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Breaking News: New Water Fountain in the Gym

By: Teddy Almeter and Jordan Yaniga

You may have noticed that a special, new addition has been made to the water fountain in the gym's lobby. This new addition has a sensor where you can put your empty water bottle and it will automatically fill your bottle with water. This addition can help save plastic water bottles that are thrown away. It even counts the number of water bottles that have been saved by just refilling your unfilled bottle. This is a great new addition to help save plastic water bottles. Let's see what the students think about it...

Q1: How do you like the new water fountain over at the gym?

Q2: Do you like it better than before?

Megan McFetridge- 5th Grade

A1: I like it. I wish I could play with it.

A2: I like it way better!

Rayna Andrews- 7th Grade

A1: It's great!

A2: Hah yeah!

Maria Brush- 6th Grade

A1: Yes, it actually gets you cold water!

A2: Yes a lot!

Jimmy Moon- 8th Grade

A1: Yes "it's swaggy."

A2: Ohh yeah!

Jake Daum- 7th Grade

A1: I like it because you get a nice refreshing drink.

A2: Yeah it's colder

Christine Ursiny- 4th Grade

A1: It's good.

A2: Yes I do.

Bryson Pavlik- 3rd Grade

A1: I like it a lot.

A2: Yes, I think it is!

Jax Vovaris- 1st Grade

A1: It's good.

A2: Yeah.

Student Spotlight



Meet the winners of the hat contest from Catholic School's Week!

Cool Activities in the 'Burgh

By: Livia Chase and Ryan Cooper

To start the month of February Pittsburgh men's basketball team has been in a little bit of a slump losing three straight games against Duke, Louisville, and Virginia Tech. The team is currently at #10 in the ACC conference with a low 500% winning record going into February. A couple of key games this month include #10 Louisville, which is away on the 11th, #13 North Carolina and #2 Virginia.

In February, Pittsburg is alive with activity! You can go to many musicals- including *The Little Mermaid* and *Beauty and the Beast*. There are also multiple events going on at the Carnegie Library and Science Center, including *The Reel Story: The Secret Life of Bees* and *StormFest*.

Editorial

By: Zoe Abel

Hello everyone and I hope you having a great year so far! February is a month full activities and events at the school. February 14th is Valentine's Day and we have off on President's Day which is February 16th. Ash Wednesday is on the 18th and marks the start of the Lenten season. Lent is a time of prayer and fasting to prepare for Easter. Make sure you think about what you are going to give up this year for Lent.

Movie Reviews

By: Jacob Daum and Justin North

6th Grade and Down

Night at the Musuem: Secret of the Tombs

Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tombs is a perfect movie to see. This movie involves great historic stories coming to life with the magic golden tablet of an Egyptian pharaoh, who was given this tablet by his father. Then, all of a sudden the tablet starts to turn green which causes all of the historic artifacts at the museum to act strange. The night guard and his son along with Attila the Hun, Theodore Roosevelt, Sacagawea, and many others go to London to find the pharaoh father to help them fix the magical tablet. They all run into a knight and turns into a bad guy at the end but then he turns back into a nice guy. This movie will make you laugh for sure, and is a heartwarming movie to see. We recommend that you see this film.



7th and 8th Grade

The Imitation Game

Mathematician Alan Turing, a pioneer in computer sciences, develops a system to decode the German coding machine, Enigma. The machine contained the codes for Germany's war plans during the Second World War. People thought the code was unbreakable, but Alan Turing managed to prove them wrong. People estimate cracking Enigma shortened the war by two years, and saved nearly 14 million lives. The acting in this film is very good, the cast gives an astounding performance, they truly capture the importance of Alan Turing and his group of code crackers. This movie has a great cast and even earned a few Oscar nominations. After seeing this we all felt truly moved and realized the importance of Alan Turing's achievements. We recommend you go see this film.

Advice Cateers

By: Abbie Serwinski and Hannah Bernacki

Dear Advice Cateers,

I am struggling with keeping up with my work and I forgot to do some. How do I keep up?

Sincerely, Distressed Student

Dear Distressed Students,

This happens to many students, you're not the only one. You just have to keep up with your work and write down every assignment you are given. Also, use all of your spare time, and you will do very well.

Sincerely, Advice Cateers

Dear Advice Cateers,

It's snowing a lot more and it's possible we will get two hour delays. What happens if I forget my lunch?

Sincerely, Hungry and Afraid

Dear Hungry and Afraid,

You're right about there being delays. If you forget your lunch ask whoever is in the office if they can call your parent. If they can, ask your parent if they can bring you a lunch. If they can't, ask some other classmates if they'd be willing to share some of their lunch. Hope this helped!

Sincerely, Advice Cateers

Random Facts

By: Samantha Henslee and Zoe Abel

- In Victorian times it was considered bad luck to sign a Valentine's Day card.
- Or you could pop over to Finland where Valentine's Day is called Ystävänpäivä (east-ae-van-pay-vae) which translates into "Friend's day". It's more about remembering your buddies than your loved ones
- February was named after the ancient Roman purification ritual 'Februa'.
- Until 713BC, the Romans had no names for January and February, on the grounds that the winter months did not deserve them.

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Quotes

By: Angelo Giunta and Jacob Brush

"All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt."

~Charles M. Schulz

"If you have only one smile in you give it to the people you love."

~Maya Angelou

"We are most alive when we're in love."

~John Updike

Animal of the Month

By: Brandon Reagan

Northern owl-hawk

Surnia ulula



Interviews

By: Ariana Stark, Adrianna Berry, Guia Apaga, and Brady Pollock

Question 1: What are you giving up for Lent/what are you going to try to do during Lent?

Question 2: What is your favorite candy?

Nico Vovaris- 3rd grade

Q1: Candy

Q2: Candy hearts

Bridget Yaniga- 3rd grade

Q1: Electronics

Q2: Airheads

Ryan Bozicevic – 5th grade

Q1: TV

Q2: All Candy

Heath Chase-5th grade

Q1: Unknown

Q2: Fun Dip

Abbie Serwinski- 7th grade

Q1: Homework

Q2: All Candy

Colin McKay- 7th grade

Q1: Complaining

Q2: The kind I can eat

Hannah Bernacki- 8th grade

Q1: Being sick

Q2: Chocolate

Gavin Gurreri-Judson- 8th grade

Q1: Candy

Q2: Mike and Ikes

Mary Kromka- 8th grade

Q1: Unknown

Q2: Snickers

Jordan Yaniga- 8th grade

Q1: Try to be nicer

Q2: 100 Grand or gum

Student Poems

I don't know much of love,
That feeling that is famous,
Other than from couples and books and movies.

What I do know of love is...
A never ending happiness,
Even on the bad days.

I don't know much of love,
That feeling that's barely mentioned but still there,
Other than from my parents and grandparents.

What I do know of this love is...
It's a feeling so strong,
You'd go to heaven and back to see the other.

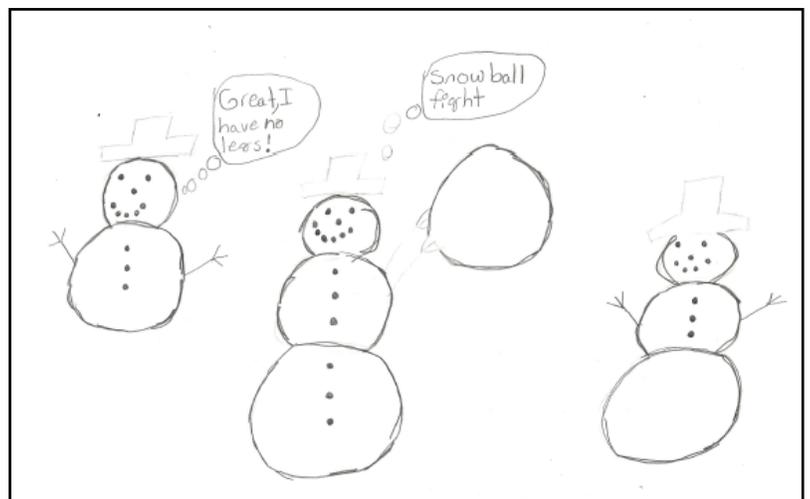
I do know much of love,
That well hidden feeling,
That I know from my brothers and sisters.

All I need to say for this love is...
We have a loyalty so great,
Virtually nothing can break it.

By: Anonymous

Comic

By: Justin North, Hunter Skena, and Jacob Holleran



Snacks & Crafts

By: Livia Chase

Love Bugs

Materials:

Marshmallows

Gumdrops (classic or shaped)

Pink crystallized sprinkles

Candy hearts

Brown and white icing

Large and small toothpicks

Procedure:

1. Cover two marshmallows with a layer of white icing. Dip the icing-ed marshmallows into a bowl full of pink crystal sprinkles. Then stab the two marshmallows the large toothpick.
2. On two white candy hearts, carefully put a dot of brown icing on each to make eyes. Then put some white icing on the other side to use as edible glue and stick the eyes onto the top marshmallow.
3. Get a red candy heart; put some white icing on the back to again use as glue. Put it on the bottom marshmallow.
4. Now cut a red gumdrop in half. Stick a small toothpick into each half. Use the open side of the toothpick to stick into the top marshmallow to make ears.
5. Repeat #4, but this time attach the gumdrops to the bottom marshmallows to make wings.

SBS Sports

By: Mary Kromka

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The varsity girls are having a great season. So far in their section games they are undefeated. Their next game at the Lourdes Center is on February 6 at 7:45 pm. The JV girls are also doing very well in their section. They have won 6 wins and only 1 loss. The JV girl's next home game is on February 6 at 6:30 pm. The varsity boys also only have 3 losses and they have 6 wins. Their next home game is on February 4 at 7:45 pm. The JV boys are in a tough section but they are playing well against the competition that they have. Their next home game is before the varsity boys on February 4 at 6:30pm Our cheerleaders are cheering on all of our teams and are doing a great job!

Future Cities and Science Fair

By: Zoe Abel

The Future Cities Competition occurred on January 17th and our team worked extremely hard to do their best and made a wonderful city. Although they came out short, we are very proud of the students who participated. On the computer model team was Angelo Giunta, Emma Wheldon, Liam Kearney, and Natalia Petzel. The students who wrote the essay were Mary Kromka, Clara Albacete, and Annie Garness, and Zoe Abel and Livia Chase wrote the city narrative. Abbie Serwinski, John Fisher, and Ryan Cooper were the primary members of the physical model. The main and backup presentation team consisted of Livia Chase, Zoe Abel, Liam Kearney, Annie Garness, Abbie Serwinski, and Ryan Cooper. Great job everyone!

Our school's science fair occurred for the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades on January 21st. The winners included: from 6th grade, Christian Moreland in 1st place, Lauren Roming in 2nd place, Mary Elizabeth Malandra in 3rd place, and Martina Fuller, Colin McDowell, Kassie Rihn, and Anthony Scarpino all got honorable mention. In 7th grade, Michael Cooley in 1st place, Lindsey Parry in 2nd place, Joey Salemi in 3rd place, and Justin North got honorable mention. In 8th grade, Michael Reynolds in 1st place, Livia Chase in 2nd place, Lewis Migliore in 3rd place, and Megan Sovak got honorable mention. Congratulations to all of the winners!

App of the Month

By: Hannah Bernacki and Ryan Cooper

Pandora is the app of the month for February. According to the iTunes store Pandora is easy to use. All you have to do is search your favorite song or artist and Pandora creates a radio station that plays songs similar to the song or artist you chose.



The app of the month this week is Madden NFL mobile. You can get this game on any phone or tablet and will keep you addicted for a long period of time. This app is free and is advised for kids 3+.



Jokes

By: Ariana Stark

What do farmers give their wives on Valentines Day?
“Hogs and kisses”

What is the painter say to her boyfriend?
“I love you with all my art”

What is the difference between a calendar and you?
“A calendar has a date on Valentines Day”

Do skunks celebrate Valentines Day?
“Sure, they’re scent-imental”

What did the man with the broken leg say to his girlfriend?
“I have a crutch on you”

Word Search

By: Editors



Valentines Word Search

E B V Z N B E B O E D T
 S G A E H E A R T K K I
 G G S C A N D Y E N O H
 Y Z A A S I E W U I D N
 A G R L R T R U F P I N
 P F R I E N D S H I P Y
 H K O S W E E T I E U Q
 T R W B O L N E X E C P
 Z L Y Z L A I E V O L T
 J E U L F V M W Y K M I
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ARROW HEART RED
 BE MINE HONEY ROSES
 CANDY LACE SWEETIE
 CUPID LOVE SWEETS
 FLOWERS PINK VALENTINE
 FRIENDSHIP