

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 12/10—
Christmas
Pageant &
Concert 7 pm
- 12/18—4th
Grade Tag
Sale
- 12/23 Benedic-
tion 9 am &
Dismissal
10:55
- 1/4 School Re-
sumes



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The Monster Mash by Emma Giorgio



On October 30th, the Saint Mary middle school had their first dance of the year! The night was filled with singing, dancing, and having fun with friends. This year we have a new edition to our middle school; the sixth grade class. They were so excited for their first dance. They didn't

know what to expect. Nonetheless, they danced the night away and had a great time! At 7:00, the middle schoolers started to file into the hall and they danced until 9:00 when the dance wrapped up and their last song filled the room. The DJ played

Michael Jackson's *Thriller* to get everyone in the Halloween spirit before they left. Throughout the evening, the students "monster mashed" and "boogied" it up. I think it is safe to say that everyone had a wonderful time singing along to their favorite songs,

dancing, and socializing as a middle school that night. It was a really enjoyable event!



Red, White, and Veterans by Claire Stanziale

On November 9, 2009, the elementary and middle school held a Veterans Day assembly in the hall. The assembly started with a prayer and members of the student council, including Andrew Ostrosky, Kathryn Middlebrook, and Claire Stanziale said some opening words. The eighth grade led the crowd in the pledge and then students from each grade read what Veterans Day meant

to them. Each class then sang and the eighth grade read poems for the honored guests. The honored guests were veterans from various wars. At the end of the assembly the veterans talked about their time in different wars and how it effected their lives. Then the color guards, Cara Capilli, Victoria Rio, and Nikolai Hubiak retired the colors. It was a wonderful way to honor the

brave men & women who have sacrificed so much for our country.



Moving Up By Emily Spahn



Both the Kindergarteners and 6th Grade moved up this year. The Kindergarteners moved up from Preschool to Kindergarten and the 6th Grade moved on from Elementary School to Middle School. Some Kindergarteners and Sixth graders got to be interviewed about the new school year. Kindergarteners Peter



Harco, and Katie Gilland both said that they love both their teachers. Both agreed that Math was their favorite subject. They said they really like their classmates and learning a lot. Sixth Graders Devin Maltas and Isabella Rendon were also interviewed. They both said they like having the choice of going to recess or

study hall. They were asked about the transition from 5th Grade to Middle School. Devin Maltas answered saying there was a big difference, but he was getting used to the new expectations. Isabella Rendon said she felt prepared & was excited. They both like their teachers and changing classes, but it can be hard sometimes. The 6th Graders and the Kindergarteners are liking school and getting used to their teachers and routines.

Two Generations Come Together

By : Sarah Strange



This year, Mrs. Fahey's fourth grade class put on Halloween a play for played Halloween bingo with senior citizens. Mrs. Fahey handed out flyers at Ballard Green, and Founders Hall to come and have fun. The play was called "Halloween Came to Be". The play had very interesting characters like a rabbit, a clown, Saint Joan of Arc, and Santa Claus. All seniors and parents had a fun time watching and they all enjoyed it. After the

play everyone had yummy snacks and played Bingo. This was one of last events of the day. The rules were, you had to get across, down, or diagonal to get a bingo. The first winner was Kaitlin Edwardson. The next winners were Elizabeth Span, Michael Knick, and Jill Harrington. The prizes were ghost lollipops. There were Hallow-

een noises and cries everywhere. It was so loud. There were delicious snacks that the classmates made themselves. Mrs. Fahey was the host of bingo. The students also decorated pumpkins. Some had big pompom eyes and creepy smiles. Others had googly eyes and marker smiles. Afterwards, they said goodbye and headed back to their class. This year everyone had a terrific, fun time!



A New Year Brings New Teachers by Eve Jeffries

It's the start of a new school year and with that comes new teachers! This year, Madame Buttrick is our French teacher for the seventh and eighth grade. Ms. DeRito and Ms. Sexton are the elementary school assistants. I had the chance to give small interviews with each teacher and here are some of their responses. When asked, "What would your dream job be if you weren't a French teacher?", Madame Buttrick replied, " Oh! I would be a linguistic anthropologist, (a studier of languages). When you study a language it is absolutely amazing how the words you choose influence society." When questioned, "Have you al-

ways wanted to work in a classroom? Ms. Sexton replied, "I have always loved working with children so the classroom seemed like the best place." When Ms. DeRito was asked, "Would you ever change to another job?" she replied, "I think I'll always work in a school; I love the energy the students and teachers bring! Being a teacher has been on my mind since I was very young and after studying to become a teacher during college. I cannot see myself doing anything else!" Welcome back to the 2009-2010

school year everyone, and welcome to all the new teachers!



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- Madame Buttrick

Great Praise for Pie by Sarah Carey

On November 25th the whole school and many parents attended the annual Prayer, Praise, and Pie. Ms. Backus started with some opening words. Kindergarten through second grade sang songs, including *The First Thanksgiving*. Then the third grade recited their poem. Students from all grades shared what they were thankful for including Paige Kozlicky and Robert Miller from Kindergarten. Gianna Vallone and Thomas Volgende read for first grade. Brian Douglas and Kyra Linekin read for second grade. Anna Richards and Chris Martinez read for third grade. Kaitlin Edwardson and Kevin Arnold read for fourth grade. Carly Vallone read for fifth grade. Devin Maltas read for

sixth grade. He was thankful for his mom and dad. Carey Depuy read for seventh grade. Lastly, Abbey Horton read for eighth grade. Cara Capilli and Andrew Ostrosky told the story of the song Amazing Grace. The fourth grade also shared a video slide show of pictures and told what the whole class is thankful for. Monsignor said a closing prayer and an Our Father. Overall, the Prayer, Praise, and Pie this year was great.



Join us for

Benediction & Rosary

Wednesday,
December 23
9:00 in the church



This is one holiday tradition you don't want to miss!



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A Thanksgiving Plea by Rachel Giorgio



Don't forget to start saving your change up for the annual 4th Grade Tag Sale!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2009

IN THE GYM

Lots of great items! Fun & Games for everyone!

To benefit Cody Dingey!

