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Scoopies Night At Culver's

Many of our teachers, along with our principal, Mrs. Paula Calvert, participated in a fundraising night on Tuesday, Nov. 30th at Culver's Restaurant. It was an astounding success with every seat in the house taken and many of our St. Rene families in attendance. Thank you to all participants and attendees.



Christmas Traditions and Macy's Tree

By: Two of our 6th Grade Reporters

At Christmas, it is a time of family traditions.

Although many of us have different traditions due to our nationalities and heritage, they are still important to us because it means family. Some of us go to a family member's house, some make special food and some might even go to the movies. Our downtown store fronts are decorated and many families go to see them every year.

In Junior High, the students wrote essays about their own personal family traditions. For example, a 8th Grader tells, " We have an unusual meal. Some families have ham; mine has sloppy joes and mostaccioli." This is a tradition started by her great grandfather. Mrs. Bianchi started going to Midnight Mass as a child and still goes today. After mass, the family opens one present.

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A new tradition in Chicago is the Macy's tree. Since being in Chicago, they put up a huge tree at their store on State Street, which many people come to see along with the store windows. Before Macy's, the store windows to see were in Marshall Field's and an old time tradition was to eat at their Walnut Room.

Traditions mean a lot to families. It is one way of bringing the family together. Think about your own family traditions. They don't have to be for just the holidays. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Pt. 1

By: 6th Grade Reporter

There were lines to the doors of movie theaters on November 20th when people went to see the breath-taking film Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows : Part One. Harry, Ron, and Hermione are on a mysterious adventure to find the horcruxes needed to help defeat Voldemort and they will not stop until they get them. Even if you do not like magic, you should still see this film which is also a message about friendship. Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows: Part One is a funny and surprising film. Stay tuned for Part Two.

Elections

By: Two of our 6th Grade Reporter

Republican? Democrat? Independent? Is there a party you believe in more than the other? Coming early next year, the citizens of Chicago, will be asked to vote in a mayoral election which will not include Mayor Richard M. Daley. After serving since 1989,



he has elected not to run for another term. Some of the many candidates who will be running for mayor are: Gery Chico, Rahm Emanuel, Danny Davis and Carol Moseley Braun. This is an important position because you are responsible for so many people. Whoever you decide to vote for, you must choose wisely.

St. Vincent DePaul Food Drive

By: 6th Grade Reporter

St. Rene’s, 6th grade class, hosted the St. Vincent DePaul Food Drive. It was a big success this year. The people who helped out estimated that we had about \$2,000 worth of food. We did a great job. All of the 6th graders put on a little play and showed it to each class.



It was a fun way of getting people involved. What might have helped us out a lot is that people who came to church also donated. We also couldn't have done it without the participation of the St. Rene students. We received most of our donations from them. The 6th graders had a lot of fun doing this and couldn't have done it without Ms. Grzenia and Ms. Pirman.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth

By: 6th Grade Reporter



If you’re looking for a good book, Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth is the book for you! Diary book owner, Greg Hefley, is going through some tough changes at his new school, but he finds a way to have fun with it! Along with these changes, he’s also having problems with his friend, Rowley, over summer break. So if you would like a good laugh, try all of the books in the series.

Christmas Musical

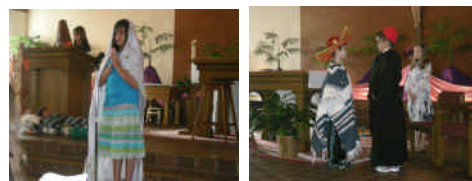
By: 5th Grade Reporter

On December 20th, St. Rene’s music classes performed in church for the students, teachers and parents. All of the numbers, such as the 6th graders singing “Merry Christmas to you from the Red, White and Blue, along with the 7th and 8th grades singing “North Pole Rock & Roll were hits.

Hope everyone gets what they want for Christmas.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Play

By: 5th Grade Reporter



On December 10th and 11th, the fifth grade class performed their annual “Our Lady of Guadalupe” play. Every year the fifth graders put on this play to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

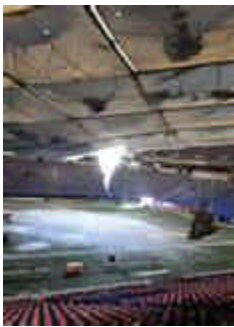
Mrs. McGuire and her class put great effort into this program. It helps us to know and understand the true story of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This play has been a St. Rene tradition for many years.

SPORTS

NFL News:

By: 5th Grade Reporter

After a slow start the Chicago Bears are in 1st place in the NFC North Division. The Bears have been doing great this year with a record of 10-4. They are not only atop the NFC North, but are also atop the NFL. While the Packers had a slow start, they are still only one game behind the Bears. They were blowing everyone out of the water until being badly beaten by the New England Patriots on December 12th. In other NFL news, Brett Favre of the Minnesota Vikings was hurt on Dec. 5th with an injury to his throwing shoulder. He was given an extra day of rest due to the collapse of the



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Metrodome stadium roof from the weekend's big snowfall. However, his record starts of 297 games in a row has now ended because of this injury. It's probably also

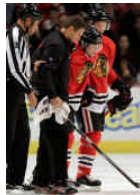
the end of his career, although the news reports that he will still probably play out the season. Travis Jackson, who had led the Vikings to their largest win this season took over as quarterback.

Michael Vick, first season as a starter, is also turning out well. He is ranked very highly among QB's but people are more surprised by his personal turnaround after his troubles a few years ago.

Chicago Blackhawks:

By: 6th Grade Reporter

Goal!!!! The 2011 Chicago Blackhawks season is underway. Trying to defend their 2010 Stanley Cup title has not been going well so far. The Hawks are in 3rd place in the Western Conference Central Division. They stand with a 16-13-3 as of December 15th. As



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for the players, Patrick Sharp leads the team with 17 goals and 31 points and Patrick Kane, until his injury was second in total scoring. Currently, the Hawks are on their annual "Circus Trip". This is a long road trip caused by the circus performing at the United Center. On November 24th, Stanley Cup winning goalie Antti Niemi faced his former team. Over the off season Niemi signed with the San Jose Sharks. This caused the Hawks to sign former Dallas goalie Marty Turco. The result of that game though was a 5-2 Sharks win. The next match up of these two teams was December 11th. Hopefully the Hawk's slow start doesn't affect their run at another Stanley Cup title.

St. Rene Basketball

By: 6th Grade Reporter

Sixth Grade Basketball is off to a good start after winning their first game. They practice dribbling drills in the school hall around the chairs. Our 5th grade team of 10 players is currently 1-2 at Hale Park and 1-1 at Wentworth. Fifth and sixth played each other on December 15th.

Scouts

St. Rene Girl Scouts:

By: 5th Grade Reporter

St. Rene Boy Scouts:

By: 5th Grade Reporter

The junior Girl Scout troop has been busy. They went to camp in Indiana on Halloween weekend. All the Girl Scouts from our area were there. First place was given to our local Girl Scout troop in the scarecrow contest! The scarecrow will stay at camp because it was so awesome. On November 2nd the Girl Scouts went to the senior center, played bingo with them, and gave them all turkeys. The seniors won prizes and had a lot of fun. All the St. Rene Girl Scouts made ornaments such as: eye patches, treasure chests, and a skull pirate to hang on a Christmas tree at Brookfield Zoo. Our St. Rene tree is Tree 341. Finally, the Junior Girl Scouts watched Lion King the Musical on November 24th. It was spectacular! Upcoming trips include: a Christmas and skating party, and a Chicago Wolves game

The Boy Scout Troop had their annual spaghetti dinner on Saturday, November 14th. They would like to thank everyone who came.

In January, the Boy Scouts are going to participate in the Klondike Derby, which is a winter survival skills contest. In February, St. Rene is hosting a First Aid Meet. All of the other troops in the area will come to learn and compete on how to handle emergency situations with only a first aid kit.

