

**White Team**  
*St. Ignatius*  
80 Points

**Red Team**  
*St. George*  
100 Points

**Black Team**  
*St. Catherine*  
90 Points

# The Bobcat Times

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News for the Bobcats by the Bobcats

The St. Bartholomew School

## Outdoor Education

By Ashley Federowicz

From September 27th to the 29th, the sixth graders had their annual Outdoor Ed trip, and it was awesome fun! The sixth graders played a ton of games and learned so much. When they arrived, they played many games with the 6th grade students from SJB (Saint John the Baptist). The sixth graders enjoyed getting to know each other. They hung out and had a great time, and the teachers were very nice. Both schools participated in a game where they worked together as one whole team. Night time came and everyone was tired and worn out from the games. The next day there were many more



fun games to play, and they also learned about wildlife on a forest trail. After dinner, there was a bonfire and scary stories. Thursday came and everyone was excited for more games to take place. There were different

stations for each group to attend. At the end, the winners received candy. After the games, they packed and said goodbye to all the new friends they had made. When they got back everyone was sad to be back

## Turkey Bowl

By Zoe Brown

This year the eighth graders and the teachers came together in a big football game called the Turkey Bowl. That day the wind was blowing so hard that the trees were bending low. People could touch the tips! When the game began, parents were handing out popcorn, candy, and apple cider. When everyone got their snacks, the score was 7 to 0 with the teachers winning and the eighth graders losing. In the next quarter, the teachers scored two more touchdowns and the score was 18 to 0. In the end the score was 18 to 0.

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## Ms. Donofrio: Teacher Interview

By Jackie Federowicz and Taryn Ryan

Ms. Donofrio, our second grade teacher, is new to second grade at St. Bart's after joining the third grade at the end of the school year. Before she came to St. Bart's, she taught in Ukraine at Ukrainian Catholic University and at St. Monica Academy in Los Angeles. She attended two elementary schools and was also

homeschooled where she enjoyed literature as her favorite subject. When she was little, she liked to play the games Taboo, Rummy 500, and Labyrinth. Ms. Donofrio had a pet bunny named FooFoo. Some of her hobbies are reading, cooking, and dancing. Her favorite movie is Rocky. Her favorite thing about St. Bart's is the

community. Ms. Donofrio's students especially enjoy her fun religion lessons full of arts and crafts. She has a way of bringing Christ's love into everything she teaches. Ms. Donofrio is a wonderful storyteller. Her students love to hear all she has to say. Every student in second grade starts the day by shaking her and getting one of her cheerful

morning greetings. We hope to see you in the halls, Ms. Donofrio!



## Religion Bee

By Alessandria Zimmerman

The Religion Bee is a highly anticipated event at St. Bart's. Mr. Bartl and Mrs. Davison, the traditional judges, presided over an amazing game full of faith trivia. The Black Team contestants were Gabby, Caitlin, and Jude. Daniel, Karl, and Kate represented the White Team. The Red Team depended on Jaidan, Klara, and Alexandra to answer for them. Before we started the competition, Mr. English gave a speech about good sportsmanship that inspired us all. Then we started the competition! They all showed grace under pressure. Their were also little mini games that kept the audience involved. The Black Team won the fun competition.



## Lenten Pretzels

By Helen Rabley

This year during Lent, the 5th grade is serving Auntie Anne's pretzels at lunch every Wednesday. They are trying to raise money for an amazing ropes course adventure they are going on in the Spring. The pretzel has a spiritual connection to Lent. In the fourth century, it met the required Lenten fast of no milk, no butter, and no eggs. Small breads of water, flour, and salt in the shape of crossed arms were called "Bracellae" which means "little arms". This tradition began at St. Bart's when Sister Nena was here. Then, last year's 5th graders brought the tradition back. These Lenten Pretzels are delicious!



## Sweets with Santa Sets the Christmas Mood

By Jackie Federowicz

Green and red, crafts and candy, laughter everywhere- Saturday, December 2, was the annual Sweets with Santa at St. Bart's. There was so much to do while having fun with friends. In the Church Hall, there were different tables with crafts, gingerbread houses, letters to Santa, and gumdrop structures. At the crafts table, you could make paper Christmas trees with dots of paint made by pom-poms and Christmas wreaths made by brushes with green paint and red paint dots for ornaments. One of the most popular tables was the gingerbread house table. You could decorate your own gingerbread house with colorful candy. At the table where you wrote letters to Santa, there were sheets of paper



where you fill in your name and what you want for Christmas. At the gumdrop structure table, there were toothpicks you would stick into gumdrops connecting everything together to form a tall structure. Santa was there having kids tell him what they wanted for Christmas. For breakfast and snacks, there were Christmas tree-shaped waffles and syrup, with hot chocolate. Christmas spirit was in the air and the season had officially started.

## Turkey Bowl Continued

By Zoe Brown

There was more playing, but no touchdowns for either team. Although the eighth graders were disappointed, they still had fun. The rest of the students all enjoyed the school spirit. Once everyone got back to their classrooms, it was time to go home. This day was a day that no one will forget.



## The Bartlympics: Spirited Games Bring All Three Houses Together

By Zoe Brown

Our President and Vice President thought of the idea of making a winter olympics. All of the students of St. Bartholomew School came together and played different games, depending on their grade. Pre-K through second

grade had a relay race. The third through fifth grade played capture the student, and the sixth through eighth grade played dodgeball. The three teams were the Black Team, the White Team, and the Red Team.

The whole school was cheering and banging on the bleachers so loudly that you could feel the rumbling under your feet. The final score was the Red Team in first and the Black and White Teams tied for second. It

was a very close game. When the games were done the whole school was sad that it had to end, but was excited for next year. This new bobcat tradition is sure to live on for many years to come!



## St. Bart's Annual Bingo Night Success

By Caitlin McLearn

On February 2nd, the St. Bartholomew's School church hall was filled with eager bingo adversaries, all competing for a win. This year's bingo night was run by the sixth grade class to raise money for their outdoor trip. The night started off right with a table full of prizes, and enough drinks, pizza, and candy to go around. Many adult friends of the school join in the fun and

fierce competition. Bingo at St. Bart's often sells out ahead of time. This annual event is one not to miss!



## St. Bart's Christmas Service Projects

By Luke Bowen

This Winter, St. Bart's has participated in many acts of charity. To help the poor stay warm during the winter, we started the "Coats of Many Colors" coat drive. We collected over 300 coats, keeping lots of folks warm for this winter. We have also done "Cup of Joe" where we make lunches for the homeless that otherwise, would not have a lunch. We made

over 200 lunches for the homeless. Giving to others is an important part of being a St. Bart's Scholar!



## Snoopy's Musical Friends By Jackie Federowicz

During the Charlie Brown Christmas Pageant, the sixth graders played the instruments. The type of instruments that they played were called xylophones.

They had to play four songs which were Joy To the World, Deck The Halls, Emmanuel, and O Come All Ye Faithful. A student in sixth grade said that O

Come Emmanuel was one of their favorites. Another student said that Deck the Halls was their favorite song. They worked very hard to pull together their

music for the Christmas Pageant. The sixth graders had a ton of fun playing the instruments, and they wish that they could do it again next year.



## Bobcat Scavenger Hunt

Complete this hunt by looking around the campus. Drop this answer sheet in the newspaper bin in the primary hallway. We will draw one winner with the correct answers and they will get a prize!

1. What year is on the cornerstone of the Church?  
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2. What is the oldest graduation picture in the hallway?  
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3. Which class donated the bench around the tree?  
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4. Which teacher is highlighted for being encouraging?  
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5. Which direction of the compass rose points to Mr. English's office?  
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### Bobcat Word search

Q Q F X R W V D M S G L A	CHRISTMAS
S L C F C O N S O Y S E C	PAGEANT
T R O L S H W U Q D G S Q	MASS
N A E G A P O I H R A I I	CHOIR
X M U E M O R I G L C O X	SCIENCE
K T Y T Y N B M R V H X M	PATROLS
D D I E S A E U I X R C O	FIELDTRIPS
A D H N W A I H J V I O S	LUNCH
S K E T B A L L P O S D C	BUDDIES
R K R Q S G R Q Z S T I I	GYM
H T C O T U A A A C M N E	CHARLIEBROWN
O P Q V I M H M Z N A G N	BASKETBALL
B K B M J I C Y N B S C C	CODING
P I R T D L E I F P W C E	
J H O B U F K H C N U L N	

## Ask Bobby the Bobcat By Caitlin McLearn

### How can I keep St. Bart's green?

You can keep St. Bartholomew's green by picking up and throwing away any trash on the ground, not littering, and recycling paper and cans in the designated bins in the halls.

### What is Mr. Bartl's Word of the Week?

Mr. Bartl's *Word of the Week* is a special word chosen by Mr. Bartl by which we, as Catholics, should live. For example, if the selected word is understanding, we strive especially hard to be understanding towards others during that week.