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Thunderbolt Times

Holy Cross Celebrates Catholic Schools Week

By: Jordan Saari & Courtney Gersek

The week of Catholic Schools Week is happening right now, and it is a blast: fun, after fun, after fun! Catholic Schools Week has been a tradition at Holy Cross for many years. It means taking a break for the students and teachers of Holy Cross. It's a time for enjoying family and friends. The theme for this year's Catholic Schools Week is "Celebrating Service."

To start the week off, on Sunday we had a open house from 9-12 a.m. Different groups set up booths such as Scrip, Newspaper, and Boy Scouts so people can ask questions about them. Students led the Mass on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Our Book Fair is also set up in the Holy Cross Library until Thursday the 29th.



Our annual Scholastic Book fair during Catholic Schools Week at Holy Cross

Monday was Teacher Switch Day, where the teachers get to switch classrooms to teach other students. For example, First Grade Teacher Miss Barrett is switching to our Fifth grade classroom. Mrs. Nennig is going to our 4th grade classroom, and Mrs. Malone will be going to Miss Barrett's room. The students got to wear their PJ's for Pajama Day!

On Tuesday, the 8th grade students took a field trip to attend Mass at Prince of Peace School. It was game day too, where everyone

gets to have fun with board games.

Today, Wednesday is a very big day because Holy Cross is going to Chuck-E-Cheese for the day, YAH! Mrs. Jensen stated, "The kids deserved a good, fun, special day for the special students we have."

On Thursday, we are having Grandparent's Day where the Grandparents are welcome to attend mass at 8:00 a.m., then have breakfast and play bingo. This is a fun day for the stu-

dents and grandparents of Holy Cross. It is also a dress up day for our kids at Holy Cross. Sadly today our book fair is coming to an end, but it will be back next year.

To end this fun and exciting week there may also be a movie and popcorn day for the students on Friday. Also, it is Crazy Spirit Day! Where all the kids and teachers get to where school colors. This is will be a great week for everyone.

President facts:

He was known as "O'Bomber" at high school for his skill at basketball.

He has read every Harry Potter book.

He ate dog meat, snake meat, and roasted grasshopper while living in Indonesia.

He carries a tiny Madonna and child statue and a bracelet belonging to a soldier in Iraq for good luck.

He hates the youth trend for trousers which sag beneath the backside.

His name means "one who is blessed" in Swahili.

He collects Spider-Man and Conan the Barbarian comics.

Obama was the third president to repeat the oath of office.

He can bench press an impressive 200lbs.

America's New Leader: President Barack Obama

Barack Hussein Obama is now the 44th President of the United States. Last Tuesday, a very large crowd went to see the first black President be inaugurated. Over a crowd of cheering people, Obama gave a wonderful speech about how he will help this country.

While his wife held Abraham Lincoln's bible, Obama was sworn in as President. Thousands of people gathered at the Mall in Washington to witness this. He and his wife then walked to the Capitol in the traditional inaugural parade.

President Obama faces two wars and an

economic crisis, but has the support of the nation. We should be proud that our country elected a person who would have had trouble voting in some parts of the country 50 years ago.

By: Phoebe Wood

Sandy (Deprey) Yanda

By: Maddy Quidzinski & Pamela Palines



Sandy Deprey Yanda graduated in 1959, in the 6th grade. She attended Holy Cross from 1st grade to 6th grade. At that time, Holy Cross only went up to 6th grade. For kindergarten, she went to Wequiock Elementary School. After that, she continued her education at Edison Middle School, from 7th grade to 9th grade. When she graduated Holy Cross, she missed the small classes. She stated, "I didn't like Edison that much because of the big classes." Her favorite year was in 6th grade because it was her last year and she felt like we do now as 8th graders.

Her favorite memory was the last day of school, when she got to have a picnic in the woods. During her years at Holy Cross, her pastor was Father Clabots. She had 13 kids in her class and there was no gym. They had to eat in their classrooms and they had to bring their own lunch. There were no foreign languages and no dress code, but the girls had to wear dresses all year long. Most importantly, there were no indoor toilets or indoor plumbing!!! She is now a parishioner at Holy Cross Parish Church and so are her sons.

Cool Facts:

- Every Friday her teacher would buy them soda to drink with their lunch.
- She had 3 recesses. (one in morning for 15 min., another after lunch for 30 min., and then one more later that day for 15 min.)
- She still communicates with friends from her classes.
- Sister Marietta was her 1st grade teacher and was also her son's 1st grade teacher.

Sports Corner

Basketball is underway.....Meet the new Coach.



By: Mari Vogel & Tess Capinski

The basketball season at Holy Cross is off to a good start and has had a little break from playing due to the cold weather and cancelled games.

The weather did provide for a great weekend for the annual Athletic Department Chili and Bake Sale which made over \$1500.00 for the sporting teams at Holy Cross School. This money is used for uniforms, equipment, and fees for entering tournaments, as well as other needs.

We are so honored to have great athletics here at Holy Cross and have seen success on many levels. It made us wonder why people volunteer their time to teach and coach.

We caught up with the 5th grade girls coach, Mrs. Jean Vogel, and asked her a couple of questions about the season and why she chose to volunteer.

Q: What team do you coach?

A: I am the Assistant coach for the 5th Grade girls basketball team. She coaches with Steve Hansen.

Q: How do you feel the season is going so far?

A: The focus has been on teaching the girls the rules and the basics. I believe that each of the girls have gotten better and a little more aggressive with each game.

Q: What are your expectations for the season?

A: The girls all seem to be improving with each practice and game and I would hope that continue. Whether we win or lose each game my hope is that the girls continue to learn and develop their skills.

Q: How do you like coaching?

A: I enjoy being a coach and watching each

of the girls progress throughout the season.

Q: How is your team doing?

A: We have yet to win a game, but we have had a couple close ones. I believe the girls are all learning and having fun which is important at this level.



Comic Central

By: Abby Almonte



What is your New Year's Resolution???

By: Haley Cullen & Ben Janquart

- K- Paige says, " Get more stickers to earn more toys."
- 1st – Lauren S. says, " I want to improve my drawings."
- 2nd – Ryan M. says, " To help my mom and dad more."
- 3rd – Paul G. says, "To get less in trouble, by being quiet."
- 4th – Sami R. says, "Stop fighting as much with my sister."
- 5th - Savannah D. says, "To do better in school."
- 6th – Phoebe W. says, "Go to the gym more."
- 7th – Zach A. says, " No McDonalds."
- 8th – Erin G. says, " Not to procrastinate."
- Mr. Johnson- " To get to Mount Everest."
- Mrs. Zirbel- "To be healthier, and not as crabby."

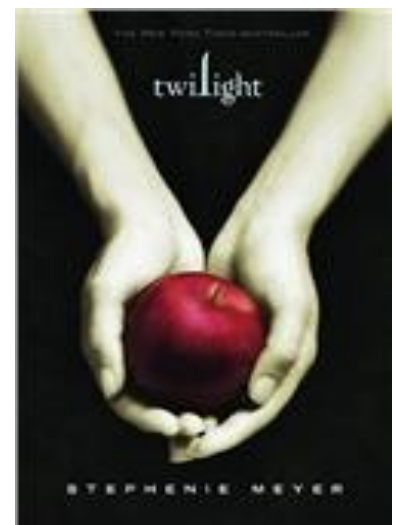
Book Nook Twilight

By: Sophie Reineck and Loryn Lau

Twilight was written by Stephanie Meyer and is the first book in a four book series.

It is about a girl named Bella Swan who lived with her mom in Phoenix, Arizona but moved in with her dad in Forks, Washington. Then, something extraordinary happens at her new school when she sees the Cullen family. Their faces were beautiful but the one who catches her eye the most is Edward. Soon, Bella and Edward fall in love. One day she learns a big secret about Edward and his family.

Twilight is an amazing book. Once you start reading it you will not be able to put it down!



4th Grade Prayers for the President

By: Maddison Wright

Dear God.....

Please give us the knowledge to create a better economy and a better place to live. Help us find renewable energy such as rechargeable batteries so we don't rely on oil. Also please help Barack Obama make our country strong.

Katherine Gapinski

Help us to save this planet by putting in peoples' minds that it doesn't hurt to throw stuff away in the garbage, and not on the road. Also help us to save energy.

Madeline Kaye

Please help Barack Obama make the right choices, and to listen to us about the economy. To stop pollution in the air. That the gas prices will stay the same. Thank you for our world God.

Taylor Perry

I pray for the earth, President Barack Obama, for people to stop pollution, and lower gas prices. For all the poor people that they find will find a home, and for the sick.

Olivia Clark

Help Mr. Obama to make good choices. Help people to give things to the poor. Help those who lost their jobs. Also please help those who are in the Navy.

Max Peterson

Please make gas prices go lower at the store, gas station or anywhere. Make anyone be happy and for everyone to be friends.

Isabelle VandenMeerendonk

Please help us make more energy saving bulbs so we can save energy. Also help us create more oil and fuel for cars.

Destiny Smetana

Please help us with this bad economy. Also help Barack Obama make wise choices.

Samira Reineck

I hope gas prices will stay down.

Julia Vandenlangenberg

Thank you for everything, you gave us so much just because you love us! Please help guide Barack Obama to find good ideas.

Jordyn Zehms

Help the world realize oil pollutes. I really don't want to drink polluted water.

Megan Schumer

Please help the wars end soon. Help our soldiers come home and stay healthy, safe, and strong.

Katherine Pirlot

Thank you for my family. Also help the economy so my dad can stay home.

Will Motquin

Please help Barack Obama to make wise choices for us. Also help us stop polluting the air so much.

Noah Meyers

I hope since Barack Obama is President my dad will do better in business.

Jackson Martin

Help us plant more trees and not cut down more than we have to.

Lance Servais

I pray for Barack Obama to have super good health to be a good president. Also I pray for people to lower gas prices.

Thank you

Callie Adamczak

I pray that nobody will pollute.

Marissa Ziefle

Please help the Navy so that they may be safe.

Jonathon Voigt

WHAT'S COOKING ??

MRS. SATO'S FAMOUS SLOPPY JOES

By: Rachael O'Conner

Mrs. Sato likes to cook this because it is quick, easy and warms you up on a cold day.

Questions I asked Mrs. Sato:

Q. Where did she get it?

A. From her sister-in-law

Q. How long has she been cooking it?

A. About 20 years.

Q. Who likes it?

A. My family



Jo's Sloppy Joes

1 1/2 lbs ground beef

1/4 tsp onion powder

(may use 1/2 c real onions browned)

Optional: 1/2 c green pepper browned with onions

1/2 tsp pepper

15 oz tomato sauce

1 tsp chili powder

Dash or two of cumin

1/2 tsp salt

1 tbsp of brown sugar

Looks like Mrs. Burkhart is ready to try out Mrs. Sato's recipe!!!

