



## Catholic Schools Week Activities



This year's theme for Catholic Schools Week was *Catholic Schools Light the Way*. The theme represented the contributions that Catholic School graduates produce throughout our world due to their background in Religious Education. We celebrated this special week of events beginning January 27th and closing February 2nd.

We kicked off this celebration with an opening Mass at 11 a.m. An Open House at the school followed. At the Open House, we hosted our annual Scholastic Book Fair in the school library. We honored a former graduate, Tom Murt and entered him into the St. John Bosco School Hall of Fame. Here is the schedule of events:

Sunday	Introduced the first St. John Bosco School Hall of Fame member at the 11 a.m. Mass, followed by an Open House and Reception.
Monday	Attended a "Normal" day.
Tuesday	Grades formed teams and had a Scavenger Hunt in Church.
Wednesday	Open House held from 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Thursday	No school, Faculty attended Mass at the Cathedral with Cardinal Rigali. It was St. John Bosco's Feast Day and a special Mass was held that evening in our church.
Friday	At the annual Birthday Bash, Home & School provided pizza and cupcakes.

By Casey Farrell and Kirstyn Caserta



### SCHOOL CLEANUP DAY:

### SJB SPJRJTS SPARKLE TOO!

On January 21, 2008, Martin Luther King Day, parents and children volunteered to help clean the school to prepare for Catholic Schools Week. There were 59 Saint John Bosco students and 50 adults. It was not just parents and students who helped, but also the staff. There were many things to do like clean the windows, doors, and walls of the school. When they needed to take a break, there were refreshments in the lobby provided by the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. After 4 hours of cleaning, the school sparkled. Everyone was very excited for what they did! Sister Rita commented on the strong sense of school spirit and was thrilled by the overwhelming response of all those that participated. (N.U.T.-"No uniform today" passes for ALL who helped.)

By Casey Leven, Steph Kraynak, and Evan Walsh



JANUARY 31:  
Feast of  
St. John Bosco

St. John Bosco,  
also known as  
Don Bosco  
(Italian translation of "Father Bosco")

On the Internet enter the address,  
<http://www.salesians.org/prayers.htm>  
to find the novena .



## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



On Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, and Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Saint John Bosco held a Christmas Bazaar. There were many crafters who brought goods to sell, along with a lot of seniors selling goods they made at home. The bazaar was located in the hallways of the school, the cafeteria, and the gym. Some people were working in the kitchen for lunch and breakfast, selling items and taking pictures of children with Santa Claus. People who attended were members of the parish as well as people in the outside community. Items were raffled such as the Wii, which a senior won for one of her grandchildren. This event was sponsored by the Women's Guild.

By Aimee Aurelia and Micaela Klein

## Advent Activities

**Straw strips**-there was a small paper manger with straw strips in each classroom. The straw represents children's acts of kindness, prayers, and other spiritual efforts done at school and home during the four weeks of Advent. At the end of the week, an announcement was made that called two students from each classroom carry down the paper manger to the front lobby.

**Advent calendar/Prayer and Kindness Strips**-At the beginning of December, each child received an Advent calendar to help them focus on their

accomplishing activities. When a student completed the activity, they filled in a square with the color of the candle that week. After Christmas, the calendars were collected and hung under the stable in the front hall. Each class received a container full of folded up prayers and kind things to do during the school day. Extra straw was taken for placement in the manger at any time during the day. Also a container of strips was in the front hall so everyone, even visitors, participated with us!



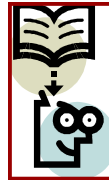
**Jesse Tree Ornaments**-There were large colored ornaments and prayers that were placed on the Jesse Tree. The ornaments were from stories in the Bible. Some of the ornaments were the stars in the sky because God told Abraham "that you shall have as many children as the sky". Another ornament was an

apple. The apple represents when Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating the apple that God specifically told them not to eat. Other ornaments were a dove, a burning tree, an ark, a ram, a ladder, a sack of grain, a lamb, a tablets of the torah, a rams horn trumpet, a claw water pitcher, a crown, a harp, a stone offer, an empty tent, fire longs with coal, tears, a stone watch tower, a city wall, a scallop shell, a white lily, mother and child, pencil and tablet, a hammer, a candle, a manger and a Chi-Rho symbol.

## Archbishop Wood High School Play

On Wednesday December 12, all classes attended the play, "A Christmas Carol." Students enjoyed the upbeat songs and wonderful costumes. The dancing looked well rehearsed too. We were pleased to see some of our former SJB students up on stage. We look forward to visiting Archbishop Wood again for their Spring production.

By Aimee Aurelia and Micaela Klein



## Barnes and Noble Night

The school choir performed at Barnes and Noble Night on December 5, singing songs such as "Stay Awake" and "Jesus Christ is Born." The choir had an audience of young and old. Each student received a flyer that

they gave to the cashier and 10% of the profits went to St. John Bosco School. It was a great joy to see friends and teachers outside of school and we earned over \$600.

By Aimee Aurelia Micaela Klein

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

A Christmas concert took place in the parish church on December 13<sup>th</sup>. The Parish Children's Choir, the Adult Choir, and the School Choir all took place in singing songs such as "Little Tiny Miracle", and "Sing Alleluia." There was a live Nativity scene with two 8<sup>th</sup> graders acting as Mary and Joseph. A few students from grades 2 to 8 took the parts of the other characters at the scene. We wish to thank Sister Joy and Mrs. Quaranto for their hard work and efforts.



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## OPERATION SANTA CLAUS

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade made posters to put in all of the classrooms and gave a talk to all of the children about what Operation Santa Claus is. The purpose of Operation Santa Claus is to get donations of gifts for all of the children who would not get them. Our children brought in unwrapped toys for families who could not afford Christmas presents. The results were generous. Board games, stuffed animals, tea sets, and toy cars are some examples of presents that students brought in. The Archdiocese sent a truck to pick up the several bags of toys and took them to a center.

By Aimee Aurelia and Micaela Klein

DECEMBER!!!

The National "Hello Neighbor!" Month.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs. Simon  
**National Pie Day**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Isabella Kowalski
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs. Sheerin
- 4<sup>th</sup> National Cookie Day!
- 8<sup>th</sup> National Brownie Day!
- 9<sup>th</sup> Devon Lavery
- 10<sup>th</sup> Stefania Luberto  
Haley Storbrauck  
Jessica Stirling  
**National Human Rights Day**
- 13<sup>th</sup> Jonathan Campbell  
Stephanie Kraynak  
**National Cocoa Day**
- 18<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Morley
- 19<sup>th</sup> Matthew Brown  
Peter Pucyo  
**National Oatmeal Muffin Day**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Edward Dawson
- 23<sup>rd</sup> William Baumher
- 27<sup>th</sup> Liam Jones  
**National Visit the Zoo Day**
- 28<sup>th</sup> Hunter Williams  
**National Chocolate Day**
- 29<sup>th</sup> Caitlyn Ward  
**Diego Racanco**



## St. Nick's Day

After lunch on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, everyone put their shoes outside in

the hallways for St. Nick and his elves to put goodies in the students' shoes. There was music playing over the intercom when the elves arrived. Pencils, stickers and candy were placed in the student's shoes. All of the children were excited to get goodies from St. Nick!

By Aimee Aurelia and Micaela Klein

## Sports:

# Basketball Teams



### Basketball Teams

There are two different teams for the sixth grade basketball teams. The two teams that they have are A and

B teams. On the A team there is: Shane Atkinson, Matt Kuhlmeier, Gus Lawn, Ian Lyons, Kyle Erwin, Michael Cavanaugh, Patrick Driscoll, David Arcaro and Ryan Staiber. These CYO members are the 2007-2008 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball team. These kids will also be representing our school. Good luck to all these children in the season. The two coaches of the team are Tom Kuhlmeier and Dan Lawn. These volunteers give their time to teach kids the game of basketball and should be noticed in the school.

There is also a 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade team: Diego Racanco, Tyler Celline, Evan Walsh, Robert Jacobs, James Byrne, Matthew Brown, Kyle Greener, Jeremy Ferrante, Brain Smart and Nicholas Neapolitan.

By: Shane Atkinson and Nick Halczak



## 6th Grade Service Project

This year the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation class is holding an Alex's Lemonade Stand at CYO basketball games. They chose this service project because they know that the money they raise will go to a good cause for sick children. With the help and support of their fans, they are hopeful they will raise lots of money to donate to



Alex's Lemonade Stand.

Alex's Lemonade Stand started in 2000, when a four year old girl with cancer named Alexandra Scott sold lemonade at a stand. The reason for this was to help raise money for research for children with cancer. Later, Alex passed away at 8 years old. After she died her work didn't end; her mother kept selling lemonade. Then Alex's Lemonade Stand became the number one charity in the country.

By: Matt Kuhlmeier and Ian Lyons

-----January-----

3<sup>rd</sup> Diego Racanco

4<sup>th</sup> Timothy Doyle

5<sup>th</sup> Miss Henry

6<sup>th</sup> Anastasia Ballasy

....John Kuhlmeier

7<sup>th</sup> Angel Egbert

10<sup>th</sup> Peculiar People Day

11<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Morris

12<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Flack

13<sup>th</sup> Kimberly Cayamcela

14<sup>th</sup> Andrew Boyle

15<sup>th</sup> Jenna Kasman

!6<sup>th</sup> National Nothing Day

17<sup>th</sup> Noah O'Connor McDowell

18<sup>th</sup> Tyler Antonacci

----National Hugging Day

19<sup>th</sup> National Popcorn Day

25<sup>th</sup> Micaela Klein

.....Mrs. Homa

----Opposite Day

27<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Storbrauck

28<sup>th</sup> Casey Farrell

31<sup>st</sup> Inspire Your Heart with Art Day



## Ask Gwendolyn

Dear Readers,

This column is about keeping yourself healthy over Valentine's Day. First, stay away from sugar and candies. You can do this by giving flowers instead of chocolate or you can give candies that are sugar free. Instead of going to parties, you can stay home and have a quiet evening enjoying a relaxing activity. You can also try giving a nice fruit basket to someone special. If you are on a tight budget you can make a homemade gift such as a card or craft. Just make sure to wrap whatever gift you give in red and pink!



Your Friend,

Gwendolyn





1st Michael Kedziera  
2nd Aubrey Atkinson

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

4th Thank a Mailman Day 12th Joseph Whalen 15th Jared Stevenson  
10th Makayla McQuoid 13th Ferris Wheel day 16th Nicholas Halczak



**Blast From The Past**

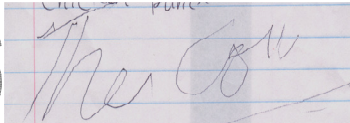
After all the planning and hard work, this year's Hatboro parade float was complete. Our parish's CYO entry won first place in the Non-Profit organization category. Our award winning float was entitled "Welcome Home to our Soldiers" to commemorate all the soldiers who were brought home this Thanksgiving and Christmas. We would like to thank all who participated in the making of the float and all who walked in the rainy weather. Thank you so much for your hard work!

On January 4, 2008 the Home & School treated grades K-8 to a Math, Magic, and Mystery assembly performed by Craig Collis. He showed us how to tackle a math problem using magic and logic. Mr. Collis showed us sneaky lateral thinking techniques using playing cards and he also used our very own students as his "lovely assistants". All of us here at SJB thank Mr. Collis for sharing his innovative math ideas with us and we hope he comes back very soon!

By: Regina Panzano and Aubrey Atkinson

18th Grace Moffett  
19th National Chocolate Mint Day  
21st Emily Heybach  
25th Ivan D'Souza



**Who Is  ?**

By Aimee Aurelia and Stephanie Kraynak

You all know Chick-Fil-A's famous poster child, The Cow, but who is the cow behind the magic? What are his interests? Does he even eat chicken? We interviewed this fun-loving bovine to find out just who he is. It turns out, even though he works at a restaurant that serves chicken, he actually is vegetarian. He currently has no girlfriend, but is loved by many. He has been cowing for 4 years and loves it more than a fresh bale of hay. His morning routine is simple, as he only needs to put on his signature "eat mor chikin" shirt, but he needs assistance putting it over his head. His favorite recreational activity is dancing, and his favorite dance is the chicken dance. Don't try to get him to talk, because he has taken a vow of silence. This lovable barnyard animal has stolen our hearts without saying a word.

By: STEPHANIE KRAYNAK AND AIMEE AURELIA

**What am I thinking?**

Fill in what the animal is thinking and send it in to Mrs. Morley. You might see your quote in the next article!

A collection of images of animals with thought bubbles next to them for a guessing game. The images include:

- A small dog (possibly a Chihuahua) with a thought bubble.
- A large elephant with a thought bubble.
- A white cockatoo perched on a log with a thought bubble.
- Two birds perched on a branch with a thought bubble.

By Nick Ryan and Nadine O'Connor