



What are you doing for Lent? by Sarah Dodd



Christ has died, Christ has risen, and Christ will come again!

In this season of Lent, lots of the classes are getting prepared for Easter. Each grade and homeroom is making crafts and learning about Jesus dying for us and rising again into heaven. Also Easter is the time for giving and sharing.

The kindergarten students discussed the significance of the pretzel during Lent. They went to the cafeteria to roll, twist, and bake their own pretzels on Ash Wednesday. Also they are keeping track of the weekly Lenten symbols to make a Lenten wreath.

The second grade is learning about the Stations of the Cross by making their own book. These books are used for the second grade presentation of the "Living Stations" during Holy Week.

The third grade is writing their own prayers and making Stations of the Cross booklets. They are using them for their weekly Stations of the Cross in chapel.

Each homeroom made a purple paper chain of links to hang in front of their classroom. On the link is written a good deed that the homeroom did or will do for Lent. There is a purple ribbon on the Crown of Thorns that is outside the cafeteria as a reminder. Also homerooms had 3-5 links ready for the offertory collection basket at Ash Wednesday's Mass. In this time of Lent, we have to remember to forgive others and sacrifice things just like Jesus did.

Science attacks BCS by Kendall Graham

What apple rots quickest? That's one of the many questions from 5th through 8th grade Science Fair boards. Many of the questions for the science fair were as crazy as this one! Well, what do apples have to do with a science fair? When students picked their projects they found out that pretty much everything has to do with science.

BCS Science Fairs had students thinking. Students in 5th through 8th grade took part in these two Science Fairs. Students devised a project on any topic they wanted. The 7th and 8th grade Science Fair was on February 18, 2009. The 5th and 6th grade Science Fair was on March 6, 2009.

Students had a lot of fun. Mrs. Chobot is the teacher for 6th through 8th grade and Mrs. Rensel is the teacher for 5th grade. "It is always exciting to watch a science project unfold and students discover something new about the world God created," Mrs. Chobot says of the 7th and 8th grade Science Fair projects.

Another science phenomenon that is taking over

Butler Catholic is PJAS. PJAS stands for Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science. The Butler Catholic PJAS team competed on February 21, 2009 at Slippery Rock University.

PJAS is a statewide organization of junior and senior high school students and it is designed to encourage kids to have an interest in science. The BCS PJAS team's coach is Mrs. Chobot. On February 21, 2009, 535 students competed at Slippery Rock University. 11 students represented Butler Catholic and six of them took a first place. Five students took second places. Tori Sawhney



received special recognition for her perfect score and first place project. She received \$100 and Mrs. Chobot received \$100 mentor award. 7th grader, Matt Patterson, in addition to receiving a first place award, was recognized with the Junior High Ecology Directors Award. In May the BCS PJAS first place winners will present at Penn State.



Science is taking over Butler Catholic School!

Chow down! by Hannah Hartley

Have you ever wondered how many more students would like one lunch more than the other choices? After surveying some Kindergarten through 8th grade students from Butler Catholic about choices of Sloppy Joe's, Papa John's Pizza, or Pepperoni Rolls, the results were as follows,

- Sloppy Joes: 1 person
- Papa John's Pizza: 14 people
- Pepperoni Rolls: 18 people

In all 33 people at Butler Catholic were surveyed. As you can see Pepperoni Rolls won.



He shoots; he scores by Madeline Fox

All the basketball teams did great. The Developmental Boys' team won most of their games. The girls improved all season. They won 5 games. The Varsity basketball teams did great, too. They went to the first round



Katie Draeger, Sarah Dodd, and Tori VanGorder show off the 1st place trophy from the St. Bonaventure Tournament.

of the Diocesan playoffs! They tried their best and that's all that matters. The JV team did great, too. The JV girls team went to tournaments and won one of them. It was a great season.

To wrap up the season there was the Basket Madness Fun Night on Friday, February 27, 2009. That's where the kids played basketball with the parents and coaches. It was so much fun.

Soccer strikes back by Will Morgus

#46 takes it up the field and she shoots but the goalie blocks it! He punts it to half field and #16 receives it. He takes it up towards the goal and shoots and he SCORES!

On March 9th to March 13th the school soccer sign-ups began for the BCS Saints, but if you signed up for fall soccer you didn't have to worry because you were signed automatically if you wanted to play. The first year you can sign up is 3rd grade and the program goes on until 8th grade. We have 3 soccer leagues, Developmental (3rd-4th), JV (5th-6th), and Varsity (7th-8th).

Soccer practices are on different days and at different times for each league. Games are on the weekend and there is a tournament at the end of the season. The tournament is early in the morning and in Youthtowne, PA, which is about 45 minutes from the school, but all the fun and excitement there makes it worth it.



Mrs. Cleary, coach and a big contributor to our school's soccer program, was asked 3 questions. The first question was "What is your favorite part of soccer?" She answered, "My favorite part of soccer is teaching kids skills and watching them execute them in games." The second one questions, "How long have you been coaching/assisting the school soccer program?" and she answered, "I've been involved in the soccer program for 9 years." Finally, when

asked, "When are the first games?" Her response was "They're expected to start on March 28th."

Our school has a great soccer program and if you like soccer you should play for the Saints.

Hanging out by Patrick Kresh

When you are at Butler Catholic School you get to have snack at 10:20 because kids get really, really hungry. Well, the kids mostly talk, get on the computer, and play Spit. Snack is really fun because you play games. Sister John Ann said "I started snack because when the kids get up their stomachs don't wake up. I started snack the first year I was a principal. I knew by the kid's movement that they were hungry."

Stop, speak up for Forensics!

by Anna Swartwout

Have you ever heard of Forensics? Not the medical clues but the speaking forensics. Forensics is a program in which students learn to give meaning to the written word by perfecting their oral reading skills. We have a Forensics team at our school. There are 18 people on the team.

Mrs. Frederick and Mrs. Moran are the teachers who are involved in Forensics. Mrs. Frederick has been involved as moderator for 5 years and Mrs. Moran has been helping for 2 years.

Mrs. Frederick encourages students to get involved with forensics because it is a way to refine speaking skills, especially projecting your voice, good posture, enunciation of words appropriate reading speed, and proper volume. It also instills confidence. "Forensics will help students in the future with public speaking and comprehension of written material," said Mrs. Fredrick about Forensics.

Butler Catholic School was host to more than 300 students during the Diocesan Forensic Finals on March 14, 2009. We also hosted the Diocesan Forensic All-Star Meet on March 21st.

S-P-E-L-L-I-N-G Bee is buzzing

by Nate Morgus

That's how to spell "spelling". Each year sixth grade students from all over Butler county and surrounding areas participate in the WISR Spelling Bee at Sylvan Learning Center at Point Plaza. Three students from Butler Catholic participated this year. They were Kendall Graham, Emily Feczko, and Nate Morgus. Emily and Rose Homison, a student from St. Gregory's school, won in week two.

Emily went on March 7th to the finals. She won the final round and will be going to the Pittsburgh Post Gazette spelling bee at the University of Pittsburgh on March 21st. Good luck, Emily!



Spring Poetry Contest Winners

Flowers Are Growing!

Flowers are growing.
It is no longer snowing.
It is getting warmer every hour,
I see a spring flower.

By: Mia Maher

Grade 2



I Love Spring

I love, I love the season of spring.
I love, I love to hear the birds sing.
It's the blue sky that makes me smile,
It's the perfect season to jog a mile.

Easter is in spring, did you know?
I'm happy that it doesn't snow.
It's the wonderful weather for you and me,
We can grow some flowers and maybe a tree.
We can watch flowers bloom,
Maybe I'll put them in my room.

I hope spring will never end.
I hope I'll make another very good friend.
To make spring last longer, not ending in June,
All I have to do is sing a spring tune.

By: Morgan Keelan

Grade 4

Spring Poetry

I look outside and see a tree,
Green and beautiful as can be.

I hear the birds chirp and sing.
In my ears it's a melodious ring.



The flowers come up big and strong,
I hope that spring will last long.

I wake up to the sounds of rustling leaves
And it puts my anxious heart to ease.

Spring is my favorite season of all.
I hope it never turns to fall.

By: Szalay Miller

Grade 8

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 graduated with Miss USA.
I was born in Philadelphia, PA.
I played the clarinet in high school.

Staff #2

I'm from New York.
In my short teaching career I have taught every level,
Preschool through College.
At the age of 16 I went to Denmark and Sweden to play in a soccer tournament.

Answers on the last page!

From our principal-

As we look outside, signs of "new life" are all around us. Mother Nature is opening up her arms as if to say, "Welcome back to my freshly green world!" Just as the world around us is being renewed and revived, are we experiencing the same renewal and revival spiritually? Are each day's opportunities and challenges seen as signs of our Provident God's love for us? Do we view our current "tough times" with cynicism and indifference or with determination and perseverance? We choose our response-"doom and gloom" or life-giving and renewing. May we use these remaining days of Lent to cultivate those life-giving responses that say "Jesus is alive and risen in each of us." Blessed, Happy Spring!

- Sister John Ann

We have all been praying for Davanna Feyrer who is in fifth grade. She was in a serious car accident in January. She is still in Children's Institute and is making a slow but steady recovery. If you want to get in touch with her, the website where you can email her is: www.carepages.com/carepages/davanna. Join us on April 5th for a benefit spaghetti dinner for Davanna at Family Service of BMH at 216 N. Washington St. from 12:00 to 5:00 pm.



Going to market on Market Day

by Maggie Moses

Once a month Butler Catholic has Market Day. Market Day is a school fundraiser. A lady named Trudi Temple founded it in 1975. There are over 6,000 organizations in the country. We raised \$366.64 in February. Market Day is a great way to help Butler Catholic School! For more information you can contact the BCS office or go to the Market Day website at www.marketday.com.

So far our total was \$2,974.18. That's a lot but if more people join, we would raise more money. Anna Swartwout said "The food is very fresh and tastes good!" Emily Peratt said "The food tastes out of this world and there are a lot of people that can help you!" Mrs. Chiprean said, "I think the food is very good and fast to prepare after a long day at work." Also she looks forward to Market Monday since she enjoys the student helpers.

- Guest Writer

The Luck of the Irish

Everyone knows Saint Patrick is famous for using a shamrock to explain about God but did you know that he is also famous for driving all the snakes out of Ireland? It is true that even today there are no snakes in Ireland. Here are some interesting things for you to know about Saint Patrick.



When Saint Patrick died the people preserved his jawbone and it was used during child births and fits to "ward off the evil eye." He was captured by pirates when he was sixteen years old. After he was captured he was forced into slavery for six years!

While he was a slave he prayed everyday and one night he saw a vision which led him to a boat which he took to freedom. Patrick then became a priest and made all of Ireland Christian. Here's a cool fun fact: Saint Patrick preached in Ireland for 40 years! It is believed that Saint Patrick died on March 17th around 461 AD. That is why we have Saint Patrick's Day on the 17th. To this day, he is the Patron Saint of Ireland. Here's one last fun fact for you: Saint Patrick's real name wasn't Patrick, it was Maewyn.

By Sarah Kasunic
Grade 8

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March Calendar

- 23-Echoes of the four corners K-4 at 9am Gr. 5-8 10:15 am
- 24-Spring Information Night 6:30-8pm
- 25Spring Picture Day
- 26- Family Game Night 7 PM auditorium
- 27-Noon Dismissal Faculty Meeting
- 28- Forensics Novice Tournament
- 30-Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 31-Book Fair all week

April Calendar

- 3- Writing Assessment
- 6-2nd Grade Living Stations 1:15 pm in chapel
- 8- Full Day of School
- 9-13 No School - Easter Vacation
- 16-Spring Choral Concert 7:00pm Butler High School Auditorium
- 18-Paddle Bingo Fundraiser at St. Michael
- 22-Grade 5 and Grade 8 ACRE (Religion) Test
- 23-NO SCHOOL Diocesan Teachers' In -Service
- 26-St. Michael 2nd Grade Jesus Day 1:00-4:00 BCS Athletic Banquet St. Fidelis Noon Mass
- 27- Grades 3-4 Portfolio Picnic 11:10 am in gym
- 28- Wild World of Animals Assembly 9:30

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Guess Who answers:

- #1-Mrs. Gurner
- #2-Mr. Hopkins





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