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**Mrs. DeSantis Says Goodbye to St. Rene**

**By: 7th Grade Reporter**

After eight years (since 2002) as Principal of St. Rene Goupil School, Marlene DeSantis is saying goodbye. Her future plans include spending time with her 2 grandchildren, traveling any time of the year and perhaps getting a part time job.

Marlene DeSantis has been in education for over 30 years. Although when she was younger she wanted to become a singer/actress, but she didn't follow through on it.

She began her career as a math teacher. I asked her why Math, and she said that she thought it was fun, like figuring out a puzzle. She then moved on to become an assistant principal and finally to Principal of St. Rene Goupil School.

She was fortunate to have many role models throughout her school years, like her brother, who is also a teacher. However, her greatest source of inspiration has been her mother- a quiet, dignified woman who always pointed her in the right direction.

Being with young people keeps you young, says Mrs. DeSantis, but



*Being interviewed by our reporter*

if she could have had any other profession, it would be a carpenter. Jesus was a carpenter and could take a piece of material and turn it into something beautiful. If you think about it, this is what a teacher also hopes to accomplish.

In asking Mrs. DeSantis what she thought her major accomplishment has been at St. Rene, she replied, "developing wonderful relationships with our families." Many have said they would like to keep in touch and she really hopes that she will be able to do so. "A big part of my heart will remain here at St. Rene Goupil School and Parish. I will miss our seniors who were very supportive of me right from the beginning."

Most of all, Mrs. DeSantis says that she will miss seeing the children everyday and not being at the masses and praying with them. Her hopes and wishes for St. Rene's future is that it will continue to prosper, grow and continue their traditions.



*Reading to 8th graders during Catholic Schools week*

During her years as principal, some things in which she was instrumental in improving or implementing, was modernizing the computer lab and seeing that each classroom had computer capabilities, starting our recycling programs, adding Renaissance Place programs, and most importantly placing special importance on commitment to our faith.

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**Air, Water, and Soil Pollution**

By: 7th Grade Reporter

Pollution is more harmful than you would think. Forty percent of the deaths on Earth are caused by pollution. Not only does it hurt humans, it hurts the Earth too.

Every time you see a factory releasing smoke into the air, it is causing air pollution in that area.

If you see something floating down a river, such as a boot, a piece of cloth, or a water bottle, that is causing water pollution. Polluted water has contributed to over 15 million deaths a year.

Malnutrition is another problem which occurs because of soil pollution. Malnutrition is caused by not getting healthy food into your system and your body runs out of fuel.

You can help erase pollution by picking up that paper, not throwing things out the windows of cars, and using cleaner products. Reduce, reuse and recycle to stop pollution.

**Heck: Where the Bad Kids Go**

By: 7th Grade Reporter

After reading this book, you aren't going to want to be a rebel anymore. As Marlo goes through a mall shoplifting and being chased by police, she uses her brother Milton as her own little guinea pig. She forces him to hold her stolen items as they run looking for a place to hide. When they find refuge in a large crowd, a giant marshmallow bear explodes! Milton and Marlo pass out and wake up in an unfamiliar place. They find out that they are in Heck: a place made for bad children. The two siblings try to find a way out of Heck, but even if they do get out they must move to the second circle of Heck: Rapacia. This may be one of the strangest books you will ever read, but you won't want to stop! *Heck* is intriguing, funny and strange. Check out the second book in the series *Rapacia*.

**St. Baldrick's Day**

By: Two of our 5th Grade Reporters

St.. Baldrick's is a charity organization that helps kids with cancer.

From 2000-2010, the St. Baldrick's organization has been very successful. In that period of time, the foundation raised over 66 million dollars, held over 2,300 events, and shaved over 100,000 heads. The organization was started in 1999 by three Irish-Americans who thought it would be a good idea to use their St. Patrick's Day party to raise money for kids with cancer. Thus, the creation of St.. Baldrick's Foundation.

On March 14th St. Rene's team

made up of 5th graders shaved our heads. One student had \$300 in pledges and another had \$400 in pledges. We're very proud of this and our contribution of \$715 to this cause.



**Diary of a Wimpy Kid**

By: Two of our 5th Grade Reporters

Based on the best selling book, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, this movie is one of the funniest of the year. Greg Heffley is having trouble fitting in. He's embarrassed by his best friend Rowley, annoyed by his brothers—Manny and Rodrick, and grossed out by a neighborhood kid named Fregley—plus add in the arrival of a new character. If you're looking for something to laugh about, this is the movie for you. READ THE BOOKS!!!!!!

**2010 Talent Show**

By: Two of our 5th Grade Reporters

This year's 2010 talent show was amazing! In honor of Michael Jackson, One of our students did a fabulous job singing *Rock With You*, and 4th graders danced to *Billie Jean*. Also, the entire 8th grade class danced to a music mix, as their "Goodbye to St.. Rene" dance. All of the acts were fantastic. More than 25 students performed in the talent show. St. Rene students rock!!



The 2009-2010 Green & Gold Gazette staff wishes everyone a happy and safe summer. See you next school year.

**Horoscopes**

**By: Two of our  
7th Grade Reporters**



**Aries** (Mar 21-Apr19)- This month will bring you sorrow and understanding.

Some things in the past are meant to be forgotten. You'll experience how to forgive what was done to you by others. Life is a fragile gift, so don't let hardships break it.



**Taurus** (Apr20- May20)- You're a tiny caterpillar in its cocoon. It's time you

hatched and stretched your wings. Butterflies are emblems of spring and new birth. Time has come to give opportunities to make you a new person. Change is good, so embrace it.



**Gemini**(May21-June21)- What better time to start healthy habits than this

month. Changing your nasty habits to good ones is hard but change is what improves us as people. It's a big step, but with great rewards.



**Cancer**(June22-Jul22)-

Spring brings a little love in the air. Finding the one for you won't be easy, but it will be worth everything when you do find that special person.



**Leo** ( Jul 23- Aug 22)-

You've wanted something new like changing your hair or clothes, but you've been too busy with sports and clubs to get to the mall. Give yourself a clear weekend and go out with your friends. You'll find that the trip was worth it.



**Virgo**(Aug23-Sept22)- Day-

dream much? Well no more!! This month you'll get the chance to live out your dream. Nothing is impossible. It's time to live your dreams.



**Libra** (Sep 23- Oct 22)-

You've always been the cool, calm one who keeps the balance, but have you been craving a chance to go a little wild? The next time someone invites you to a big night out, say yes. Just make sure you don't go too crazy.



**Scorpio**(Oct24-Nov21)- Ob-

stacles will try to slow you down, but keep strong. No matter what anyone says, stick to the game because no one wants to be a quitter.



**Sagittarius** (Nov22- Dec21)-

One of your friends has been holding back a secret because they're afraid of freaking you out. Soon they'll tell you, and they'll need you to help them out of a sticky situation. Remember, they need your support, so don't judge.



**Capricorn** (Dec22- Jan19)-

You've always been so committed to school, but you've messed up a few projects and tests. (your grades have shown it too) Try not to worry though. You'll find your thinking cap again and be back at the top of the class before report cards come out.



**Aquarius** (Jan20- Feb18)- A

fight with a friend will make you feel down in the dumps. When the rest of your group invites you to an awesome night out, tag along instead of sitting at home sulking. It will help you forget the problem and recapture the fun side everyone knows you for.



**Pisces** ( Feb 19-Mar20)- Your

best friend will start up a conversation with someone new. Soon the three of you will grow close, but someone becomes jealous. Overcome this because friendships, old and new, are to be valued.



**Chicago Sports**

Baseball  
by: One of our 5th Grade Reporter and Soccer by: Another one of our 5th Grade Reporter

**Chicago White Sox**

Hotdogs, hotdogs get 'ya hotdogs! Crack! It's outta here! Let's go White Sox, let's go! These are all the sounds one could hear while at the Chicago White Sox opening day on April 5, 2010. The fans filled the stands, young ones, old ones, short ones, tall ones, and many more. The White Sox won 3-1. This year the Sox are looking great.

There are new, young players like Juan Pierre and older yet still amazing players, like Paul Konerko (who's already hit 11 homers). 2010 World Series??

**Chicago Fire Soccer**

Gooooo! The Fire home opener on April 10th against the San Jose Earthquakes was a tough game. New goalie, Andrew Dykstra, was having a problem at the goal.

Two goals, one of them an open net goal and the other a rocket to the corner, were scored against him. The Fire made one goal. Marco Pappa was the Fire player who got the goal with an assist by Patrick Nyarko. With eight new players and a new goalie, it was a tough game. This year's coach is Carlos de los Cobos, who replaced Dennis Hamlet. We're hoping for a good year!



