



Student Council Overview

by *Maebh Sheelan (6)*
 SGS held an election on November 20th, 2005. April Flores, Luis Buster, and Amelia Griskewicz ran for president. Victor Reid, Kim Kleszcynski, Matthew Pranaitis and Lucien Cance ran for vice president. Brandon Lilly, Anthony Giampolo, Matthew Carlson, and Lucien Konan ran for treasurer. The winners were Amelia Griskewicz (president), Lucien

Cance (vice president), and Brandon Lily (treasurer). The 6th grade homeroom rep is Jennifer Nuhfer, the 7th grade homeroom rep is Matthew Fox, and 8th grade homeroom rep is Brittany Thorney. **Be sure not to miss our special section on page 2**, where we interviewed each student council winner about the reason they ran, and what they plan to do to make our school a

better place.

Don't Miss...

Freddy Kraus reveals the truth about the new XBOX 360 on page 3!



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The Top Ten Toys for the Holidays

1. **Rescue Heroes** Robotz Hyper Jet HQ
2. **Speedstars** Halfpipe Highway
3. **Bratz** Tokyo a Go-Go

4. **Bratz** Flashback Fever Party Bus
5. **ESPN** Game Station
6. **Hershey** S'mores Maker
7. **Hogwarts** Castle

8. **V. Smile** T.V. Learning System
9. **Magic** Talkin Kitchen Crew
10. **Shrek 2** Twisted Fairy Tale Game

President Amelia -The Interview

Q. What is your name?
A. Amelia Griskewicz

Q. What is your grade?
A. Grade 8

Q. What do you plan to do?
A. I plan to change the school to fit the students' needs.

Q. Why did you run?
A. I was on the student council last year and liked

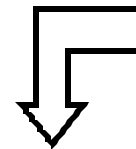
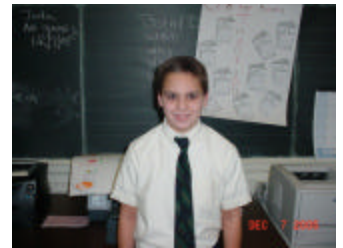
it. Also I wanted to lead.

Q. Were you surprised that you won and why?

A. Yes, because the others were good candidates and they deserved it as much as I did.

Q. If you didn't run for president would you run and why?

A. Yes, because I like the student council a lot.



Vice President Lucien Cance-The Interview

Q. What is your grade?
A. Grade 6

Q. What do you plan to do?
A. I plan to make our school better by supporting the student's ideas and doing all the work I am given.

Q. Why did you run?
A. I ran because I have

never done a project like this and I want to make the school better.

Q. Were you surprised that you won and why?

A. I was not surprised because a lot of people liked my ideas and I knew most of the people who were voting. I also had a lot

of posters that had my name on them.

Q. If you didn't run for vice president, would you run at all and why?

A. I would not run at all because I usually like to be either the boss or the second boss.

Treasurer Brandon Lily-The Interview

Q. What is your name?
A. Brandon Lily

Q. What is your grade?
A. Grade 8

Q. What do you plan to do?
A. I plan to count money.

Q. Why did you run?
A. I ran because I am good in math.

Q. Were you surprised that you won?

A. Yes, because I didn't put any posters up.

Q. If you didn't run for treasurer, would you run at all?

A. No, because I like money.



NEWS

The True Meaning of Christmas

by Elizabeth May (6)

This holiday season, St. Gabriel School adopted two needy families. Each student has the opportunity to give a gift to a member of these families. Giving to people who are less fortunate than us was a great way

to start the Christmas season. We want to thank you for helping to make someone else's Christmas a memorable one.

Last year, Mrs. Sherwood created a tree with ornaments made by SGS



students. They all had pictures of fish on them. It was a beautiful tree.

Freddy's Latest and Greatest - XBOX 360: Broken!!!

by Freddy Kraus (6)

On November 22, 2005, twenty million X-Box 360's were sold. The next day there were many complaints that the X-Box's were broken. The estimated amount of broken X-Box 360's was more than **ten million**. Regardless of

whether or not the source for tech support works, there is still a growing number of concerned X-Box 360 owners with broken X-Box 360's. Pictures were posted of blue screens of death.

My opinion is that Microsoft is losing its touch. The system

was sent out too early. Now that the new system is replacing the old X-Box. The X-Box live accounts are no longer permitted. A parental lock is now in effect.

An Interesting Tidbit...

by Mark Mossberg (6)

These are the 2005-2006 findings of the Education State Rankings, a survey by Morgan Quitno Press of hundreds of public school systems in all 50 states. States were graded on 21 factors, including student achievement and attendance,

positive outcomes, strong student-teacher relationships and school efficiency.

Top 5 Highest Scoring States

1. Vermont
2. Connecticut
3. Massachusetts

4. New Jersey
5. Maine

Top 5 Lowest Scoring States

1. Arizona
2. Mississippi
3. New Mexico
4. Nevada
5. California

Sports Sports

Matt's Sports Desk - Matt Pranaitis' NBA Predictions

Eastern Conference:

Atlantic: Boston Celtics

Central: Detroit Pistons

Southeast: Miami Heat

Champion: Detroit Pistons

Western Conference:

Northwest: Denver Nuggets

Pacific: L.A. Clippers

Southwest: San Antonio Spurs

Champion: San Antonio Spurs

NBA Champions: San Antonio Spurs



Who is the NFL's MVP???

by Christian Flynn (4)

There are many players in the NFL who have played great this year. Peyton Manning has played fantastic leading the Indianapolis Colts to an 11-0 record* (best in the NFL). He has 2,779 passing yards and 20 touchdowns. Carson Palmer has 2,922 passing yards and

23 touchdowns*. He is first in many categories. Steve Smith is nearly unstoppable, leading the NFL in all three of these categories: 75 catches, 1,161 receiving yards and 9 receiving touchdowns*. Shawn Alexander leads the NFL in rushing yards, with 1,339, and in rushing touchdowns, with 20*. The

question is huge. Who will win the NFL MVP this year?

* as of 11/29



Tom Brady vs. Peyton Manning

	Tom Brady	Peyton Manning
Career Starts	69	119
Passing Yards Per Game	231.1	260.4
TD Passes Per Game	1.49	1.91
Yards Per Pass Attempt	7.03	7.59
Pass Attempts Per Inter.	40.5	32.7

by Lucien Konan (6)

as of the end of November



Who Will Win the NFC South???

by Theodore Lee (6)

Jake Delhomme of the Panthers is 13th in the NFL in passing yards with 2438 and 9th in the NFL in passing TDs with 16. Michael Vick of the Falcons is 23rd in the NFL in passing yards with 1612 and 20th in the NFL in passing TDs with 12 and 28th in rushing TDs with 4. Chris Simms is 30th in the NFL in passing yards with 1191 and has 5 TDs. Warrick Dunn is 4th in the NFL in rushing yards with 1094 and 3TDs. Cadillac Williams is

17th in the NFL in rushing yards with 716 and has 3TDs. Stephen Davis is 29th in the NFL with 515 yards and 3rd in the NFL in TDs with 12.

Steve Smith is 1st in the NFL in receptions with 75 receiving yards with 1161 and 9TDs. Joey Gallowsay is 4th in the NFL in receptions with 58,100 yards and 7 TDs.

Alge Crumpler is 29th in the NFL in receiving yards with 685, 53 receptions and 5 TDs.

Simion Rice is 5th in the NFL in

sacks with 9 and has 26 tackles. Rod Coleman is 8th in the NFL in sacks with 8.5 and 27 tackles. Julius Peppers has 6.5 sacks and 27 tackles.

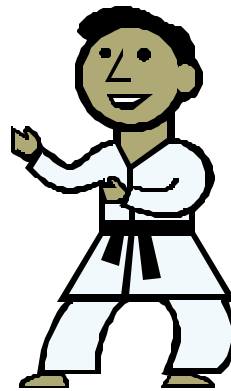
Demorrio Williams is 8th in the NFL in tackles with 93. Shelton Quarles is 12th in the NFL in tackles with 86. Dan Morgan has 62 tackles. DeAngelo Hall is 8th in interceptions with 5. Chris Gamble is 9th in the NFL in interceptions with 5. Brian Kelly is 13th in the NFL in interceptions with 4.

Villari's

by Nicole Bilodeau (5)

Villari's is a martial art, or karate center. The teachers are called instructors. The source of Villari's is Master Valerie. If you begin, you're a white belt. Karate helps

you with self-control, self-discipline, respect, and self-defense. The Villari's Martial Arts



Center is located in Windsor at 645-Poquonock Avenue. You can reach them at 860-688-3848 or at windsor@villari'sstudios.com



From Mr. Donnelly...

Congratulations on an excellent newspaper! Keep it up!



From Mrs. Caruso...

Wishing you a joyous Christmas and a blessed New Year!



Jokes

Why was Santa's little helper depressed?

He had low elf-esteem

What do you call 2,000 pounds of Chinese soup?

Wonton

Where do snowmen keep their money?

In a snowbank

Why was baby Superman the only one at the playground?

Because it said, "Supervision Required"

What do you call a cow with a twitch?

Beef Jerky

Frosty the Snowman (right)-Maebh Sheelan (6)

Jumble (down)-Rachel Poirier (4)

Jokes (left)-Mark Mossberg (6)

Setting the Record Straight (below right)-supplied by Maebh Sheelan



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Jumble of the Month

Unscramble the words.

1. nepilc

2. csesre

3. jectusb

4. agder

5. hatm

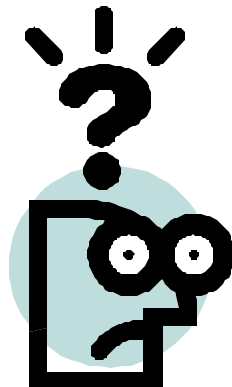
6. hlnuc

Take the underlined letters in the unscrambled words and use them to complete the following sentence:

St. Gabriel Students are

_____.

answer next month



Setting the Record Straight

- Black-eyed peas are not peas, they're beans.
- The Pennsylvanian Dutch are not Dutch. They are German.
- Blackboard chalk is not chalk. It is Plaster of Paris.
- St. Patrick was not Irish. He was born in Britain.
- A horned toad is not a toad. It is a lizard.
- A banana tree is not a tree. It is a herb.