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Winter Life Hacks and DIYs!



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Here are some Winter Life Hacks + DIYs to tell and share with you. First is a common one. If you get hot chocolate from Starbucks, for example, and at your house you wanted to pack your gloves. Then once you order, you remembered that your gloves are at your house and you are taking your cup to go. Well, to prevent getting a burn, let's make a DIY "hand protector". First get a fluffy sock you don't use, wash it and cut it. You will have to cut the leg of the sock. **The cuff is the top of the sock, so the part under it is the leg. Then cut a few inches from the heel. Then just slip that on your cup and BAM. If you have a plain white sock, then just dye the sock different colors. Now you are safe from

getting burned.

Here is a life hack. When shoveling snow this winter, spray your shovel with non-stick cooking spray before you go out. The snow will slide off so easily, like literally this life hack will make your life so much easier. Why waste time trying to pry off the snow when you can just do this. More life hacks! If your car headlights get foggy, then just rub toothpaste on it. When we heard this it sounded so crazy, but it's not got to be foggy and it's going to smell so minty fresh. DIY time! If your stairs or the sidewalk around your house is icy than make your own substitution for salt. Mix 1 teaspoon of Dawn dishwashing liquid, 1 tablespoon of rubbing alcohol, and half a gallon of hot water. Pour it over icy areas and it won't refreeze or eat/chip the concrete like some brands of salt do. When we heard this it sounded so crazy, but it's not got to be foggy and it's going to smell so minty fresh. DIY time! If your stairs or the sidewalk around your house is icy than make your own substitution for salt. Mix 1 teaspoon of Dawn dishwashing liquid, 1 tablespoon of rubbing alcohol, and half a gallon of hot water. Pour it over icy areas and it won't refreeze or eat/chip the concrete like some brands of salt do.

I saved the best for last. If you want decorations in front of your yard, but you don't want to spend so much money. Then just make giant marbles. First blow up balloons and put water and food coloring in them and leave them outside. ** Remember that you want to freeze it, so it has to be as cold as your freezer. Also remember to place the balloons in the place you want it to be because if you pick it up, it might break. Once frozen, cut the balloons off and BOOM. They are giant marbles. So that is it for the winter life hacks + DIYs. We are doing more articles like this one in the future. BYE.

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What's Going on in the Gaming World

By Joseph M. Geraci



Nintendo is very popular. The company pretty much started the gaming industry. With their newest console the Nintendo Switch, we're going to jump back in time to 1983. On July 15, 1983, Nintendo released the Nintendo Entertainment System (NES) in Japan. It was then released in North America in 1985. The NES was known for Super Mario Bros., The Legend of Zelda, Donkey Kong, Excitebike, PAC-Man, etc. The NES system looked like a square box with a cord that has controller connected to it. The controller is a small rectangle with two buttons, it also has a D-pad (basically a plus sign that clicks). Then Nintendo came out with The Super Nintendo Entertainment System (SNES) in 1990. The SNES also had many new and popular games like Super Mario World, Yoshi's Island, Super Mario Kart, etc. The SNES was almost the same look as the NES. It's just that the SNES had a different color, purple, and the ends of the controller were round. The D-pad was still there, but now there was four buttons, instead of two. Then Nintendo came out with the Nintendo 64 on June, 1996, in Japan. Then it was released in North America in September, 1996. Popular games on the Nintendo 64 were Super Mario 64, Donkey Kong 64, Paper Mario, Pokémon Snap, Mario Party 2, etc. The Nintendo 64 looks completely different from the other systems. It has a charcoal colored system and a grey controller. The controller looks more like modern day controllers, but not the same. Then, on September 14, 2001, the GameCube was released in Japan. It was then released in North America on November 18, 2001. The GameCube was known for Super Smash Bros. Melee, Luigi's Mansion, Animal Crossing, etc.

The System was a Purple Cube coming from the name GameCube. The controller was also purple. It looked like the Nintendo64 controller, but just a little different. Then on November 19, 2006, Nintendo made a whole different console called the Wii. The Wii had a rectangular controller with a nunchuck. It was all white with the rectangular system. Wii had some games of its own like Wii Sports, Mario Kart Wii, Wii Party, Wii Fit, etc. Then in 2012, Nintendo came out with the Wii U. The Wii U had a gamepad that could be used as a second screen. The system was rectangular like the classic Wii. It was known for Splatoon, Mario Kart 8, Super Smash Bros. U, Pokkén Tournament, etc. Then as of now, the newest console, the Nintendo Switch. The Nintendo Switch came out on March 3, 2017. The Console comes with two joy cons that can be switched from the controller to the handheld screen. The Handheld machine can be played if you take it out of the system. Then to get the game you're playing on the TV is to put the handheld screen into the system. If you're playing on the handheld you attach the joy cons to the sides of the handheld, and if you're playing on the TV, you attach the joy cons to the controller. The Nintendo Switch came out with better versions of some Wii U games or Deluxe or DX editions like Mario Kart 8 Deluxe and Pokkén Tournament DX. It also came out with other games like The Legend of Zelda Breath of the Wild, Splatoon 2, and Super Mario Odyssey. Nintendo is an amazing franchise! It didn't just come out with consoles it came out with little handheld systems sometime back the Nintendo DS and some apps. Nintendo is a great company and its cool to see the evolution of Nintendo and gaming itself!



Egg Drop Challenge

By Sean Aronsen

On Wednesday, November 29th, the 7th and 8th graders that are in Enrichment had a challenge to build a sculpture to protect an egg from falling of the side of the school building. The two winners, Konrad Sukiennik and Juliana Al-Ola came in first place, and John D'Angelo and Matteo Rotatori came in second place. I interviewed them and asked them three questions.

Q1: How did you get your idea?

Konrad and Juliana: We discovered it on the internet, and tried to improve it a little.

John and Matteo: First, we wanted to fill a Wubble Bubble ball with popcorn, but it didn't work when we practiced. So we decided to use bubble wrap instead.

Q2: What was your favorite part about the challenge?

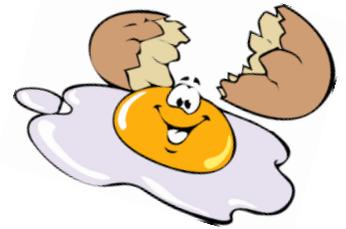
Konrad and Juliana: We liked building our sculpture, and how it just was a few household items.

John and Matteo: When we looked off the roof, and saw how high it was.

Q3: How long did it take?

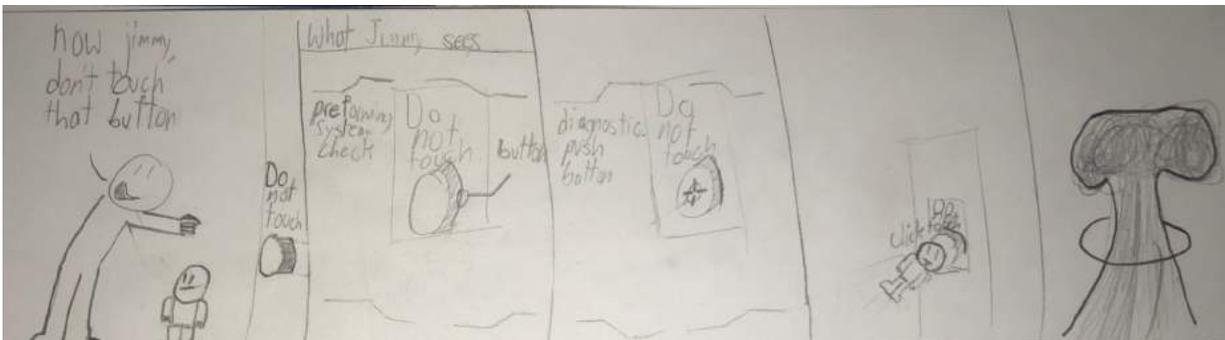
Konrad and Juliana: We didn't think it was going to take long, but it ended up taking 3 class periods.

John and Matteo: we didn't give up, and it took us 4-5 minutes



Comic Strip

By Justin Polito



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Christmas Time is Here

By Julia Miranda

Mistletoes, ornaments, and candy canes... it's that time of year again. This year at St. Patrick's, we will be having a Christmas Concert. Each class will be singing a few songs, and then the junior high will sing *Christmas Time is Here*. A few people will be singing solos, playing the piano, and playing the ukulele. Rehearsals are taking place in the library and the auditorium. There will be a few soloists in the Christmas Concert. Kate Ryan (currently in the fifth grade) will be singing *Silent Night*, accompanied by the piano. Julia Miranda (currently in the seventh grade) will be singing *Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas*, while playing the ukulele. Sophia Finiguerra (currently in 5th grade) will be playing the piano version of *We Three Kings*. And Tamaz Gogoladze (currently in seventh grade) will be playing *White Christmas* on the piano.

Even Bishop Massa, who was given a tour around the school, got a look at our rehearsals. He complimented our singing and said that we were all doing great. All students are working hard to make sure the concert is excellent and for everyone coming to enjoy it.

Everyone is super excited for the Christmas Concert and to see the results. The concert will be on December 20. So far, the practices are going great. There will even be a song in Latin!

But it's all thanks to Mr. Lite and Mr. Heffernan, who hold the singing rehearsals, and it's going great. They're doing such a spectacular job to keep the everyone in the Christmas spirit!



Photos by Ewa Pekala



Reputation Review

By Rheya Alexander

Today, we will be talking about Taylor Swift's new album, 'Reputation'. Taylor kept all the information about her new album a secret. She made a public announcement shortly before the album was released. When the fans first found out about the new album they were very excited and the suspense was killing them. Finally, her album was completed and released on November 10, 2017. She thinks of this album as her way of expressing her feelings about all the difficulties that she has been faced with recently. This album holds a lot of meaning for her as it is personal. The songs on her new album are 'Call it what you want', 'Gorgeous', 'Ready for it', 'Look what you made me do', 'New Years day', 'This is why we cant have nice things', 'Dress', 'Dancing without hands tied', 'King of my heart', 'Getaway car', 'End game', 'I did something bad', 'Don't blame me', and 'So it goes'.

Shortly before her album released Taylor completely wiped out her social media, and before she announced her new album she posted a 10 second snake video. By doing this Taylor officially turned the symbol (the snake) her enemies used to vilify her into a marketing tool. Pure genius!!! Well, if you ever want to call her a snake, watch out for her bite! This time around Taylor decided that all the inside info on her new album should be private. Even the news reporters and paparazzi did not know anything. Fans started suspecting that there would be a new album when Taylor wiped out her accounts and used the cover of the new album as her profile picture. The profile picture with no further information drove her fans crazy because they weren't sure if it was just a picture or her way of subtly announcing her new album to come. She hid this secret pretty well don't you think? The wait and the suspense were well worth it because each and every song in Taylor's new album is simply amazing and her fans can't wait to get more of her!



Comic Strip

By Sebastiana Ombrellino



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Grace's Political Update

By Grace Gillespie

Here in New York City, we recently had a mayoral election. On Tuesday November 7, at about 9:00 pm, we found out that current mayor Bill De Blasio won the election. Bill is a Democrat while his opponent, Nicole Malliotakis is a Republican. Bill De Blasio won 65% of New York City votes.

De Blasio was born in New York City on May 8, 1961. He began his political career as a junior staffer for former Mayor David Dinkins, after graduating from New York University and studying at Columbia University's school of international and public affairs. De Blasio then went on to serve the city council before being elected as public advocate, a position he held for 3 years. He was elected as mayor of New York City in November 2013 and was sworn into office on January 1, 2014.

Nicole Malliotakis is the daughter of Cuban and Greek immigrants and was born in New York City on November 11, 1980. She's currently serving her third term in the state assembly, representing parts of Staten Island and Brooklyn. She earned a bachelor's degree at Seton Hall and Hasan MBA from Wagner College. Malliotakis was named one of the American Conservative Unions "Top 10 under 43", in 2013.



Jack's Sports Update

By Jack McMahon

As most New York Met fans know, former manager Terry Collins has retired from baseball. After this, the Mets snagged Red Sox coach Mickey Calloway. It was no surprise that Collins retired from the game. He was the oldest manager in baseball. Also, the Mets needed a fresh start since they've had Collins for a while. Mickey made his MLB debut on June 12 1999. Calloway played for a lot of different teams in his career. Mickey Calloway was a pitcher and was not very good. He had a 6.27 career era but that doesn't mean that he won't be a good manager. Good luck, Mickey, on your new job with the Mets! I'm Jack McMahon and I'll see you next time.



NHL Standings

By Daniel Edwards

Team	W	L
Lightning	17	5
Maple Leafs	15	9
Red Wings	10	10
Bruins	10	8
Canadiens	8	8
Senators	8	8
Panthers	10	12
Sabers	6	15
Metropolitan Division		
Team	W	L
Blue Jackets	16	
Islanders	15	
Devils	14	
Capitals	14	
Penguins	13	
Rangers	13	
Hurricanes	10	
Flyers	8	
Central Division		
Team	W	L
Blues	17	6
Jets	15	6
Predators	15	6
Blackhawks	12	9
Stars	12	10
Wild	11	10
Avalanche	11	9
Pacific Division		
Team	W	L
Golden Knights	15	6
Kings	14	8
Sharks	13	8
Flames	13	9
Canucks	11	10
Ducks	10	10
Oilers	9	13
Coyotes	6	17



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Winter Wonderland

By Tamaz Gogoladze

This year, to celebrate Christmas, the students at St. Patrick Catholic Academy took a field trip to the Staten Island Yankees stadium. It was a "Winter Wonderland" trip. The stadium was filled with fun activities. There was ice skating rink, snow tubing, a life size snow globe where you can get your picture taken, and much more. There were vendors, so some people even got their Christmas shopping done. The trip took place on Thursday, November 30, 2:00-7:30.

When we got there, everybody started the day off by ice skating. We all had fun seeing who was the fastest skater. After people left the ice skating rink, most of us went down to the ball pit, which was next to the rink. We all had a lot of fun diving into it. Then we started to take a look around at some of the games. Me and a couple of my friends had a lot of fun playing all the games there (even though we didn't win anything). The snow tubing was very fun for all of us. At the last meetup (everybody met at the big tree once every hour) most people were right back at the ice skating rink. We returned on the bus at around 7:30, which marked the end of the awesome day.





By Ava Canade

This beef stew recipe is a favorite in my house and it's pretty easy too!

*This recipe comes from the "Taste of Home Recipes across America" cookbook

Prep: 20 minutes and simmering **Makes:** 5 servings

Ingredients:

1 pound of beef stew meat, cut into cubes

2 tablespoons of olive oil

1 ½ cups chopped onion

1 cup chopped celery

1 garlic clove, minced

1 tablespoon all-purpose flour

1 ½ cups water

1 cup of diced tomatoes

½ cup of burgundy wine or beef broth

1/3 cup of tomato paste

1 tablespoon sugar

¾ teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

¼ teaspoon pepper

2 cups of cubed peeled carrots

1. In a dutch oven, brown the beef in oil in batches. Remove and keep warm. In the same pan, sauté onions and celery until tender. Add garlic; cook for one more minute.
2. Stir in flour until blended. Gradually add the water; stir in the tomatoes, wine, tomato paste, sugar, salt, Worcestershire sauce, pepper, and beef. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 1 ¼ hours.
3. Add potatoes and carrots; cook for 30-45 minutes longer or until the beef and vegetables are tender.

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William O'Connor School Principal Interview By Victoria Palumbo

Why did you choose to come to the William O'Connor Bay Ridge School?

I chose the William O'Connor School because of its excellent reputation. The School has also been in existence for over thirty five years.

Do you like it here?

Yes, I do like the William O'Connor School. It gives me great satisfaction to see how our students with special needs show progress.

What is the school about?

The William O'Connor School provides services to children two to five years of age with disabilities.

How is the education at this school?

Children who attend William O'Connor have special needs. They receive services of special education speech therapy, physical therapy and occupational therapy.

Do you like being a principal of the school?

Yes, I do like being a principal. I enjoy being a leader. I enjoy working with a variety of people.

How long have you been a principal?

I have been the principal of the William O'Connor School since April, 2004.

What special classes do you offer?

We have classes with 8 students total, 12 students total, and 20 students. The level of the child's disability determines the class size the child is enrolled in.

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Alumni Spotlight

By Mr. Moloney '09

Sr. Catherine Dullea '35

Sr. Catherine Dullea, Class of 1935, was born in Manhattan in April of 1921. Her family moved to Bay Ridge in 1926. The next year Sr. Catherine started the first grade at St. Patrick School. After graduating from Bishop McDonnell High School in Flatbush in 1939, Sr. Catherine joined the order of the Sisters of St. Dominic. Her first assignment was to return back to St. Patrick to teach second grade as Sr. Mary Fabian (her religious name). She later taught at Dominican Commercial High School and then travelled to Puerto Rico to teach ESL (English as a Second Language). Sr. Catherine completed her doctorate in English from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana in 1975. Sr. Catherine was a professor of English at Molloy College in Long Island until the early 1990s when she retired. Living now in the Dominican Sisters Motherhouse in Amityville, LI, Sr. Catherine is approaching her 97th birthday living a happy and content life surrounded by family and good friends. As her great-nephew and fellow alumnus, I am beyond blessed to follow in such an incredible legacy as my aunt's. She is a testament to the dedication of the Sisters of St. Dominic and what can happen from not just a Catholic education but from a St. Patrick's education.

