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2008 Halloween Carnival

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On October 31, 2008, St. Charles Borromeo had its annual Halloween Carnival during school for the first time. We also had a great parade around the track where parents were able to take pictures of their children. At the carnival, there were many games. One of the games was a witch walk. At the witch walk, you were able to wear a witch hat while you played the game. Also, in the art room you were able have your picture taken for six tickets a picture. Most kids thought that it was a wonderful thing to have in the carnival. We could take a picture with your friends as a memento. There were many costumes that the students were wearing at the carnival like witches, hippies, ladybugs, bumble bees, and numerous other cool costumes. Also, at the beginning of school some of the employees surprised Principal BJ by dressing up just like her.

A lot of students had comments about the carnival. The batman costume was liked the most. The food people enjoyed was the Frito pie. The game that was most popular was Splat the Rat. A Survey was taken about kids who would rather have the carnival during school or on a Saturday. Out of thirty-five students, twenty seven would prefer the carnival to be held during school. Eight out of the thirty-five students rather have the carnival on a Saturday.

According to Mrs. Menicucci, this was the first time the carnival had 32 booths! There are usually less games. Anyway, many people enjoyed themselves very much and had a great time participating in the carnival. Also, we had a great parent turn-out. Several moms and dads attended and had a wonderful time with their children. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this a wonderful St. Charles memory. We appreciate you participating in our annual 2008 Halloween Carnival.

Calendar

November

25th 1st Trimester
Report Cards

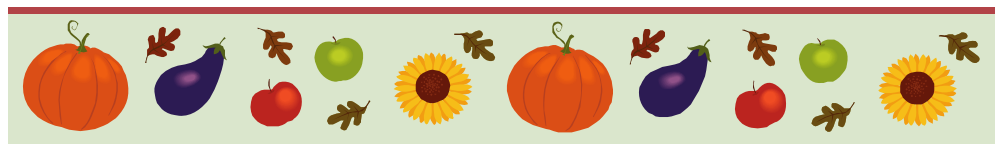
27th – 28th
Thanksgiving
Break –No School

December

18th Christmas
Musical 7PM

19th Teacher Day
No School

24th – 1/5
Christmas Break
No School



Koats for Kids

Now that it's cold we need YOU to bring in KOATS for KIDS IN NEED. It would be a very good deed if you did because you would be giving to those who don't have warmth this winter. So, please bring your new or used coats. It's getting cold so bring in all the coats you can!!! You only have a week so hurry and bring in those coats cardinals! Think of the less fortunate; and bring in those coats. GOOOOO CARDNIALS!!!!



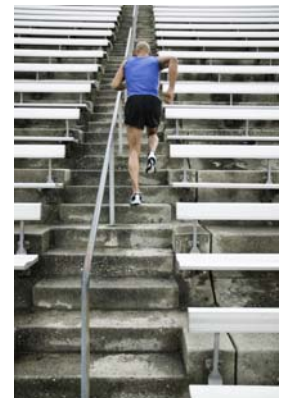
Presidential Fitness Test

By Billy Torres

It is that time of year again when Coach Sandoval gets us into shape! We all participated in the Presidential Fitness Test. The program is used to determine your level of fitness, and you gain awards based on your achievement. You can win 1-3 honors. These are the Presidential, the National, and the Participation.

Grade	Mile	Boys Time (min.)	Girls Time (min.)
8 (Age 13)	Mile	6:50	8:13
7 (Age 12)	Mile	7:11	8:23
6 (Age 11)	Mile	7:32	9:02
5 (Age 10)	Mile	7:57	9:19
4 (Age 9)	Mile / .5 mile	8:31-Mile 3:30-.5 Mile	9:30-Mile 3:53-.5 mile
3 (Age 8)	Mile/.5	8:30 Mile 3:30-.5 Mile	10:02-Mile 1:55-.5 Mile
2 (Age 7)	.25	1:48	1:55
1		NO RUN	
K		NO RUN	

This event takes place in the beginning of the year. The first and kinder grades do not have to run. We try our best to run for endurance, do pull ups for upper body strength, shuttle run for speed and agility; do sit ups for abdomen strength, and sit and reach to gain flexibility. It is a required grade in P.E., so I hope you all participated with zeal.



GO CARDINALS!!!!!!

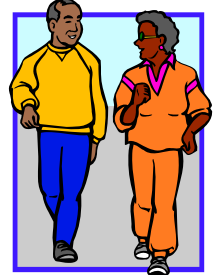
The Walk for Diabetes

By Carly Montoya

Do you know anyone with Type I diabetes? Even if you said no, you probably do. There is one in every three children with this disease. Type I diabetes is an autoimmune disease that attacks your pancreas; a pancreas is the organ in your body that creates the hormone insulin. Insulin breaks down sugars in your body. It all sounds complicated, don't you think? Scientists have created many inventions to help make diabetes easier to live with. They have invented meters that help diabetics keep their sugars in check. They have also invented an insulin pump. This invention is like an artificial pancreas, except for it is external.

There is an organization that helps raise money to find a cure. This organization is called the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). This organization holds an annual walk to raise money to help find a cure for diabetes. This event is held on the first Saturday in November. Some of our St. Charles students joined a team and then raised money to help their team. Then, on Saturday November the 4th they walked a 5K walk around the Balloon Fiesta Park.

Jodi Griesemer and Jennifer Hernandez both had teams in the walk this year. Their friends Janelle Cote, Alysia Hernandez, Avelina Rimbart, Arika Ames, Isabella Lopez, Kendra Chavez, and Rayleen Ortiz joined them. It is not only a walk, but it is also like a carnival. The activities they had were face painting, balloon tethers, karaoke, dancing, free flu shots, food, jumpers and rock climbing. This event that helps raise money to help children with diabetes is not only a good cause but is also really fun and exciting.



2008 Presidential Election

By Connor Munsey

November 11, 2008, known to many as "Super Tuesday," was a day to remember. The United States of America elected the first African American president! The day also went down in history as the day with the largest voter turnout. On Tuesday the 4th, Senator Barack Obama was elected president of the USA. At the beginning of the year, Obama was running against John McCain, Mike Huckabee, and our own Governor Bill Richardson. Obama was clearly the most popular candidate at our school as the chart shows.

2008 Presidential Election at St. Charles School (3rd-5th Grades)		
154 out of 157 Voted		
Class	Votes for Obama	Votes for Mc Cain
3A	8	7
3B	9	6
4A	13	4
4B	12	4
5A	13	9
5B	14	7
6A	9	7
6B	8	10
7A	11	5
Total	97	59

Obama's plan was to stop the war, lower taxes, and he also wanted everyone to have the same healthcare that is offered to our government officials. His plan proved very popular as the election results show. It was quite an emotional time for many people watching the election. The U.S.A. has become truly a country of freedom and democracy.

Many people believe that Obama will be a great president and will change our country for the better; after all, his campaign slogan was "change". Hopefully they are right.

Thanksgiving in the Church

By : Alysia Hernandez

Jesus is an excellent model for us to learn to give thanks. He often gave thanks for food and answered prayers. As Christians, we should be extremely thankful. Jesus Christ has done so much for us. He died on the cross for us and has taken care of us for centuries. This is enough for us to be more than thankful. We can show this thankfulness in so many ways.

One way we can be thankful is through prayer. We can pray to God and thank him for all that he has done for us. Thanksgiving is actually a form of prayer! Another way is through worship. We need to participate in mass to show that we care and that we truly are thankful. There are many things that Jesus says in the bible about thanksgiving. You may want to reflect on these scriptures.

Psalm 50:23- He who offers a sacrifice honors Me; And him who offers his way aright I shall show the salvation of God

Psalm 118:21- I shall give thanks to Thee, for Thou hast answered me; And Thou hast become my salvation.

So, Thanksgiving is not only about being thankful for what we have. It is also being thankful for what we believe in and for what has been done for us.

Thanksgiving Scramble

By Jennifer Hernandez

1. rgsiplm
2. oncr
3. rbrrycaen
4. kisnviahtggn
5. kipmnpu
6. yma
7. satfe
8. naoopcricpu
9. onycol
10. adepra



Answers: pilgrims, corn, cranberry, thanksgiving, pumpkin, yam, feast, cornucopia, colony, and parade

Prayer of the Animals

By Chris Monjaras (Inspired by St. Francis)

Thank you, God, for creating all animals,
Those that walk on land,
And those who crawl in sand,
Those who swim in a lake, and
Those who slither like a snake.

Thank you for these wild brothers and sisters:
The sweet slumbering songs of frogs,
Being protected by your dogs,
Pigs that give us lots of meat,
And for birds whose songs are sweet.

All animals do something good:
From hamsters who are your best friend,
To spiders who from their webs suspend.
From crocodiles who play all day
To bees who pollinate along their way.

I see your glory in our four-footed friends.
The warmth and shine of their fur,
The way their happiness makes them purr,
The beauty of a flying dove,
All are signs of God's true love.



COOKIE DOUGH SALES

By Elliot Espinosa

Have you ever wondered what Principal BJ thought of the cookie dough sales? Well, we interviewed her and we got a lot of answers. Principal BJ said that she did not like the cookie dough sales, but it was a necessity. It is a necessity because the school gets approximately 10,000 to 12,000 dollars every year just in the cookie dough sales. That money helps pay the bills! She says that her favorite part of the fund raiser was eating the cookies! Her favorite cookie was Peanut Butter Cup cookies. A lot of people really like the cookie dough sales, so we should defiantly keep this awesome fundraiser. Note: Unfortunately, cookie dough sales were down this year. We only made \$7,900.00.

What is Advent?

By Chris Monjaras

Advent is just around the corner. This year, it begins on the 3rd of December and ends on Christmas Eve. Advent is the beginning of a new church year. In fact, the word *Advent* means "coming", and is a time when the church members are called to prepare for the "coming" or birth of Jesus. The world wide liturgical church color for Advent is purple.

All church members are asked three things during this season. Are we worthy to celebrate the Lord's coming into the world? Have we prepared our souls to be home to the Lord, through Eucharist? Are we prepared for the Lord's final coming as judge

at the end of the world? During this Advent season we should keep these questions in mind. We should do this so we can be better people and be more prepared for Jesus' birth which is what Advent is about.

There are many Advent traditions. The Advent wreath is one of the most popular Advent traditions. Usually, the wreath has four candles; three are purple and one is pink. We decorate both our churches and homes with them. Another tradition is the Jesse Tree. This tree, named after the father of David, is decorated daily with symbols that depict events that led up to the birth of Jesus. Stories from the bible like Noah, Abraham and Moses, are read during this season. One tradition that many of us have participated in is the Advent calendar. The calendar follows Advent and has little doors or windows that are opened each day with a symbol of the season behind. Advent is a wonderful season filled with eagerness and joy with many ways of celebrating.

2008 Christmas Musical "Once Upon a Starry Night"

By Janelle Cote



The Christmas musical this year is about stars who tell the story of Jesus' birth. Comet Powell is the great star who tells the other stars about Christmas. He was the star who guided the Shepherd to the birth of Jesus. There are twenty four actors [grades 3-5], ten songs, and the other student's [K-5] that sing and dance. The actors practice once or twice a week and must be very committed to their songs and their school work, too.

Amy Moore [Shepherd and understudy for Baarbara the sheep] says it is a bit hard because you have to know your lines really well, know where to go and when to be there. She says she enjoys the play. Her role is finding lost sheep, seeing the great star and witnessing Jesus' birth. She usually practices once a week.

The Christmas play is a St. Charles tradition. It is expected to be a complete success. It will be at the Kiva auditorium on December 18 at 6:00. May you have safe holidays and a very...



Blessed Advent!

