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Blessings for All, Even the Pets!

By Ben Cooledge

The blessing of the pets is an event to celebrate St. Francis of Assisi, and to protect our animals. Students can bring their pets to be blessed by a Priest. This year, Father Solomon hosted the ceremony. If they couldn't bring their pet, they could bring a picture to be blessed to represent the animal at home. Although I didn't bring my dog, I watched the blessing of the pets

and had a great time.

Mr. Costante had a little Chihuahua with him. The weather was cool, with a great morning breeze.



An Ode to Thanksgiving

By Albi Freda

Oh Thanksgiving — What a wonderful holiday! Some people just tend to forget you. I don't know how anyone could forget about the wonderful homemade bread with the silky butter spread across. The steamy stuffing that we don't stuff in the turkey because of its wonderful taste all on its own. My mother's hot, cheesy macaroni. The beautiful mashed potatoes with the melting brown gravy on top. The steamy roasted carrots

(that for whatever reason) I found myself somewhat appealed to try them, even though I never did. The shiny forks and knives placed so neatly on the table were so enticing that just looking into them made me feel like a princess. The old plates with the most royal designs were so clean, I almost mistook them for new ones! Last but not least, the turkey. In all its glory, it sits in the middle of all of the dishes. Bigger than my head, I can barely see my sister on the

other side of it. I sit in my chair in awe, dreaming of the taste of the golden brown turkey. All the other dishes glare in jealousy of the beauty that stands before them. We give thanks for our meal and finally eat.



Cool Inventions: Camera Pen

By: Ricky Gutierrez

The camera pen would help the newspaper committee because it would be an awesome way to take pictures. It would also be very light to carry around to games, carnivals, dances, and the eighth grade play. All you have to do to operate it is

just touch the top and the lens takes a picture. Then you can just upload the pictures to a computer. We could use it to get candid shots of people by taking pictures when they aren't looking. It also is a lot less bulky to carry around.



Cool Inventions: ChromeBook

By: Yenesi Torres



Here's some exciting news! SFdS got Google ChromeBooks this year and we got to use them for the first time in the fall.

Students are able to use them in class, but use depends on what the teacher has planned for the activity. They are really cool and small. They are like using the computers in the computer lab, you just don't have to walk all the way over there. It is really convenient.

They are stored in a cart, just like the iPads.

They are easy to use, and fun for all!

The
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Dana: Everyone to have anime (cartoons)!

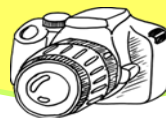
Sarah: A laptop, so my mom can use her own!



Christmas Gifts:
What are you asking for?

By Bright Ogburn

Taylor: A snazzy camera!



Audrey: A hover board — those things are so cool!

Bright: Leonberger Puppy



Story Time!



By Sarah Tarr & Dana Reddersen

I celebrated thanksgiving in Shenandoah, Virginia this year and had a great time! We went hiking and played board games, but best of all was the dinner on Thanksgiving day. We had steak (turkey on Thanksgiving is overrated), sweet potatoes stuffed with melted marshmallows, green beans, mashed potatoes, and salad. My grandma bought apple pie for dessert. My

Dad, Mom, and I played Yahtzee a lot and my Dad always won. We went hiking to a summit and had lunch at the top. One Saturday, we tried to hike to a waterfall, but the sun was starting to set so we had to turn around. Overall it was an amazing trip!

-Sarah

"Christmas Cookies"

The night before Christmas, my friends and I were making Christmas cookies, but then Santa

came and stole all of the cookies! How he got here so quickly, we still don't know. He smiled at us, this super sneaky smile, and then away he went, stealing the cookies!!! So we knew we had to find him. We took the bat-mobile to Santa's house and fought the elves and took down the head elf named Elfus! When we got to Santa, he already ate the cookies. At least he said they were good!

Carnivals Never Grow Old

By Ben Cooledge

The Riverside Carnival is a fundraiser that St. Francis de Sales parish hosts every year. This year's was really fun and the food was great! The lemonade and the ice cream were the best.

There were many rides; some of them were really fast and fun. If you weren't there, you missed out on a great time! It's known as the best carnival in Salisbury. Most of the rides are children appropriate, such as the fun house, the train ride, and tiny spaceship. The

games are harder than you would think, so watch out! There is one game that is almost impossible. When you climb this ladder, it's tilted, and the goal is to reach the top and ring the bell. The tough part comes when they flip the ladder around. The carnival has many different kinds of food like burgers, hot dogs, funnel cake, and more! I love all of the food. I think they all taste good. Finally, the main ride they have every year is the ferris wheel. You can spot it from a street away because it is in the same spot every

year. It's one of my favorite rides since it gives you the best view of the carnival. It's a perfect way to

end the night of fun!





A Christmas Carol with a Twist

By: Audrey Gianelle
& Taylor Gray

Twelve Hours 'til Christmas
(to the tune of *12 Days of Christmas*)

On the first hour 'til Christmas
My conscience said to me,
"Buy a sweater for your Auntie!"

On the second hour 'til
Christmas
My conscience said to me,
"You just bought two mixed-
matched earrings."
And a sweater for your Auntie!

On the third hour 'til Christmas
My conscience said to me,
"You just spent three hours
looking at treats!"
Two mixed-matched earrings
And a sweater for your Auntie!

On the fourth hour 'til Christmas
My conscience said to me,
"Just buy four gifts on Amazon!"
Three hours wasted
Two mixed-matched earrings
And a sweater for your Auntie!

On the fifth hour 'til Christmas
My conscience said to me,
"Uh oh.. Five violations broken."
Four buys on Amazon
Three hours wasted
Two mixed-matched earrings
And a sweater for your Auntie!

On the sixth hour 'til Christmas
My conscience said to me,
"You need six new pairs of
shoes!"
Five violations broken
Four buys on Amazon
Three hours wasted
Two mixed-matched earrings
And a sweater for your Auntie!

On the seventh hour 'til
Christmas
My conscience said to me,
"Yes! Seven sales are going."
Six pairs of shoes
Five violations broken
Four buys on Amazon
Three hours wasted
Two mixed-matched earrings
And a sweater for your Auntie!

On the eighth hour 'til Christmas
My conscience said to me,
"Yum— Eight cakes in the oven!"
Seven sales a-going
Six pairs of shoes
Five violations broken
Four buys on Amazon
Three hours wasted
Two mixed-matched earrings
And a sweater for your Auntie!

On the ninth hour 'til Christmas
My conscience said to me,
"Nine anxious kids a-waiting..."
Eight cakes a-baking
Seven sales a-going
Six pairs of shoes
Five violations broken
Four buys on Amazon
Three hours wasted
Two mixed-matched earrings
And a sweater for your Auntie!

On the tenth hour 'til Christmas
My conscience said to me,
"There are ten phones that need
fixing!"

Nine kids a-waiting
Eight cakes a-baking
Seven sales a-going
Six pairs of shoes
Five violations broken
Four buys on Amazon
Three hours wasted
Two mixed-matched earrings
And a sweater for your Auntie!

On the eleventh hour 'til
Christmas
My conscience said to me,
"You need eleven rolls for
wrapping."
Ten phones in fixing
Nine kids a-waiting
Eight cakes a-baking
Seven sales a-going

Six pairs of shoes
Five violations broken
Four buys on Amazon
Three hours wasted
Two mixed-matched earrings
And a sweater for your Auntie!
On the twelfth hour 'til Christmas
My conscience said to me,
"Yay! Twelve stockings stuffed!"
Eleven rolls for wrapping
Ten phones in fixing
Nine kids a-waiting
Eight cakes a-baking
Seven sales a-going
Six pairs of shoes
Five violations broken



Four buys on Amazon
Three hours wasted
Two mixed-matched earrings

Casual Corner

By: Heather Sanchez & Albi Freda

Some of you may remember that back in October, Father Solomon came to each class and talked to us about his trip and that he saw Pope Francis. Father Solomon also brought us a charm with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. If you look at the back you see the word *Millennium* and you see the "mil" in Spanish. It means 1000, so Millennium means 1,000 years. Tertium means third. I thought this was so thoughtful. I really enjoyed his present. Well thank you for reading. I hope you have a wonderful day. God bless you. - **Heather** -

The Halloween Dance is a school event for the middle schoolers. It's hosted for the 6th through 8th graders who dress up for a dance in the cafeteria. It's usually held close to Halloween. The school and some parents set it up for us. But why do all this work? To celebrate Halloween of course! I'm in the 6th grade so it was my first time going this year. However, even though I'm not the best dancer, I'm really excited for 7th grade and if you're in middle school, you should be too! - **Albi** -

What's going on
with us? Read more
to find out!!



Technology, Sports, and Friends



By Mason Rosten

There once was this nerd who loved video games, learning, playing sports, and reading. He had some interesting experiences. It all started when he was 11 after he moved 5 hours away from his home. It was rough, but he stayed in touch with his friend Johnny. He gained some awesome friends, and their names were Darcie and Chris. He won the spelling bee at his school, so he was smarter than

he thought.

He played lacrosse and soccer —his favorite sports. In soccer, his team won almost every game. Sadly in lacrosse it wasn't so easy, but he loved hanging out with his friends! One time he went to the beach with his friend Darcie, and she brought cake and played the song "Cake By the Ocean". Soon he started branching out. He even started a YouTube channel, and he called it "ThatEpicDude".

On his Youtube channel, he played games called *Minecraft*, *Unturned*, *Roblox*, *Scrap Mechanic*, *Spore*, *Salt*, *The Escapists*, *Fallout shelter*, and many others. He did a lot with his friends, he went to the movies with them, went to the beach, made new videos. Who knew that he would be so outgoing!



Word Search Fun

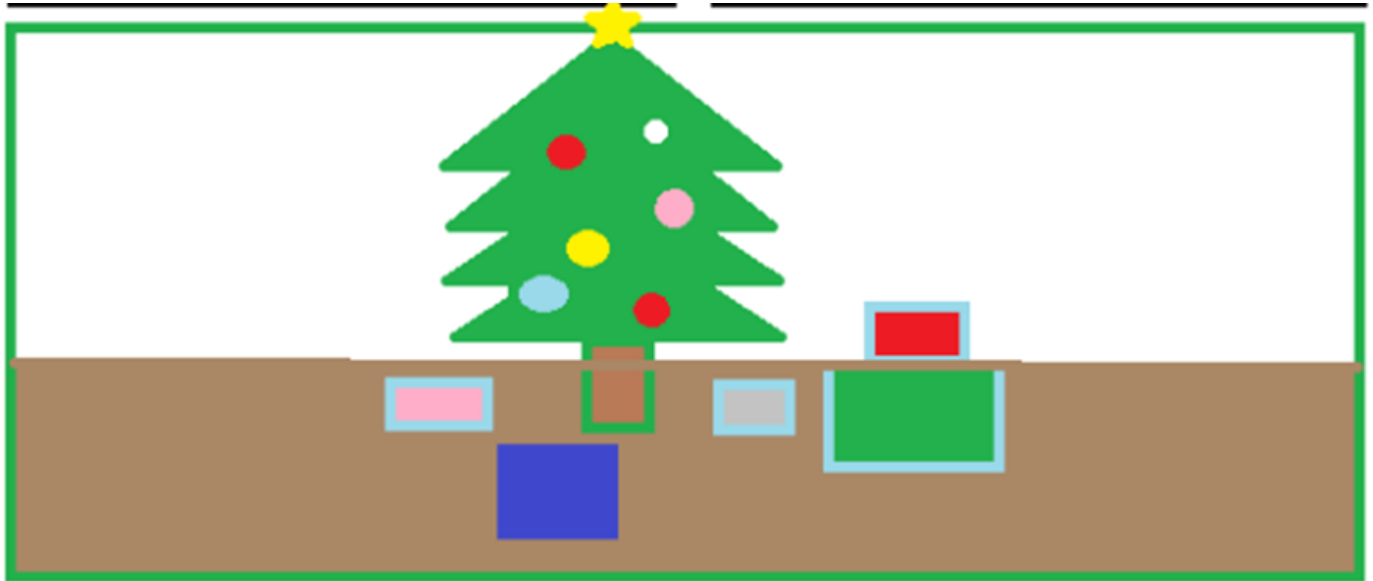
New Year's Word Search Puzzle

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BEGINNING	REFLECTION
CALENDAR	RESOLUTION
CARDS	RIBBON
CELEBRATION	SNOW
COLD	TOAST
CONFETTI	WINE
END	
FIREWORKS	
GLASSES	
GREETINGS	
IN	
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OUT	

Christmas Joy

By: Bright Ogburn



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