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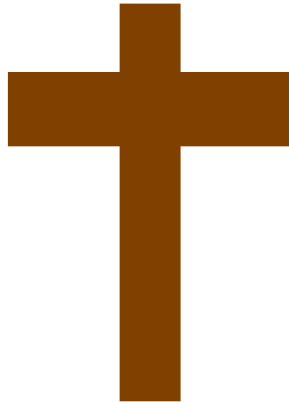
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## Christmas Program

by Patrick D. and Tyler B.

Can you believe that Christmas is coming so fast? Well, with Christmas comes the Christmas Program! It will be on December 22<sup>nd</sup> at about 7:00 pm. The themes for the program will be sacred songs and Christmas legends. If you're wondering what time you should be there, Mrs. Schumacher, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, says, "I believe 6:30 should be enough time". The middle school will be singing three songs, and Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade will be singing two songs each. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be singing a total of seven songs.

## CHRISTMAS EDITION

### 5th Grade on their Own

by Thomas E., Eric R., and Reese J.

The sixth grade team was joined by the fifth grade team at the beginning of the season. They practiced every Monday and Thursday. One practice brought a surprise to the fifth and sixth grade teams. It was a cold Monday night and the team was practicing. The practice had just started and the team was lined up in a circle, when Coach Rader said that the team would be split into two, sixth and fifth grade teams. The gym was full of cheers because if the season went on like it was supposed to, the team would be



split in two and play against each other and other teams. The next two practices were played together but the one after that was played on their own. Fifth grade was finally on their own. But what caused the change? It was that more fifth graders were joining the team. There was no reason to put the team together when there were enough players for two teams. Though there is now a true fifth grade team, the sixth grade team will always remember the good times they had in practice.

### The affects of charity on the community during the Holiday season

by Max R., Max L., and Ryan O.

Have you ever had the feeling like you aren't giving enough to the underprivileged during the holiday season? During this holiday season nothing feels better than the love of someone that cares about you, but with the economic struggle not everyone gets to enjoy that feeling. So when you sit down with your family try to think of the under privileged people and think of what you can do to help. This year at St. Matthew's, each class is adopting a family through the Salvation Army. Each family gave the adopting class what is on their wish list.

## What does Advent mean to you?

by Rachel P., Meg M., and Adriana A.

What do you feel during Advent? Are you anxious for Jesus Christ to be born? We interviewed Mrs. Schumacher and asked her what Advent meant to her.

Q: What does Advent mean to you? A: When I was younger it meant to me the counting of days until

Christmas, the presents, Santa coming, and all the Christmas shopping. Now, as I am older, it is about the gift that Jesus gives to us and putting Christ in Christmas. To take some quiet and silent time and not getting caught up in all the Christmas commercial-

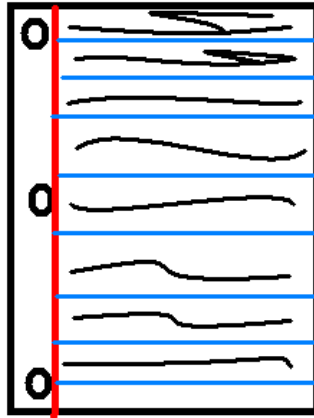
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Q: How do you feel during Advent, waiting for Jesus Christ to be born? A: I feel that the spirit during Christmas is all about wanting to see joy in other people.

## Does Homework Benefit Students?

by Jasmine B.

Homework benefits students in many ways. It allows them to practice what the teacher taught them outside of school. They will be able to better understand the topic they are learning about. Extra practice allows students to become experts on the topic. Homework will help students perform well during class, and ace their tests. They have to learn to finish their work without the help of other students and teachers. This will prepare them for their future jobs and the work they will have to complete for them. Homework helps students perform better in school and receive good grades.



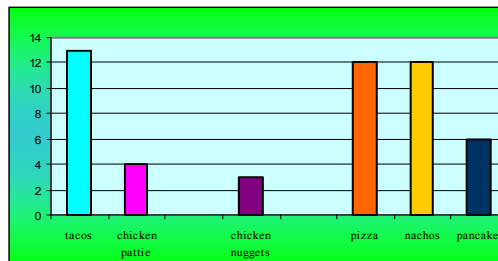
## Does Homework Really Help You Learn?

by Maddi T.

I don't think homework helps you learn at all. I think if we spent more time in class going over the academics rather than just working on them we would learn more. Plus, homework takes up a lot of your time. After being in school for seven hours, you don't want to go home and have three hours of homework, especially if you have extracurricular activities that take up most of your night. If you do, you will most likely be doing your homework late at night which will cause you to become sleep deprived. And when you haven't had enough sleep, you never learn to your fullest.

## Delicious Lunches by Kristan M., Kimmy U., and Amber B.

This week we interviewed the first, third, and fourth graders asking them what their favorite lunches are. The choices we had were tacos, chicken patties, chicken nuggets, turkey, pizza, nachos, and pancakes. The least favorite lunch was chicken nuggets with three votes, the fifth favorite was chicken patties with four votes, the fourth favorite was pancakes with six votes, third and second place were



tied between pizza and nachos with twelve votes, and the all-time scrumptious lunch with thirteen votes was... *tacos*! Thomas Ericksrud says that he loves all the lunches at St. Matthew School and Thomas hasn't taken cold lunch since first grade!  
Wow!

Eat Healthy,  
Student News

## Dear Wizard

Dear Wizard,

Why are there three purple candles but only one pink candle on the Advent Wreath?

Sincerely, Mr. Religion

Dear Mr. Religion,

The reason for the pink candle is it dates back to when the only church season was Lent. There were seven weeks of Lent and for each week they would light a purple candle. On the third week they would light a purple candle, because you didn't have to fast during that week. When Advent became a church season it was viewed as a mini-Lent. The candles were used to count the weeks down to Christmas. The pink and purple colors were used during Lent, and then used for Advent.

## Odyssey

by Emily S., Claire R., Zach J

Many schools are now using a new system called Odyssey. This program improves your map testing scores. Map testing is a virtual testing system that helps teachers receive a better idea of how their students are learning. Odyssey helps you with the subjects that you are struggling with. It aligns itself up with maps testing so it knows what you struggle with. There are virtual tips on how you can improve your grade and how you can do better. On odyssey, there is sound that helps you to listen to the tips instead of reading them. Try odyssey if you are ever struggling in a subject and need some tips on how to study.

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**Organization**

This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

## Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

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