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The SGS **OPENHOUSE** Events

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*by Kelly Weiss (5)
edited by Andrew Stephens (6)*

On January 11th and January 18th, St. Gabriel School had two fantastic open houses! On January 11th, each middle school teacher stood up and made a speech about what they do as a teacher. They also mentioned the highlights of working at SGS. A PowerPoint presentation was shown at both open

houses, created by Kelly Weiss (5). Parts of a computer were on display from the computer club. There were posters up about the salmon, computer club, and the newspaper club. The newspaper club had all of their newspapers out for everyone to see. We also had a movie done by Andrew Stephens (6) and Matthew Pranaitis (6). At the end, the students gave tours around our school. The open

houses were a great success!

Welcome to
St. Gabriel
School

Reminder:

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Off the Editor's Desk

written by Andrew Stephens, General Editor (6)

This month, we have a special section on pages four and five. It highlights what the third graders have been doing and what they will be doing. This is their first month writing articles for our paper. We

have also started two series about "Pickle Island" and "Cave Boy." You can read the first part of these stories on pages four and five.

I would like to remind you that we are always

looking for articles, so if you have gone to an event, write a little report about it. If you can, take a picture. We would appreciate it.

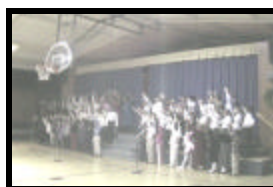
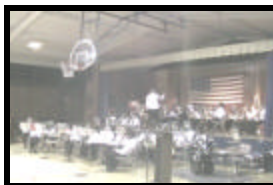
I hope you enjoy this month's SGG!

This Month's Tidbits

The Christmas Concert

by Nicole Bilodeau (5)

On December 14th, 2005, SGS had a Christmas concert. Grades K-5 sang many traditional Christmas songs such as Jingle Bells, Silent Night, and Feliz Navidad. The band also played Hot Cross Buns. The Christmas concert was performed by K-5 and the band.



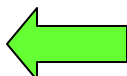
Dinosaurs

by Taylor Borowiec (5)

As you probably already know, our school has become home to some dinosaurs. Mrs. Sherwood decided to continue the dinosaur contest from last year. Grade K-8 drew unique dinosaurs that are now all over the school on display.

Freddy's Latest and Greatest - Dell XPS Laptops

The XPS 170 has the latest processor, Genuine Windows XP Media Center (2005 Edition) has awesome graphics that is in all one laptop. Super-speed performance, 17 inch ultra sharp LCD screen and integrated subwoofer makes gaming and multimedia come alive. This laptop is **\$2,399**.



The XPS 140 is small and potent. It is about 1.5 inches thin, and 5.5 pounds light. XP Media Center - (2005 Operating Edition). This



laptop is a true expression of multimedia power in a package that gets heads turning. This computer can instantly turn on. It is the laptop that makes fast reactions to DVD's, videos, music and photos, and the ultimate 14.1 inch WXGA screen makes this laptop come alive. The price is **\$949**.



Science Tidbits - The Science Fair and the Salmon

by Allison Flores (5)

The science fair is here and the projects are great!! The projects are due Monday, January 30th and the judging is the same day. Grades 1 to 5 are able to decide if they want to do a science fair project. Kindergarten is doing a class project together. Middle school must do a science fair project and will be graded on them. The ribbons will be

given out on Wednesday, February 1st at 7:00 P.M and are awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place and honorable mention winners. First and second place winners from 7th and 8th graders are able to go on to the State Science Fair at Quinnipiac University in Hamden. We wish everyone the best of luck!!

by Maebh Sheelan (6)

The salmon were delivered by the

CRSA (Connecticut River Salmon Association) on Wednesday, January 11th, 2006. We let the salmon grow in a tank in Miss. Rosa's room and students keep records of the temperature of the water. The salmon start as small salmon eggs and then grow into adult salmon. We let the salmon out on Friday May 5th, 2006. The grown salmon are let out to start a new life in Salmon Brook Park in Granby.

Matt's Sports Desk – Matt Pranaitis' Views on the Rose Bowl

On January 4, 2005, in Pasadena, California, a historic event happened. Texas beat USC in the Rose bowl with a score of 41 to 38. Vince Young lead the Texas Longhorns up and down the field beating the favored USC Trojans. He did this by running and throwing. It was a historic battle between the two

best college teams ever in the history of college football in my opinion. Vince Young sealed up the victory by rushing for a touchdown, which was not a surprise. To wrap this up, Vince Young decided to enter the NFL draft.



The NFL Playoffs Have Started!

*by Daniel Kastner (3)
edited by Matthew Pranaitis (6)*

The NFL Playoffs have started. The Patriots started off well, but didn't get very far. A loss to Denver didn't help the Patriots get another Super Bowl win. The Broncos

played the Steelers in the AFC Championship game. The Broncos lost. However, the Steelers got to the AFC Championship 3 game by beating the Colts 21-18. The match up for the NFC Championship game was the Panthers and the Seahawks.

The Panthers lost. It certainly is a great playoff season!



Steelers vs. Seahawks

Panthers vs. Seahawks—The Seahawks Won!

by Theodore Lee (6)
The Seahawks' offensive star is Shaun Alexander, the MVP of the year. The Panthers' offensive star is Steve Smith, the best wide receiver in the league and 4th in Playoff history receiving yards.

Steve Smith will have a good quarterback in Jake Delhomme

to receive passes from. Jake Delhomme was second in the NFL in passer rating. Matt Hasselback helps Shaun Alexander with his running game by seeing how the defense is lined up then calling an audible play. For the Seahawks to win, they need to put pressure on Jake Delhomme and cover

Steve Smith. For the Panthers to win they need to blitz and bring pressure on Matt Hasselback and stop the run. My outcome on the game will be the Panthers to come out on top and Steve Smith to have at least one receiving TD.



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Special Edition

The Third Grade Report

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Third Grade Section

by Madison Borowiec (3)

The third graders have been very busy with the following activities:

Book Buddies: In Book Buddies, third graders read to kindergartners every Friday afternoon.

Plants: In Science we have planted bean seeds. Over the last several months, only three survived. Cameron's, Kyle's and

Madison's are looking very healthy.

Subjects: In Social Studies, we have taken a test that had questions on maps, directions, compass rose, and more. We'll soon learn how well the class did.

"Barrett Bucks": Miss Barrett hands out Barrett Bucks if one of the students has done a good job on something. For instance:

•100's on tests

•Being helpful

•Completing homework for the semester

•Doing a good job on something

Sports: Our class loves sports! Soccer, basketball, football, gymnastics, baseball, or hockey – you name it, we play it!

Pickle Island - The Adventure Begins

by Mackenzie Collyer (3)

edited by Matthew Pranaitis (6) and Lucien Cance (6)

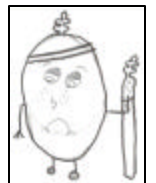
I was trapped on Pickle Island and had some rope, an empty bottle, a hula hoop, a balloon, a pencil, but no paper and a gum wrapper. I was being chased by pickles. I saw a bush and ran to hide in it. I found leaves that were two feet long. I

used my rope and some leaves to make a tent. I went to the river with the water bottle to get water. I got trapped in the net. The pickles took me to their king. Oh, did I mention that he has humans for slaves? When I saw the king, he was not happy. The king said, "No one can make me happy unless they give me a mustache. Then, I would let you be free". I remembered that I had a pencil with me so I said "I will give you a mustache only

if you if you let me live here." The king said "Yes". I gave him a mustache, and he let me live there. I used my hula-hoop, rope, and leaves to make a basket. Then I went to where the pickles grew. I collected pickles. I went to my tent and wrote a letter to Mom on a gum wrapper.



Pickle Soldiers



Pickle King

Cave Boy - Chapters 1 and 2

by Cameron Young (3)

edited by Lucien Cance (6) and Freddy Krauss (6)

Chapter 1

One day Trevor went inside a cave and saw a herd of bats. He ran deeper into the cave, where his foot got stuck in a

rattlesnake's hole. Then a bear ran after him. He ran into a talking lion. The lion was in the shop with a sled for sale. He bought the sled and entered a sled contest. Whoever wins the contest wins a pot of gold.

Chapter 2

He started pretty well, but then someone grabbed his sled with their teeth. So he pushed the turbo button and his two front teeth came out. He was really embarrassed. The leprechauns showed him where the pot of gold was.

Christmas Day and Me

by Emily Persaud (3)

edited by Deanna Levitt (6)

One Christmas Eve, A girl named Abbie said to her mom, "Santa is coming to-night Mommy!" Abbie's mom said, "I know. Do you want to put some milk and cookies out for Santa?" "Yes", said Abbie. Then she went to bed. At 12:00 midnight Santa came down the chimney and Abbie woke up and tiptoed down the stairs and saw Santa putting presents under the tree. Then Santa said, "Ho, Ho, Ho! Look what Abbie left for me, some cookies and milk. It looks good but I have to take it to go. The next

morning Abbie made breakfast for her mom and dad. Then she woke up her mom and dad. For breakfast they had two eggs, cereal, and orange juice. She included a Christmas card that said, "Merry Christmas." Then they went down stairs and saw lots of gifts from Santa and a letter. After that Abbie gave her dog Rex his gift. It was a bone. Next, her dad gave Abbie, her gift and it was a doll. That afternoon she wrote a letter to Santa. Then Abbie put her letter in the mail and it was off to the North Pole. A few days later Santa got the letter and he responded to it. While he was sending it, he thought that they

were really good friends. So they kept on writing back and forth until they couldn't any more. Then Santa wrote to Abbie that he is on vacation and that he'd write a letter to her soon. After she read it she started to cry. She saw some more gifts under the tree. She opened one and it was a snow globe. She put it by her bed to remind her of Santa.

The End

Who Has What???

Taryn Loftus asked her class about their pets:

Who has fish? **4 people do**

Who has birds? **1 person does**

Who has a kind of rodent? **2**

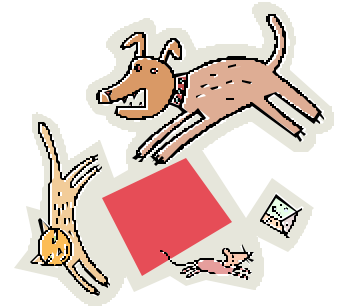
people do

Who has cats? **7 people do**

Who has dogs? **12 people do**

if you add up all the pets and brought them to school, there would be 26

pets in the classroom.

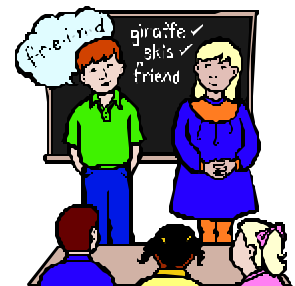


The Spelling Bee

This year's spelling bee has started out successfully. This year's participants will be going to the Knights of Columbus this February. The alternate (2nd place) will go if the first place winner cannot make it. In fourth grade, the first place winner is Ben

Mueller and the alternate is Derek Jones. In fifth grade, the first place winner is Catherine Dunlavey and the alternate is Danielle Lewcyck. In sixth grade, the first place winner is Deanna Levitt and the alternate is Mark Mossberg. Congratulations

and good luck to the participants of the spelling bee!



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For Kids, By Kids, About Kids

This Month's Movies

by Taryn Loftus (3)

Hoodwinked

Little Red Riding Hood has to bring her basket of goodies to her grandmother. She tries to defeat the wolf.

Rating: **PG**

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

4 children go into a new world to save Narnia from the White Witch.

Rating: **PG**

King Kong

A man tries to make a movie. He, Jack, Anne, the rest of the movie crew, and the ship's crew sail to a uncharted island. They capture Kong, a giant gorilla.

Rating: **PG-13**

Jokes

by Derek Jones (4) and Matthew Smooka (4)

Why did the coach bang the vending machine?
He wanted his quarterback!

Why is it easier to get from second base to third base then from first base to second base?

Because there is a short stop!

by William McCaffrey (5) and Tyler MacGillivray (5)

Crashing through the snow on a pair of broken skis the snow is turning red I think I might be dead. Going to grandmas house with stitches on my head 911 911 911 today.

Jumble of the Month

by Rachel Poirier (4)

Unscramble each word.

1. afcrs

2. etmnits

3. dlse

4. tobso

5. oth aocco

6. wnsnoma

**This
Month's
Theme:
Winter**

This Month's Sudoku Puzzle

		7	8				3	9
				5	9	7	2	
		6						
					4		8	
1		2				3		5
	9		5					
						4		
	5	4	7	2				
8	3				5	6		

Each row, box and column has to have numbers 1 to 9. by Taryn Loftus (3)