



# GREEN AND GOLD GAZETTE



School Photography by: One of our 7th graders and one of our 6th graders.

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## An Interview with U.S. Congressman Daniel J. Lipinski by: 5th and 7th grade reporters

Congressman with 5th Grade Reporter.



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While attending the All-American Boy and Girl Awards ceremony in April, at the Mayfield Banquet Hall, we had the opportunity to meet with U.S. Congressman Daniel Lipinski.

We requested and he graciously agreed to a phone interview with us for our school newspaper. We discovered Congressman Lipinski to be a very interesting man. He grew up in the Clearing neighborhood, attending St. Symphorosa Elementary School. He played baseball for Clear Ridge Little League for 8 years and then attended St. Ignatius College Preparatory High School. He then earned a degree in mechanical engineering from Northwestern University and a Masters degree from Stanford University.

Upon questioning him about what he'd like to do if he were not a congressman, he said that he would like to return to teaching. Before Congress, he was a Professor of Political Science at the University of Tennessee and the University of Notre Dame.

One of his many accomplishments while in Congress was when he co-wrote a bill to protect the environment. We also discussed the most important thing he would like to see changed while in

Congress. He said that he would like to develop an alternative source of energy: new types of fuel, anything which can help conserve energy. For example, federal buildings across the country use over 3 million light bulbs. By changing to the more energy efficient bulbs, the government can save money.

Congressman Lipinski believes that we should slowly begin to remove our troops from Iraq. If we take our troops out all at once, it may become extremely dangerous and violent, but he does believe our troops should come home.

We asked Congressman Lipinski who he thought would be the best candidate for the presidency. He is supporting Senator Barack Obama, because he brings excitement, energy, and hope with the promise of change.

Finally, Congressman Lipinski mentioned one of his greatest hopes for today's youth of America, is that we always have opportunities to improve ourselves and to stand up for good; to help those unable to help themselves.

Interviewing Congressman Lipinski was an honor and privilege. He is an inspiration to us to be more aware of things happening around the country and world. He made us realize we have the power to change things for the better.



Congressman Lipinski with our 7th grade reporter and one of our 8th graders.



## Alumni Corner

By: One of our 6th and 7th grade reporters



### Ms. Gracz—Class of 2006

When she was at St. Rene, she played softball, volleyball, and she was a cheerleader. Her favorite grade was 8th grade because she liked the activities, such as Student Council, May Crowning, and Confirmation.

Her favorite part of school was seeing friends, many of whom she still sees, and her favorite subject was math. One of her favorite memories of St. Rene was the mouse in 1st grade and everyone running around.

Since leaving St. Rene for High School, she's seen attendance at our school increase. She is now dancing while in high school.

She plans to go to a fashion college and hopes to make a living as a fashion designer.

### Mr. Kisala— Class of 2007

Although only out of St. Rene for one year, He is already making a name for himself.

Since going on to High School he has participated in many activities, two of which have earned him great recognition.

He was the SSC Tournament Champion in wrestling for the red division and only lost by 4 points in the blue division in his conference, ( a conference is a group of schools). He practices over 2 hours every day and hopes to continue in this sport.

He has also participated in Science tournaments, earning a 1st place finish in physics and 3 bronze medals for physics, chemistry and biology.

Keep watching for more news. Maybe one day we'll see him in the Olympics.

## More Alumni News



Two of our 2004 graduates have been accepted at East Coast colleges. They are:

Mr. Ramirez—Yale

Mr. Hanes—Boston College

Congratulations to both of them!

### St. Rene's Favorite Books

by: Two of our 5th grade reporters

Continuing our survey from the last issue, we asked grades 3, 4 and 5 to name their three favorite books.

1. Diary of a Wimpy Kid
2. Goosebumps (a variety)
3. Series of Unfortunate Events





## Pope Benedict XVI

by: Two of our 6th Grade Reporters



Joseph Ratzinger, A.K.A. Pope Benedict XVI was born April 16, 1927, on Holy Saturday. He was born in Marktl am Inn, Germany. He is our 256th pope, elected on April 19, 2005 after the death of Pope John Paul II. His mother was a cook for hotels and his father was a police officer.

Pope Benedict grew up during World War II. In 1941, at age 14 he was forced to join Hitler's youth groups. He didn't attend a single meeting.

Pope Benedict XVI was ordained a priest on June 29, 1951 by Cardinal Faulhaber and in June, 1977, he was named Cardinal by Pope Paul VI.

The Pope doesn't usually travel outside of Rome, but we were very thankful that he traveled to the U. S. in April. While he was here, he visited Washington D. C. on April 15th through 17th, meeting with President and Mrs. Bush and their daughter, Jenna. He also held Mass at National Stadium.

While in New York, on April 18-20th, he celebrated his 81st birthday and held Mass at Yankee Stadium.

One of his most important stops in New York was his trip to the 9/11 Memorial. He led all in prayer.

## Very Spiritual Optical Illusion

by: 5th Grade Reporter

When you first look at the picture to the right, you think it just looks strange. Stare into the picture for 45 seconds. When the time is up, look at a blank wall, and you will see the image of Jesus.



## Earth Day

By: 5th Grade Reporter



The Earth Day sale was a huge success!! Grades three through five made various items, such as robots, out of recyclable materials. Every last item was sold. The money earned, which was \$137.56, will be used to buy flowers to plant around the school. Thanks to everyone who participated in the sale.

## St. Rene Talent Show

By: 7th Grade Reporter

Watch out Broadway, here comes St. Rene. From singing to dancing to magicians to a comedian, this year's talent show had it all. Mrs. Halusek thought there was a great deal of talent and was fun and diverse, while Mrs. DeSantis was so proud of the hard work. With Father Tom's permission, the profit of \$600 will be used to buy two more parts for the stage. Mrs. Sikora would love to have more students participate next year. It will be hard to top.

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**Horton Hears a Who!**

By 5th Grade Reporter

Horton Hears A Who is the story of a giant elephant who lives in a jungle and finds a speck of dust that seems to talk to him. Horton finds out that little people called "Whos" are living in Whoville on a speck of dust! A "know-it-all" jungle kangaroo thinks Horton is crazy and bands together with other animals against Horton. The jungle animals want to destroy the speck and the "Whos". Will Whoville be destroyed? Will Horton save the Whos? See the movie to find out.

The lesson in this movie is that "a person is a person no matter how small." Rated G

**Nim's Island**

By: 5th Grade Reporter

Abigail Breslin and Jodie Foster star in *Nim's Island*. *Nim* (Abigail Breslin) lives on an uncharted island with her marine biologist dad, Jack (Gerard Butler). When he leaves to look for a new type of plankton, Nim is left alone. Trouble strikes the island and Jack's small boat. Meanwhile, best selling author, Alexandra Rover (Jodie Foster) struggling to finish her book, e-mails Nim. When men come to the island to try to turn it into a resort spot, Alexandra comes to the island to help Nim. No one know what has happened to Jack. Can he survive the waters of the Pacific, hungry sharks, a flooded boat and get back to Nim in one piece? Rated PG

**Chicken Dip Recipe by:  
7th Grade Reporter**



Ingredients

2—large cans of Swanson's chicken breast

1— large jar of chunky salsa- medium or mild

1—large package of taco seasoning mix

1—8 oz. pkg. of shredded cheddar or Mexican cheese

Step 2—Mix in salsa and seasoning mix

Step 3—Place cheese on top

Step 4—Put in 350° oven for about 25 minutes or until cheese is melted.

Serve with tortilla chips, this snack is delicious!

Directions

Step 1—Drain liquid from cans of chicken, put chicken in an 8x11 or 9x13 pan, break up with fork.

"Idol" source information - Murray, Josh, [American Idol, The Journey to Stardom.](#)

Meredith Books.

**American Idols—Where Are They Now?**

By: 6th Grade Reporter

Season 1-Kelly Clarkson had a huge hit, "Because of You" with a newly released album, My December.

Season 2 -Ruben Studdard's song "Home", is the current theme song for this year's departing contestants.

Fantasia Barino -3- is on Broadway in The Color Purple.

Carrie Underwood - Season 4 winner, had her album go platinum 6 times.

Taylor Hicks—Season 5—debut album sold 1 million copies

Jordin Sparks—Season 6 with a platinum hit for "Tattoo and No Air".

Season 7 winner—David Cook