



Snow Days

Jimmy Novinc

No more snow days?! That might be true according to the newsletter that was received on Monday 1/10. In dark, bold words it shared with us the shocking news. We are limited to just three snow days a year or we add on an extra day at the end of the year of school, and we have already used two of these. To minimize this chance at one less day of summer, South Euclid Schools has said that they will try to make what would normally be our beloved snow days into late starts. Our school has decided that they will try this as well. So, in the event of excess snow or unplowed roads in the morning, we will be informed that there will be a two hour delay. School will begin around 9:45-10:00 am and continue until the usual dismissal of 2:35 pm. I guess it seems that we have seen the last of our school-closing snow this year.



Second Graders Make Their First Penance

Julia Monaco and Taylor Sabbagh

On Saturday, January 15, 2011 the second grade made their First Penance. There was a prayer service. Every second grader sang, *Change My Heart Oh God.*

Before first confession, we did an examination of conscience. Some of the second graders were nervous, and some were excited. Some went to Father Winkel and some went to Father Ireland. We received three gifts and a support letter from our parents. Before we left we printed our names on a small heart and glued it on a banner to share with others that something special happened in our church and our hearts.

Here is what a few of the second graders in Miss Pozzuto's class reported as they made their First Penance:

Brandon Bowles: "I felt very nervous. I was very happy when my mother wrote a note to me."

Alexa Catena: "I felt nervous, but I was OK. I got a note from my Mom and Dad. It made me cry. I loved it! Now I am happy because my sins are taken away."

Dominic Clementi: "Before my first penance, I felt nervous."

Taylor Sabbagh: "Last Saturday I received my First Penance. I was nervous when I got in the confessional. When Father forgave me, I felt peace. We got gifts and a note."

Marko Sfiligoj: "I was nervous about penance, but it was fun."

Julia Monaco: "I was nervous, but after I felt God's forgiveness and love."





Winter Wonderland Junior High Dance

Grace Novinc

It started with an awesome entrance through a big balloon arch, with candy cane lights, tables and a square for dancing, all of which turned the PFC into a Holiday party center. Add in some fantastic food including water, punch, chick filet chicken, candy canes, cookies and pizza. Blend it together with our Sacred Heart 7th and 8th graders to make the night of December 17, a special one at Sacred Heart of Jesus Academy. The end result was a "Winter Wonderland, and the most awesome Junior High dance of the season. The night was filled with laughter and the sights and sounds of everyone dancing, singing and having a great time!

Everyone was sorry to see it end, but as we were leaving, we were all smiling. It was a great way to kick off the Holiday season. Thanks to all of the parents who volunteered their time and everyone who joined in the dancing, laughter and fun to make this a night to remember.

Toboggan Chutes

Liam Rochester

Over the Christmas break, we took my cousins who were visiting from New Mexico to some Toboggan chutes. It was great! The chutes are 700 feet long and drop 70 feet. You go at 50 mph on a sheet of ice! It was really cool. If you think you would want to do this, here is some information:



It is located in Strongsville, Ohio. It's the only public tobogganing chute in Ohio. It costs \$8 for adults and \$6 for children for unlimited trips down. There's a one-trip \$3 option, too. All riders must wear gloves. Riders must be at least 42 inches tall. Their number is 440-572-9990 and is located at 16200 Valley Parkway in Miller Stream Run Reservation. Because the chutes are



refrigerated, there doesn't have to be snow. It is open through February, weather permitting.

Mr. DiBacco

Drew Casa



As you know, Sacred Heart of Jesus Academy has a new principal. His name is Mr. William DiBacco. Mr. DiBacco has been in Catholic education

his entire career. He has been either a teacher or principal at the Catholic schools he's been at. He likes being a principal more than he likes being a teacher. Sacred Heart of Jesus Academy is the third school where Mr. DiBacco has been a principal.

He's been married for ten years. His wife is the principal at St. Joan of Arc. Mr. DiBacco is also a grandfather. He has one granddaughter. Mr. DiBacco is in his mid 50's. He has short gray hair. He is not very tall. Mr. DiBacco has a great sense of humor. He is my favorite principal that I've ever had.

Mr. DiBacco loves Sacred Heart of Jesus Academy! When he was asked how our school ranks compared to the schools that he's been at, he said, "On top...#1." Mr. DiBacco is making several changes to our school. When he was asked that question, he replied, "I'm trying to make the computer lab better. I'm trying to make the discipline stronger." When he was asked what he thinks about the teachers and students, he said simply, "Great!" When he was asked about the advantages of going to a Catholic school as compared to a public school, he replied, "Living our faith, better education and better discipline." Mr. DiBacco also said "I like field trips when I'm not in charge."

Mr. DiBacco is a twin, and he lives in Twinsburg. His birthday is December 11. Mr. DiBacco does a good job of handling all of the 367 kids in the school.



Popular Christmas Gifts

Jack Rochester

Another Christmas has come and gone, and once again Santa Claus has left us all wonderful presents. But what types of presents were most popular this year? I asked ten boys and ten girls from the junior high what their favorite Christmas gifts were.

Girls' Gifts

Other 20%	Clothes 50%
Electronic Games 30%	

Mrs. Mullins

Hannah Wells and Anthony Jim

As you might already know, Mrs. Mullins recently came back to Sacred Heart of Jesus Academy due to health issues. She has four children and a husband. She is a great teacher, and an even better mother! Mrs.

Mullins teaches 5th grade science, social studies, and reading. Mrs. Mullins makes sure we learn and are having a good time doing it! Mrs. Mullins doesn't just

teach us things we need to know, she makes it fun. Mrs. Mullins has a big brain, but even a bigger heart! She is very funny too. Mrs. Mullins has funny saying for us all the time. One of the ones she says most often is "Today is the first day, of the last day, of the first day, of Mrs. Mullins' return."



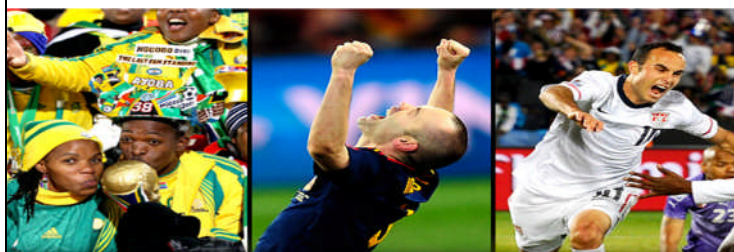
Sports Review 2010

Karl Fehn

Last year was a great year full of excitement and lots of sports!

There were upsets and downfalls, victories and success. The world of sports was more exciting this year than ever before.

For the Fifa World Cup this year, it was held in South Africa. At the end of an intense tournament, Spain came out of the final round 1-0, a very tight game against the Netherlands till the end.



In the NHL this year, there were many exciting events. The Winter Classic was taken place in Pittsburg Pennsylvania. It was the Washington Capitals against the Pittsburg Penguins. The Capitals won after three periods 3-1.



Coming Up:

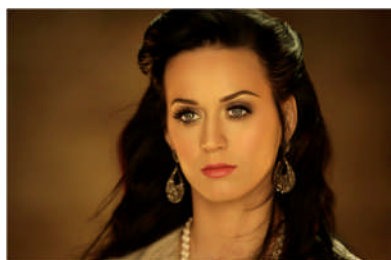


The Super Bowl is coming up in sports events! Chicago, Green Bay, Pittsburg and the New York Jets are still competing for this year's Super Bowl!



Music Videos

Kaitlyn Cosgrove



There are millions of music videos all over the world. Katy Perry is one of the most famous singers and has inappropriate videos, but that's just my opinion. She came out with a couple new songs like for example, Teenage dream and California girls. I went on and watched the music videos of hers and I think Teenage dream was way inappropriate. It was fine in the beginning, but when the end of the video came it grossed me out. I don't know who wouldn't disagree with me about Katy Perry.

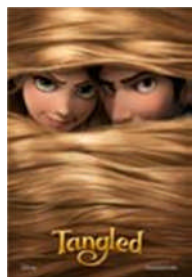
There are other singers that have new songs and videos with it. Neon Trees just came out with a new song "Animal". I thought that song was amazing but that is just my opinion. The music video for "Animal" was amazing to. I love watching music videos but I don't like watching really gross and inappropriate videos

Movies

Katie Sewell



Tangled is about an eighteen year old girl who has been locked in a tower her whole life. When her mother leaves her alone for a little while she escapes with a thief named



Flynn Rider. They have many adventures and mishaps outside her tower. It was a great movie. The characters were interesting and their mishaps along the way were very funny. This movie is one of my favorites.

Many people have said that Harry Potter and the Deathly Hollows was the best of all the Harry Potter movies. However this movie was only part one. Part two comes out in theatres next year. Harry and his friends have to save Hogwarts and the wizard world from evil Lord Voldemort. I can't wait to see it!

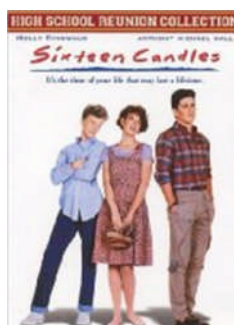


"What We're All Thinking, Part II: What I, Myself, am Thinking..."

Aaron Davis

Well, it seems I've reached a pivotal point in my eighth grade year. I'm done with taking the entrance tests and they're sending off my permanent record to the school of my choice, in this case, Benedictine. I don't want to imagine what my permanent record says about me. I feel like if life was the *Breakfast Club* I could either be Judd Nelson or Anthony Michael Hall.* By the way, Judd Nelson < Anthony Michael Hall. Or maybe my life is a different John Hughes movie. *Sixteen Candles*? I call dibs on Jake. *Pretty in Pink*? I'll be Andrew McCarthy. But what this year has taught me is that life isn't like a John Hughes movie. (I was trying to think of who the modern equivalent of John Hughes was. I couldn't think of anyone.) But, maybe that's what's great about everything. I'll never get to sit on a table and eat a sixteenth birthday cake with some girl that I've never even spoken to. Maybe I won't get to walk away from a detention with my hand in the air because I know that this time it all worked out okay. (Alright, maybe I still plan on doing that after graduation.) Am I afraid of high school? Kind of. But it's just the next chapter in what will be the book of my life.

Most of the people I know right now, most of my friends, my acquaintances, my teachers, probably won't remember me years from now. It doesn't really matter though, now does it? *Continued on pg. 5*





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"What I, Myself, am Thinking..."

The events that I experience now are miniscule compared to those I will experience in the future. This year is like *Friends: Season 10*.



It's the last year, but in the end things will all tie together. Real life doesn't always work out like it does in TV or the movies. In real life the bad guys win and nice guys finish last. But who says life can't be like it is in the movies, just this once? Maybe this time the good guys will win and the geeks will get the girls.

But, alas, now it's time for the last episode, the grand finale, the end. I feel like Luke Skywalker facing Darth Vader. But in the end Luke won, didn't he?

*Maybe Molly Ringwald? Maybe? No? Maybe?



Miss Vercellino's Class Reflects on First Penance

Grade 2



* I felt happy that my sins were forgiven.

I felt good.

I felt really, really happy that my sins were forgiven.

I felt happy, but it is hard to explain.

I felt like all the good things spreading together.

Really joyful!

I felt peaceful because I was forgiven.

I was happy that I was back in God's family.

I felt happy that Jesus forgave me.

I felt happy, it was not that bad.

I was happy that my sins were forgiven.

I went out to breakfast.

We went out for pizza.

We got doughnuts.



Activities During Catholic Schools Week

Sunday, Jan. 30th

11:30 Mass

12:30-2:00 Open House including coffee/donuts, art gallery walk, and raffles

Monday, Jan. 31st

SHJA medals given to students from PTC

Spirit dress day for students (Students should wear any Sacred Heart apparel, jeans are permitted)

Tuesday, Feb. 1st

1:15 & 7:00 Band concert

Wednesday, Feb. 2nd

7:45-8:30 Pastry breakfast

Thursday, Feb. 3rd

7:45-8:30 Pastry breakfast

Friday, Feb. 4th

Mass

Bring a brown bag lunch

Talent Show





The 5th Grade Football Team

Kevin Laffey

We had a great football team this season! We won 4 games and we lost 4 games. We combined with the 4th graders because they didn't have enough for a team. Our coaches were Mr. Arth, Mr. Casa, Mr. Kups, and Mr. Iacobucci. Mr. Casa was our offensive head coach. Mr. Arth was our line coach and the defense coach. Mr. Iacobucci and Mr. Kups were the assistants.

We had a bowl game. The bowl game was in Parma at Byers Stadium. We were allowed to use the locker rooms and scoreboard.



There was even an announcer! We won the game 18-0. It was a great game. Unfortunately one of our quarterbacks, Victor Ferrante fractured his wrist in the first half. We had an amazing football season and I can't wait till the next one!

Anthony Jim, Victor Ferrante, Jove Kohl, and Patrick Fleming. The coaches are: Coach Casa and Coach Iacobucci. Congratulations to our team! Keep up the good work in the LCA and Roundball Classic tournaments!!!

5th Grade Girls Basketball

Cailey Leahy

The girls' 5th grade basketball team is very good. All the girls played for 2 years and this is their 3rd year. So, everyone has been playing since the 3rd grade. We have 2 teams this year, same as last year. Mrs. Shaughnessy is one coach and the other coaches are Mr. Gielink, and Mr. Bauman. We have short people and tall people. Everyone is fast and aggressive and is always ready to play in a game. More than half the grade plays.

Last year, we won the championship against the other St. Greg's team. Also, last year, we had 5 girls from St. Clare's that were on our team because they didn't have enough players to form a team. I know we will do great as we have in the past two years! Good luck!

Fourth Grade Boy Basketball Team Wins Again!

Jack Krebs

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Academy's fourth grade basketball team played St. Gabriel's on Saturday, January 15. With a strong start, the SHJA team led 12 - 0 into the second quarter. St. Gabriel's ended up scoring a total of 12 points, but SHJA fourth grade boys outshined St. Gabriel's with a final score of 20-12. Great job fourth grade boy's basketball team. Team members include: Joey Lawless, Luke Stergar, Jack Krebs, Patrick Kelley, Luke DiNovo, Joe Catena, Tommy Rochester, Ryan Benda, Brian Best, George Byrne, Mark Ewing and Gavin Majikas.



Fifth Grade Basketball Tournament

Drew Casa

On Saturday, January 15, our fifth grade boy's basketball team won the St. Gabriel's tournament. They beat St. John Vianny. The final score was 26-22. It was a very close game. It went back and forth. It was very intense! They won four games in the tournament and only lost one. Wow!

The fifth grade team players are: Drew Casa, Matt Finucan, Matt DiNovo, Gabriel Evans, Brandon Riddle, Jake Robida, Liam Rochester, Tyler Iacobucci, Joey Prevesk,