

THE BULLDOG BEAT

Brought to you by: the 6th Grade Accelerated Language Arts Class



Basketball News

By: Chris M.

The basketball season is here! All of the players are really excited for the season's playoffs. I interviewed Jabari A., a sixth grade basketball player. I asked him if he was nervous for his game and he said, "I'm not very nervous because I have confidence in my team."

The boys and girls compete in separate divisions, which are divided into different grade levels. Basketball is offered to the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. Each time a team wins a championship, they get a banner on the wall in the auditorium. I think our school will play well this year.

SHS Track and Field

By: Chris D.

Sacred Heart Track is one of the many sports that our school has to offer. It is a great and fun way to exercise and show your abilities. This sport has many trained coaches to teach you how to run. There are three different types of running. They are sprinting, medium distance, and long distance. It depends what you are best at. It also offers field activities such as softball throw, long jump, and shot-put.

People join track to make friends and have fun. Usually track starts at the end of the second trimester and ends in the third trimester.

Get Informed!

By: Samantha D.

The sixth grade accelerated reading class is starting a school newspaper! Want to hear about a club before you sign up? All that information is right here in our featured club column! Get to know your teachers better in our Teacher Feature. Got no homework tonight? Relax and kick back with our games or come up with some questions for us, and we will answer them in our Reader's Input column! Our in-class activity will get students, teachers, and parents excited about school events.

These new newspapers will hopefully appear 2 times by the end of this school year. Do you think readers will be interested in our stories? Will we get all our planned newspapers in on time? "100% yes!" says sixth grade accelerated reading student Jessica G. Our newspaper staff members are positive that this will work more smoothly and more swiftly as we publish more and more papers.

We are planning on having different topics for articles and feature different clubs and teachers every time. We will send a photographer and reporter to Sacred Heart events. They might also appear at up-coming events such as the Snack with Santa or Snack with the Easter Bunny. Wish us luck in the publishing office if you are as excited about this new activity as we are!



8th Grade Graduation

Teacher Feature

By: Will W. and Jabari A.

Out of all the teachers nominated for Teacher of the Year at SHS, Lyndhurst NJ, Mrs. Jill Rama was elected. She's one of the first grade teachers at Sacred Heart. She is always interested in learning new facts and other things to provide interesting learning experiences for students. Mrs. Rama has been teaching for seventeen years, twelve years at St. Cecilians and five years at Sacred Heart. She is going to Fairleigh Dickinson University to get her masters degree in literature. She had one other job before teaching: a bookstore owner. Mrs. Rama has done many good things, so she deserved this award.

Play Progress

By: Stephanie M. and Kara B.

This year, our school play will be *Getting to Know the Sound of Music*. The play will take place in our school's auditorium on April 15th and 16th at 7:00 pm. *The Sound of Music* is about a young woman named Maria who becomes a governess to Captain Von Trapp's seven children. Mrs. Rooney, the play director, has been putting a lot of her time and effort into the play as well as the rest of the students participating. We hope you come and see our interpretation of the original *Sound of Music* and, to the cast, break a leg!

By: Jessica G.

Remember to bring your tissue boxes for this years 8th grade graduation! This class is a special one. This 8th grade graduation is going to be very emotional because a group of them started from Pre-K all the way to 8th grade together. Luckily they will have these amazing newspapers to look back to! My own brother is graduating this year. It's going to be tough without him here next year.

I talked to some students about their school life without their siblings and what it is going to be like. I interviewed Samantha D. in 6th grade whose sister graduated in 2014, and she said, "It's pretty fun having responsibility like getting letters to take home, but its also nice having a sibling to wave at you in the hallway and brighten your day." I also interviewed Christopher D., his brother Nick is graduating this year, and he said, "I'm happy he's leaving, but I'm also going to miss my brother in school with me. I am very glad for my brother on whatever high school he chooses to go to, and I just want him to make a lot of new friends." Well there are some happy and some sad sides to having a family member graduate.

I talked to some of the 8th graders, and I asked Frankie G. how he feels about leaving the school. He said, "I'm excited to see what's ahead, but I'll miss it here." I also talked to Tom P., and I asked him if thinks he is prepared for high school and he said, "Yes." A lot of students have been in this school since Pre-K. I spoke to Isabelle M. and asked her how long she has been here and she said, "Since Pre-K, 10 years." Then, I asked some students what is going to be their favorite part about graduating, and Luca L. said, "Receiving my diploma because that equals what I have accomplished." I also asked Natalie M. what her favorite part about graduating was, and she said, "Moving on." Chris T. got asked what he is going to miss most about this school and he said, "Teachers." Mrs. Sommese got asked a few questions. One of them was how she feels about her students graduating and she said, "Excited." I asked her also, if she likes when her old 8th graders visit her at school and she said, "Yes, always nice to hear what they've done."

SHS Choir

By: Natalie M.

Let your voice be heard! The Sacred Heart Choir is just the right thing for doing so. Run by Mrs. Rooney and Mr. Dalzell, this club teaches you vocal warm-ups, as well as hitting the low and high notes. Practices are held every Tuesday from 3:00 - 3:30 in Room 314. This is a great way for students to work on their voice technique, and to prepare for the drama club.

The choir members don't only prepare for the drama club, but also have the opportunity to sing at school masses. A student can also volunteer to be the cantor, or lead singer, for a particular mass. They lead the choir in song, announce page numbers in the hymnal, and also sing their own part! This is a big role, but it can also be really fun.

Besides singing at masses, the choir gives children the opportunity to sing at the Christmas Eve mass, as well as the 8th Grade graduation. Although this can be challenging, Mrs. Rooney and Mr. Dalzell make sure things are easy, smooth, and that every child has a fun experience.

The population of students who are in the choir has grown over the years. Although we have many students participating in this club today, not many students were involved in the choir 2-3 years ago. "Students may be scared or embarrassed to join the choir based on peer pressure," says Mrs. Rooney. So if you are not joining the choir based on peer pressure, we encourage you to come, so you can let your voice be heard!

Learning New Things

By: Blaise E.

Looking for something new and different? After school students can participate in many different clubs and sports, ranging from sports all the way to academics. I happen to participate in math, chess, bowling, and a part of the year in art. These clubs are all after school on different days. Some sports are basketball, golf, tennis, bowling, and track. Some of the hobbies are art, chess, and math. At the beginning of the year, students can also be elected into student council.

These clubs and sports usually start in October and November. They are run by teachers who are generous enough to spend their time teaching us new skills and abilities. Students should remember to be on their best behavior for these teachers because they volunteer their time and experience to create a fun and informative activity. Thank you for reading this article and remember to look into some of these clubs.

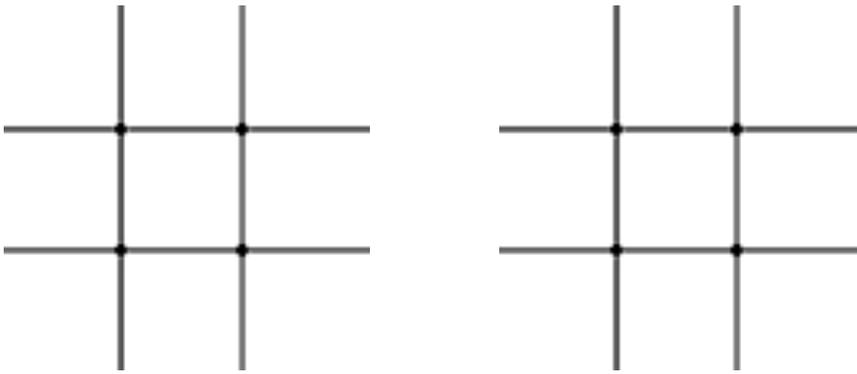
Stations of the Cross

By: Riley M. and Brigid K.

The Stations of the Cross are important to our Catholic school. Sacred Heart School has stations every Thursday in the afternoon. Every week, a different class reads the fifteen stations. Before the reader starts the station, we genuflect. After the reader is done we sing "Jesus, Remember Me." Performing the Stations of the Cross helps us develop as Catholics in this school. We remember that Jesus died on the cross for us and is always with us.



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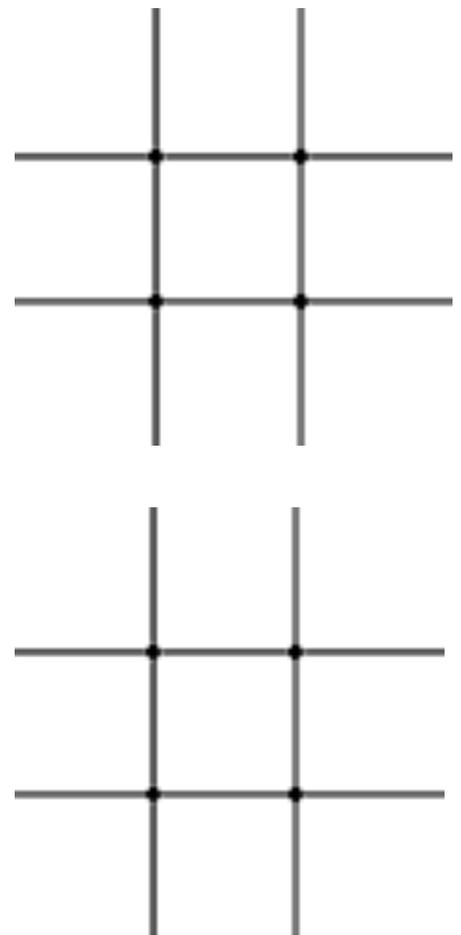


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