



# SBS Gazette

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## Interviews

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

Q1: Is there any gift you would like for Christmas?

4th – Jimmy Giannetta

Q2: Where do you spend Christmas?

Q1: Nope

Q3: What do you do on Christmas Eve?

Q2: At my house

Q3: Christmas dinner

8th Grade – Jimmy Moon

2nd Grade – DeShawn Coles

Q1: Teddy Bear

Q1: Not sure yet

Q2: Washington State

Q2: At my house

Q3: I don't know

6th Grade – Martina Fuller

Kindergarten – Kaylee Yurko

Q1: Ballet Bar

Q1: Frozen Rainbow Loom Kit

Q2: At my grandma's house

Q2: At my house

Q3: I put out cookies and milk for Santa

## Student Spotlight



### Meet the Interview writers!

From the left:

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

## Cool Activities in the 'Burgh

By: Clara Albacete and Ryan Cooper

Several major sporting events are scheduled in December. The Pittsburgh Steelers have started the season 7-3. On Sunday, December 7th, they face division rival Cincinnati Bengals at 1:00 on CBS. The following week, on the 14th, they travel to Atlanta to face a strong Falcons team that does not lose very often at home. The game is on CBS at 1:00. The University of Pittsburgh men's basketball team is currently fighting for a top 25 ranking. They are in the

middle of the pack in a strong ACC division. Their big game this month is against cross-town rival Duquesne University. This game will take place on December 5th at Console Energy Center. The Panthers' conference play does not start until January when they face North Carolina State. The Pittsburgh Penguins are standing tall as they have shown they are one of the best teams in the NHL at the moment. The Pens are ranked number 2 in ESPN's power rankings and are sitting at the top of their division.

The cultural side of Pittsburgh is booming this December! Now is a great time to head downtown and ice skate around the PPG Christmas tree! The Carnegie Museum of Natural History in Oakland has a beautiful display of Christmas trees and a manger. A fun place to visit is the Carnegie Science Center, which has a special exhibit; BLUE! where you can build a miniature city out of foam blocks! Lastly, a must see this season are the Nationality Rooms in the Cathedral of Learning. Have fun this holiday season!

## Editorial

By: Editors

Hello everyone! I hope all of you are working hard and focusing on your schoolwork. It is important to keep working especially during this busy month.

On November 30th, the season of Advent started. Advent is a time praying and preparing for the birth of Jesus Christ. There are many Christmas programs in December. On December 10th, is the Band Concert and on December 14th, the Children's Cantor Choir has their annual Christmas Pageant. December 17th is our school's Christmas Program in which everyone participates in. Try your best to come and experience all of our Christmas shows. Make sure you go to church on Christmas and have a very Merry Christmas from the Newspaper Staff!

## Movie Reviews

By: Noah Gordon and Lewis Migliore

### 7th and 8th Grade

*Interstellar*, a science fiction epic about the earth coming to an end, stars Matthew McConaughey and Anne Hathaway. As living conditions in future Earth get rough, a team of explorers set out on the mission of their lives to see if mankind can find a new home. They travel to a different galaxy in search of a new planet to call home. This movie is very complex; it deals with space travel and has a lot of scientific elements. All of the actors give fantastic performances and the effects are extremely well done. *Interstellar* is over 2 hours long and at times it is a bit slow; at some parts of the story we were confused. This is definitely a movie you need to see twice to fully understand. Christopher Nolan brings us a fun, scientific, thrill ride that is very entertaining. True, at times it does seem a bit slow and in our opinion the ending fell short, but for the most part *Interstellar* was very good. It is an experience that is not easily forgotten; this movie is bound to win a few Oscars. Anyone looking for an enjoyable experience should really go check this movie out! Final Rating: 7.6/10



# Advice Cateers

By: Abbie Serwinski

Dear Advice Cateers,

The Christmas season is coming up and with all of the activities and distractions that are going on I am having trouble staying focused on my work. How do I keep up?

Sincerely, Christmas Fever

Dear Christmas Fever,

It is not unusual for People to get distracted, especially around this time of year. But the work keeps piling on. Just keep focused through all of the distractions and activities. Remember that you have to keep up with your work. Also write down your work so you can remember what you have to do and manage your time. Just remember that there is a time for work and a time for fun.

Dear Advice Cateers,

I am having trouble with my i-Ready lessons and I keep failing them. I do not understand what they are trying to teach me and I just want to hurry up and get them over with. How do I improve my scores?

Sincerely, I-Really Need Help

Dear I-Really Need Help,

I understand that i-Ready can be frustrating a times, but they really do help you learn and review the things that you have and will learn. Just take your time and try your hardest, if you still don't understand it you can ask your teacher for help.

# Random Facts

By: Josh Arbster

- The Germans made the first artificial Christmas tree out of dyed goose feathers.
- Each year more than 3 billion Christmas cards are sent in the United States alone.
- All the gift in the Twelve Days of Christmas would equal 364 gifts.
- Christmas trees have been sold in the United States since 1850.
- Christmas trees usually grow for about 15 years before they are sold.

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# Quotes

By: Angelo Giunta and Jacob Brush

“Christmas isn't a season. It's a feeling.”  
Edna Ferber

“He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree.”

Roy L. Smith

“Expectancy is the atmosphere for miracles.”  
Edwin Louis Cole

“Christmas is the day that holds all time together.”  
Alexander Smith

# Animal of the Month

By: Brandon Reagan

Reindeer

*Rangifer tarandu*



# Breaking News: Edmodo

By: Clara Albacete, Teddy Almeter, Jordan Yaniga, Megan Sovak, and Annie Garness

You have probably heard that the seventh and eighth grade classes have nifty laptops for their school studies. Because of this, many teachers have been using websites where they can post homework, notes, and help students. These organizations can help students remember assignments, chat with friends, and easily turn in assignments- no printing required! One teacher that has been using a website is Mrs. Chase. She uses a website called Edmodo where students can view assignments and talk to classmates. This is a great way for students to remember homework, and remind themselves of what their projects and papers entail. Overall, this is a really helpful tool kids can use to learn and study throughout the school year. This is a great addition to our school, and I highly recommend all teachers to utilize this website in the future.

## Interviews

Q: How do you like Edmodo?

Jacob Daum: I like it because it's useful and we get to see what we have to do in school.

Brian Dzuban: In my opinion, it doesn't really help me at all.

Mrs. Chase: I like it because I'm always looking for new ways to interact academically with the students both in and out of school. Edmodo has a social media aspect that allows me to upload work and hear from the students when they have questions.

Emma Whealdon: It's ok. It has sort of helped me.

## Student Poems

By: An Anonymous Student

### Sparkle

See the white snow sparkle, sparkle.  
Hear the jingle bells sparkle, sparkle.  
Taste the sugar cookies sparkle, sparkle.  
Smell the peppermint sparkle, sparkle.  
Feel the love sparkle, sparkle.

## Comic

By: Hunter Skena, Jacob Holleran, and Justin North



# Snacks & Crafts

By: Livia Chase

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## Strawberry Santas

What You Need:

Strawberries

Whipped Cream

Chocolate Chips

Red M&M's

A Knife



What To Do:

1. Get your parents to help and cut off the green part of the strawberries.
2. Then get them to cut the strawberries in half.
3. Get your whipped cream, and place a healthy amount onto the side of the fat half that is smaller.
4. Place the top half of the strawberry on top of the whipped cream.
5. Carefully place a small amount of whipped cream on top of the strawberry tip, and two small dots on the bottom half of the strawberry.
6. Finally, set two chocolate chips and the M&M in the shape of two eyes and a nose.

## SBS Sports

By: Mary Kromka, Megan Sovak, Liam Kearney, and Brian Dzuban

This season for St. Bernadette soccer has been a success. Junior varsity had a solid season but came up short and did not qualify for playoffs. Although, varsity had one of its greatest seasons in a while, they finished second in their division and received a good spot in the playoffs. The Sabers stormed through and won the first two games and made it to the championship. Their opponent was the St. Alphonsus Flames. The Sabers capped off their great season with a 3-1 win. Mike Reynolds had a great performance consisting of two of the three goals as a help for the win. But it was Teddy Almeter who had stellar performances each game of the tournament and took home the most valuable player award. So congratulations on a great season Sabers!

Both the girls and boys basketball teams are getting the started. The boys varsity's first home section game is on December 21, 2014 at 7:45 pm at the Lourdes Center. The JV boy's game is also on December 21 and their game starts at 6:30 pm. The varsity girls have their first home section game on December 5, 2014 at 7:45 pm. The JV girls play on December 5 also and they start at 6:30 pm. The Jump Start teams will also be starting their games and wish good luck to them and all of the St. Bernadette basketball teams.



# App of the Month

By: Angelo Giunta and Ryan Cooper

## Robot Unicorn Attack 2

Review:



We like this game a lot, because it is a great way to spend time. This game can be customized to the way you like it.

### FEATURES:

- Choose between Team Rainbow and Team Inferno and compete on a unique level every day for prizes
- Race through 2 worlds at war, one of Rainbows and Harmony and one of Ice and Wonder
- Build and customize your very own unicorn, selecting from different bodies, manes, wings, horns, trails and more
- Unlock and arm yourself with 12 different boost abilities, including "Rainbow Savior" and "Gallow's Gallop"
- Achieve both personal and community goals, updated daily
- Battle mighty giants and dash through their dangerous Solar Beams
- Journey through such cosmic spectacles as Space Whales, Leviathan Seahorses, Ice Owls and more
- Both worlds change to new and different layouts every single day
- Personalize your quest (and support the artists) by purchasing new background songs for \$.99 apiece, including Erasure's "Always"
- Oh, also, you can fly.

# Jokes

By: Jordan Yaniga, Sarah Artuhevich, Sam Parsons, and Rayna Andrews

Q: What do you get if Santa goes down the chimney when a fire is lit?

A: Crisp Cringle!

Q: What is green, white, and red all over?

A: A sun burnt elf!

Q: What is green, covered with tinsel, and goes ribbet-ribbet?

A: Mistle-toad!

Q: Why are Christmas trees like bad knitters?

A: They both drop their needles!

# Word Search

By: Editors



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 HOLLY JOY  
 ORNAMENT MERRY  
 MISTLETOE CARD  
 GREEN PRESENT  
 RED BOW  
 SILVER SNOWFLAKE  
 BELLS TREE  
 JINGLE GINGERBREAD  
 HOHOHO WREATH  
 STAR SNOWMAN  
 SANTA CANDLE  
 HOLIDAY

