

# Green and Gold Gazette

Middle School Journalism Class

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## The Journalism Class.....

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## Upcoming Events:

- Feb 12– Valentine's parties
- Feb 12–Home and School raffle
- Feb 15–No school
- Feb. 16– Free Dress day
- Feb 16– Girls BB @ Hone
- Feb 18– Picture Lady Grades 2, 3, & 4
- Feb 18– Girls BB Home
- Feb 19–Acro Nights Assembly
- Feb 22 8th BB Home
- Feb 26– Cosmic Bowling... 6, 7, & 8

## ~ Crazy Cool Catholic Schools Week ~

Slowly, silently, and stiffly your teacher walks up to the front of the classroom. Your teacher starts to pass out papers: you frown because you just got an assignment. But these papers are different, **gradually everyone's eyes light up.** Something big is about to happen...**Catholic Schools Week.**

CSW week started on Monday Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> with color day. Every grade dressed up in their class color. Kindergarten and 7<sup>th</sup> were orange, 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> were blue, 2<sup>nd</sup> was yellow, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> were green, 4<sup>th</sup> was red, and 8<sup>th</sup> was black. Everyone had such fun dressing up and showing their class spirit. At the end of the day 6, 7, and 8 had an assembly. First there was the best dressed contest with Daisy Schoen, Emille Leconte, Mary-Brooks Baldwin, Paul Betts, Jane Conley, and John Crowley. The two winners were Mary-Brooks and John. Finally, there was a pie eating contest with Allison Wujek, Patrick Giedeman, Mary-Brooks Baldwin, Robert Kelly, Teresa Acock, and Pablo Rodriguez. The two winners were Allison Wujek and Pat Giedeman,



grade had their academic awards assembly, which was very exciting for them. They then looked forward to the Talent show that evening.

Anxious parents and friends filled the Desales gym awaiting the arrival of many talented singers, musicians, dancers, and cup stackers. When the participants performed, the crowd went wild for their performance. Around 20 brave students from Assumption and Desales participated showing off their amazing talents. Good job performers!

Thursday was crazy dress or sports day. Walking into school, you became awestruck by all of the crazy outfits people were wearing. Even a teacher, Mr. Gordon, decided to participate in the fun. It was great!

Finally, Friday came. Friday was pajama day, which was fun for everyone. A lot of people wore slippers and brought their favorite stuffed

Anna Ruthven, and Daniel Healy. The winners were Anna Ruthven and Adam Tompkins. After that there was an "uber" fun sleeping bag race. **First**



there were 6 people from each grade **racing together to earn the title "Best Sleeping Bag Racing Class Winners"**. Eighth grade came through with an epic win. Next it was an individual race with Keaton Sullivan, Isaiah Scheel, and Joseph Musik. Isaiah and Keaton tied and had a final race. Keaton won after diving over the finish line.

The raffle to be a teacher or secretary ended Friday with a total of \$160.15 raised for Catholic Charities. The winners were Peyton Graham in Kindergarten, Rafe Wolpert in 1<sup>st</sup>, Dawson Neeley for 2<sup>nd</sup>, Aly Fazzari for 3<sup>rd</sup>, Amanda Dobbins for 4<sup>th</sup>, Chandler Seidler for 5<sup>th</sup>, Jane Conley for 6<sup>th</sup>, Mary-Brooks Baldwin for 7<sup>th</sup>, Claire Conley for 8<sup>th</sup>, and Tanner Bollinger for secretary.

Catholic Schools Week came to a close with everyone smiling, but ready to get out of school for the weekend and for Super Bowl Sunday. Overall CSW was very successful and everyone had a great time. Thank you ASB and all the teachers who helped make this the BEST CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK EVER!!!

By: Elizabeth Garner



both from eighth grade.

Tuesday was character day. Most everyone dressed up as their favorite characters, either well known characters or some unusual characters.

Wednesday was Wear Your Best Sunday Clothes Day. Everyone, even the teachers, dressed up nice for the All School Mass. After Mass, the seventh and eighth



animals. At the end of the day, 6, 7, and 8 had their last assembly. The first event was the best dressed contest with Madeline Brooks, Alexis Peña, Gina Mauiri, Adam Tompkins,



### ~Second Grade Superstars~

The two fearless reporters Elizabeth Ruthven and Camille Elmenhurst ventured into the depths of second grade to find what lies behind that closed, yet intriguing door. They were greeted by an abundant amount of smiling faces.

When asked what is fun about second grade, Dominic said he likes math and Kaleilani likes science.

We asked, "What is the coolest thing you have learned so far?" They liked counting money, regrouping, and adding two digit numbers.

"What are some new things

you do this year?" They let us **know that they're learning about** volcanoes, how to move water drops, fossils, and communities in social studies.

"How is second grade different from first grade?" **"We have** harder subjects, we read chapter books, we don't have calendar, and now in V.I.P., we have *All About Me,*" they replied.

Next, we asked, "What are you doing in art?" They said **that they've made ornaments** for Christmas presents, created advent wreaths, and made Rudolf with our feet.

Lastly, we asked, "What

things are you looking forward to in the rest of this year?" Bailey is looking forward to division and the whole class is looking forward to Catholic Schools Week.

Good luck in school and have an amazing Catholic Schools Week second graders!!!

By: Camille Elmenhurst and Elizabeth Ruthven

### ~Secret Skills of Sixth Grade~

Do you really know a lot about the sixth graders? The room is packed full of 30 shining stars lead by the wonderful Mr. Spiess.

The main activity of this class is basketball with Alle-syn, Cassidy, Cole, Brenden, Emily, and Scott taking part.

Next comes skiing or snowboarding with Amy, Anna, Cole, and Pablo. Too bad we **didn't get a lot of snow this** winter.

4-H is once again another popular one with Anna, Des-

tiny, and Kayla.

Soccer activities both indoor and outdoor have Joseph, Pablo, Kaleo, Nick and Cole.

With hunting and fishing combined there are three kids: Scott, Nick, and Billy.

During the summer or fall we have softball which both Cara and Cassidy play.

With football a very big sport with John and Andrew, two others, Emily and Scott, enjoy golf.

Then comes Destiny in Girl Scouts and John Paul in Boy

Scouts. Blase loves running and Bill does archery. We have some dancers too, Jorden and Nicole.

Last but not least we have theater, Cassidy who performed in *The Miracle Worker* at The Little Theatre, and Cara who performed in the summer musical *Grease*.

Good luck to all the sixth graders in your activities!

Written By: Amy Arnzen, Camille Elmenhurst

### Catholic Schools Week Pictures....



### ~Money for Marshall...Help for Haiti~

**"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."**  
Isaiah 41:10

As many know, Marshall Donnelly, a DeSales alumni, fell through a ceiling at the penitentiary on December 29, 2009. He fell 10-12 feet and hit his head. His wife, Jenny, and her three-month old daughter, Linley, have been in need of prayer and financial help. Marshall has been resting comfortably and is slowly improving. The classes at Assumption have been raising money for the Donnellys. You can go to [caringbridge.org](http://caringbridge.org) to see how

Marshall is doing. On January 22, there was a chili feed at DeSales. That was a big hit. Thanks for all of your support.

Just three weeks ago, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake hit southern Haiti. In the capital, Port-au-Prince, at least 150,000 people have died and many more are buried in the rubble. There have been aftershocks at 4.5 magnitude or higher. Emile Leconte,

who has family in Haiti, said, "It's a scary thing not knowing if your family is safe or not." People around the world have gone to Haiti to help. Mrs. Scheel's aunt went to Haiti last Friday to help. Also, the Assumption 8th graders put on a bake sale to raise money to send to Haiti. Please pray for all the victims of the earthquake.

Written By: Andrew Gogl

## ~ Retreats Renew Middle School Spirit ~

On January 7 the seventh grade participated in their first all day retreat. With the theme of "fish." They started by having a speech by Mr. Greg Tompkins. Next, they played a lot of fun games including fish toss, Frisbee and continuous jump. They ate lunch, then listened to presentations by Ms. Escobar and Tim Meliah. Ms. Escobar talked about the future retreats at DeSales and encouraged us to go to every one. Mr. Meliah talked about how to help in the community. After all the speeches, they had some down time to relax and reflect on God. They ended the day with Mass

with Father Kevin. They all had a lot of fun and can't wait for next year's retreat.

On January 8, the 8th grade had their all day retreat. The theme was "I am the Light." The retreat leaders were Mrs. Michels and Elizabeth Zimmerman. The eighth grade class started out playing charades, trying to work together as machines. After that, the class played continuous jump rope, also working together. Next, they watched a movie, "The Nativity Story," in the John of the Cross room.

Following that, the eighth graders ate their lunch. Then, the boys and girls were split up. Tim

Meliah spoke to the boys and Amanda Arnzen, Elizabeth Zimmerman, and Danielle Fazzari spoke with the girls. Lastly, they departed at 2:50. The eighth grade retreat was fun and spiritual.

Written By: Claire Conley, Renée Roach, Cameron Richman, and Andrew Elmenhurst




**"... say to those with fearful hearts, 'Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you.'"**  
Isaiah 35:4

## ~ Dear Darla ~


Dear Darla,  
I have been having trouble with my friend. He hasn't been nice lately.  
Sincerely, Secret Admirer

Dear Secret Admirer,  
I'm sorry your friend isn't being very nice. I think you should tell him how you feel, so he knows what he is doing wrong. If he doesn't change his ways, he might not be a true friend. I hope you can work things out.

~Darla 

Dear Darla,  
Someone keeps calling me names. I've told the teacher, but he won't stop. What should I do??  
Sincerely, Concerned

Dear Concerned,  
It appears you are being bullied. I think you should confront this person and tell him how you feel. Maybe he will stop when he knows how you feel. If this doesn't work, you should consider hanging out with other friends or talk to the principal.

~Darla 

Dear Darla,  
I have a book report due in two days and I haven't started my book. What should I do?  
Sincerely, Book Report Procrastinator

Dear Book Report Procrastinator,  
I think you should try to get it done as soon as possible. But in the future, you should try to read a chapter a day or read for twenty minutes a day. Also, try to start your book a little bit early so you can have time to read your book and write a good report. Good luck!

~Darla 

## ~ Parents Night Out ~

On Friday December 18, Mr. Lesko set up a Parents-Night-Out for the hard working, dedicated parents of Assumption students so they could go out and have a good time. Mrs. Brinson conducted many science activities such as animal prints, magnetic activities, and more. "I thought the kids had a great evening," said Mr. Lesko.

In the gym the kids played basketball, four-square, and two-square. Later in the social there were movies and popcorn in Mr. Gordon's and Mrs. Sutlick's rooms. "I thought it was a great success," said middle school helper Ben Miedema. Although the night was set up for parents at Assumption, it really was a benefit for the middle schoolers because they got to know the younger kids.

Written By: Andrew Elmenhurst



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**~It's Just Funny ~**

\*What do you call a snail on a ship?

..... A snailer!

-Jackson Baldwin 4th

\*Who is Peter Pan's smelliest enemy?

.....Stinkerbell

- Eddie Rodriguez 4th

\*Why was the football coach mad when he didn't get his change?

.....Because he needed his 'quarter back'!

- Mr. Spiess

\*Why didn't the fish go on the internet??

.....Because he didn't want to get caught online

-Shawn Adams



Catholic Schools Week Pictures  
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**~Middle School Basketball Blooms~**

The 7th and 8th grade middle school girls' basketball is off to a great start. They began practicing on January 4, 2010. The coaches are Stephanie Balakier for the seventh grade and Jeanne Lothspeich for the eighth graders.

28, the eighth grade girls completed another victory versus Waitsburg-Prescott winning 28-22. On January 4th the eighth graders had a rough game against the Touchet Indians with a close score of 24-28 with the Irish falling behind in the end. On February 9th the girls played Dayton and won 24-33. They lost their game on February 11, to the Dayton bulldogs into overtime with the score of 31-33. Their next game is on February 16 vs. the Sager raiders.

closest game yet. On February 9, the seventh graders played their 6th game against Liberty Christian. **And guess what....another win!**

The sixth grade girls basketball team started their practice on January 11, 2010. With eleven girls on the team and Mr. Spiess, their teacher as the coach. The team focused on skill and team building. The girls wrapped up the season on February 10th with a undefeated season. When asked about the season Coach Spiess replied, "They are a good group of girls, very coachable and it was a good season."



The eighth grade girls have nine girls on the team. They had their first game on Wednesday, January 20 where they played Sager Middle School. The eighth graders won the game, 24-22 in the last forty seconds. It was SUPER close!!! On January

The seventh grade girls team had a fantastic turnout with eleven girls and a great coach! The team is doing quite well. They have played both Sager and Liberty Christian. The score to the Sager game was 26-14 with Assumption winning it! The score to the Liberty Christian game was 28-22 with Assumption coming out on the winning side. On January 28, the 7th grade girls played Waitsburg-Prescott and it was yet another win. This was their

