, Meagan, Haley, Jack, Sean, Kelly P.,
Jack, Jessie, Zac, Kyra, Will, Erica, Garrett, Jess,*

St. Pat's
Loves The
8th Grade!

The Last Dance

By: Kara Z.

On Friday, May 14th, the 8th graders had their last dance. The 7th graders hosted the dance for the eighth graders. From fast upbeat songs, like "Party in the USA" to slow, sad songs like "Fifteen", it was an emotional night for the 8th graders. During the "Graduation Song" the eighth grade gathered together in a giant circle with their arms around each other and sang the song for the last time together. It was also emotional for the 7th graders, because they knew that they would be having their graduation dance next year.



Does Music Help With Your Homework?

By: Angela

When doing a math equation or reading a section of your science chapter, does it help to listen to music while at it? Some people find it distracting while others say it helps them concentrate. But most Jr. High students say it helps with doing their homework. My friend and I conducted a survey to test this question.

Here is what some Jr. High students have to say on the subject –

“No sorry it doesn’t, because the music distracts me and gets to my head so I can’t concentrate on my homework enough!”

“It helps because it makes me work faster because I want to listen to it.”

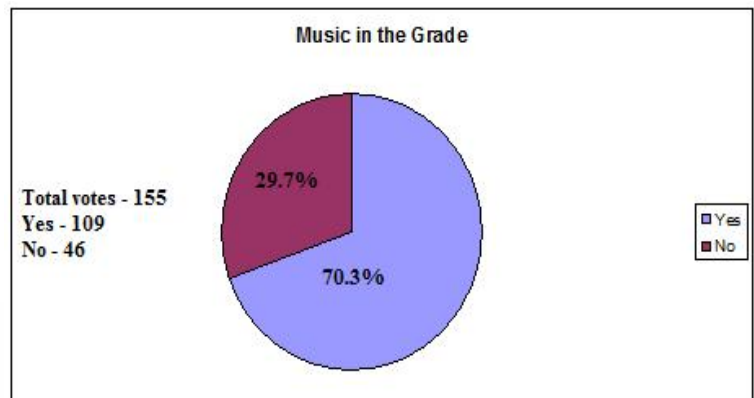
“It doesn’t help because it distracts me from my work and it makes me want to get up and dance or sing along rather than do my homework.”

“Music helps you whenever you do your homework, because the sounds help you concentrate more on what you are doing than silence. Silence lets you imagine things and makes boredom go away.”

“If you’re listening to music your can get our brain working, or if you’re listening to educational music.”

As for my opinion, I think it helps a lot, since music is actually scientifically proven to raise your logical abilities. But music can take the form of distraction or a blessing, just choose wisely. And make sure that you get that homework done right!

(Note – Not all of the Junior High has voted, whether it was because of neutralism, not listening to music, or absence.)



	Yes	No	total
6s	16	7	28
6g	13	8	21
7c	25	8	32
7o	17	11	28
8o	20	5	25
8j	18	7	21
	109	46	155