

Life is short, but memories stay forever

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“Hi, how are we doing today?” That is what Father Harry always asked us when he came into our classrooms.

Have you heard about our priests? Father Harry Bielewicz has been assigned by the bishop to be the Vicar of Clergy of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Everyone will miss him greatly for his kindness and dedication to our school.

Father Pierre M. Falkenhan, known as Father Bud, has been transferred from pastor of St. Peter parish to Our Lady of the Valley in Donora. We will miss him as well.

Father David Dewitt is celebrating his 25th jubilee of being a priest. Congratulations to Father Dewitt! He is always helpful and kind to all the students and teachers too.



Enjoy retirement,
Mrs. Cherry!

Father James Dolan is now assigned to both St. Peter and St. Michael parishes. He comes to BCS a lot and he has a lot of dedication to the school. When he comes into our classrooms he teaches all the students more about what they were learning, especially Latin.

Last, but not least, is one of our beloved teachers, Mrs. Mary Cherry. She is retiring after this year with 19 years at Butler Catholic. This year she has a 4th grade homeroom, but has served as a librarian for many years. Everyone will miss her very much and no one wants Mrs. Mary Cherry to leave.

Some of these inspiring people are leaving Butler Catholic, but they will stay with us forever in our memories. *Edited by Sarah Dodd*



Father Harry says farewell to 7th grade students and Mrs. Gurner.

Eighth Grade on their way

by Maggie Moses

This year's eighth grade is graduating and we asked Megan Hegedus what it is like leaving Butler Catholic? She said "It is very sad leaving here because you receive a very good education." Most other 8th graders agree. Although many are going to the Butler High School, others might be going to St. Joseph's High School, Knoch High School, or Karns City. We'll all miss them here at BCS; they're all so nice!



We all hope to see you all back at BCS!

The Body of Christ

by Emily Peratt

The 2nd grade made their 1st Holy Communion in April and May. Those interviewed said they were so excited. Tina Roth said, "I was so nervous!" When they were finished with Mass they were sad that they wouldn't get to receive Communion for a week. A special Mass was held at BCS on May 12, 2009, in the Chapel for the students who made their First Communion. All of the parents were proud of their children.

Reporters improve skills

by Patrick Kresh

Mr. Ed Biller, reporter for the Butler Eagle, came and gave the "BC Buzz" staff advice at the regular meeting after school on April 7th. He also helped us to be better reporters.



Newspaper staff with Mr. Biller

He went to every newspaper member's article and gave pointers on how to make the articles better. Once he did that, he wanted to see what we were working on gave advice on those.

We presented him with a BCS thank you gift. Anna Swartwout said, "He was funny at times." The members of the staff learned a lot.

World animals overrun BCS gym

by Jared Titley

The students walked in the gym and wondered why it smelled like nachos and popcorn. They got their answer when they saw the bearcat.

Grant Kemmerer, animal trainer for the Wild World of Animals, brought to Butler Catholic gym on Tuesday April 28, 2009 many live animals. The students went wild to see up close animals. There was a live lion, a bearcat, a snake-neck turtle, a monkey, and an alligator. He told students lot of information about the animals that helped everyone learn more about the animals.



Michael Booser said, "I think that the assembly was cool. The monkey and kinkajou were great and the bearcat was weird." Michael thought that we should have more assemblies like this.

Game on, at English Festival!

by Sarah Dodd

Have you ever heard of the English Festival? On May 22, 2009, the 5th and 6th graders in honors reading went to the English



Festival. The English Festival is a festival with different schools

Fifth grade students Hugh O'Neill, Bennett BonAnno, Katie Klinko, and Julie Kasunic prepare for Festival with Mrs. Walls

that play games about the books they read during the school year. They went to Seton LaSalle High School for the festival. The books that the 5th and 6th grade honors students read were Bridge to Terabithia, Beware, Princess Elizabeth, Regarding the Sink, and Seeds of Hope. The classes got a chance to meet an author and get their signature on their books they bought that the author wrote.

When asked about what she thought of the festival, fifth grade student, Lily Murray answered, "I thought it was fun and it is a good way to test kids on what they read during the school year." Most of the honors reading students in 5th and 6th grade enjoyed the festival.

On May 21, 2009, the 7th and 8th graders in honors reading also went to the English Festival. They went to Duquesne University for the festival. The books that the 7th and 8th grade honors students read were The Call of the Wild, Bella at Midnight, Ghost Boy, A Summer of Kings, White Lilacs, and No More Dead Dogs. Like the 5th and 6th graders, they enjoyed the festival as well.

Go for the Gold on Olympic Day

by Will Morgus

Do you like to do athletic activities? If so BCS has one great day for you!

Every year towards the end of the school year we have a day of fun and games, Olympic Day. You'll be divided into groups headed by a teacher. If you want to be with your friend in your class, good luck, because there's usually only 1 kid from each class per group. This year it will be on May 27, 2009.

But before the a prayer. If you're kind of games you'll be further. If you were you'll know what to that most of the games part of this year's activity.



action starts we say wondering what playing look no here at BCS last year, expect. Miss Fisher said that we had last year will If you're new to our school, get ready for a surprising day of fun. If you're wondering what the menu is it's hot dogs, watermelon, chips, carrot sticks and/or celery sticks (it's your choice), a cookie, and orange drink. If you don't want that free meal, you can pack your own. 6th grader Nate Morgus said about Olympic Day "Olympic Day is fun. It's a good way to get away from class."

Even though Olympic Day comes only once a year, many kids think it's the best day of the school year.

Guess Who?

It is a game for the students to guess what staff member the little known facts are about. Try to guess which staff member these facts are about.

Who am I?

Staff #1

- I play the trumpet and bagpipes
- I laugh in my sleep
- I have 2 brothers, 3 sisters and 16 first cousins

Staff #2

- I played baseball in high school
- I collect snowmen decorations
- I used to live in Ohio

Answers on page 3!

Strike up the band by Nate Morgus

Each year there are two band concerts, one in spring and one around Christmas. Mrs. Dineff, band instructor, has worked very hard to set up all of the songs that the band performs. Band students agree that band takes a lot of practice. Some of the songs that were by the Gold Band were “Apache”, “Eye of the Tiger”, and “William Tell Overture”. The Blue Band played “Love That Band”, “Let’s Go Band”, “Banana Boat Song”, and “Rock A-Bye Baby”. The last song was played by Blue Band and Gold Band was “Louie Louie”.

Faculty member, Mrs. Hinterlang said, “We have two of the best bands in the Diocese.” She also said that, “I am amazed how much Mrs. Dineff can teach between Blue Band and Gold Band.”

The concert turned out great! The concert, as always was a success. Thanks to Mrs. Dineff and the students in the band it all came together very well!

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Action by Anna Swartwout


Have you ever heard of Pinocchio? Butler Catholic’s annual school play is ‘Hey Ho, Pinocchio!’



Pinocchio cast takes a well-deserved bow.

The ages to try out for the big parts in this play were 6th through 8th grade. The Kindergarten through 4th grade is cast in the different parts. The boys are cast as the Bad Boys and the girls are the puppets. Sister John Ann didn’t forget about the fifth graders; they were the town’s people. “I think that the play will be more a comedy than anything,” Mallory Truax said about the school play. For some people in the older group it’s their first time doing a school play. Making his debut is Keenan Barlow, the 8th grade student, playing the magical puppet Pinocchio! David Farmer said, “The school play has been a lot of fun!” The director of the school plays is Sister John Ann and student director is Brittany Slupe.

If you have ever seen any of the other school plays you would see that Sister does a wonderful job directing them. The performances on May 14th through 16th were fantastic!

<p>Guess Who answers: #1-Miss Fisher #2-Mrs. Swartwout</p>	
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Art Contest Winners

by Kendall Graham

All of the drawings were amazing for the Ultimate Vacation Drawing Contest. Our winners were: 2nd grader Alexis Shriver; 4th grader Nicole Fry; 5th graders, Katie Draeger and Katie Klinko. You can view the winning pictures on the wall in the school lobby. Other entries can be seen on the wall in the cafeteria.



by Alexis Shriver



by Nicole Fry



by Katie Klinko



by Katie Draeger

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From our principal-

In a few days, the 2008-09 school year is a part of our history! Where did the year go? While we do take time to remember those favorite things – classes, projects, lunches, good times, and those things we didn't particularly care for, we look forward to the "rest time." Summer – the lazy days of doing whatever. During these days, take time each day to do 3 things: Read and do math, help Mom and Dad by doing your job the best that you can, and talk to Jesus every day. When you do these activities, the hours of playtime will be more enjoyable.

Have a safe, happy, and fun-filled summer. Be careful and safe. We look forward to seeing you soon.

I'll be here most of the summer, so stop in and say "hi"! Have a wonderful vacation. May our Provident God keep you close to his Heart each and every day.

- *Sister John Ann*

Sing about spring concert

by Madeline Fox

The Spring Concert is the concert where all the kids in BCS sing. It is a great chance for everybody to hear our voices. Miss Jackson, the school music teacher, and the students worked very hard on all their songs. They did a good job memorizing the songs.

It was held at the Butler Senior High School auditorium on April 16, 2009. The performing choir, made up of 10 seventh and eighth grade students, was small but had outstanding voices. "It was nice and great song selections, too," said Mrs. Beaver. All the kids had fun. It was a great experience for all the kids. The songs were catchy and you will find yourself humming them as the days go by.

A special thank you to **Dr. Mary Agnes McKay** who taught our 8th grade Spanish class this year.



May Calendar

- 12-Gr. 2: Celebration of First Communion
- 14-16-Hey, Ho Pinocchio at 7:30 PM in the Auditorium
- 17-19- PJAS Competition at Penn State University
- 19-May Crowning: 10 AM
- 20-Band concert at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium
- 21-Ascension Thursday Mass at 1:15 PM, Gr. 3/4: Idlewild, and Gr. 7/8: English Festival at Duquesne University
- 22-Noon Dismissal, Gr. 5/6: English Festival at Seton LeSalle
- 27-Olympic Day and Confirmation at St. Paul with Bishop Winter
- 28-Gr. 8: Fatima Trip and Gr. 7: St. Anthony Shrine in Troy Hill

June Calendar

- 1-Gr. K: Animal Treasures and Gr. 8: Honors Night
- 2-Gr. K-4: Step-Up Day at 9-10 AM
- 3-Kindergarten Celebration at 10 AM and Gr. 8 graduation
- 4-Gr. 1-7: Noon Dismissal
- **5-Gr. 1-7: Noon Dismissal and last day of school**

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Kindergarten students with Clifford, the Red Dog, from the Spring Book Fair, wish everyone a happy summer vacation!