

# THE BULLDOG BEAT



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

## We are the Champions!

By: Jessica G.

Ms. Candio-Sekel's 3rd and 4th Grade girls basketball team won the championship! This team went undefeated in the American Division, the highest division. The location of the game was at Saint Leo's Elmwood Park and the Bulldogs played Saint Phillips, Clifton. The final score was 28-16. I talked to Ms. Candio-Sekel about staying with the team next year and she said, "Absolutely, no question about it." I also asked Ms. Candio-Sekel how she thought her girls play together and this was her answer, "They play very well, they're like a family, they support each other 100% and are not selfish." Well there you have it, the championship team. Go Bulldogs!

## 60th Anniversary

By: Samantha D.

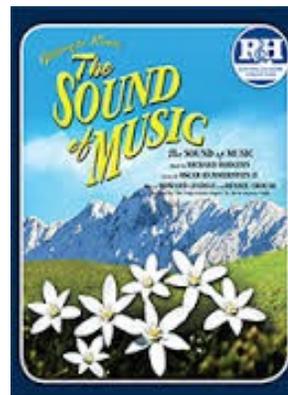
Save the date! All parents are invited to the 60th Anniversary party on April 29th at the Greycliff restaurant at 7:00 pm. Many of you are alumni of this beloved school. If not, then you must know that your children are getting the best learning experience possible. Every principal since the very first, Sister M. Frederick to our current principal, Mrs. Durocher has brought something new to this growing school. Remember that this event is open only to adults older than age 21, but come out and celebrate Sacred Heart's 60th Anniversary!

## Getting to Know the Sound of Music

By: Sofia M., Jabari A., and Avelino V.

The students of Sacred Heart School did an amazing job performing in *Getting to Know the Sound of Music*. The cast was made up of 4th to 8th grade students who had been practicing since January. Mrs. Rooney, one of the 5th grade teachers, directed the play.

We asked Fabiana, who played Maria, some questions about her character. She said "I'm like Maria because I care for others, but she is holier than me." We also asked Nick West, who played Captain Von Trapp, how he felt when he got his role and he said, "I always wanted to be in the play."



By: Brigid K. and Amanda I.

Get to know our newest member of SHS faculty and staff, Mrs. Alessi. Earlier this month, we interviewed her and she gave us great answers.

Mrs. Alessi is married and has two kids: Anthony at age six and Aiden at age one (almost two). One of her kids, Anthony, comes to our school and is in Mrs. Murphy's class. Mrs. Alessi got her degree at Montclair State University. She is still working for her Masters degree in nutrition.

Mrs. Alessi loves this school because she used to teach high school and she thinks it is important to have a variety of different experiences. She has always wanted to teach elementary school. Mrs. Alessi enjoys teaching physical education, health, and nutrition. She will be stressing exercise and demonstrating how to calm our minds and bodies. Her goal is to make our health and nutrition program better, and hopefully she will succeed.

## Featured Club

By: Christopher M. and Chris D.

Math Club is an exciting experience for anyone to enjoy. It is run by one of our own teachers, Mr. Dalzell. From just learning a new concept in math to getting into groups for a small competition, there are many things you can do in Math Club that are extremely fun! One activity that we do is travel to schools to face off in math competitions. For example, last year we went to Oak Hill Academy and Ranney School. Some of our own students in Math Club qualified for the state math competition! Math Club is offered from grades three to eight. Recently, our Math Club reached the National Gold Status. This means that we completed a special task given to us by the people who run the math competitions around the globe. As a result of completing the special task, making a survey for the middle school, we received a trophy and banner. This banner is currently being hung outside Mr. Dalzell's classroom. Although not many kids are in Math Club, we can change that with your help. By joining today, you can help us make the Sacred Heart Math Club grow tremendously. Join our school's Math Club today!

## First Newspaper Feedback

By: Stephanie M., and Natalie M.

According to many of our Sacred Heart students and teachers, our first newspaper was a big hit! We got lots of positive feedback about the articles that were written. "I really enjoyed reading the article about the school play," says eighth grader Tatiana, "The sixth graders did well producing their first newspaper." Mrs. Attal also commented on the teacher feature. She said, "I felt that the teacher feature was a great way for students and even teachers to get to know each other more."

We also talked to our school principal, Mrs. Durocher. She said, "The sixth graders did a wonderful job with the newspaper. It helps the children develop writing and interviewing skills." Mrs. Tabin, our 6A homeroom teacher said, "I enjoyed reading the newspaper because it had articles for everyone. I am definitely excited for the next issue."

A lot of our students and teachers were impressed about the way the sixth graders organized this newspaper. Mrs. Attal said, "They did a great job. The newspaper creates a big portal for communication. I did not expect the newspaper to turn out so well." Our skilled editors, Jessica G. and Samantha D., said, "Everything went smoothly. All of the students were very enthusiastic and worked well as a team." Lastly, we asked our language arts teacher, Ms. Klein, how she felt we did. In reply, she answered, "All of the sixth graders did a phenomenal job. I especially loved how they took the newspaper and made it their own. In doing this, they opened up their minds to more creative thinking and writing."



## **A Day in Clay**

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By: Blaise E. and Kara B.

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Two days ago the 4th to 5th graders made vessels. Vessels are Native American pottery. While interviewing a group of 5th grade girls; Daniela, Emily, Amanda, Marin, and Emma, Daniela said, "It was a lot of fun and we learned about a lot of techniques." While the 4th and 5th graders were making vessels, the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders were creating African inspired masks. All the classes were taught for an hour to an hour and a half by Mr. Cliff Mendelson, fine arts potter and educator, of Day In Clay. He taught the students about forming the masks and vessels using various tools and techniques. All of the masks that they made had different emotions and meant something to them. It was a hands-on experience that almost everybody loved. When the masks are finished drying, the students will be able to bring them home and paint them. Also, every class is going to be writing thank you letters to Mr. Mendelson. Finally, we should all give a great big thanks to Mrs. Ferrara and to Ms. Klein. One thing is for sure, and that is that the Day In Clay was a huge success.

## **New Additions to SHS Track**

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By: Steph M. and Riley. M.

This year Sacred Heart School's Track added three new events: the javelin throw, 5th and 6th grade shot-put, and the 200 meter race. The runners will also be getting new uniforms, which are red and white.

Many runners will be participating in the events of their choice. There was an estimated amount of about one hundred children that have joined. We interviewed one of the coaches, Coach Lynn, and she said, "I think the kids did very well last year and I'm sure they will do even better this year, especially with the new events that will be taking place. I do like the new uniforms, too."

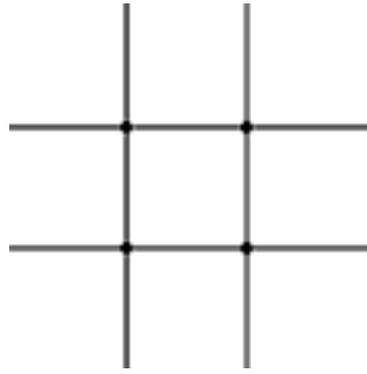
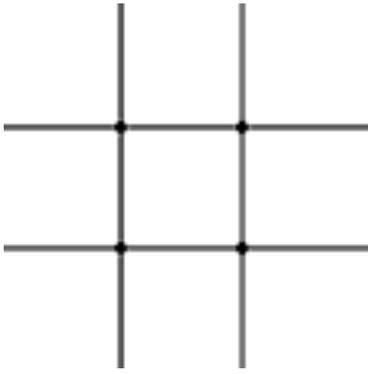
Sacred Heart School's Track program provides exercise for the runners and keeps them in shape. Many of the kids join to make friends, have fun, and even just to participate in the activities. The first track meet is May 1st, at the Lyndhurst High School's Track and Field. We hope you come and see us compete!

## **Medieval Times**

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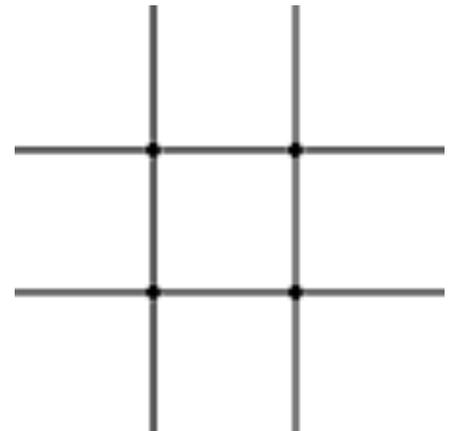
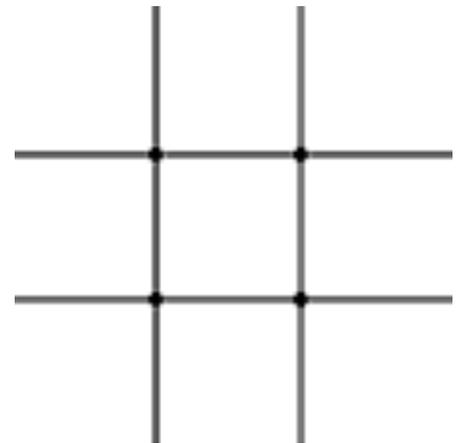
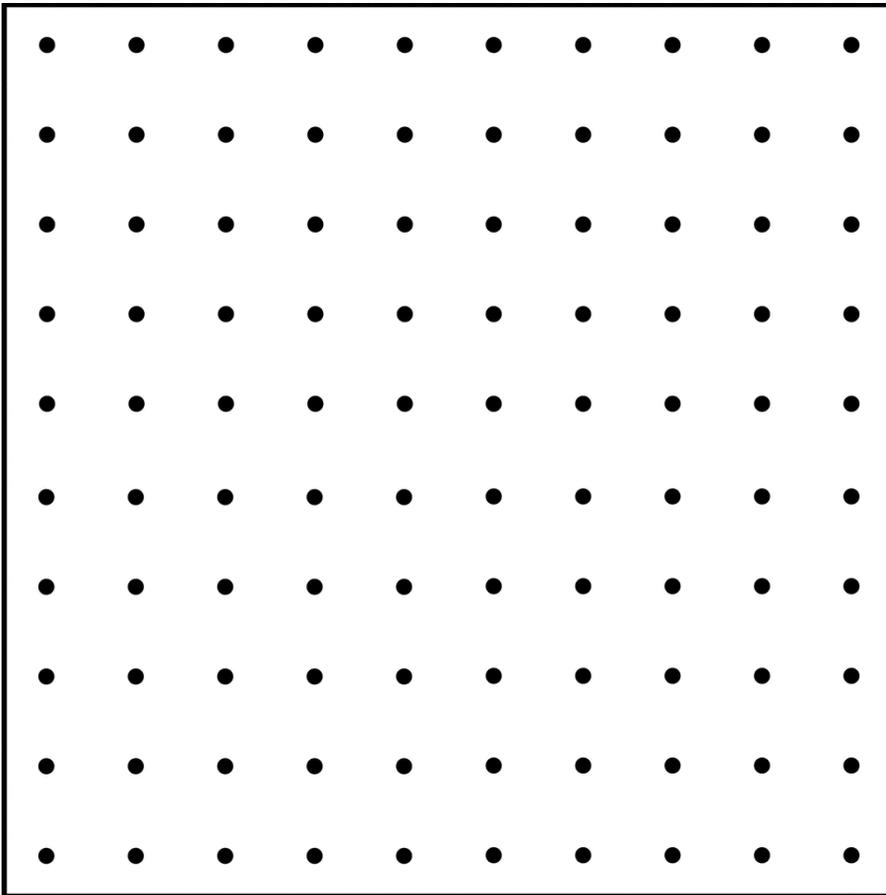
By: Chris D'. and William W.

On March 16, 2016, the Sacred Heart School 6th grade Literature class visited Medieval Times in Lyndhurst, NJ. It's not only fun, it is educational. We interviewed two students, Samuel M. and Jessica G. Samuel M. said, "I learned a lot there. I enjoyed the horses and the jousting. When our knight lost I wasn't that upset." Jessica said, "There was a lot of learning involved. The knights were brave and if you act excited, you get a flower. I enjoyed Medieval Times." Ms. Klein said, "It connects reading in class with real world experiences. I think the students enjoyed it, everyone was cheering and screaming. I enjoy Medieval Times, the time period, and the art. Also, I liked the falcon and horses." Mrs. Tabin said, "It was a good experience for the kids because they are able to experience how knights used to fight. The students definitely enjoyed Medieval Times. I enjoyed the entire experience, because it was a lot of fun."



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