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Mrs. Jones

Mrs. Jones was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and lived there until she was eight years old. When she was eight, she moved to Austin, Texas. She originally wanted to be an emergency medical technician (EMT) or a Shamu trainer at Sea World, but then chose to be a teacher. She went to Texas State University and got her degree in teaching. She started teaching at St. Ignatius in the 2007-2008 school year as a substitute for the sixth grade class. She enjoyed every minute with them, but especially enjoyed the trip to Deep Eddy for Field Day. Mrs. Jones now teaches the Pre-K4 at St. Ignatius, and loves it when they make her happy and laugh. Mrs. Jones loves Christmas because she gets to get together with her family and give others joy. Her Christmas traditions are going to the Trail of Lights with her family and seeing the Zilker Tree, and getting together with her family for a Christmas Eve party at her in-laws. Her favorite color is fuchsia. Mrs. Jones enjoys traveling and eating out at restaurants. She especially enjoyed her trip to Honolulu, Hawaii!



-Interviewed by Frances Hodapp and Marissa Loreda
-Written by Frances Hodapp



Mrs. Malone

Mrs. Malone was born in Baltimore, Maryland, but she spent her childhood living in Mexico City. She attended St. Edward's University and went to graduate school at the University of Texas. She knew she wanted to be a teacher because she enjoys children and helping them "figure things out". Mrs. Malone had many pets while she was growing up. Her favorites were a dog named Quero and a cat named Saphrona. Her favorite color is blue, and she loves watching college football, as well as her own children while they play sports! Mrs. Malone would like to visit St. Petersburg, Russia, to see St. Basil's Cathedral. Currently, Mrs. Malone teaches 6th- 8th grade Literature, 6th grade Math and Religion, and Beginner Spanish for the middle school. She is a mother of three St. Ignatius students, and she loves what she does!



-Interviewed by Amanda Dugas and Laura Gomez

Student Spotlight

Kristen Rosello and Saphana Rodriguez

8th Grade



2009-2010

Saphana was born in New York City, New York and moved to Las Vegas, Nevada when she was eight years old. When she was eleven, she moved to Austin, Texas. Saphana has been at St. Ignatius for two years, and enjoys it. Her most inspirational teacher at St. Ignatius is Mr. Cake because he is always there for her whenever she needs a hand. Saphana would like to attend St. Dominic Savio High School because it gives her a chance to help start new traditions at a new school. She hopes to achieve getting good grades this year at St. Ignatius. Her most embarrassing moment at St. Ignatius was when her class was watching the Wizard of Oz, and Kristen blurted out, "Saphana you died," because they were pretending Saphana was the Wicked Witch of the West. Her worst habit is spacing out in class. She enjoys hanging out with her friends, listening to music, and watching movies.



Kristen was born in Arlington, Texas and moved to Austin, Texas when she was six years old. She has three brothers and one sister-in-law. She began attending St. Ignatius when she was in first grade. Her most inspirational teacher has been Mr. Cake because he always helps her in class. Kristen hopes to get good grades all year, and wants to attend Jasper High in Plano, Texas because she wants to live with her dad. Kristen's most embarrassing moment at St. Ignatius was when she was in the hall, and was waving to her old buddy, and Sean thought she was waving to him. Her worst habit is doodling in class. Kristen's favorite subject is PE because she gets to do lots of fun activities while getting exercise. Kristen enjoys hanging out with her friends and being with her dad on the weekends. She loves riding roller coasters; her favorite roller coaster is the Titan in Dallas, Texas. She loves getting together with her family for Christmas, and opening presents with them.



-Interviewed and Written by Frances Hodapp

ASK BOBBY THE BOBCAT



Dear Bobby,

I make good grades, really good grades, but my mom and dad think I should do even better. They think a 95 isn't good enough. What can I do? I work so hard as it is.

-TerrificButTroubled

Dear TerrificButTroubled,

I'm sorry your parents put so much pressure on you, but they only care about you and want the best for you. They want to push you harder to excel. Keep working your hardest and stay focused on your studies. If this situation continues to bother you, then ask a teacher to consult with your parents.

Dear Bobby,

My parents won't let me play basketball because my grades aren't good enough. I have all A's and a couple of B's. How can I get them to understand?

-BannedFromBasketball

Dear BannedFromBasketball,

Grades are really important and that's why you're in school. Talk to your parents and let them know that you understand how important grades are and how hard you work for them. Mention that sports are a part of a well-rounded education and that they offer great physical conditioning and a social outlet which are also important pieces of a middle school student's life.

Dear Bobby,

There's this girl I really like in my class. I don't know how to act or what to say in front of her. She's really cute.

-Tongue-Tied

Dear Tongue-Tied,

Just be yourself! Be nice. Be polite. Be sure to always smile. Start talking to her by saying hi and using other small simple phrases. Take it slowly.



Bobby the Bobcat is a regular column in our newspaper! Please submit your questions, comments, or concerns to the "Bobby the Bobcat" boxes, located in the middle school classrooms!

Best Brownie Recipe Ever

1. Use a no fudge brownie mix. Follow the directions on the side of the box.
2. Then add 2/3 cup of yogurt.
3. After that, add 1/2 cup of pureed carrots.
4. Lastly, add chocolate chips morsels.
5. Bake according to the directions on the box.

Try it, its GREAT!

-Emma Leasure, 6th.

Prayer for Those Less Fortunate Than Us



Lord God,
Help those who don't have any.
Help those who hunger and mourn for you.
Help those who don't know the way, that
you will show them.

Amen.

-Emma Leasure, 6th.

Poll Results.

- 1.) 66% voted volleyball as their favorite sport and 33% voted for "other".
- 2.) 80% voted that they are going to play sports in high school and 20% voted that they would not.
- 3.) 70% indicated that they watch sporting events at St. Ignatius and 30% voted that they watch professional sporting events.

-Veronica Alba, 8th.

Must-See Movie!



New Moon, the thrilling sequel to the hit movie Twilight, enters into the world of Edward, a stunning vampire, and Bella, his mortal girlfriend whose blood he longs for and loves. In a turn of events, Edward decides to leave Bella for her own protection. She deeply misses him and discovers that the only way to see Edward is to do something dangerous. She becomes an adrenaline junkie. While Edward is away, Jacob is there to comfort her and tell her what she wants to hear. In the meantime, Bella has found that Jacob has a secret of his own. Jacob is a werewolf, the vampires' enemy! Bella is torn and must choose between her undying devotion towards Edward or her new blossoming friendship with Jacob. It is a must-see movie and we rated it 4.5 stars. It has already earned 15.7 million dollars!

By: Amanda Rios 7th

The Untold Story of "The Real Santa"

Saint Nicholas, patron saint of children and sailors, was born in the 3rd century in the city of Patara, presently located in Turkey. Nicolas' parents were extremely rich, but instilled in him the virtues of a devout Christian. His parents died, in an epidemic, when he was still young, but the boy kept his faith and used his entire inheritance to help the poor.

One common story attributed to St. Nicholas' generosity is that of three poor women. Because of their great debt, they were going to be sold into slavery. St. Nick intervened with 3 bags of gold that somehow landed in their drying stockings. This, we are told, is where the practice of hanging stockings by the fireplace originated.

St. Nicholas eventually became Bishop of Myra and died a peaceful death on December 6th, AD 343.

-Luke Daisy, 8th.

Santa Claus is Coming to Town

You better watch out
You better not cry
Better not pout
I'm telling you why
Santa Claus is coming to town
He's making a list
And checking it twice;
Gonna find out Who's naughty and nice
Santa Claus is coming to town
He sees you when you're sleeping
He knows when you're awake
He knows if you've been bad or good
So be good for goodness sake!
O! You better watch out!
You better not cry
Better not pout
I'm telling you why
Santa Claus is coming to town
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Can you spot all eight differences?



Our Feasting Feathered Friend

A few weeks ago, on a chilly Thursday morning, the 8th grade class was very excited to sight an enormous bird-of-prey. It was perched in the tree outside the classroom window. Many students quickly pulled out their phones and cameras and began to take pictures when we realized that it was feeding on the carcass of a smaller bird. It was probably a pigeon or a mockingbird. After studying the bird of prey a little bit, Mr. Cake guessed that it was a Red-tailed Hawk. But after some online research about the features of Texas hawks, we decided that it was a female Cooper's Hawk, and we named her "Hawky". This raptor's tail feathers were way too brown to be that of a Red-tailed Hawk, and there were also thick, black stripes running across them. The difference between male and female Cooper's hawks is that males are more bluish-gray than females. Another difference is that all female birds-of-prey are about a fourth to a third bigger and heavier than males, like the one right outside our window, which was very large.

After about twenty minutes of just gawking at the hawk feasting on her breakfast, we had to sit down and start religion class. But neither the hawk nor Mother Nature was done showing us the ugly truth about the circle of life. The raptor began to peck savagely at the bird's body, tearing off hunks of meat and even complete bones which she swallowed whole. A storm of feathers constantly floated down, making a gruesome display in front of the school entrance next to the office. By the time we needed to get ready for science class, though, she slowed down, and that is when we started to conduct little experiments. Mr. Cake was able to find recordings of different calls made by the Cooper's hawk on the internet, and we decided to see if it would have any affect on the unwary bird. The sound recordings on the website included an alarm call, a mating call, a distress call, and the begging calls of chicks. There was also a mother's call announcing that the receiving hawk is near her nest, and a mother's call announcing food delivery to the nest. As soon as we turned the speakers on and opened the window, the hawk immediately forgot about her food and looked towards the source, obviously confused.

Finally, we had to go to the 7th grade room for algebra, and during the period the female bird-of prey flew away from the scene, leaving a pile of feathers on the tree branch and on the pavement below. Two eighth graders, on a mission for Mr. Cake, received permission from Mr. Daniels to leave and pick up "samples" of the bird's meal off the ground with tissues. Evidence of other possible Cooper's Hawk activity also showed up that day. A student on the playground found what Mr. Cake verified to be the perfect skull of a squirrel. So, are giant birds-of-prey becoming attracted to our school? The only way to find out is to keep watching for these beautiful birds.

-Tomas Maia, 8th.

Red-Tailed Hawk



Female Cooper's Hawk



NOTICES

The Tutoring Table, which is run by the National Junior Honor Society, is open every morning for students who need some extra help with their studies. Please stop by and encourage your friends to do so as well!

Please send in your photos to the Yearbook staff! Plenty of photos is crucial to having an awesome yearbook filled with great memories!



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please send any photos, comments, suggestions, questions, and/or information to bobcatpawprints@yahoo.com.

Poetry Corner

Christmas

Everyday I want it to come already,
Till the day it's finally here,
Then I'm never ready,
And I always get this fear,
But I keep my self steady,
I just sit back in excitement and start
to cheer,
Santa would be here soon and
hopefully remember my teddy,
He comes ridding on his deer to
everyone's house,
I hope not to be waken by barking
from my dog, Freddy,
So now, I can not wait till it is
Christmas day already!

-“8th Grade Dork.”

Stop and Stare

Stop and stare.
I don't care what you wear, Clare
Just make sure it is fancy and rare.
Come down to the county fair,
Look, look, there's a little hare,
Where, where?
Just stop and stare.

-Emma Leasure, 6th.

Why is the sky blue..?!

Don't you ever wonder why the sky is blue? Well I do. When transmitted light such as the sunlight enters the atmosphere it collides with oxygen and nitrogen atoms. An atom is a very small particle. The color with the shortest wavelengths (violet and blue) are scattered more by this collision. Because the shortest wavelengths are violet and blue the sky appears to be violet or blue. But, because our eyes are more used to or sensitive to light blue light than they are to violet light, we see the sky as blue.

-Emma Leasure

Tips on giving presents for Christmas



- ❖ Handmade gifts are the best gifts to give a person because they come from the heart.
- ❖ Think about what the person likes before you either buy or make your gift.
- ❖ Don't give a present just because you think that you will get one in return, give a present because you want to, not because you have to.
- ❖ MOST OF ALL, DON'T FORGET THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS!

Bianca Torres and Maritza Gloria, 7th.

Fall 500 Contest

A FUN RUN COMPETITION

3^d GRADE - 8TH GRADE

LIMO RIDE AND LUNCH AT CHICK FIL A. If you qualify, you get to leave school and take a fun ride in a limo and enjoy lunch at Chick-Fil-A! (South IH 35 and Ben White). This will be for each eligible participant who brings in a minimum of \$500 by January 8, 2010.

Minimum of \$500 brought in per student (not per family) The money brought in can be any combination of the following as long as it adds up to at least \$500:

The Top Ways to Confuse Santa Claus

1. Instead of milk and cookies, leave him a salad, and a note explaining that you think he could stand to lose a few pounds.
2. While he's in the house, go find his sleigh and write him a speeding ticket.
3. Keep an angry bull in your living room. If you think a bull goes crazy when he sees a little red cape, wait until he sees that big, red Santa suit!
4. Leave a plate filled with cookies and a glass of milk out, with a note that says, "For The Tooth Fairy." Leave another plate out with half a stale cookie and a few drops of skim milk in a dirty glass with a note that says, "For Santa".
5. Take everything out of your house, as if it's just been robbed. When Santa arrives, show up dressed like a policeman and say, "Well, well. They always return to the scene of the crime."
6. Leave lots of hunting trophies and guns out where Santa's sure to see them. Go outside, yell, "Ooh! Look! A deer! And he's got a red nose!" and fire a gun.
7. Paint "hoof-prints" all over your face and clothes. While he's in the house, go out on the roof. When he comes back up, act like you've been "trampled." Threaten to sue.
8. Instead of ornaments, decorate your tree with Easter eggs. Dress up like the Easter Bunny. Wait for Santa to come and then say, "This neighborhood ain't big enough for the both of us."

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Where are you going for
Christmas?

What do you want for Christmas?

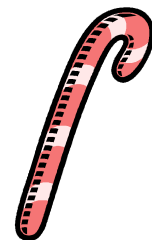
What is your New Year's
resolution going to be?

-Elyse Duron, 8th.

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RECYCLE AFTER READING

