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7th graders host Jingle Bell Ball

By: Kerry Ervin, 7th grade

On December 19, the seventh graders went to John B. Parsons Nursing Home for a Christmas party. We set up all kinds of decorations, for example there were Christmas streamers, wreaths, and

other Christmassy things. The food that was included was pretzels, homemade brownies, chips, peppermint sticks, and lots of other delicious items. The beverages included orange drink and water. We played lots of fun games with the nice

people that lived there. One man said that he had flown over the Bermuda Triangle!

The seventh graders had so much fun, and we all loved everything the lovely people had to say. In all, it was very fun for everyone!

Girls Basketball Scores Big this Season

By Kerry Ervin, 7th grade

This year, the 6th, 7th, & 8th grade girls went undefeated during this basketball season! Many of our players, including Gracie Gardner, 8th grade; Fedra MacMillan, 8th grade; and Callie McLaughlin, 6th grade, may have been absent for a couple of this season's basketball games, but we still beat teams that have beaten us for years! The 2015 basket-



ball team members were Callie McLaughlin and Caroline Scott (6th graders), Paige Jansen, Madison Synowiec, Kerry Ervin, Faith Lafferty, Gabby Urbina, Grace Conick, and Sarah MacDonald (7th graders), and Blaise Buffington, Erin Hall,

Savannah Scott, Nefret Perunko, Gracie Gardner, and Fedra MacMillan are the graduating eighth graders.

The coaches for the team are Mrs. Gardner, Mr. Conick, and Ms. Ally Conick.

We had a very eventful season, and we beat many school rivals who did not expect us to beat them all at once.

Great season to both the girl's and the boy's team!

Students Bring Joy to Senior Citizens

By: Rence Davis, 6th grade

On December 22, 2014, the 6th grade class went caroling at the Anchorage Nursing Home in Salisbury. They left school at 12:30 after lunch and returned for 6th period. The moms were so generous to drive us in their vans. Mr.

Costante and some of the moms chaperoned. The moms brought Santa hats and jingle bells. The 6th graders sang holiday songs, for example "The 12 Days of Christmas," "Silent Night," "The First Noel," and "Rudolf the Red Nose

Reindeer." We went to entertain the residents by singing and sharing holiday cheer. The 6th graders made all the people happy. At the end, because of their hard work, the staff there provided grape juice to the students.

Emergency Drills Investigated

By: Aiden Reilly, 5th Grade

The students have been preparing for emergencies throughout the year. Some of these emergencies are a fire, severe weather, bomb threat, and an intrusion by a dangerous person. We hold them every month on Thursdays.



The drills consist of lockdowns, fire drills, bomb drills, and evacuation. A lockdown drill means no one is allowed to leave their classroom or the school. An evacuation drill

means that after we "hunker down" in are classrooms we evacuate the schools to go to our safe spots- the Health Department and Bethany Lutheran Church. A fire drill is when you leave the building silently and go to a place on the field and wait for instructions. As a student I feel safer now.

The Mystery Teacher

By: Rence Davis, 6th grade

Who am I?

Clue #1: I wore the same uniform as our own students

Clue #2: I was a state champion in sports

Clue #3: I have a cousin who was in the Olympics

Clue #4: I have a favorite movie: *The Wizard of Oz*

Clue #5: I have traveled as far as California

Clue #5: I have short hair and brown eyes

Take a guess at who I am and you'll be in the running to win a prize!

See your homeroom teacher for last issue's list of winners!

A New Year's Word Search

By: Rence Davis, 6th Grade

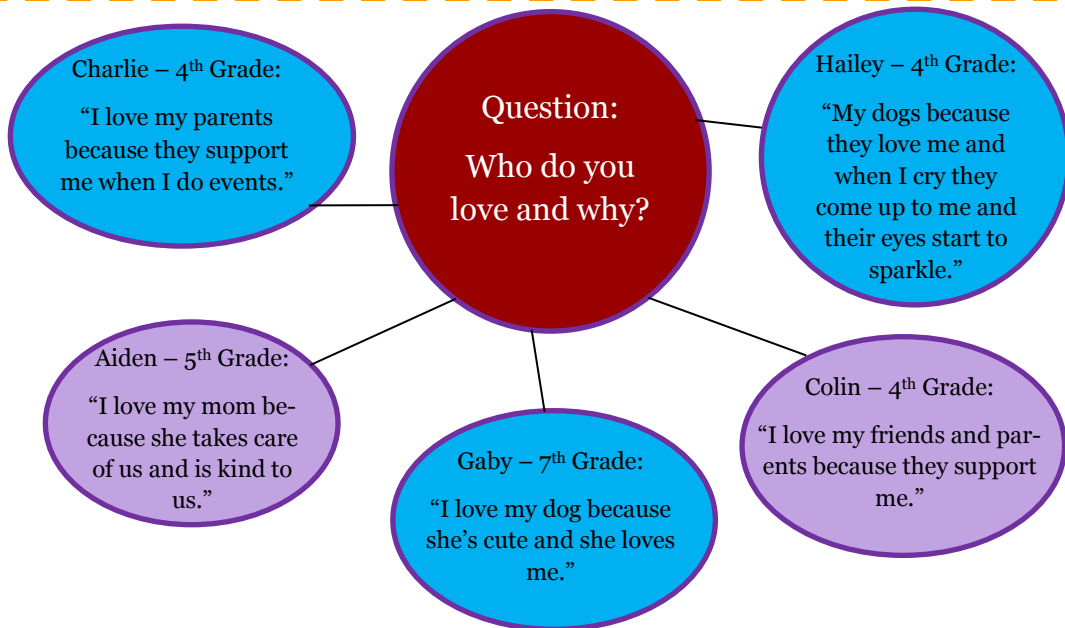
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WORD BANK:

- APPLECIDER
- YEAR
- DROP
- PARTY
- BALL
- CONCERTS
- FIREWORKS
- RESOLUTION
- CHAMPAIGN
- MIDNIGHT
- TIMESSQUARE

The Big “?”

By Kerry Ervin, 7th Grade



Principal's Page— *A Message from Mr. Costante*

By: Mr. Costante,
Principal

There tends to be a slight lull in the spirit of some as the calendar turns from December to January. Christmas is over and the decorations have been stowed away for the next year. The New Year's celebration is all but a distant memory - except for occasional stray noise maker or party favor that was stuck

within the couch cushion. And yet, the lull of January has no place in **PEN-GUIN NATION!** This past month has been quite busy: a joyous Epiphany sing-a-long event for our parish, a delicious Pizza and Movie Night, the local Geography and Spelling Bees were held, and the Feast Day for our beloved Saint Francis de Sales. And of course, a Catholic Schools

Week filled with joy, celebrations and many blessings for which to be grateful!

Having moved past the interim marking period for the second trimester, we now move into the final weeks of this trimester. With this being said, the exciting challenge of doing your absolute best in the classrooms, on the athletic court, in the choir loft or on the stage preparing

for the 8th grade school play, reminds all to make the most of every moment that you have. And as our patron saint of our school so eloquently suggested, "God does not measure our perfection by the many things that we do for him, but rather how we do them" (St. Francis de Sales).

Enjoy the upcoming blessings of the Lenten season!

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