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FOR KIDS, BY KIDS, ABOUT KIDS

Mrs. Patricia Martin — St. Gabriel's New Principal

By Deanna Levitt (7)
and Meabh Sheelan (7)

We interviewed Mrs. Patricia Martin, the new school principal. Mrs. Martin started on November 6th, 2006. We asked some questions and found she is a very nice person. Here are some of the questions we asked:

Where did you grow up?

Mrs. Martin grew up in Manchester. She went to elementary and middle school at Saint James, and for high school she went to East Catholic. Both schools are in Manchester. She lives in Vernon now.

What school did you teach at, and what subjects did you teach?

She taught 7th and 8th grade Science and Math at St. James in Manchester.

Why did you want to become a principal?

Having attended so many Catholic schools, Mrs. Martin believes in Catholic education. She wants to help students grow spiritually and academically into good citizens. This is her first time as a principal.

How long have you been teaching?

She has been teaching for 16 years. WOW, that is a long time!

What college did you attend?

She attended St. Joseph College in West Hartford, Sacred Heart University in Fairfield and Cambridge College in Springfield, MA.

Are you married? Do you have any children?

Yes, she is married but has no children. She does have a dog though. Her dog is a black Labrador. His name is Merlin.

What are your hobbies?

She likes to hike and bike on trails in Manchester and Vernon. She also enjoys gardening and photography.

This is a way to get to know the new principal, Mrs. Patricia Martin. We hope that you like her!



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SGG Staff:

- Mrs. McCaffrey, Editor in Chief
- Andrew Stephens, Newspaper Manager
- Matthew Pranaitis, Newspaper Manager

Attention Students:

If you would like to submit your own articles to the St. Gabriel Gazette, you can email them to school or give them to Mrs. McCaffrey.

Coming Home and School Events

Friday, December 1st (all day)

Santa Shop for St. Gabriel Students

Volunteers are needed to help set up, wrap gifts, or break down the event.

Thursday, December 14th (5:30-6:30)

Ice Skating at Veteran's Memorial Rink, West Hartford

Bring the family and join us for a fun skating session at West Hartford's Premier Indoor Rink.

Other Home and School Notices

Home & School Dues

REMINDER: Home & School dues, if you have not already paid them, are overdue. Reminder notices will be sent to you through your child at school. Avoid our future badgering phone calls by sending your payment in to the school addressed to Kim Smith, H&S Treasurer. If you have any questions please contact the H&S at StGabHomeSchool@comcast.net

Teacher Wish Lists

If you are thinking about purchasing a gift for your child's teacher, don't forget about classroomwishlist.org. Many teachers from our school have registered for some classroom products they have been "wishing for". The website allows parents and other donors look up the teacher and order the product they would like to purchase for that teacher. It will be delivered free of charge directly to Mrs. Martin at St. Gabriel School. Because our school is non-profit, the website also provides a tax-deductible receipt for the purchaser. Wish list items can be made anonymously or not. The catalog that the teachers choose from when they register has a huge selection of school supplies, teaching aids, and other equipment. Because of the website's non-profit status, the prices are fantastic!

(Please keep in mind that the teacher wish lists are entirely organized by the Home & School at the request of PARENTS and in no way are teachers asking for gifts).

The website is: www.classroomwishlist.org. If you would like to buy a gift for a teacher, go to the website, register as a new user, then click on Donor, find a specific Wish list, choose Connecticut, and on the line that says, "Enter the School Name", put in: ST* This will list all the teachers from St Gabriel School. Choose the teachers name to view the wish list.

The Boo Bash — October 28th

The H&S would like to thank our chairpersons Michelle Olszewski & Thadora Horn for chairing this extremely fun event! The Boo Bash was a great success since so many of our little "goblins" and "terrors" joined in on all the fun and games on that Saturday afternoon. There

was a Pumpkin Toss, Pin the nose on the pumpkin, Candy Corn race, Pass the Witch's Broom, Halloween Hopscotch, Halloween limbo, Face Painting and many other fun games... plus lots of treats and prizes!

Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers:

Elizabeth Canevari
Jennifer Hosein
Rosanna Dorbuck
Stacey Ferranti
Karen Flores
Robert Horn
Susanne Kaiser
Jose & Moreen Nevarez

Gabriela Prescott
Janet Shwayhat
Kelly Bilodeau
Shelly-Ann Miller

AND our chairs:
Thadora Horn
& Michelle Olszewski

Go to the picture gallery on page 8 for pictures of the boo bash.

Alumni Stories—Kevin Deneen

The Annual Art Fair was held from January 31, 1967 to February 2, 1967

The winners for the Art Contest were announced on February 3rd, 1967.

Primary

Grade 1 First Prize - Kevin Wolf

Second Prize - Kevin Deneen

Third Prize - Sheila Nemeth

Honorable Mention - Richard Ferraina

Written by Bryan Deneen (3), the son of Kevin Deneen



Mike, Kevin, Chris, and Bob Deneen in 1967 wearing St. Gabriel uniforms.

Contributing Writers

- ? Deanna Levitt (7)
- ? Maebh Sheelan (7)
- ? Bryan Deneen (3)
- ? Mia Scanlon (5)
- ? Grace Deneen (5)
- ? Freddy Krauss (7)
- ? Theodore Lee (7)
- ? Cameron Young (4)
- ? Taryn Loftus (4)

Alumni Stories—Jeffrey Scanlon

By Mia Scanlon (5)

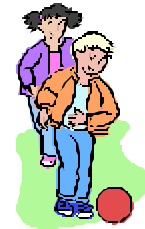
Do you know Jeffrey Mark Scanlon? Did you know he went to Saint Gabriel School with his sisters, Beth (class of '73) and Andrea (class of '77)?

My dad (Mr. Scanlon) went to St. Gabriel School for eight full years. One of his principals was Sister Carmeline, and his favorite teacher was

his first grade teacher, Sister Margueite.

Jeffrey's favorite subject was English. That is why he grew up and took the job of an English teacher! There were many games that my father played at recess, but the game that he liked best was kickball. My father also loved Thursdays because at lunch, it was "Hot Dog Day". When Jeff was at Saint Gabriel, there were no

such things as "concerts", but one year they did a play based on the Jim Croce song "Leroy Brown". But what my father (Jeff) enjoyed the most was "I liked the intimate environment, which fostered, among other things, some great relationships among the students".



Alumni Stories—Mike Deneen

By Grace Deneen (5)

This is what my dad answered when I asked questions about when he was in St. Gabriel School. My dad went to school from 2nd grade to 6th grade. He was in this school in the

years 1966 to 1971. What my dad liked most about this school was the education and his friends. My dad is the oldest out of his family and his siblings went here too.

His favorite subject was geography and his favorite teacher was Sister Carmeline. Sister Carmeline was also one of his principals. The game that my dad played at recess was Mug which was like football. His favorite

school lunch was hotdogs and orange sherbet. My dad's favorite memory was when smoke started to pour out of the radiator next to him and they had to evacuate from the building.

By: Miss Rosa —
Science Teacher

Spotlight on Raising Salmon at St. Gabriel School



Each year in January, Connecticut River Salmon Association delivers 200 Salmon eggs to the Science room. Students in grades five through eight will spend the following four months, caring for the tank, and tracking the development of the eggs until they hatch, and then continuing to track the growth of the fish until they are ready to be released in early May. During this time, the students will also participate

in Salmon lessons each week with Miss Rosa. The eighth grade students will teach a salmon lesson to students in kindergarten through fourth grade as well.

In May, the fish have reached the stage in their development in which they can begin to survive on their own. On Salmon Release Day, the students will go to Salmon Brook Park in Granby to release the salmon. After, they have put the fish into the

stream, the students will have lunch, and then go back to the stream to participate in grade appropriate activities. They will gain a sense of understanding about the environment and determine characteristics about the stream that make it a safe place to leave the fish. When they get back to school the students will discuss all that they saw and learned while studying the environment.

The St. Gabriel Gazette's Best Pet Contest

We have extended the best pet contest. The entries will be due on December 11. It will not be extended after that date. Results will be in the January edition of the St. Gabriel Gazette.

Rules and Regulations

You must have your name on the back!

You must write 2 paragraphs!

You must send a picture of the pet!

Your first paragraph must tell about the

picture, and the second must tell why your pet is the best!

- 1st place gets 2 dress downs and a ribbon!!!

- 2nd place gets 1 dress down and a ribbon!!

- 3rd place gets a ribbon!

All entries must be given to Mrs. McCaffrey, e-mailed or sent, by December 11, 2:30 p.m.

This is only open to SGS Students.

Regional Band

By Freddy Krauss (7)

The regional band was held at St. James School, Manchester. There were many students from all around Connecticut. There were 14 students from St. Gabriel's school. It was held on October 21st.

Saxophones

Christopher Kuhlberg
Gwendolyn Peyton
Freddy Krauss
Khang Lee

Trumpets

Lucien Konan
David McCarthy
Matthew Pranaitis
Timothy Kuhlberg

Flutes

Catherine Dunlavey
Kristen Young
Sarah Pranaitis.

Trombone

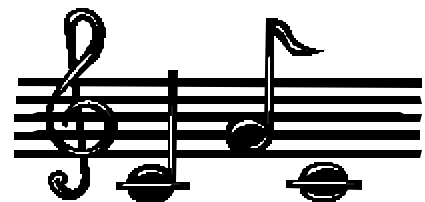
Matthew Carlson

Clarinets

Kimberly Kleszczynski
Benjamin Mueller.

We played nine songs. They were:

The Star Spangled Banner
Fields of Glory
Holy Holy Holy
Goldfinger
Rock Around the Clock
Dreamscape
Americans We
Typewriter
The Early American Portrait



A First Grader's View of St. Gabriel School

By Taryn Loftus (4)

You might think that school is boring, but that's not true. At St. Gabriel's, you can do sports. Would you like a 1st grader's point of view? Here it is:

What do you think about St. Gabriel's School?

It's fun and you get to play fun games, like Bingo.

What do you and other kids do at recess?

We play tag, kickball, and Scooby-Doo.

What are you learning?

I'm learning subtraction and multiplication.

How would you rate school on a scale of 1-10? (10 being the best)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Wow, I think that 1st grade sounds fun! Thank you Devon (1)

In summary we are learning and having fun at St. Gabriel School. The message is that the whole school is one body with Jesus Christ.

Staff Stuff

We cannot forget those wonderful teachers and staff members who are no longer at St. Gabriel's School:



Mrs. Clark, Grade 1, who taught hundreds of students how to read, follow directions, and quietly walk through the halls.



Mrs. Barber, Grade 5, who taught each of her students the YMCA with enthusiasm, along with a great love of books and the ability to "learn and achieve".

Mrs. Erickson, Secretary, who made holidays special with her unique costumes, homemade goodies, and office decorations.

Mrs. Carlson, Aide, who never failed to brighten a day with a smile, share a laugh, be helpful and always willing to "chip in".

Mrs. Pepin, Nurse, who fixed many cuts and bruises while she was here.

Mrs. Ferrante, Music, who brought the school to the recognition of local and state Veterans groups with her memorable Memorial Day Programs.

Mrs. Sherwood, Art, who found art in everything and exposed students to different local cultures. Her enthusiasm for the Long Island Sound Calendar was so inspiring!

The Relative of a Saint Gabriel Student

By Theodore Lee (7)

This person was born in New Haven, CT. He went to the pro bowl 4 times. He was drafted in the 5th round of the 1996 NFL Draft. He is known for his stunt against the Jets with his touchdown celebration with his cell phone. He plays wide receiver for the New Orleans Saints. His name is Joe Horn and he is the cousin of Jada Horn (3) and the 2nd cousin of Theodore Lee (7). He has a son nicknamed Bubba (even though he



Joe Horn and Theodore Lee

is not fat) and a daughter named Gia and they are both good at basketball. His wife is named Tweet. His brother is named Darian who works as an assistant to Vice President Dick Cheney. Everybody is probably wondering who he was calling when he did that touchdown celebration. Well he was calling his mom. He had a family reunion 2 summers ago at his old high school where he played quarterback, running back, wide receiver, and even punter. He

was coached under a legendary coach named Bob Paroli. The high school is in North Carolina and is named Douglas Byrd High School. At the high school he had a carnival and there was a basketball tournament. On the last day there was a cookout which had ziti, macaroni and cheese, chicken, hot dogs, burgers, and egg salad. He gave every kid there ten dollars. One of the best wide receivers in the NFL is Joe Horn.

Cameron Young's Story

By Cameron Young (4)

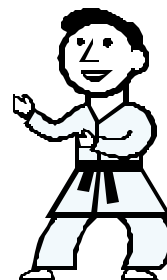
On November 4, 2006, I went to Sturbridge, MA for a karate tournament. Also my friend ,Madison Lee, grade 3 was in the tournament. I was in a competition for weapons and

forms. I received third place for weapons. Madison got first place in sparring and second place in forms. We were also on the demo team. Madison did three kata and I did my

bo staff form. We had a great time doing the



Madison Lee (3) and Cameron Young (4)



Pizza Challenge

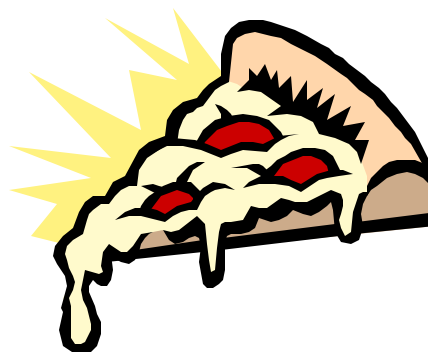
The Pizza Challenge is a reward for middle school students who consistently handed in all of their homework on time to all of their teachers throughout the marking period. The middle school teachers would like to congratulate the following students for achieving this challenge for the first marking period:

Grade 8 – Matthew Carlson, Aaron Cruz, Matthew Doucette, Jennifer Erickson, Matthew Fox, Kimberly Kleszczynski, Christopher Kuhlberg and Melissa Soutar.

Grade 7 – Deanna Levitt, Jennifer Nuhfer, Matthew Pranaitis, Maebh Sheelan and Andrew Stephens.

Grade 6 – Nicole Bilodeau, Erin Curley, Allison Flores, Danielle Lewczyk, William McCaffrey, Sean Smith, Gwendolyn Peyton, Christopher Traore, and Kristen Young.

The pizza was served to the winners on Tuesday, November 07, 2006. At the beginning of the new marking period, each student will have another opportunity to reach for the Pizza Challenge. Good luck!!!



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**Saint Gabriel School 21st Annual
Goods and Services Auction
Made Approximately \$30,000!**

Scholastic Book Fair

Is

Coming:

December 18th to December 21st

Family Night is

Wednesday December 20th.



After School Program Wish List

Board Games in new or good condition

Building Materials Blocks, Legos, Kinex building sticks, etc.

Outside games like horse shoes, badminton, etc.,

Whiffleball Bat and Ball

Tennis Balls

Football

Craft Materials cloth, felt, wallpaper, magazines, beads, etc.

SGG 50th Anniversary Photo Gallery



January 10, 1970 Winter Fire



School Building Around 1915



The Boo Bash