



# SBS Gazette

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## Breaking News: i-Ready

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

We all know about the educational website with funkily animated people and math and literature lessons. This program arrived last year in January and is sticking with us until June! Mixed reactions are flying around the school at this news, but, unfortunately, most are not positive.

The seventh and eighth grades are moaning and groaning at the prospect of more boring, hour-long lessons. "The animation is terrible and they over explain everything!" stated an anonymous student. Yes, many agree on the over explaining matter. For example, you might get a question right on the tutorial, but the characters still explain what to do- even though you got it right!

So why bother with i-Ready? A laborious program that doesn't seem to teach students well, and only creates more frustration and tears, especially when you fail a quiz and have to redo the entire lesson.

Well, the buzz of I-ready may not be greeted with happy faces. Let's see what the students think...

Q1: How do you feel about i-Ready?

Q2: What improvements do you think can be made?

Q3: Are you excited about it lasting for the rest of the year?

### 7th Grade- Liam Kearney

1. i-Ready is flat out terrible and a waste of time.
2. No Comment.
3. I don't want it to come back.

### 6th Grade- Maria Brush

1. It stinks and I dislike it A LOT.
2. Some improvements were made over the summer, but I still dislike it.
3. NOPE.

### 2nd Grade- Sahanaa Bandhu

1. It's fun when you play the games and I sometimes go home and tell my mom what I learned.
2. I don't know.
3. Yes, because it is fun.

### 1st Grade- Grace Bernacki

1. Good.
2. More math games.
3. Yes, because it's a really fun game.

## Student Spotlight



Meet the Cool Activites in the 'Burgh, Breaking News, & Animal of the Month writers!

From the top left: Clara Albacete, Jordan Yaniga, Annie Garness

From the bottom left: Ryan Cooper, Brandon Regan, and Teddy Almeter

Absent: Megan Sovak

## Cool Activities in the ‘Burgh

By: Clara Albacete and Ryan Cooper

Start the New Year with fresh eyes and enjoy unique visits in Pittsburgh! On January 10, you can ice skate with Pittsburgh Mascots at Schenley Park Skating Rink (Adult skating fee is \$4. Fee for children under 17 and senior citizens is \$3. Skate rentals are \$2.50). On January 18, participate in the fourth annual Autism Frostbite 5k race. Also, be sure to visit the Heinz History Center, which has fun exhibits for kids and

informational exhibits for adults! Have fun this January!

Well, Steeler season came to an end at the hands of the Baltimore Ravens. However, it was a great season! See ya next season Steelers!

Currently, the Pittsburgh Penguins are third in the Eastern Conference with 53 points. They trail Montreal and NY Islanders. Be sure to catch the Penguins game and cheer them on!

For Pittsburgh University basketball, their season is not going as well as they had hoped with a record of 500 for the season. In January they can change their fortune, they will play Duke- who is ranked team (#2) in the nation. This game is on January 19th. On January 25th, they will play Louisville, ranked at #4, at home. After that game they will play Notre Dame- who is ranked team #25 in the county at home on January 31st.

## Editorial

By: Editors

Hello fellow Students!

We hope you enjoyed your break, but now it's time to get back in business! January is the first month and a time of renewal- make sure you start out the new grading period with high scores and lots of goals. Speaking of, try to make a New Year's resolution; and try to stick to it. Catholic Schools Week is this month, so we will have lots of fun and exciting events! Have a blast this January!

## Movie Reviews

By: Jacob Daum and Justin North

### 6th Grade and Below — *Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer*

*Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* is a movie to just relax, enjoy some homemade cookies, and bring the whole family together. Rudolph is just a little different from all the others because his nose lights up. This causes others to tease him, so he doesn't really have any friends except for Clarice. Now, since Rudolph is teased, he decides to go away. He meets up with two very strange but new friends, an elf called Hermey and a man called Yukon Cornelius. Rudolph learns that just because you are different doesn't make you weird, just special. This movie will make you cry, and respect others around you. If you want to get into the Christmas spirit we recommend seeing *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* with your family.



### 7th and 8th Grade — *X-Men Days of Future Past*

This movie is about the X-Men a team of mutants, who are people with superpowers. The X-Men have to stop the sentinels, which are robots that had destroyed the world. They must go back in time and stop a scientist from making the sentinels. *X-Men Days of Future Past* is one of the coolest and most interesting movies to see.



# Advice Cateers

By: Abbie Serwinski

Dear Advice Cateers,

I am excited for catholic schools week but I am nervous for the student versus teacher challenge. Last year, I did it but I messed up and made my team lose. I want to do it to face my fear, but I am nervous that I will mess up.

Sincerely, Scared Student

Dear Scared Student,

There is no need to be worried. People mess up all of the time. Most likely people probably didn't notice, or if they did even remember. If you really want to do the challenge then you should do it. Don't keep your fears from the past keep you from doing what you want to do.

Dear Advice Cateers,

It's officially basketball season and I'm having trouble keeping up with basketball and my work. I have very low grades and am about to be kicked off of the team. I don't know how to manage my time between basketball and school.

Sincerely, Basketball Time

Dear Basketball Time,

Time management is a skill that some people are luckily born with but most people have to acquire it as you grow older. Make sure you make a list of priorities and even though you may like watching TV or playing on your phone, you have to know that school and basketball most like come first.

# Random Facts

By: Zoe Abel

- U. S. Catholic school enrollment reached its peak during the early 1960s when there were more than 5.2 million students in almost thirteen thousand schools across the nation.
- Catholicism of schools in the United States was first established during the 19th century with the arrival of English immigrants.
- You can use the hash tag #CSWI5 to share moments from your Catholic School Week.
- The flower symbol of January is snowdrop & carnation.

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# Quotes

By: Angelo Giunta and Jacob Brush

“Righteous people know the kind thing to say, but the wicked are always saying things that hurt.”

Proverbs 10:32

“You, lord will be king forever.”

Exodus 15:18

“Being lazy will make you poor, but hard work will make you rich.”

Proverbs 10:4

# Animal of the Month

By: Brandon Reagan

Canadian Goose

*Branta Canadensis*



## Student Poems

January, in your winter paradise, the snow's a gleaming, the kids are screaming their cheers of joy. The new year in all its few, never fails to enlighten! Though we quake, in the face, of this new adversary, we must remember, the winter glamor, in January's snow filled days.

By: Jacob Holleran

Kids are excited  
Teachers are overjoyed  
For what week is approaching  
What week could that be  
but Catholic Schools Week  
A little bowling one day  
JA the next  
Even a day to be mismatched  
Crazy hats , crazy socks  
even a team jersey day  
But what else to top it off  
Except something new this year  
A door decorating contest  
So as you can tell  
People big and small  
All love catholic schools week  
And look forward to it all year long

By: Ariana Stark

## Interviews

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

Q1: What is your favorite part of Catholic School's Week?

Q2: Are there any activities you would maybe want to add to Catholic School's Week?

### Mrs. Chase

1. Seeing the whole school community come together and celebrate our Lord and our wonderful school.
2. I love the idea of a door decorating contest.

### Ms. Kirk

1. The Student versus Teacher Challenge!
2. A mis-matched day.

### Mrs. Weaver

1. The Student versus Teacher Challenge.
2. No, the Catholic Schools committee does a great job.

### Krystal Obeng

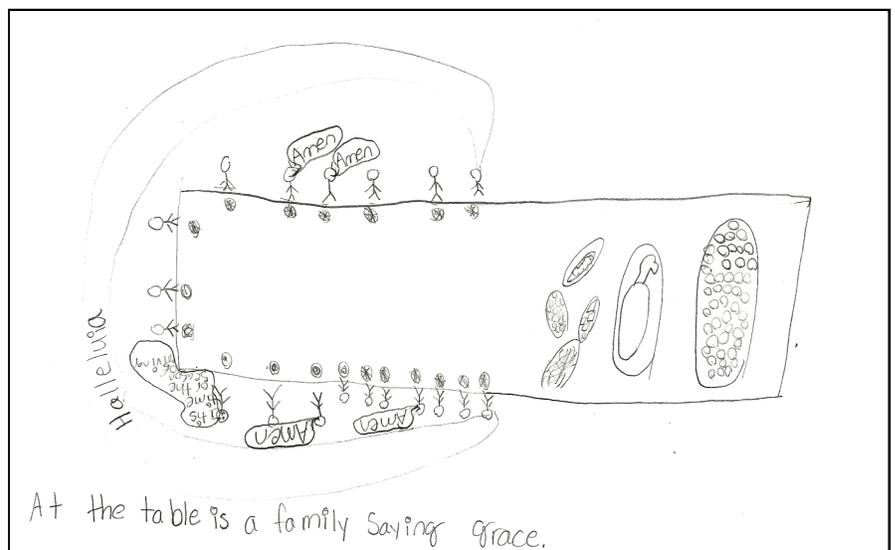
1. The mis-matched day.
2. Win a 'Get Out of Class Pass.'

### Mrs. Mathias

1. Bowling with the kids!
2. No, because I'm on the committee.

## Comic

By: Justin North, Hunter Skena, and Jacob Holleran



## Snow Globes

### What You Need:

1. Small plastic or ceramic figurines
2. Glass jars
3. Sandpaper
4. Clear- drying epoxy
5. Glitter
6. Glycerin
7. Water



### How to Make It:

1. Use the sandpaper to make the inside part of the lid rough. Use the epoxy to glue the figurine to the lid.
2. Fill jar almost to the top with water.
3. Add a pinch of glitter (the snow) and a dash of glycerin (to keep it from falling too quickly).
4. Put lid back on tightly- make sure not to disconnect the figurine!
5. Let it snow!

## SBS Sports

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

The varsity girls' basketball team has started playing section games and they are now 4 and 0. Their next home game is on January 9th at 7:45. They are off to a great start and hope to continue their success. The JV girls are undefeated so far and are hopeful for a great season. The boys' varsity had their first section game on December 21. The JV boys' basketball started their section off on December 21 against St. Bede; their next home section game is on January 14 at 6:30 at the Lourdes Center. Both Jumpstart teams are off to a solid beginning. We wish all teams luck hope they have a successful year.

The St. Bernadette cheerleaders have their cheer season and will be cheering on our boys and girls basketball teams at games throughout the year.



## App of the Month

By: Angelo Giunta and Ryan Cooper

### Trivia Crack



Description:

Trivia Crack is an online multiplayer trivia game. Players have to answer questions in Science, Entertainment, Art, Geography, Sports and History.

Personal Review:

Trivia Crack will entertain and educate you while you play.

## Jokes

By: Jordan Yaniga and Sam Parsons

Q: What did the snowman say to the customer?

A: Have an ice day!

Q: What do you call a slow skier?

A: Slopepoke

Q: Where does a polar bear keep his money?

A: A snowbank

Q: What is a snowman's favorite thing for breakfast?

A: Frosted flakes

## Word Search

By: Editors

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

E Z J H S G D J K J C A R D S  
C A L E N D A R P D E U R L P  
H A W N C Q V L T N Q O W L G  
W D N O O I F P O P E G K N G  
X I X L E I X I A W H I I X E  
M U S I C U T R B R O S J D C  
W E N H O C T A O N U F M U N  
Y L O T E Y L R R C Z L X O A  
W B D L S S R L G B M C O B D  
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K E F P V H E M U B Y L W M C  
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MIDNIGHT SING  
NEW  
PARTY  
CELEBRATION  
GIFTS  
CARDS  
MUSIC  
RESOLUTIONS  
WISHES  
REFLECTION  
FUN  
CALENDAR  
BALL  
DANCE  
FEAST