



Scratching Your Questions Away

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic schools had a very fun week. The theme of Catholic Schools Week was united in faith and community. To help unite us, SPSL had various activities all along this week. From door decorating to emotional retreats, the students had a fun time. I guess the teachers did, too.

On Sunday, SPSL student council hosted a glow-skate at Grover Ice. Check out more information on this subject on the glow-skate article. On Monday we had a dress down day, which is always fun, plus an assembly from the African Culture Connection. On Tuesday students with the last names A-L had mass. With donuts, obviously. We also had a No Place for Hate assembly and the ever nerve-racking spelling bees. Check out the spelling bee articles for more information. On Wednesday, M-Z went to mass and had donuts. Possibly more than one. We know some of you are guilty.

On Thursday, 8th grade had mass at our cathedral, St. Cecilia's, always a pleasant experience. There also was the 7th grade courage retreat. Filled with emotion and the occasional tear no doubt, but good tears. On Friday, the 5th grade kindness retreat happened, also filled to the brim with emotion. Also on Friday was the drama play, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Drama club's hard work paid off in just a two-day period. Hear more about that in the drama play article. As a Catholic school, we have a special week, and this year's was no less exciting.

Connor Carney, Ella Carney, and Madison Krehbiel

5th and 6th Spelling Bee

The 5th and 6th grade Spelling Bee was an exciting event. Daryl Tollo, a 6th grader, was anxious and expected Jayde Dorsey to win. He found dendrochronology hard and koi easy.

Vivian Beninato, another 6th grader, was excited to compete and had studied hard. Joline Magill, a 5th grader, was nervous and unsure of who the winner would be. Vivian Beninato won and felt amazing with her victory.

Ella Carney



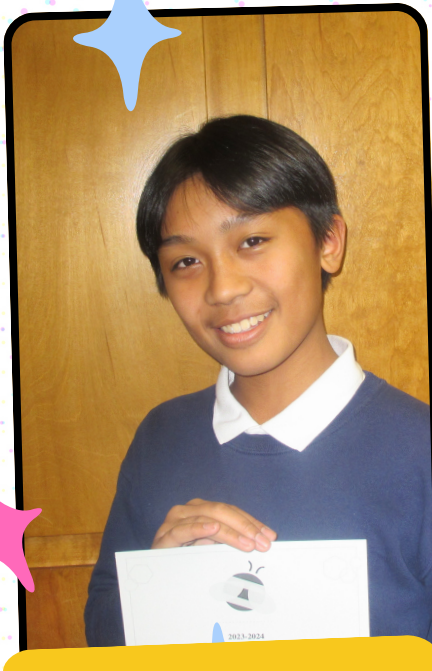
Vivian Beninato

Gabe Naatz

7th and 8th Spelling Bee

The 7th and 8th grade Spelling Bee was thrilling. The candidates faced immense pressure. They were very nervous. Mr. McFarlin and Mrs. Rix liked the event but hated seeing their students lose. The participants were good sports.

The audience shared their emotions and were glad when it ended. It all came down to four intense rounds between just two contestants, Elijah Laywah and Jonathan Walker. The Panther Post's very own Elijah Laywah won the contest. Mr. Adair was nervous but proud of them. He said they did a great show that took courage.



Elijah Laywah

GlowSkate

On the 28th of January, The SPSL student council hosted a Glow Skate at Grover Ice Rink for 5th-8th grade. What happened at the Glow skate? At the event, student council sold many hot dogs, snacks, and glow accessories.

The Panther Post's interviewers did many interviews, and people loved it! People had much to say, like Connor Carney: "I'm having the time of my life!" Alex LaBarr and Lyra Williamson said, "Learning how to skate is so much fun!" Other people liked other aspects of the skate; according to Macy Phillips, "I love this because it's chaos."

The Panther Post also interviewed the head of student council, Mrs. Utterback. "I love this because I see people having fun with their friends!" Mrs. Utterback also had one of the most graceful falls seen to humanity.

Mick Moyer and Karson Dreher



Drama Play

This year's drama club performance was an outstanding performance by both the actors, director, and backstage crew. The show was a very exciting experience to both watch, and it left the audience sitting on the edge of their seats. The set and costumes were very creative, and the cast was phenomenal. The cast had been working hard since October to perfect the play and its shows. They did really well, and the whole school is proud of their stunning and spectacular performance.

Some fan favorites were when Augustus Gloop (Kamryn Bridgeford and Rok Slater) smeared chocolate across their faces and when Violet Beauregarde (Julia Kubat and Kelsey Rudloff) wore an inflatable Sumo suit and became a blueberry. Willy Wonka (Kate Berthelsen and Evan Chattin), Charlie Bucket (Oliver Lampe and Hunter Kreifels), Grandpa Joe (Brennen Nelson and Declan Fillmore), Mike Teavee (Greg McKamy and Luke Engel) and Veruca Salt (Eva Anthony and Anna McCreery) also gave fabulous performances.

The last thing is a big thanks to Mrs. Martinez for making this great production possible.

Penny Arnold, Greg McKamy, Rok Slater, and Madison Krehbiel

Catholic Schools Week Word Search

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The Pencil Snapping Caper

The Pencil Snapping Bandit leapt across the parking lot and looked at the school, St. Pius X/St. Leo School. He grinned as he saw a wide-open window. The Pencil Snapping Bandit used his sticky hands to climb up the side of the building and enter through the window. He looked around the room and saw a Husker volleyball jersey that said Mrs. Wilson. "So this is 1A, Mrs. Wilson's class," he thought. He then saw a pencil and used his teeth to chip it down and then break the pencil in two. He then went from desk to desk, opening them and snapping all the pencils in two.

He looked out the window and saw the sun was rising, and that light was slowly filling the room. The Pencil Snapping Caper snapped one more pencil he saw on the floor and then hid behind the curtains so as to not be seen. He wanted to make a quick escape if anyone saw him. He heard the door open and kids started coming in.

"What happened to my pencils?" a boy yelled as he looked at his desk. The Pencil Snapping Bandit saw a little girl staring at him with wide open eyes. He decided he had caused enough trouble, and it was time for him to leave. He jumped out of the window and disappeared into the day, excited to come back to snap more pencils again...

Abigael Goitom

Elyse Nownes, Elijah Laywah, Karson Dreher



HOSA

Connelly Cunningham and Abigael Goitom

Over at kindergarten, HOSA (Future Health Professionals Club) is teaching the Kindergarteners how to wash their hands:

Step 1: Get your hands wet

Step 2: Put soap on your hands

Step 3: Scrub your hands

Step 4: Wash your hands off

Step 5: Dry your hands off

HOSA had a fun activity planned for the Kindergarteners, which was to teach them more about germs and how to wash them off. The activity was to put on a lotion and shine a blacklight on your hands to see fake germs. Then HOSA taught the Kindergarteners a song to show them how long to wash their hands.

When they were done, the HOSA team gave the Kindergartners a worksheet to remember to wash their hands, and if they finished the worksheet, they got a Roar Card.



St. Pius X/ St. Leo School is a diverse community, forming students in the Catholic faith to excel in academics and service to others.

Quick Question...

What did you like best about Catholic Schools Week?

- Josie Wessling, second grade, liked the “African Culture Connections and the No Place for Hate assembly.”
- Chamomile Diehl, Kindergarten, also enjoyed “No Place for Hate.”
- Bridget Wessling, first grade, said, “Drama play was my favorite.”
- Jack Andreeson, Kindergarten said, “The Mass with donuts was the best.”

Ella Carney and Madison Krehbiel

Editor's Note

Michael Rusch

Hi everyone! We'd just like to say thank you for reading through all of this. This whole club started as a joke between the three of us, which evolved into a project for student council, and then into this club.

Our original name was Turtle Guy News. The idea originated during a recess where we were restricted to only a fraction of the parking lot. Mick came up with the idea to do joke interviews, and we would go up to people and say things like "Michael Rusch, Turtle Guy News: do you think the law should take action against the nefarious Patrick Star gang?" When we got home, I think it was Mick who said that we should try to make it a real thing for the school. So we decided to name it The Panther Post.

We got to work designing a logo, a slogan, and writing out a presentation for student council, which was presented at the next meeting. It later got changed into a club, sponsored by Mrs. Noon. We got our announcement on the intercom, and our first meeting was held, which turned out amazingly. So again, thank you all.



We want YOU to join the Panther Post! All students in grades 6th-8th are able to join. Meetings will be held on Thursdays after school, with some during lunch and recess, which we will send out emails saying when they are happening.

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