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From the Editors:

The Newspaper club would like to give a big thank to William McGuiness for taking the time to speak with us about his experience in journalism. William was part of the newspaper club in 2001. He attended Durfee High School and went on to receive a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, English from UMass Amherst. William has worked at The Boston Globe, The Herald, CBS in New York City and currently works at Columbia University as a social & digital media manager. The students learned a great deal from speaking with William via Skype. One thing that resonated for many of the students was to write about what interests them most-"You need to be more outgoing with more than one topic. You also need to research more on the topic you're doing. If you do a topic that is very interesting to you, it will be interesting to your readers, but if you find the topic boring, it will make your readers uninterested." We hope you all enjoy the articles in the second edition of the HNS Press!

Mrs. Enos & Mrs. Masterson

Mr. Swensen By: Sadie F.

Rain, snow, sleet, or shine this guys here all the time. Is it the postman? No. It's Mr. Swensen. Not everyone may know who he is. But if you come into school on the

Stetson St. side of school you know who he is because he is wearing a bright yellow vest. Mr. Swenson is the only person who has shown up every week for traffic patrol. So in honor of that we give him the traffic patrol award. We thank him, and the next time you see him you can say, "good morning Super Swenson."



"Super Swensen" one cold Tuesday morning, but still smiling!



Holy Name School

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Faculty Spotlight

An Interview with Mr.Pietruszka

By: Britney & Gillian

Q: How did you become the religion teacher?

A: Well it was pretty unexpected because I was just asked if I wanted the job basically on the spot. It was more of a call from God then a job. The Lord wanted me to teach at this school it was a call from God. When I teach I enjoy seeing the students making connections, like light bulbs going off in religion class.

Q: When did you get the call from God?

A: Since college I was always drawn to teaching, my classmates in college said that I would be most likely to become a teacher. I was in doubt before I came here because I didn't realize what the Lord actually wanted me to do for Him. It was actually hard to get out of my last job and to come to this job.

Short answer: About three weeks ago I got a call from God to work at this job, when Father Jay asked me if I wanted to get this job.

Q: Do you like this school? Why?

A: Yes, because it's a great gift to be in a catholic environment. Even Bishop Da Cunha said it many times that we are the new generation and the future of the church. Even though this my first time teaching kids, I want to be a good influence on the young minds of the church.

Q: Are you fluent in any language?

A: Besides English, I am fluent in Spanish. I studied Spanish for nine years, but started to really learn when I started to have conversations in 2009.



Q: What's your favorite color?

A: Red, there's no real reason for this color, maybe because I liked that color since my childhood. You can never miss my car because its beautiful bright red!

And that's a little more about Mr. Pietruszka!!

Faculty Spotlight

If I Could I Would By: Priamos, Liam, Philip & Mateo

If you had a different job what would it be? We asked these teachers what they would be if they didn't have their teaching jobs.

Mrs. Rogers: Nurse

She wants to be a nurse because she would still work with kids and help when they are sick.

Mrs. Bjerre: Nanny

She loves working with children and she cherishes the bond with the family. She also worked as a nanny about 10 years ago and loved that experience.



She loves movies and is often heard quoting movies in her classroom like

"*number 5 is alive*" from <u>Short-Circuit</u>. She has been told that she has a great voice to be a narrator.

Ms. Sampson: Ballerina

She loved ballet and thinks it's beautiful. She likes how she can express herself by dancing not talking. She danced for 15 years.

Mrs. Piques: Librarian

She would be a librarian because it is quiet and she loves books. Her favorite type of book is a Mystery Thriller like the <u>Stand</u> by Steven King about the apocalypse. She recommends this book only to children who are 14+.

Mrs. Desmarais: Designer

She finds it so interesting. She would love to have a contractor to help her with her designs. She would even redecorate her mom's house when she was young for fun. When she was in collage she would help her roommate redecorate her room.

Mr. Pietruszka: Priest

He says "At the end of the day it comes down to whatever God calls you to do." He once got the call to be a priest at age 7 and still feels like that it still pulls him in. He wanted to "run" but couldn't. He loved religion all his life and knew it was the job for him.

Mrs. Chippendale: Disney World

She wants to be greeter at the main gate, or act as Minnie Mouse. She wants to be in the happiest place on Earth.

Dr. Wardell: Teacher

She taught grades 7, 8, and 9, English, Grammar, and Diagramming and loved it! She taught at a public school in Cranston, RI. called Park View Junior High.







Have you read a good book lately?



Book Review By: Deirdre Okay for Now Author: Gary D. Schmidt

Doug Swieteck is *not* a lucky guy. He just moved from his long time home on Long Island, New York to go to the tiny, run down city of Marysville. If moving from his home wasn't enough, Doug has two older brothers, one in the army, the other always messing with him, an abusive father, and no friends in his new home. Tough, right?

With money for the family scarce, he takes the job of delivery boy at Spicer's Deli. There, he meets the owner's daughter, Lil' Spicer. He can't really stand her...

With all this going on in his life, it may have been pretty hopeless. Even so, Doug and his loving mother find a way to survive. Doug takes refuge in the town library. There he met a friendly librarian who introduced him to the artist John James Audubon and begins to teach him to draw his paintings. These paintings continue to mysteriously disappear though...

While facing new hardships including fitting in his new home, his father, his brothers, and his family's money issues, Doug tries to keep hope. He faces the task of finding his own identity and falling in love for the first time.

One of my favorite things about this book is how real it is. You get to hear the whole story from Doug Swieteck's point of view. You hear his likes, dislikes, and everything that goes through his head during the story.

I also really love the theme of the story. This book shows the reality of life that all people face at some point. It also shows how to keep hope when that comes. It will teach you that if you feel strongly about something, you should do anything in order to embrace it. Doug must also discover who he wants to be.

You can also read <u>The Wednesday Wars</u> which you should read first. Because of the way the books are written, you do not need to read <u>The Wednesday Wars</u> first, but I recommend it.





(This is not an emergency!)

Prepare yourself for a unique twist on the story of Hansel & Gretel Part 1 & 2 By: Deirdre Aquiar

Hansel & Gretel

Part 1 (Seen in our last edition)

Once upon a time, there was a poor woodcutter with his wife and his two children. The boy's name was Hansel and the girl's name was Gretel.

Whoa, whoa, whoa. Hold on. So. This whole story is about some fairy tale?

Yes. It is. But it gets better.

Anyways, he was very poor and had little to eat, and when a famine came, he could not provide for his family.

So, one evening as he was lying in bed worrying, he sighed and said to his wife, "What is to become of us? How can we feed our children when we have nothing for ourselves?"

"Man, do you know what?" answered the woman. "Early tomorrow morning we will take the two children out into the thickest part of the woods, make a fire for them, and give each of them a little piece of bread, then leave them by themselves and go off to our work. They will not find their way back home, and we will be rid of them."

"No, woman," said the man. "I will not do that. How could I bring myself to abandon my own children alone in the woods? Wild animals would soon come and tear them to pieces."

"Oh, you fool," she said, "then all four of us will starve. All you can do is to plane the boards for our coffins." And she gave him no peace until he agreed.

Well.... As you can see, this woman does not really like Hansel and Gretel.

"But I do feel sorry for the poor children," said the man.

Likely story. But he really did love his children.

The two children had not been able to fall asleep because of their hunger, and they heard what the stepmother had said to the father.

Gretel cried bitter tears and said to Hansel, "It is over with us!"

"Be quiet, Gretel," said Hansel, "and don't worry. I know what to do."

And as soon as the adults had fallen asleep, he got up, pulled on his jacket, opened the lower door, and crept outside. The moon was shining brightly, and the white pebbles in front of the house were glistening like silver coins. Hansel bent over and filled his jacket pockets with them, as many as would fit.

Then he went back into the house and said, "Don't worry, Gretel. Sleep well. God will not forsake us." Then he went back to bed.

Gretel put the bread under her apron, because Hansel's pockets were full of stones. Then all together they set forth into the woods. After they had walked a little way, Hansel began stopping again and again and looking back toward the house.

The father said, "Hansel, why are you stopping and looking back? Pay attention now, and don't forget your legs."

"Oh, father," said Hansel, "I am looking at my white cat that is sitting on the roof and wants to say good-bye to me."

The woman said, "You fool, that isn't your cat. That's the morning sun shining on the chimney."

However, Hansel had not been looking at his cat, but instead had been dropping the shiny pebbles from his pocket onto the path.

You all know this part. Clever Hansel drops the stones on the path and helps them get back home.

When they arrived in the middle of the woods, the father said, "You children gather some wood, and I will make a fire so you won't freeze."

Hansel and Gretel gathered together some twigs, a pile as high as a small mountain. The twigs were set afire, and when the flames were burning well, the woman said, "Lie down by the fire and rest. We will go into the woods to cut wood. When we are finished, we will come back and get you."

Hansel and Gretel sat by the fire. When midday came each one ate his little piece of bread. Because they could hear the blows of an ax, they thought that the father was nearby. However, it was not an ax. It was a branch that he had tied to a dead tree and that the wind was beating back and forth. After they had sat there a long time, their eyes grew weary and closed, and they fell sound sleep.

When they finally awoke, it was dark at night. Gretel began to cry and said, "How will we get out of woods?"

Poor little Gretel. Big brother to the rescue.

Hansel comforted her, "Wait a little until the moon comes up, and then we'll find the way."

After the full moon had come up, Hansel took his little sister by the hand. They followed the pebbles that glistened there like newly minted coins, showing them the way. They walked throughout the entire night, and as morning was breaking, they arrived at the father's house.

They knocked on the door, and when the woman opened it and saw that it was Hansel and Gretel, she said, "You wicked children, why did you sleep so long in the woods? We thought that you did not want to come back." (What a nice mother)

But the father was overjoyed when he saw his children once more, for he had not wanted to leave them alone.

Now imagine what Hansel and Gretel felt like. Their father had left them to die in the woods. Sure, they found their way home, but if Hansel hadn't gotten those pebbles, they would have died in the woods. Of course their father hadn't wanted to leave them, but had given in to his wife. How do you think that felt? Not good. You may be thinking that this isn't the whole story, and you're right. Anyone who has heard the story knows this isn't the end. Sadly, it's too long a story to put in here. **So, TO BE CONTINUED...**

Hansel & Gretel

Part 2

Not long after this happened there was once again famine and one evening, the children heard the mother say to the father, "We have eaten everything again. We only have half a loaf of bread, and then we will all die. We must get rid of the children. We should take them deeper into the woods so they can't find their way back. If we don't, we will all die."

You know the saying "people change?" It can apply for some people, but not this lady. This is what you call the "evil stepmother"

The father was sad and thought, "It would be better to share the last bit of food with the children."

Just like last time... like I said, some people never change.

The woman would not listen to him and instead got angry with him and scolded him. Because he had given in the first time, he had to do so the second time as well.

... My point exactly.

The children were awake once again and had overheard the conversation. (*Just like last time*!)When their parents were sleeping, Hansel got up like he had last time and went to gather pebbles again, but their mother had locked the door.

(Really mom? Really? We're going to do this?)Hansel could not get out. He comforted Gretel and said, "Don't cry, Gretel. Sleep well. God will help us."MODEL BIG BROTHER. Don't you wish all siblings were like that?

Early the next morning, the mother came and woke the children, dragging them out of bed. They took their little pieces of bread, which was even smaller than the last time. On the way through the woods, Hansel crumbled his piece of bread in his pocket, then often stood still, and threw a few crumbs onto the ground.

We all know how this works out.

"Hansel, why are you always stopping and looking around?" said his father. "Keep walking straight ahead." "I can see my pigeon sitting on the roof. It wants to say good-bye to me."

Hansel is a very good liar. His pigeon is on the roof and wants to speak with him. Good thinking.

"Fool," said the woman, "that isn't your pigeon. That's the morning sun shining on the chimney."

At least mom gets that you own a pigeon. But she saw through your lie Hansel. *Remember*: never lie to your parents. They know...

A little at a time, Hansel dropped the crumbs onto the path. Their mother took them deeper into the woods than they had ever been in their whole lifetime.

Get one evil stepmother to leave you in the woods and you get a tour of the woods for free!

Once again, a fire was made, and the mother said, "Sit here, children. If you get tired you can sleep a little. We are going into the woods to cut wood. We will come and get you in the evening when we are finished."

You've used this trick before... Plus, they're on to you...

When it was noon, Gretel shared her bread with Hansel, who had scattered his piece along the path. Then they fell asleep. By the time evening came, their parents hadn't come for them.

These stories can be really repetitive, but I promise it will get better!

It was night when Hansel and Gretel woke up and Hansel comforted Gretel (Model Big Brother...)and said, "Wait, when the moon comes up I will be able to see the crumbs of bread that I scattered, and they will show us the way back home."

Wait for it... Wait for it...

When the moon appeared they got up, but they could not find any crumbs because the birds that live in the woods had pecked them up.

Those birds! How dare they leave Hansel and Gretel in the woods all alone?

I'd be terrified, and be honest. I'm not the only one. You would to. But this is a Grimm story, and our model big brother, Hansel, and our sweet little Gretel, they won't give up to easily.

They walked through the entire night and the next day from morning until evening, but they did not find their way out of the woods. They were terribly hungry, for they had eaten only a few small berries that were growing on the ground. And because they were so tired that their legs would no longer carry them, they lay down under a tree and fell asleep. It was already the third morning since they had left the father's house. They started walking again, but managed only to go deeper and deeper into the woods. If help did not come soon, they would perish. At midday they saw a little snow-white bird sitting on a branch. It sang so beautifully that they stopped to listen. When it was finished it stretched

its wings and flew in front of them. They followed it until they came to a little house. The bird sat on the roof, and when they came closer, they saw that the little house was built entirely from bread with a roof made of cake, and the windows were made of clear sugar.

Snack time!!!!! Don't you just love this part?

"Let's help ourselves to a good meal," said Hansel. "I'll eat a piece of the roof, and Gretel, you eat from the window. That will be sweet."



You bet it will. But let's not forget that this house was in the middle of the woods. How many animals do you think did their business there? Let's just say animals don't really care where they mark their territory, they just go.

Hansel reached up and broke off a little of the roof to see how it tasted, while Gretel stood next to the windowpanes and was nibbling at them. Then a gentle voice called out from inside:

Nibble, nibble, little mouse, Who is nibbling at my house?

The children answered:

The wind, the wind The Heavenly child.

They continued to eat, without being distracted. Hansel, who very much liked the taste of the roof, tore down another large piece, and Gretel poked out an entire round windowpane. Suddenly the door opened, and a woman, as old as the hills and leaning on a crutch, came creeping out. Hansel and Gretel were so frightened that they dropped what they were holding in their hands.

But the old woman shook her head and said, "Oh, you dear children, who brought you here? Just come in and stay with me. No harm will come to you."

So, Hansel and Gretel are about to walk into a strange old woman's house. A house made of candy, cake, and sugar. NEVER TALK TO STRANGERS, THEY WILL –

Well, I wouldn't want to give it away, but yeah. Don't go into strange people's houses. Even if they're made of candy. Also, don't eat houses. I'm sure the owner wouldn't be too happy about that. Also, it's not sanitary. Anyway, that's all for now. The rest of the story will be told in the next issue. This story is originally by the Grimm Brothers, who are the original authors of many of your favorite fairy tales. Of course the Disney version is a bit less scary. Bye for now!

Everyday Should Be Like Valentines Day



Valentines Day Puppy By: Olivia & Maddison

One day a little Yorkie named Mocha was walking in the park on a cold winter day, all by her self almost freezing to the ground with each step. Mocha was too worried about the cold almost didn't notice the animal control van driving her way, As soon as she could she ran the other way, but the driver saw her and went after her. She was running so fast that she didn't see the twigs on the ground

and tripped, this is when she was scooped up and put into a cage with another small dog.

The van drove for some time and then stopped. Mocha wondered where she was, she was thinking the man who took her and the other dog was going to keep them as pets. When Mocha was taken out of the van she realized this was not someone's house, but an animal shelter. She was very scared to leave the cage, but tried to be positive and thought maybe she would at least have a good meal! When she went inside she felt afraid of what was going to happen because she didn't know what the other dogs in the shelter would be like. Before she went in the room for dogs she heard barking and worried what was going to happen.

After the man put her in a big crate she introduced her self to the three other dogs. There were two small boy dogs and one small girl their names were Milo, Youkie, Cinnamon. Getting settled in, they all went to bed on a big blanket. Mocha woke just as a huge dog was coming and all of the dogs ran as fast as they could to find a place to hide, but Mocha tried to be nice. The dog growled and she ran to find Milo, Youkie, or Cinnamon, she found Milo who was at the door to enter the cat section. Then they both went to find Cinnamon and Youkie. Once they found the others and went to their kennel the big dog was gone.

The next day Mocha woke up with a man and woman surrounding her. She wondered who they were and why they were there. A while later they picked her up and drove her to a strange building. It did not look like the shelter, but maybe, just maybe this would be her new home! When they went inside, the woman put a pretty pink bow around her neck and on her ear. That afternoon, a little girl came in the door and the couple yelled "HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!!"

Did you know.....

- The red rose was the favorite flower of Venus, the Roman goddess of love.
- Red roses are considered the flower of love because the color red stands
- for strong romantic feelings.
- 189 million stems of roses are sold in the U.S. on Valentine's Day.
- California produces 60 percent of American roses, but the greater number sold on Valentine's Day in the U.S. are imported, mostly from South America.
- Approximately 110 million roses, mostly red, will be sold and delivered within the three-day Valentine's Day time period.

Over \$1 billion worth of chocolate is purchased for Valentine's Day in the U.S.All we have to say is WOW!

Valentine Adorable Love Enchanted National Treasure Inspirational Nice Emotional Sentimental Dedicated Adoring Yearly By: Monica

Classroom News



Mike J. By: Jillian

Miss J's brother, Mike, came to visit our 6th grade classroom to share with us his life experiences as a student with dyslexia, a disease that causes him to mess up letters like d and b and m, n, & w. It was hard for him to read, and that caused him to spend another year in school, because he didn't try to get better. He regretted not trying, and he is hopeful that telling us his story will help us during our middle school and high school years. Mike provided us with some interesting advice about our upcoming future in school, he said not to dawdle around, whether it was studying or working, but to try you're hardest in everything. We learned that nothing should keep us from being successful and dream big!

Congratulations to all the Middle School students who participated in the school's Science Fair. This year was a huge success!









photos by: Chhiahn

Classroom News

1st Grade

The first graders have been very busy. They have been learning related facts, like addition and subtraction. They said Rudolph's corner was very exciting. Shopping for their families had to have been enjoyable and a good way to learn about managing money.

Congratulations to the 1st grade Spelling Bee winners!

By: Bella, Leesha & Molly

3rd Grade

Have they been naughty or have they been nice? Who would know? Only Santa himself. Grade 3 has been very busy. They were excited to perform in the Christmas show.- which was a blast! In the classroom they have been learning multiplication and finishing their Social Studies projects.

Congratulations to the third

grade Spelling Bee winners:

5th Grade #mathmadness

What have the 5th graders been doing? The fifth grade has been busy!!!!! They are working hard dividing decimals for one whole hour a day! All that math must be tiring, but at least they will be prepared for Miss. J.

Congratulations to the 5th grader Spelling Bee winners:

Abigail M, Gavin

Olivia



Luke Juliana Dimitris



Kylie Chhiahn

Mason H

Feathery Focus Article & Photos by: Zoey Reis





In November, the 3rd grade had a special visitor, Ms. Amanda from the Lloyd Center. She brought in many different objects the 3rd graders would be using in their experiment such as: fruit punch, fake gems, tweezers, and eyedroppers. These tools represented various types of bird beaks. The 3rd graders made a hypotheses about which beak would pick up foods the most efficiently. In one group the conclusion was that the tweezers picked up the worms (elastic bands) the most efficiently. The 3rd graders had a lot of fun with Ms. Amanda and learned many interesting facts. Ms. Amanda visits the third grade one Thursday a month.





Fast Feet By; Jack E., Mason H. & Chhiahn



These shoes are the Adidas Predator Instinct. These shoes are worn by the pro soccer player David Beckham. They are made of the Adidas hybrid touch synthetic and the Adidas accuracy rubber synthetic at the basic hit points on the shoe. I like this shoe because of its cool colors and designs, also because Adidas is my favorite soccer shoe brand. The shoe is lightweight and provides for power and accuracy. Jack E.



These shoes are the Nike Hypervenom Neymar Gold. These shoes were worn in the World Cup by pro Neymar Jr. The shoes have a good feel and flexibility, providing for a powerful hit on the ball. The Nike Skin allows for great control on the ball and a great overall feel and fit. The inside of the shoe is soft and flexible also moving with your foot, so it is comfortable and doesn't slip. The color is a shiny gold which will definitely shine bright. Jack E. & Chhiahn N.



Theses shoes are the Nike Mercurial CR7 indoor. These shoes are worn by the pro Cristiano Ronaldo. These shoes are very comfortable and fit well. The colors are black with sparkles, turguoise, and white. The Nike skin provides for a good feel on the ball, and good grip, making for good connections with the ball. The colors are bright and shiny, giving the shoes bright shine. Overall the shoe is wonderful.

Jack E. & Mason H.



Fashion.....fashion



We are in a city that has many cafes and it is famous for their crepes. We are also in a city known for fashion. The flag colors are blue, white, and red (it is not the United States.) Where are we?



Sometimes It's Not What You Wear, but How You Wear It....

Hello everyone, we are Caroline and Isabella.



Caroline: I am 11 years old, I have blonde hair, blue eyes, and I love to figure skate!! *Isabella:* I am 12 years old, I have brown hair, and coach figure skating.

We are best friends and in the 6th grade. We also share a love for fashion and keeping up with the latest trends and combining them with our own style.

The best thing about fashion is you can choose to wear it or leave it. We all have different tastes and styles, so our best advice is to love what you wear and wear it because it is you, not because it is a trend.

But if you are concerned....What's the trend now? Boots, boots and more boots! You can wear them with whatever you want-leggings, skirts, skinny jeans you name it, the boots are made for walking. Nothing has changed with the love trend of wearing Ugg boots.....They now came in so many different colors, styles and are see on everyone from moms to kids. We love the pair shown above with the ribbon tie laces on the front and the sheepskin accent.

We want to know what you think of the latest fashion trends and if you have any fashion questions. We have created a box where students or staff can write down any fashion questions. The box will be located in the back of the computer lab with slips of paper for you to write your questions. We look forward to your questions or opinions about any fashion trends out there. I mean everyone must have something to say about the leg warmers coming back from the 1980'S!

Newspaper Club Happenings

Ice Cream Ice Cream We All Scream for Ice Cream By: Sadie K. and Juleena Pamphile

The HNS Press had an ice cream taste test on December 17^{th.} In our last edition we wrote a story about our school secretary Mrs. Chippendale. She mentioned chocolate was her favorite ice cream, thus we thought it would be fun to do our own taste test! We tasted three different types of chocolate and vanilla ice cream. The three brands of ice cream were Turkey Hill, Edy's, and Hood.

It was a close decision of what brands were the best., but the winner in both chocolate and vanilla was......TURKEY HILL! Here are some thoughts about the different types of ice cream:

" Turkey Hill was very, very creamy and less chocolatey. Edy's was more like dark chocolate."- Anna

" Edy's was a yummy and a very rich chocolate flavor it had a little brownie flavor to it. " - Sadie " Hood was very creamy and had a good vanilla bean

taste to it" - Kylie

Don't take our word for it try it at home, but it may be HAZARDOUS to your waistline!

Average price of ice cream per 1/2 Gallon Edy's \$3..98 Turkey Hill \$3..00 Hood \$2..99

> I like the Trick or Treat ^{articles} because I love

Halloween. I love knock-

ing on doors and getting

a lot of candy! I love

seeing all the different kinds of costumes.

Everybody is a Critic By: Sadie F.

The HNS press has its very first critics. The second grade! Mrs.Bjerre and her second grade class wrote reviews about our articles. The top article was "Trick or Treat" by Kate and Carlena. In second, was "Spooktacular", by Isabella .Tied for third was "Red Panda", by Maddie and Zoey and "Neymar" by Chhiahn, Jack, and Mason. All in all the reviews were great. The second grade are excellent critics. We hope that we will have more critiques for our articles.





Science & Weird Animals

Rosetta Comet Mission By: Anna

Launched on March 2nd, 2004 Comet was reached on August 6th, 2014

This was the first spacecraft to actually orbit a comet. The comet's name is Churyumov–Gerasimenko, or 67P.

Rosetta is a space probe, built and launched by the European Space Agency. Philae is its lander module. Philae was sent out on November 12th, and attempted to land on 67P. Once it landed, Philae was to shoot out harpoons to keep it from drifting away from the comet. Scientists discovered that the water vapor on 67P was different from that on earth. This proves that it was unlikely for water from earth came from comets similar to 67P.



Not too long ago, Philae was stuck in a shadow of a cliff on the comet. This was because the harpoons did not fire as it landed on the comet, and couldn't latch onto it. When Philae touched the surface of the comet, it bounced back up into space, and settled back down into the shadow of the cliff. Philae has solar panels on its sides, and needs sunlight to recharge. Philae landed in a bad spot. Its batteries are dead, and Philae can finally get a rest. Philae will soon wake up, and continue on its historic mission.

Over a few more months the seasons will change and so will the weather. 67P will receive more sunlight, and so will Philae. Before Philae shut down, the scientist moved Philae 35 degrees to have the solar panels face the sunlight.

Before the unexpected shut down, Philae collected the information that it was supposed to. It discovered organic molecules. One tool that Philae used was a hammer, and discovered that the ground was quite hard, so it could possibly be ice beneath the lander. Philae also created the first ever recording of a comet, and Philae's landing.



THE BLOB FISH

By: Jason

Here is one of my favorite animals, some think it's cute and some think otherwise, and I am one who likes the Blobfish, take a look at the photo and you can decide for yourself. The Blobfish was undiscovered until the 1800's when a sailor accidentally scooped up the Blobfish in his net after that so called "hideous" Blobfish was

famous worldwide. The Ugly Animal Preservation Society, a campaign designed to protect the "aesthetically challenged" animals has campaigned to protect the Blobfish. The Blobfish is pretty much just a blob of white to pink gelatin-like mass that makes up what looks like it has a huge nose and sadlooking eyes above a huge frown, but who could say NO to that face. The Blobfish is an interesting sea creature that should be studied more but people are scared.



I am going to take this time to brag about how much I love my job. Growing up I wasn't able to take family vacations every year to wild and exciting places, but my friends did and I always was so excited for their return to hear their stories. As the saying goes, I vicariously lived through their adventures. I spent a great deal of time reading-books, magazines, newspapers any form of writing about anyplace but my hometown. I have a wonderful story, through perseverance and never ending prayers, I am now able to travel and write about my experiences-

yes, I am a travel writer. Two of my many passions; traveling and writing, that is why I love to

brag about my job.

You may be wondering how do I decide where to go? It is like playing the spin the globe game, you know the one where you spin the globe as fast as you can, close your eyes, stop it with your finger and that is the place you will travel. Sometimes that doesn't work for those who are paying for me to write the articles (my editors), but sometimes it does. SO take a trip with me....

The 25 hour trip to my destination was the worst part of the trip.....of course....in a tight space with less than desirable food choices not my idea of luxury, but I knew there was a light at the end of the tunnel. That light was the Ningaloo Coast (North West coastal region of Western Australia) and the beautiful reef I would spend my days scuba diving, with the sea turtles, swimming with whale sharks and more!

I arrived too tired to even comprehend the beauty of this place, but after a long nap under the sun I was ready to explore and the only thing I had to do was open my eyes and go for a swim. In the water off the Ningaloo Coast is one of the longest reefs you will find near-shore, thus the sea-life which are attracted to these reefs are diverse in their beauty. The Ningaloo Reef is also important in the life cycle of the marine turtle. From the seven species worldwide, Australia has six species that live in their waters. The Ningaloo Reef is home to three of these six species. The reef forms a feeding ground and habitat while the beaches of Ningaloo are important turtle rookeries. Humpback Whales and Manta rays also love to visit. One of the amazing phenomenon is the yearly visit from the whale sharks. I felt as though I was in an animated Disney movie!

Every year, between mid-March and mid-July, these "gentle giants" of the ocean make a visit to the Ningaloo Marine Park. Deemed "gentle giants" because they are harmless to humans, therefore I was hoping to make a new friend on this trip.

I decided to do a guided tour to visit my whale shark friends. I climbed on the boat called "Deck of Cards" along with 10 other tourists from all over the world and put my trust in Captain Dave. Captain Dave guaranteed a swim with a whale shark. The sun was shining so bright and the water a sparkling turquoise blue, I could not have paid for a better day, but the day seem to be turning later and there was no sight of any whale shark even with the help of the spotter helicopter above. Captain Dave told us "no worries mates, the wait is worth the experience." The occasional skeptic in me wasn't buying it, so I just decided to kick back and work on my tan. As the sun began to put me in a comatose state, I heard, "gear up mates, we are going swimming!" Similar to a child on Christmas day, I woke up, jumped to my feet and put my scuba gear on. One by one my fellow boat mates and I dipped into the water. Once I was under water I realized that it was even more beautiful under there.....I wonder if I could make a permanent residence under the sea?

Shaking my thoughts off, I finally am experiencing what I flew 25 hours for and found my whale shark friend. At an instant I named him Tupper. Tupper was gorgeous. He had three prominent ridges along each side of his very long body. I noticed a very distinct pattern of white spots and stripes starkly contrasting with his dark blue/grey skin. (I later learned that those beautiful spots are camouflage, by reflecting and dispersing light their outline is harder to make out to predators.) Tupper was so gracious to me and my intimidation of this large creature slowly dissipated. Tupper swam beside me with such finesse and as did his friends. Sadly the moment had to end as Tupper looked my way as if to say "goodbye old friend" and swam off into the deep abyss of the ocean. Tupper and the Ningaloo Coast you are in my memory forever.

Thank you for going on this journey with me. If you are interested in traveling to the Ningaloo Coast and are looking for recommendations on accommodation feel free to email me at <u>livingadream@imagination.com</u>. Just remember life is short, see the world and live your dreams.

Prayer Page



This edition is dedicated to our church leaders who believe in our children-present & future.





Sierra's Favorite Prayers







School News & Updates

Outstanding Reporter Award

Sadie F.

Sadie is being recognized for not only her writing, but for her "can do" attitude. Sadie takes on any assignment with enthusiasm and dedication. Thank you Sadie for all your contributions!

In our last edition we introduced our staff and since then we were fortunate enough to have a new edition. We are pleased to welcome Sadie K. to our staff. The newspaper club is made up of students from the 5th, 6th & 7th grades, we decided to welcome Sadie from the 4th grade as junior reporter. Sadie has shown she has what it

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takes to be a journalist! Even though the Christmas season has passed, we wanted to share a special story writing by one of our second graders. A big thank you to Mrs. Bjerre for sharing her students' writing with us.

> Christmas By: Ereny

Which holiday is on December 25? It's Christmas! The day Jesus was born. On Christmas we get gifts from Santa, but only if you are good throughout the year. In Holy Name School we will have a Christmas show and everyone will have fun. Christmas is not about gifts-it's about the birth of Jesus. I love Christmas. It's the best holiday. I love Christmas. How about you!

Please feel free to email us with suggestions or comments. dmasterson@holynamefr-school.com

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1 Q: What does a nosey pepper do? 2Q: What do you call a fake noodle?

- 3 Q: What do you call an alligator in a vest?
- 4Q: What happens if you eat yeast and shoe polish?

5 Q: "What's the difference between a guitar and a fish?

6Q: Did you hear about the race between the lettuce and the tomato?

7 Q: Why can't you give Elsa a balloon?

8Q: What do lawyers wear to court?

1A: Gets Jalapeno business ZA:An impasta 3A: an investigata 4A: every morning you'll rise and shine 5A: you can't tune a fish 6A: the lettuce was ahead and the tomato was trying to ketchup 7A:because she will let it go 8A lawsuits: 9A: a towel 10A:your looking sharp 10A:your looking sharp