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Melinda Barrett, Kevin Draftz, and Christine Chan from the State's Attorney's Office



Political News

By: Two of our 7th
Grade Reporters

State's Attorney's Office
by: 7th Grade Reporter

Recently I had the opportunity to interview Melinda Barrett (Hispanic Liaison), Kevin Draftz (Community Coordinator), and Christine Chan, (Asian Pacific American Liaison) from the State's Attorney's office. They gave presentations to grades five through eight. Their presentation to grades five and six involved a person's self image. They told us that when feeling all alone, some children turn to gangs so that they can be part of something. Rather than looking to the gangs, children should consider joining other youth groups, often sponsored in their local communities. By becoming more involved in positive activities such as baseball or other athletic activities, you can improve on your self image. Also, joining these gangs can sometimes lead to prison. This can ruin your future because finding a job as a convicted criminal can be very, very hard.

After their presentations, I questioned them on the challenges and benefits of working at the State's Attorney's Office. All three told me that they hope to be in the office for a long time because they truly love it there. Going to visit the schools is one of their favorite things to do. In a year's time, they will visit over 300 schools, and while this is one of the benefits, it's also one of their challenges. They would like to help all of the children from the schools which they visited, but unfortunately, there just aren't enough hours or staff to do as much as they would like. However, they'll keep going because it's important for the students to know that there is always someone willing to listen to them.

This was a great opportunity for me to be involved in this interview of three very dedicated public servants.

February 2nd was primary election day in Illinois. It was a very important day as the state is having its first election to replace ex-Governor Rod Blagojevich. He even managed to get himself into the news by making some remarks about President Obama, which were considered racist. He later apologized.

In the Democratic Primary, acting Governor Pat Quinn narrowly won over Dan Hynes. The vote separation was about 7000 votes.

In the Republican Primary, the race is even closer. Bill Brady holds about a 400 vote lead over Kirk Dillard. This race is still being contested and is possible to go to a recount. Andy McKenna who was also in the race took many of the votes which are now forcing the other two candidates into the recount.

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Kindergarten Activities

By: Two of Our
5th Grade Reporters

Our Kindergarten class is and has been busy learning, learning, learning. Some recent curriculum lessons are: healthy eating habits (food pyramid, and identifying people who keep us healthy), time and measurement, and reading their 4th story. Activities have included: name the baby picture, grandparents day & 100 days of school, where they dressed as people from 100 years ago.



St. Rene Service Projects

By: Three of Our
5th Grade Reporters

Throughout the school year we have reported on the school service projects. Here are the projects for third and fourth grades..

Third Grade is working with the Share and Care program. The program allows the class to choose one animal and they take care of it. They chose from 75 animals, narrowed it down to fifteen, and then chose a polar bear named Hudson. By crushing clean soda cans and bringing them in to school, they hope to raise \$35 that will buy food, water, medicine, toys, and anything else the animal needs. Last year they had a snow leopard, named Biscuit. At the end of the year, they will go to Brookfield Zoo and see the animal, and how it is doing.

Fourth Grade works with the HCA, Holy Childhood Association. They collect money in mission banks and they send it to different countries. It will go to the poor kids in need. They will be sending these items to Senegal and other countries in need. One person from HCA came in, talked about the countries and said they were doing very well so far. For \$5, they can buy milk for 1 child for 1 month. They can buy 75 pencils for \$3, which can be used by the students, and \$4 buys bread for 10 children for 1 week.

We hope that by reading and learning about our school's service projects, you will want to become involved. Donations for these projects can be brought to the school at any time.

Wicked Lovely

By: 7th Grade Reporter



Do NOT look at them, talk to them, or interact with them. Leave the invisible faeries alone. Your life depends on it! *Wicked Lovely* by Melissa Marr, the first book in the *Wicked Lovely Series*, is about a 17 year old named Aislinn, who sees invisible faeries. They stare, they mock, and sometimes kill the townspeople of a small city known as Huntsdale. At Aislinn's Catholic school, one of the former invisible faeries named Keenan takes the form of a human body to enroll in the school and meet Aislinn. He believes she could be the next Summer Queen for the throne of faeries. Aislinn knows the tricks of the faeries and how they get people to love them because of their beauty. She tries to resist him, but it doesn't last long. Will Aislinn fall under Keenan's spell? Will she become Summer Queen? Read the intense and amazing *Wicked Lovely* to find out! The next two books in the series are *Ink Exchange* and *Fragile Eternity*.

Confirmation

By: 5th Grade Reporter



Bishop Gustavo Garcia Siller

They did it. The 7th and 8th grade made their Confirmation! Bishop Gustavo Siller Garcia came to officiate at the Mass. I, personally, was very proud of my brother, Joey Bragiel, who was confirmed.

All students had to prepare for Confirmation by choosing their saint name, studying their saint's life, and also performing community service. However, as any student will tell you, service time doesn't end with Confirmation. The students will still volunteer their time to help in their communities. All students confirmed made a banner with their saint's name on it and wore a red robe with their chosen Confirmation name stenciled on.



St. Rene Sports
By: Two of Our 5th Grade Reporters



The night St. Rene's 5th grade basketball team played against St. Jane was a very tough game. In the first half, St. Jane scored 12 points, but St. Rene only scored 2 points. No points were scored by St. Rene in the second half. St. Jane made three more baskets for a final score of 18-2.

In another recent game against our own 6th grade team, the 5th grade team scored 12 points. It was a very hard game because it was against our fellow students. In the two halves the 6th grade team scored 21 total points for a final score of 21-12.

Catholic Schools Week
By: Two of Our 5th Grade Reporters

There were many activities that took place during Catholic School's week. To name a few: Crazy Hat Day, Crazy Sock Day, and the Geography Bee.

Crazy Hat Day was great. It was really amazing how many students wore cowboy hats. Even Mrs. DeSantis wore an all pink cowboy hat. Mrs. Bianchi, the librarian, wore a Dr. Seuss hat. Crazy Hat day was so many things. It was cool, spectacular, and especially crazy!



One minute ...that's all you got in the Geography Bee. Although, it seems short, our smart students of St. Rene answered rather quickly. Even though everyone

In 5th and 6th grade volleyball, the Gold team is still undefeated and has a spectacular chance of winning 1st place again! The Green team has been doing well, but has lost 4 games at the time of this article.

Last game for the green team was against the sixth graders of St. Symphorosa. The Gold team played St. Syms fifth grade volleyball team. They won very easily against them.

In the December edition of our paper, the story regarding our 7th and 8th grade basketball team. We sincerely regret our error of omitting the name of a basketball player.

who participated did great, there could only be one winner. It was the 8th grade team. The 7th grade class came in second, 6th and 5th grades tied for third and 4th grade came in fourth. When Mrs. McGuire announced the winner, everyone went crazy. Although the 7th grade was rather disappointed because they were neck and neck with 8th grade, they still congratulated them.

Crazy socks day was another activity for Catholic School's Week. Even teachers wore crazy socks. Although it was fun, it is about to get challenging. See if you can match the students with their crazy socks. Pictures are posted outside the Computer Lab.

Horoscopes
By: 7th Grade Reporter



Pisces (Feb. 19– March 20)- Get your head in the game! Join activities. It wouldn't hurt to get involved and enjoy an adventure.



Aries (March 21– April 19)- Walking under ladders has become a habit of yours. You keep picking, but all you find are 3-leaf-clovers. You've got loads of luck, just not the positive kind.



Taurus (April 20– May 20)- Love is in the air. Prince Charming has come to your rescue. It's the story book ending that you've always dreamed about. They live happily ever after.



Gemini (May 21– June 20)- Victory shall be yours! You shall succeed in something you hadn't thought possible. Expect the unexpected.

Justin Bieber
By: Two of Our 5th Grade Reporters



Attention all Justin Bieber fans! "One Time" is one of the best songs on the charts. Justin Bieber wrote this song to tell people that you only have "One Time" to tell a girl that you like her and you're only going to tell her "One Time". You can listen to this song on youtube.com and see the music video and learn the lyrics. Also, if you have an I-Pod you can download this song on I-Tunes, but only with your parent's permission.

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Double Layer Chocolate Pie

By: 5th Grade Reporter

Ingredients

- 4oz. Cream cheese –softened
- 1tbsp each milk and sugar
- 1 (8 oz.) tub Cool Whip, whipped topping, thawed
- 1 prepared chocolate flavor crumb crust (6 oz.)
- 2 cups cold milk
- 2 pkgs. (4 serving size) JELL-O chocolate flavor instant pudding and pie filling.



Mix cream cheese, 1 tablespoon milk and sugar in large bowl with wire whisk until smooth. Gently stir 1½ cups of whipped topping. Spread on bottom of crust.

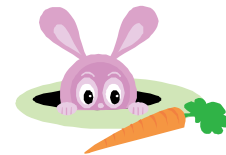
Pour 2 cups of milk into bowl. Add pudding mix. Beat with wire whisk until well mixed. (Mixture will be thick) Immediately stir in remaining whipped topping. Spread over cream cheese layer

Refrigerate—4 hours or until set. Garnish with additional topping if desired. Store leftover pie in refrigerator.

Easter Word Search

By: Two of Our 7th Grade Reporters

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Simpsons' 20th Anniversary

By Two of Our 5th Grade Reporters

The Simpsons have been broadcast on Fox television for 20 years. With the teamwork of Matt Groening and Ricky Gervais, along with many more, much dedication and hard work was put into making the show a success. Since December 17, 1989, the show has broadcast 452 episodes over 21 seasons. It was created to represent the American lifestyle and although at times the subject matter could be questioned, they always tried to do it with humor.