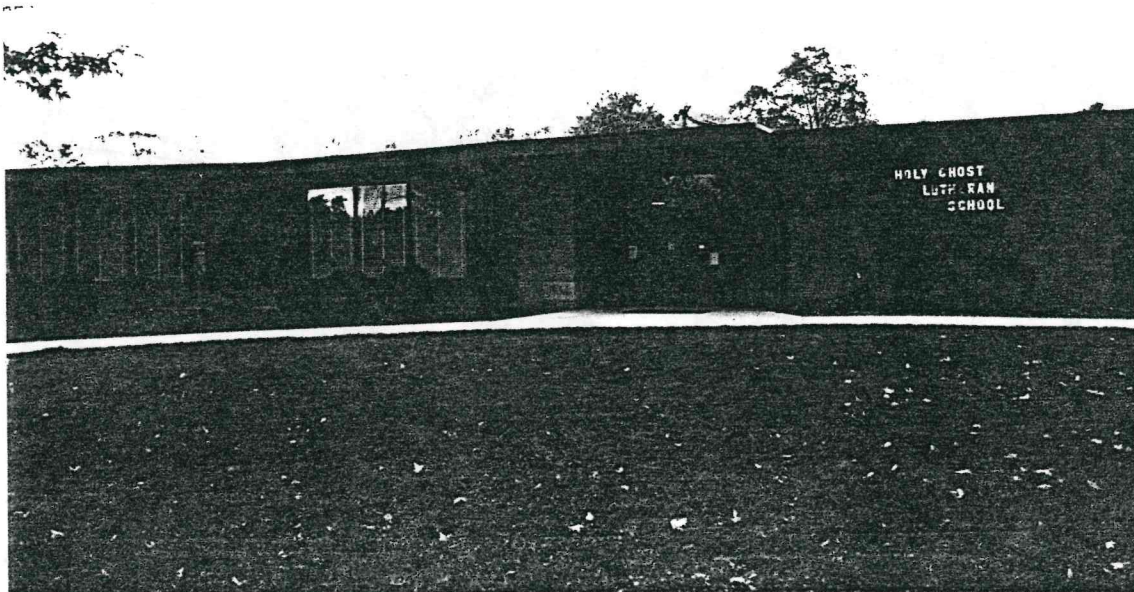


The Holy Ghost Herald

February Issue

A 7th & 8th Grade News Publication



"Teacher Profile - Miss Suckow" by Lynette Klettke

Miss Suckow is our 5th & 6th grade teacher at Holy Ghost. She attended college at Concordia Lutheran Teacher's College for 7 years. She began at the age of 16. The first school she taught at was Immanuel in Hamilton, Ohio.

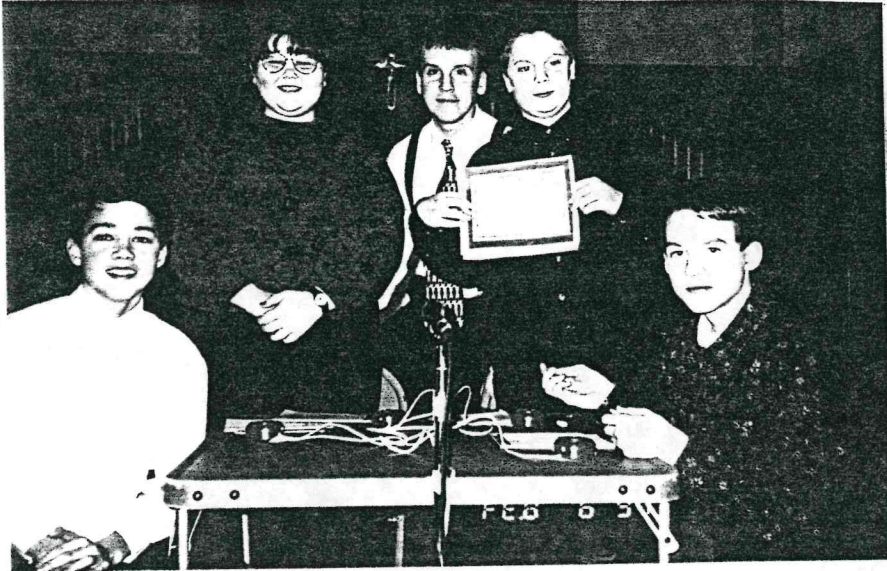
Miss Suckow's favorite part of teaching is working with the kids, while her favorite subject to teach is Social Studies because she has always enjoyed history and geography. Her favorite hobbies are traveling and reading books. We thank her for her caring and dedication.

"Academic Bowl '97 - We Win!" by Jeanette Schmidt

The 3rd annual Western New York Lutheran Academic Bowl was held at St. Mark's, N.T. recently, with our school coming out on top! Holy Ghost members included Matthew Fuerch, Bobby Gurley, Jeanette Schmidt and Michael Fuerch.

In round one, Holy Ghost defeated St. Mark's A and St. Mark's B by scoring a bowl record 635 points. In the championship round, Holy Ghost placed 1st, edging St. Peter's, Sanborn (2nd) and St. Matthew's, N.T. (3rd). In addition, they set another academic bowl record with 390 pts. in a single round.

The winning plaque will be presented to our school after an upcoming chapel service as Lutheran Schools Superintendent, Bill Cochran, will be on hand to present it.



"T.O.Y.S. Visit to Wheatfield Town Hall" by Bethany Potter

I wrote a T.O.Y.S. letter to DeEtte Ferchen. Miss Ferchen is the Wheatfield Town Clerk. She invited our 7th & 8th grade to visit Town Hall. She showed the class how town records have changed over the years. We also met Town Supervisor, Timothy Demler. We had a great time and thank Miss Ferchen and Mr. Demler for inviting us!

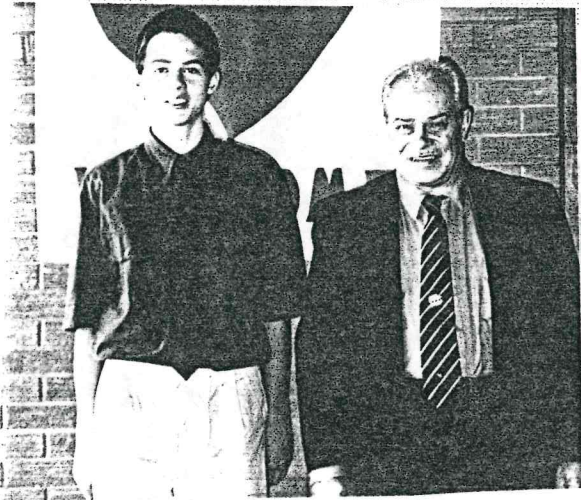
"Welcoming a New Student"

Recently, the 7th & 8th grade class welcomed a new student - Bill Garrison. Bill came to us from Edward Town Middle School and has a brother at Holy Ghost, Matthew (6th grade). Bill has fit in quite well and is a nice addition to our classroom. Welcome Bill! We're glad to have you at Holy Ghost!

"Area Composer Pays T.O.Y.S. Visit" by Matthew Fuerch

Glenn Tilyou came to our school on January 24th. He teaches piano lessons at his music studio. I found out about him because my sister, Melissa, takes piano lessons from him. I heard from my sister that his piano teacher's teacher's teacher's teacher (or something like that) was the famous composer Frederic Chopin.

Mr. Tilyou recently composed a musical called "Noah," which was, obviously, about Noah and the Ark. He used the digital piano from church to play (and sing) parts of every song in the whole musical for our class. We thought the songs were very good. We thank Mr. Tilyou for coming in.



"T.O.Y.S. Visit - Mr. Underwood Comes to Call"

Another recent T.O.Y.S. visit brought Charles Underwood to the 7th & 8th grade classroom. Sgt. Underwood is the Chief Civil Engineer at the Niagara Falls Air Force Base. He was the guest of Amy Masterman.

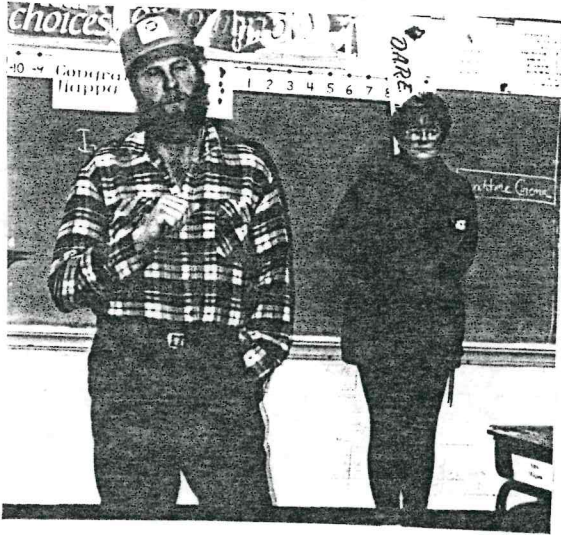
Sgt. Underwood talked to the students about the importance of setting goals and working toward them. He also stressed the need to study Mathematics and Science. Sgt. Underwood was nice enough to bring Air Force posters and suckers for the students as a gift from he and his colleagues. Thanks for everything (especially the cool posters) Sgt. Underwood!



"T.O.Y.S. Visit - Discussing Dairy Farming With Mr. Devantier" by Amy Masterman

Last month, area dairy farmer Michael Devantier, came into the 7th & 8th to discuss farming as a career. He told us about driving the tractors and milking the cows. He also explained that it doesn't matter which brand of area milk you buy, because they all come from the same processing center.

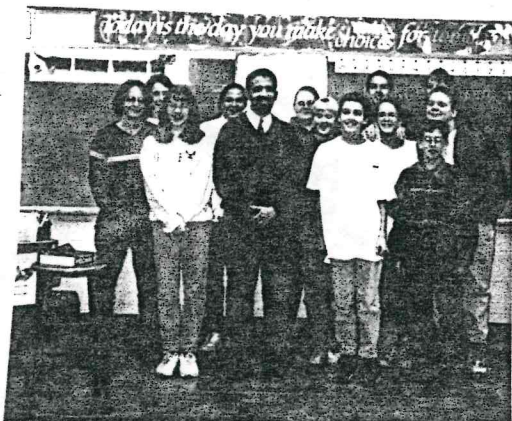
Mr. Devantier was nice enough to bring us in milk products to try - cheese and ice cream. All of us enjoyed his T.O.Y.S. visit !



"U.B. Math Mentor Pays a T.O.Y.S. Visit" - by Michael Fuerch

Mr. Rafael Mercado visited our 7th & 8th grade class last month as a part of the T.O.Y.S. program. He is a teacher at the University of Buffalo in the Gifted Math Program. He also teaches math at an elementary school in Buffalo.

Mr. Mercado was born in the Dominican Republic, but now lives in the U.S. He uses a lot of humor with his classes, but he is an excellent teacher. Our whole class thought he was a great visitor !



"T.O.Y.S. Visit - Holy Ghost Alumnist Pays a Visit"

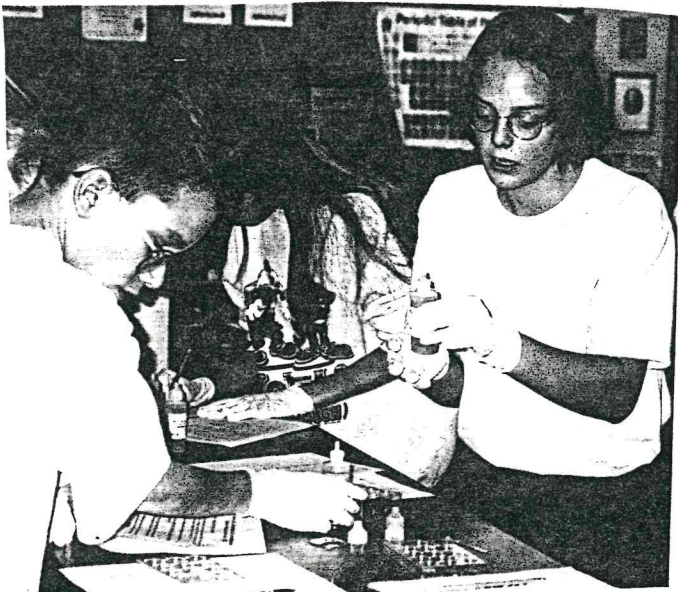
Pamela Kowalik, a reporter for the Buffalo News, was recently invited by Bethany Potter to visit the 7th & 8th grade classroom as a part of the T.O.Y.S. program.

Mrs. Kowalik, a 1981 graduate, spoke to the class about the need for quality writing skills and she provided some tips to make writing easier and more effective. We thank Mrs. Kowalik for her time and encourage her to visit with us again soon!



"Chemistry Comes Alive" by Julia Sallach

In the 7th & 8th grade classroom on February 3rd, the students were working with chemicals for the science lab. that day. The students were paired together and given an instructional sheet explaining which chemicals to mix and what things to look for. It was very interesting. We learned a lot about the different chemicals and how they react when mixed with one another.



"What the American Flag Means To Me" by Andy Klettke

"in honor of President's Day"

What the American flag means to me is that our country is indivisible. It means that we can never be broken up or torn apart. It means freedom, liberty, and justice for everyone in America. It means our country is strong and great.

When I look at the flag and think about what it means, I think back over two-hundred and twenty years ago, about our forefathers and how they risked their lives for our country in the Revolutionary War.

On the flag there are thirteen stripes which represent the thirteen colonies of our country. They were Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, Maine, Virginia, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Connecticut. The stars stand for the fifty states in our country.

The colors on the flag are red, white and blue. Red represents blood from the people that died and served in the wars for our country. White stands for purity and the freedom of our country. Blue stands for loyalty, like faithful friends. We should be loyal to all our brothers and sisters in America.

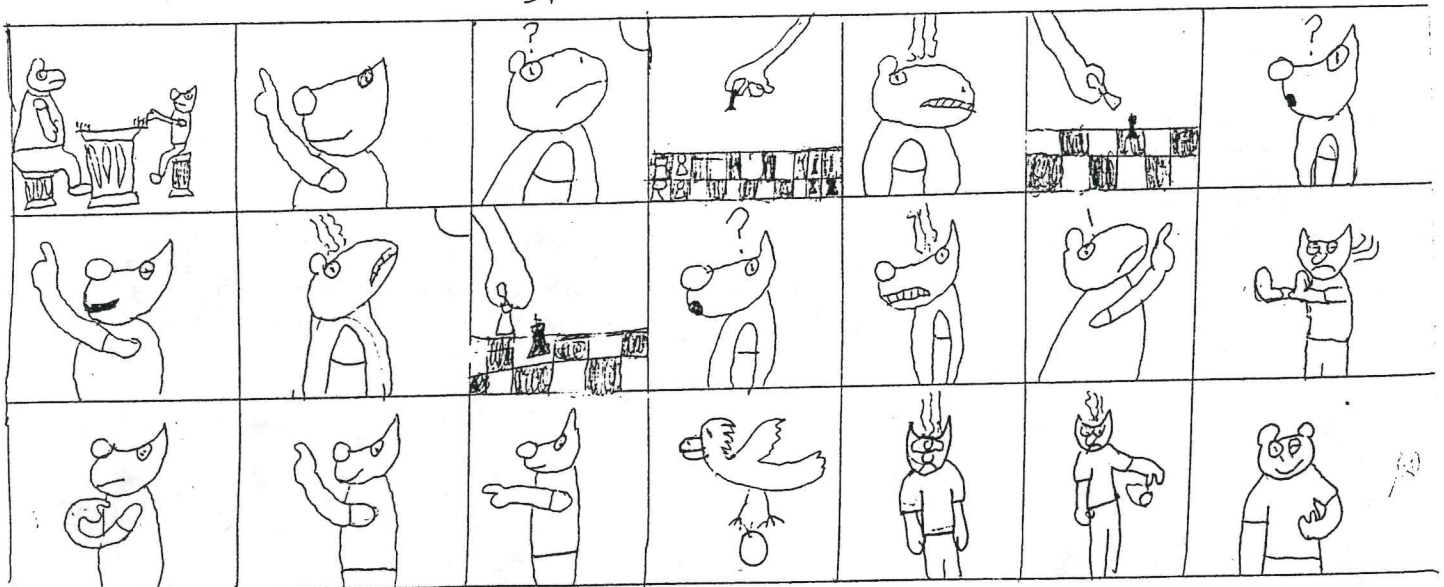
There are some songs that help you remember the colors of the flag, like "Red, White, and Blue" or our country's national anthem "The Star Spangled Banner."

When I look at the flag, three holidays come to mind. The first one is Memorial Day - the day when we remember those who fought and died for our country. The second is Independence Day - the day our country was started. The third is Flag Day, - the day when we remember the flag.

When I look at the flag, I realize that I am part of the flag. I am part of the United States of America.

"A Sports Cartoon - Chess" by Kenny Lowman

"Sports Cartoon, Chess"



Lutheran Schools Week - Schedule of Events

3/2 - 3/9

Sunday - School Choir sings (10:30am service)

Monday - "Stuffed Animal" Day

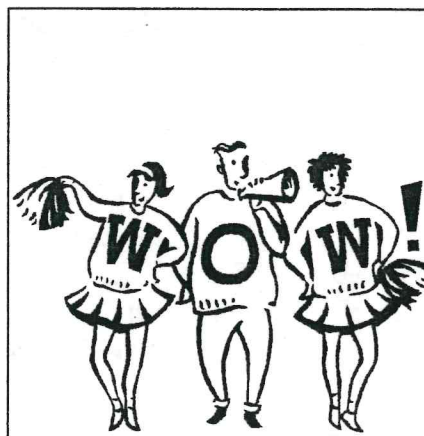
Tuesday - "Hat" Day

*Wednesday - "Dress-up" Day
(Chapel w/ Mr. Cochran - Superintendent)*

*Thursday - "School Spirit" Day
Skating Party at Skateland (12pm - 2pm)*

Sunday - Pre-school Choir (10:30am service)

**Hot lunch schedule to be announced*

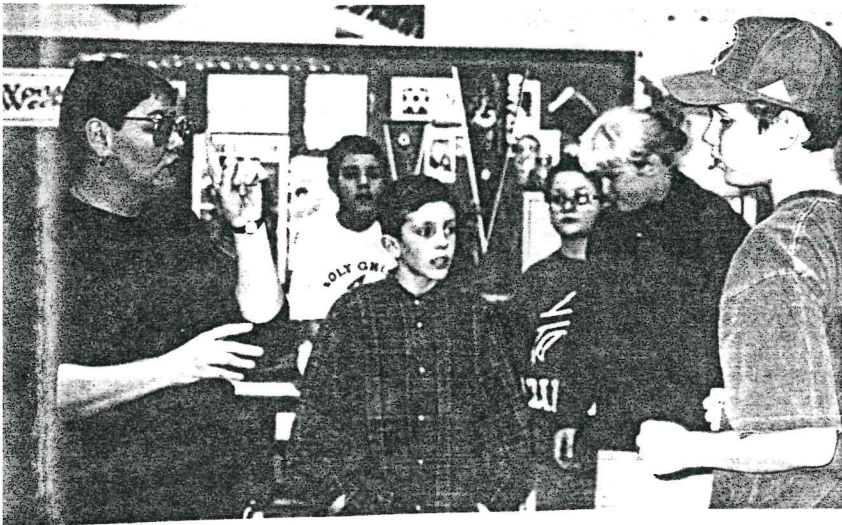


"P.T.L. Fiesta Night"

The February Parent-Teacher League meeting featured a "Spanish fiesta" with Senorita Karlene Cieslik and her 5th - 8th grade Spanish students providing the evening's entertainment.

The festivities included student dialogue in Spanish, as well as a pinata-breaking ceremony. The pinantas used were made and decorated by the students themselves (great job !) with the *breaking ceremony* a "must see."

Senorita C. was presented with a Spanish CD (for the computer CD-Rom) by the P.T.L. to use with classes at Holy Ghost. The faculty, P.T.L. and students thank her for her effort and dedication.



"The Classroom Connection - A Technological Breakthrough in Teacher/Student/Parent Communication"

Is remembering all your assignments a problem, students ? Parents, do you need a way to find out what is new in your child's classroom ? Welcome to the Buffalo News Classroom Connection sponsored by Independent Health and Fisher-Price.

Due to their volume of homework, the 7th & 8th graders at Holy Ghost are now able to use this service, which is provided free of charge. The system uses a large network of telephone mailboxes which function as answering machines. Mr. Schroeder simply calls in and leaves the homework and memos for the day and the students and parents then call in to retrieve them.

The program seems to be working well and has been favorably reviewed by all those who have used it.

"Hoops Update" - Friday League

The basketball is winding down, as the tournament is scheduled to begin on Thursday, February 27th, at St. Matthew's, N.T. Making up "snowed-out" games has kept us busy lately, and here is a capsule-look at how the teams fared.

In boy's action, the Flames squeezed past Trinity, W.S. 35-34, as Darryl Kroening hit a shot with just over one minute to play. Matthew Fuerch led H.G. with 17 pts.

The Flames also defeated St. Peter's, Sanborn, 40 - 28. Matthew Fuerch led the scoring with 23 pts., with Darryl Kroening chipping in for 6 pts. Also scoring was Jonathan Snell 4 pts., Matt Cooper 2 pts., Christopher Pino 2 pts., Matthew Garrison 2 pts., and Andy Klettke 1 pt.

In addition, the boys trimmed St. Paul's, N.T. 35 - 24, as Matthew Fuerch had 17 pts., Jonathan Snell 8 pts., Darryl Kroening 4 pts., Michael Fuerch 2 pts., Luke Voelker 2 pts., and Christopher Pino 2 pts.

In girl's action, the Lady Flames lost to Trinity, W.S. 25 - 12. Julia Sallach led H.G. with 7 pts., while Lynette Klettke added 5 pts.

The Lady Flames were also defeated by St. Peter's, Sanborn 41-21. Julia Sallach led the way with 9 pts., with Lynette Klettke scoring 6 pts. and Jennifer Kroening contributing 2 pts.

Lastly, the girl's team edged St. Paul's N.T., 21-18. Holy Ghost was led by Julia Sallach with 9 pts. Lynette Klettke supplied 6 pts., Bethany Potter 4 pts., and Jennifer Kroening 2 pts.

Both the boys and girls teams have made excellent progress since the season began and we wish them both good luck in the tournament !



"Hoops Update" - Saturday League (Grades 4 - 6)

Both the boys and girls (4 - 6) teams continue to improve and have a lot of fun as the season wears on. The boys remain undefeated, while the girls came very close to winning their first contest vs. St. Matthew's.

The boy's team beat St. Matthew's 24 - 6, as Luke Voelker and Christopher Pino led the way with 10 pts. each. Andy Klettke and Darryl Kroening each added 2 pts. to round out the scoring for the Flames.

The Lady Flames played a spirited contest against the Lady Spirits, losing 21 - 15. Cassie Fees scored 7 pts., while Aubrey Demmin, Katelyn Reynolds, Katherine Woodley and Rebecca Fuerch each added 2 pts.

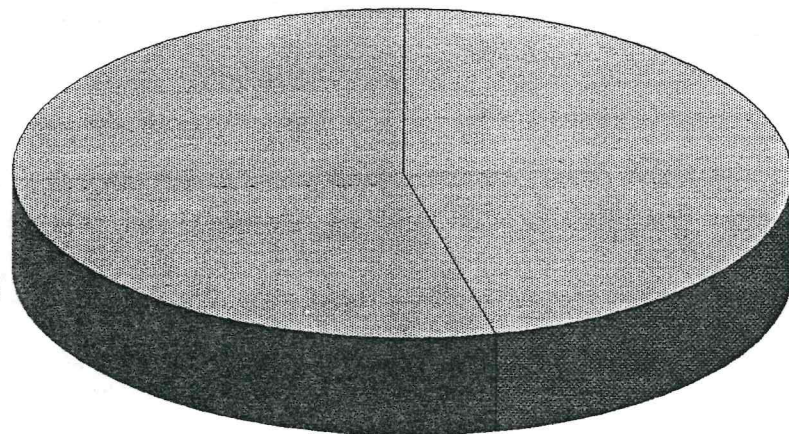
The (4 - 6) Saturday League games will not be scheduled again until after the tournament at St. Matthew's - days and times to be announced. We wish both teams the best of the luck the rest of the way !



"School Survey" - by Cassie Fees & Katelyn Reynolds

Did you like hot dogs &
mac n' cheese ?

no (54.0%)



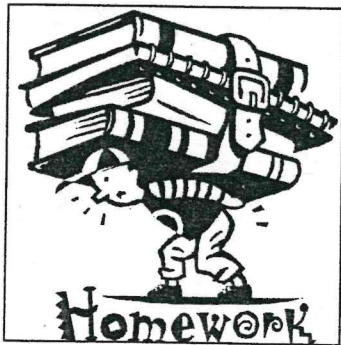
yes (46.0%)

"The Classroom Connection - A Technological Breakthrough in Teacher/Student/Parent Communication" - Megan Ciszek

The 7th & 8th graders have a new edition to their classroom it called the Classroom Connection. This program is sponsored by the Buffalo News, Independent Health and Fisher-Price and there is no charge involved !

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The program seems to be working well and has been favorably reviewed by all those who have used it.



"An Expert's View on the History of Area Native Americans"

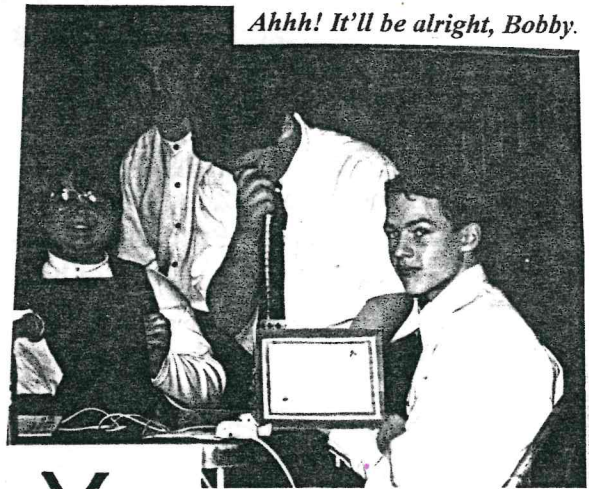
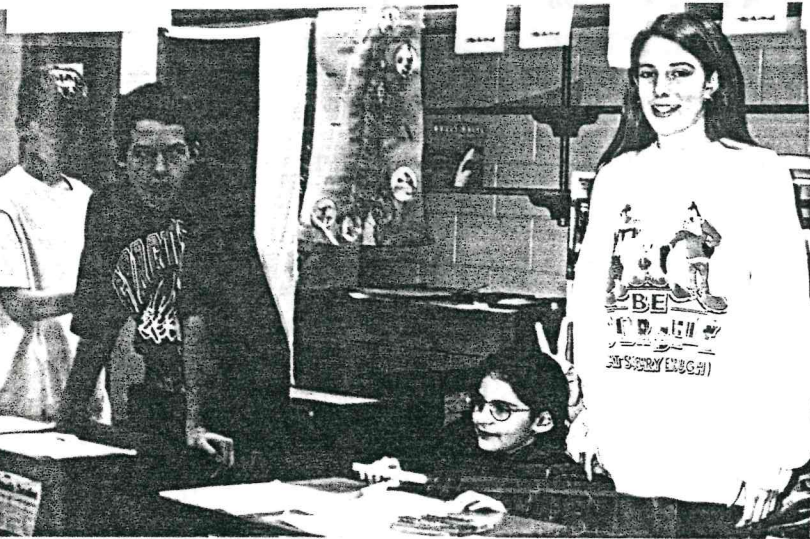
Mr. Ken Springer, an expert on the "Neuters" - a historical Native American Tribe from our area - gave a recent presentation to the 7th & 8th grade class. Mr. Springer showed us historical artifacts and photos, and explained that the Neuters were "killed-off" by the Iroquois nation many years ago.

The highlight of his visit was the "ancient war-club" he brought in to show us. We thank him for the time he spent with our class and the lesson he prepared on Native Americans in our area.

Due to Easter recess the next issue of "The Herald" will be a March-April issue and will be printed in April.

Oh my!

"Funny Photos From February"



Ahhh! It'll be alright, Bobby.



Uh, Dad ... I think they caught us!



Be careful - it might stay that way!

"Herald Trivia Answers" by Julia Sallach

- ☞ six
- ☞ the cowardly lion
- ☞ Rumpelstilskin

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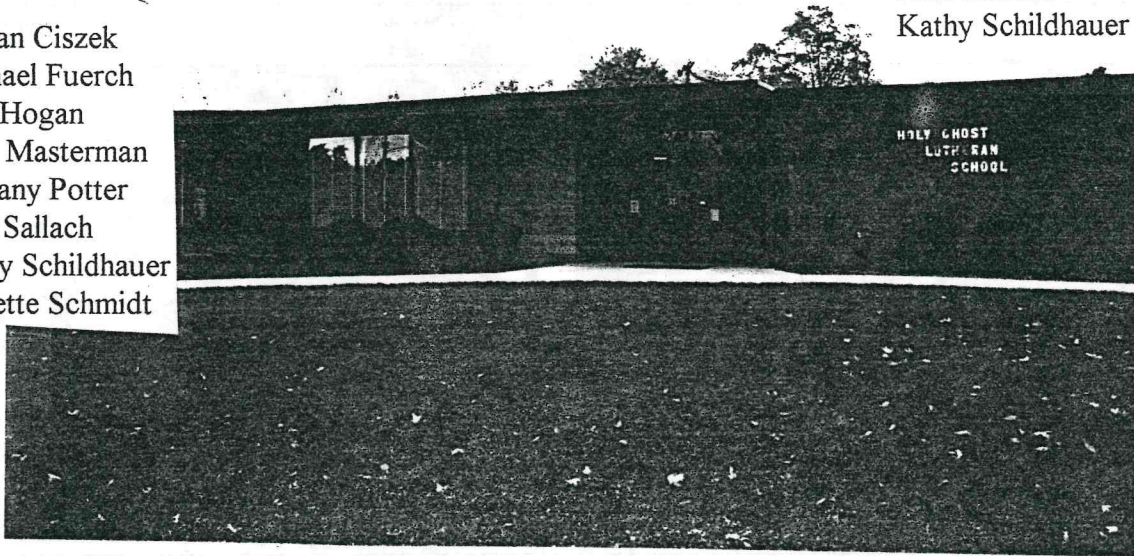
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"Español Extraordinare" by Julia Sallach

Our Spanish teacher at Holy Ghost is Miss Cieslik, or Senorita C., as she is known to her students. Senorita C. began as a substitute teacher in the Niagara Falls School District. While continuing to substitute teach, she teaches Spanish at three area Lutheran schools - Holy Ghost, St. John's and St. Matthew's - and tutors students.

Senorita C. said that she enjoys teaching the students at Holy Ghost because of the happiness they bring to her. She explained that when she substitutes she sometimes gets bad attitudes and disrespect. However, we at Holy Ghost are grateful for her time and the things she teaches us.

"Saluting Sgt. Elliott"

As autumn leaves changed into snowflakes, the D.A.R.E. program came to close for 5th - 8th grade students. As happy as each student was to graduate from the program, they were even more upset that the weekly classes with Sgt. Elliot had come to an end.

Sgt. Elliott made learning fun. He had a great sense of humor and he always took the time to listen to the students and make sure everyone was participating. The boys will especially miss the football games at recess and we'll all miss him eating with us at lunch.

Sgt. Elliott, we salute you ! Thank you for all your effort.



"American J.H.S. Mathematics Competition - The Results Are In"

On November 21, ten students from Holy Ghost took the American Junior High School Mathematics Examination. All students that were selected showed high mathematical ability and deserve recognition for being selected.

In a recent chapel service, four students were given special honors for their performance on this national exam. Those honored were:

- Matthew Fuerch - 1st place winner
- Matthew Garrison - 2nd place winner
- Andy Klettke - 2nd place winner
- Jonathan Snell - 3rd place winner

In addition, Matthew Fuerch had the highest score in the Western and Upper New York region. He also ranked high at the state and national levels. Congratulations Matthew and to all those that were chosen to take the test !

"T.O.Y.S. Learns About Health Careers"

In December, the 7th & 8th grade had a T.O.Y.S. (*Take Our Youth Seriously*) visitor - Mrs. Lynda Mahoney, an education instructor and registered nurse with Mount St. Mary's Hospital. The visit was arranged by Megan Cizek, who wrote a letter to Mrs. Mahoney asking her to visit our classroom and explain her career to our group.

Mrs. Mahoney talked to the class about careers in the health industry and the need for good math and science skills. She focused in on nursing as a profession, and told the class that male nurses are becoming more common everyday. Lastly, she taught the students how to take an individual's blood pressure and pulse.

We thank Mrs. Mahoney for her visit and all the important information.



"N.T. Catholic School Christmas Tourney"

Our Flames boy's basketball team defied all odds by winning the N.T. Catholic Christmas Tournament in their first appearance since 1979. The team received contributions from all players in beating St. John's de LaSalle, Blessed Sacrament of Tonawanda, and St. Francis.

Matthew Fuerch was named the *Most Valuable Player* of the tournament and won the *one-on-one competition*, while Michael Fuerch was named to the *All Tournament Team*.

To all team members and Coach Fuerch - congratulations on a job well done !

"Hoops Update" - Friday League

Lately, it seems like every Friday a storm blows in and cancels the weekly basketball games. However, a few contests have been played since the December issue of the "Herald."

In the boy's action, the Flames beat St. Mark's 51 - 19, as Matthew Fuerch led the way with 25 pts. Michael Fuerch added 10 pts., Luke Voelker 4 pts., Matthew Cooper 4 pts., Bobby Gurley 3 pts., Darryl Kroening 3 pts., and Christopher Pino 2 pts.

Also, the Flames lost a heartbreaker to St. Peter's, Northridge, 46 - 38 in overtime. Matthew Fuerch had 30 pts., while Jonathan Snell chipped in with 6 pts. and Michael Fuerch added 2 pts.

In the girl's league, the Lady Flames lost to St. Mark's 40 - 10. Julia Sallach and Lynette Klettke each had 4 pts., while Bethany Potter scored 2 pts. Against St. Peter's, Northridge, the Lady Flames were beaten 31 - 10. Julia Sallach and Lynette Klettke again led the team with 4 pts. a piece, while Bethany Potter added 2 pts.

Both the boy's and girl's team have worked very hard and improving with each passing week.

"Hoops Update" - Saturday League (Grades 4 - 6)

The Saturday developmental league has started with contests versus St. Paul's, N.T. and St. Peter's, Sanborn already completed. The league was started as a method to allow players grades 4 - 6 to learn the fundamentals of basketball, while getting some game experience. The contests are played with a lot of hard work and excitement.

In the boy's action, the Flames are 2 - 0 with wins over the Crusaders and Raiders. In the St. Paul's game, the Flames won 33-12. Luke Voelker led the way with 16 points, while Jonathan Snell added 7 pts., Darryl Kroening 4 pts., Andy Klettke 2 pts., Sam Klinger 2pts., and Christopher Pino 2 pts.

The Flames also beat St. Peter's, Sanborn, 31 - 8. Christopher was the top scorer for the Flames with 13 pts. Luke Voelker added 6 pts., Darryl Kroening 5 pts., Andy Klettke 4 pts., Jonathan Snell 2 pts., and Sam Klinger 1 pts.

The Lady Flames lost to the Lady Crusaders 30 - 12. Cassie Fees had 8 pts. to pace the girls, while Katherine Woodley and Katelyn Reynolds added 2 pts. each. Against the Lady Raiders, the girls lost 51 - 10. Katherine Woodley and Katelyn Reynolds led the scoring for the Lady Flames with 4 pts. each, while Cassie Fees added 2 pts.

"Fuerch's Factoids" - by Michael Fuerch

Did you know that ...

- At any given moment, there are about 1,800 thunderstorms on the earth.
- There is a canyon on Mars that would stretch from New York to San Francisco.
- Gum on postage stamps have from 2 to 8 calories.

"T.O.Y.S. Learns About T.O.Y.S."

The founder of the T.O.Y.S. program, Mrs. Donna McQuillen, recently visited the 7th & 8th grade classroom as a guest of Matthew Cooper's. Matthew had written her a letter asking her if she would visit Holy Ghost to discuss the successful program that she began in the North Tonawanda School District in the early-to-mid 1980's.

During her visit, Mrs. McQuillen explained the importance of a program that teaches proper letter-writing skills, good grammar and punctuation, and proper behavior as well. She also talked about the need for a program that places the students in charge and teaches them daily responsibility. In addition, she showed the students a list of the people that had visited her classroom and/or written back to students when she was a teacher using the T.O.Y.S. program. The list included: President Clinton, Shannon Miller (U.S. gymnast), Sugar Ray Leonard (pro boxer), Mary Lou Retton (U.S. Gymnast), Marv Levy (Buffalo Bills Head Coach), John LaFalce (U.S. Congressman), Tom Jolls (Ch.7 weatherman), Mario Cuomo (former Governor of N.Y.), Robert Goulet (famous actor), Joe Devlin (former Bills player), and astronaut Bill Gregory.

Mrs. McQuillen is currently working with General Motors on research into the job skills that student will need in the 21st century. She is also a member of the Buffalo Bills/N.F.L Educational Advisory Committee that works on methods the N.F.L. can use to help improve education in the U.S.

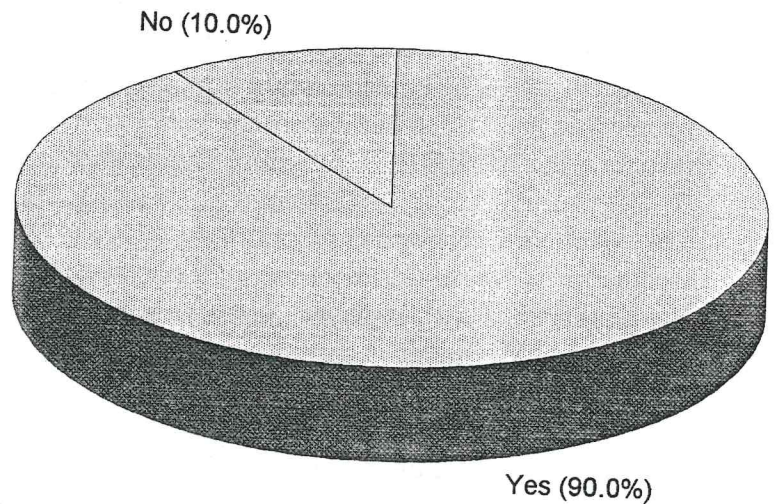
Mrs. McQuillen seemed excited to visit Holy Ghost and see her program working. We thank her for taking the time to visit us and for developing such a great program !



Survey - "Would You be Interested in Taking Computer Classes at Holy Ghost" - by Amy Masterman & Jeanette Schmidt

Recently, we asked students grades 1 - 8 if they would be interested in taking computer training classes at Holy Ghost. 90 % said *yes*, while only 10% said *no*. Most students would love a chance to use the computers more often and learn all about what they can do. The graph below illustrates our findings:

Are computer classes
a good thing ?



"Snowman" by Katie Hanlon

One cold year in January, a snowman sat in the distance of a small cottage. Winter was the season and that snowman loved to sled in the sleet or snow. The snowman saw a snowflake fall down to the ground. While the snowman continued to sled, he lost a mitten - of course, he didn't notice it.

One day, the first day of summer, the snow began to melt and the snowman ran up to the cottage in the distance and rang the doorbell. He ran into the house and slid to the freezer. He loved to be freezing. He jumped in and played with the ice cubes. It felt like home.

3rd & 4th Grade News - "The Good Food Tour" - by Katie Hanlon

The 3rd & 4th graders went on a field trip to the Wegman's store. They called our trip the *Good Food Tour*. We got to see how they make bagels and we got to eat one. We played a game called *Supermarket Search* and we went to McDonald's for lunch. Mrs. Forsey said "McDonald's isn't the best place for lunch, but it will be fun." Of course, the field trip was really fun, too !

1st & 2nd Grade News - "Our Friends in Kansas" **by the 1st & 2nd Graders**

We have made some new friends this year. Through our Scholastic News, we each have a pen pal from St. John's Elementary School in Lawrence, Kansas !

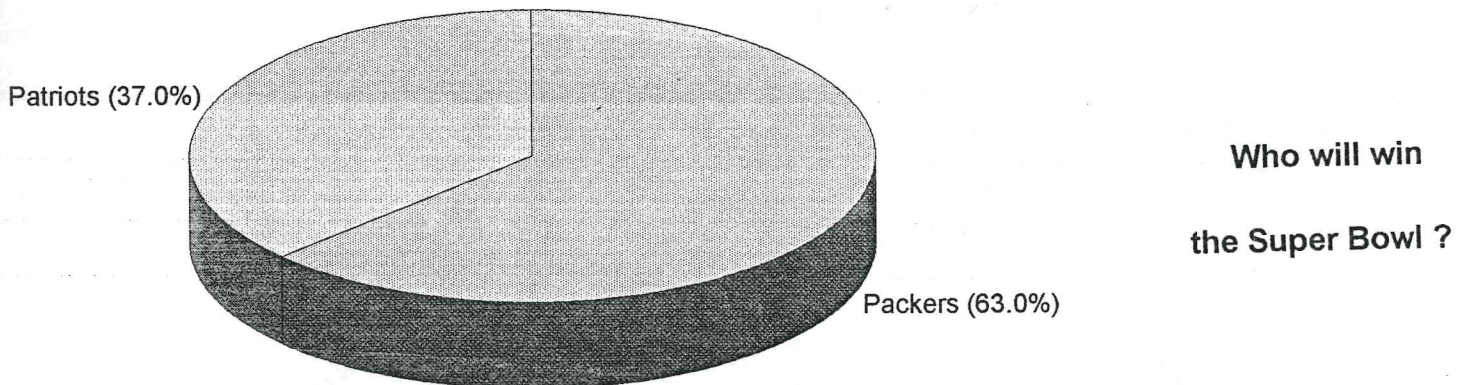
We have learned that Lawrence is between Topeka, Kansas and Kansas City, Missouri, and that the University of Kansas is located in Lawrence. Most of our pen pal's moms and dads either work for or attend the University of Kansas.

Our pen pals are in the first grade and there are 13 girls and 10 boys. Some even have the same names as our class (Kaylee, Nicholas and Dominic) !

We have just written our second letter to our new friends and included some pictures of ourselves. We will also be sending a video message later this year.

Survey - "Who Will Win the Super Bowl" **by Amy Masterman & Jeanette Schmidt**

We took a survey, recently, asking random students who they thought was going to win this year's Super Bowl in New Orleans, Louisiana. The graph below shows the results:



"New Year's Resolutions" by Erin Hogan

As you know, the new year is here and we all have goals and expectations that need to be accomplished by 1998. I went around the school to gather a sample of student and faculty new year resolutions. Here are a few of the answers I received:

- To eat 30 hamburgers
- To play more Sega
- To save money
- Not to get sick
- Convince my mom to let friends sleep over
- Sell more worms

**GOOD LUCK ON
ACCOMPLISHING YOUR
GOALS !**

"Christmas Concert at the Wintergarden" by Megan Ciszek

On December 12, 1996, the Holy Ghost Lutheran School sang at the Wintergarden in downtown Niagara Falls. There was a large turnout - about 100 people were there to listen to their favorite Christmas songs, like *Silent Night* and *Frosty the Snowman*, and new Christmas tunes like *Promised Son*. We want to thank all the teachers for their time and patience spent in preparing, especially Mrs. Woodley, who did an excellent job organizing and leading the concert.



School Christmas Program - "The Living Creche"

On Wednesday, December 18th, the pre-K through 8th grade at Holy Ghost performed their school Christmas program - "The Living Creche." Some students were in costume, some had speaking parts, while others were strictly members of the choir. All students did a fantastic job singing praises to God for the wonderful gift of his Son, Jesus Christ.



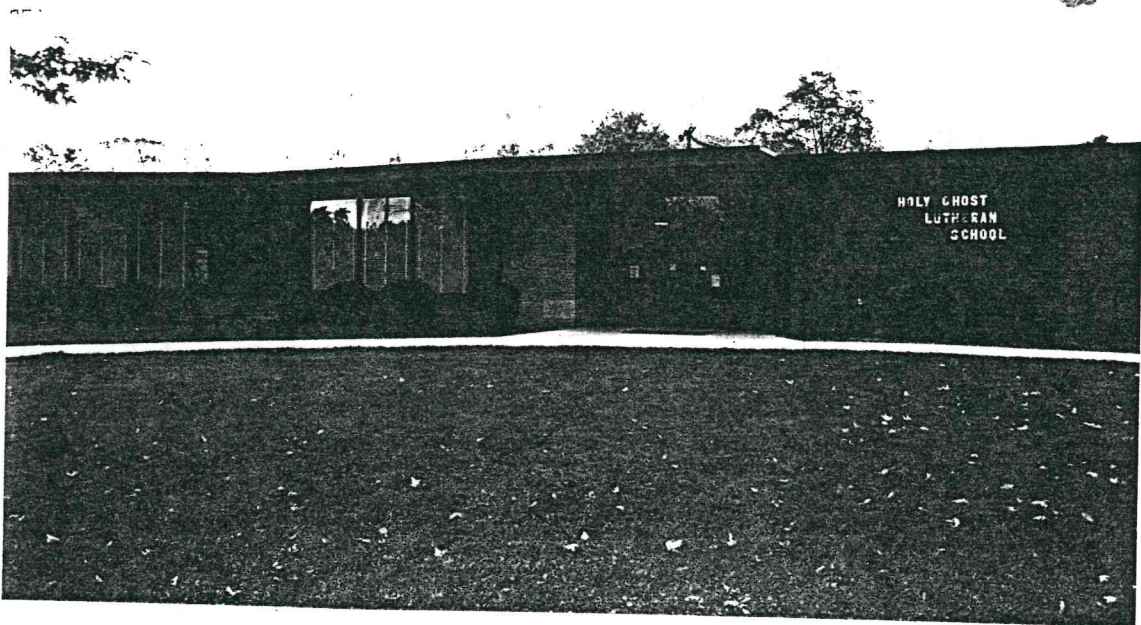
"The Christmas Luncheon" by Bethany Potter

On Friday, December 20th, Holy Ghost School had its annual Christmas luncheon. Pizza, chicken wings, and juice were served to the students and staff. We thank the P.T.L. for sponsoring our luncheon.

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A Word from the Editor

As this is the first issue of "The Herald", I would like to give thanks where thanks are due. To all the students who contributed articles, graphs and photos - WELL DONE ! To all the teachers who guided the students in the development of their articles. To the P.T.L. for purchasing our computer which makes publishing this newspaper so easy. Finally, to our Lord who has blessed our students with the ability and intelligence so evident throughout this issue.

THANK YOU,

Mr. S.

'The Life of Principal Forsey' by Jeanette Schmidt

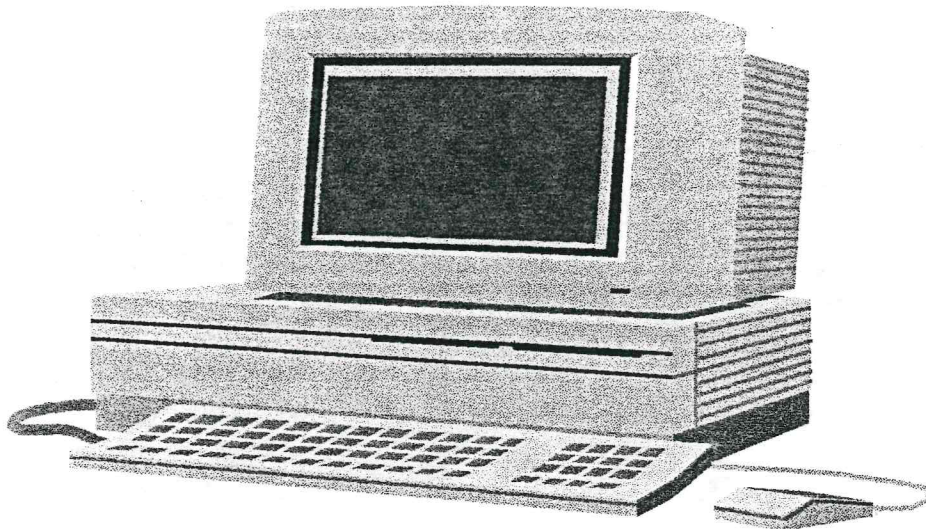
Mrs. Forsey, our principal, is a working and family woman. Her family includes: her husband (Bob), two daughters (Melissa and Beth), and a dog (Oreo).

As a principal, she has a busy job. She has to run the day-to-day- operations of the school and work with the children, faculty and church members. In preparation to become a teacher, she went to college at Niagara University and Brockport State College for five years.

Her goal for the school is "That students learn the love of Jesus as they also learn many academic skills and that Holy Ghost School will always be a special part of their lives" said Mrs. Forsey.

A Christmas Message" by Julia Sallach

This time of the year we're all wrapped up in the Christmas holiday with shopping, planning meals and vacations, that we forget the real reason we have Christmas: to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. So this year I ask that you not forget the "Christ" in Christmas.



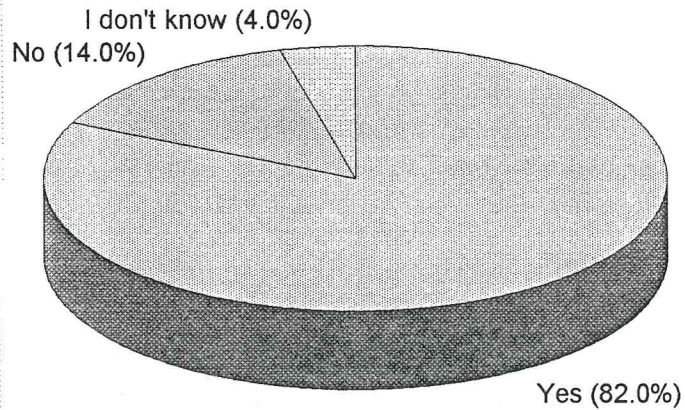
Survey - "What Do You Think About A School Newspaper" by Megan Ciszek & Paul Carella

What do you think about a school newspaper ? Recently, we took a survey on what students think about a school newspaper. We asked students K-8 "Is a school newspaper a good thing ?" The results (as shown by the graph below) were as follows:

82% yes, it is a good thing
14% no, it isn't a good thing
4% undecided

Is A School Newspaper

A Good Thing ?



"A Report On Our P.T.L." by Amy Masterman

The main idea of the P.T.L. (which stands for "Parent Teacher League") is to help parents and teachers to communicate better. The people in office this year are:

Patti Pino	President
Sue Klettke	Vice-President
Louise Schildhauer	Treasurer
Cathy Lynch	Secretary

Some important things coming up on the P.T.L. calendar are:

Children's Christmas Luncheon	December 20
Annual Plant Sale	May 1

"5th & 6th Grade News" by Christopher Pino

On Wednesday, December 11, the students from 5th & 6th will graduate from the D.A.R.E. According to Sgt. Elliott (D.A.R.E. Instructor) all the students did a good job.

He picked two student from both grades to read their essays in church during the graduation ceremony. From the 6th grade, he chose Jennifer Kroening and Luke Voelker. From the 5th grade, he chose Katelyn Reynolds and Christopher Pino. The rest of the graduates from our room include: (from the 6th grade) Aubrey Demmin, Matthew Garrison, Andy Klettke, Sam Klinger, Kenny Lowman, Jonathan Snell and Darryl Kroening; (from the 5th grade) Cassie Fees, Nick Hanlon and Katherine Woodley.

In a sports update, our first game at Martin Luther was a big success as both of our teams won. The lady Flames won 19-16, while the boys team beat the Chargers 46-32. The next game will be at St. Marks, N.T.

"What Do 3rd & 4th Graders Want For Christmas" by Heather Black, Jennifer Cercone & Rebecca Fuerch

We asked our classmates what they wanted for Christmas and here are some of the things we found out:

a keyboard, a CD player, Nintendo 64, a telescope, a computer, a race track, a new desk, Kermit the Frog, a new TV, a VCR, books and stuffed animals.

Mrs. Forsey said that she wants books and happiness. We hope these shopping tips help you !

"Getting Ready For Christmas" by Mrs. Carrier & all the 1st & 2nd Graders

The 1st & 2nd grade love Christmas time ! The decorations, the food, and especially the surprises. We have a few surprises that we are (trying) to keep until Christmas morning. We all hope that everyone has a blessed Christmas with their families.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

"Visiting the Buffalo News" by Matthew Fuerch

On Thursday, November 21, grades 5-8 went on a field trip to the Buffalo News. We took the subway to get there. We were split into three groups. Each group had a tour guide that took them around the huge five-story building. We saw so many things, I can't even remember them all! We saw where the journalists, editors, and reporters work, as well as the printing presses and where the newspapers are counted and bundled. The Buffalo News was very nice to us, giving each person a pen and a newspaper. After the tours, we went to McDonald's in the Theater District for lunch. Our field trip to the Buffalo News was great!

"Report From The Court" by Bethany Potter

Mr. Les Fuerch is the coach of the Flames boys basketball team. He says "The boys are all working hard as a group. They are willing to work hard and enjoy themselves." He is looking forward to having a lot of fun and a successful season. The captains, Matthew Fuerch and Bobby Gurley commented "we hope we can get as far as the semi-finals in the tournament. We also hope to have a great season."

Mr. Michael Schroeder is the coach of the lady Flames. He stated "The girls get better every practice and every game. By the tournament we will be a much better team than when we started the season." The captains, Julia Sallach and Lynette Klettke, hope to win some games and make improvement from last year.

1996-97 Flames Basketball Schedule

December 6th

at Martin Luther

January 24th

at St. Peter N.R.

December 13th

at St. Mark

January 31st

at St. John

December 20th

vs. Trinity, W.S. (at St. John)

February 7th

at St. Matthew

January 10th

vs. Nazareth (at St. John)

February 14th

at St. Peter, Sanborn

January 17th

at St. Paul

Tournament at St. Matthew -

2/27 - 3/1/97 & 3/6 - 3/8/97

"Election '96 - Holy Ghost Students Vote!" by Michael Fuerch

On Election Day (November 5, 1996), the 7th & 8th grade ran their own election. The voters were students from kindergarten through 8th grade. A voting booth and a ballot box were made and then decorated. Every voter receive a ballot form. On the ballot were the names of Bill Clinton, Bob Dole and Ross Perot from which to choose. Each voter checked off one name and placed it in the ballot box.

After everyone voted, the votes were separated into grades for counting electoral votes. Then, all of the votes were counted for the popular vote. Bill Clinton won in electoral college votes, but surprisingly, Bob Dole won in popular votes.

Also, there was a P.T.L. bake sale that day. Thanks to all who bought, made or sold baked goods. (pictured below: the 7th & 8th grade class with their election booth on Election Day; and Amy Masterman {grade 7} helping Britney Hill, Kirsten Lekki and Elizabeth Wienke {grade 1 & 2} understand how to cast their vote)



"T.O.Y.S. in the 7th & 8th Grade Classroom ?" by Lynette Klettke

In the 7th & 8th grade classroom this year, we have a special program called T.O.Y.S. - which stands for "Take Our Youth Seriously".

In this program there are two major parts. The first major part deals with trying to act in a pleasing way to others around us and try to be good role-models for the younger kids in school. When our teacher, Mr. Schroeder, or other teachers see what we are doing and appreciate it, they may give us points for our T.O.Y.S. team. The first (of four teams) to get up to 60 points wins and gets to plan a party for their team and their classmates. So far only one team, the Hoyas (with members Megan Ciszek, Matthew Fuerch and Matthew Cooper), have won a party for the class.

The second major part of T.O.Y.S. is writing letters to people whose careers interest us. We ask them to come to our school to explain their careers to our class. So far, Mrs. Patti Pino has come in and told us about her job as a pharmacist. She told us some things that I never knew about being a pharmacist. We thank Kathy Schildhauer for writing a letter to her and asking her to visit.

Mrs. Donna McQuillen, the original creator of the T.O.Y.S. program and a retired teacher from North Tonawanda, came in to explain how the T.O.Y.S. program was developed. She was the guest of Matthew Cooper.

We have also received a telephone call from women's professional tennis player, Chanda Rubin, who will be contacting the school again soon. In addition, we have received a few other letters and have three more visitors scheduled before Christmas.

This is a great program that not only helps show us how to act, but also lets us explore some interesting careers.

"Students Take National Math Test" by Julia Sallach

On Thursday, November 26, the following students: Matthew Garrison, Jon Snell, Andy Klettke, Matthew Cooper, Jeanette Schmidt, Michael Fuerch, Matthew Fuerch, Bobby Gurley, Lynette Klettke and Julia Sallach took the American Junior High School Math Exam (AJHSME). These students were chosen because of their high marks in math and their mathematical ability. We congratulate these students on this great accomplishment.

"Creatures, Creatures, Creatures !" by Kathy Schildhauer

In the 7th & 8th grade classroom, we have two new pets. They are two painted turtles names Tymona and Mona Lisa. They are very cute and they are always on the high rocks, out of the water.

We also have five adult rats. Three of them - Mara, Magic and Milky - had babies. We think there are about twenty babies, but we are not exactly sure. We only know that there are sure a lot of them !

Survey - "Do You Like The Pizza On Fridays" by Erin Hogan & Matthew Cooper

As you know, every Friday in the fellowship hall the P.T.L. we have "pizza day". All the kids can sit with their classmates and eat pizza.

Recently, we completed did a survey asking students if they liked the pizza on Fridays. The graphs below show the percentage of how many students like pizza on Friday. We also asked students what they like/don't like about the pizza. Here is what they said:

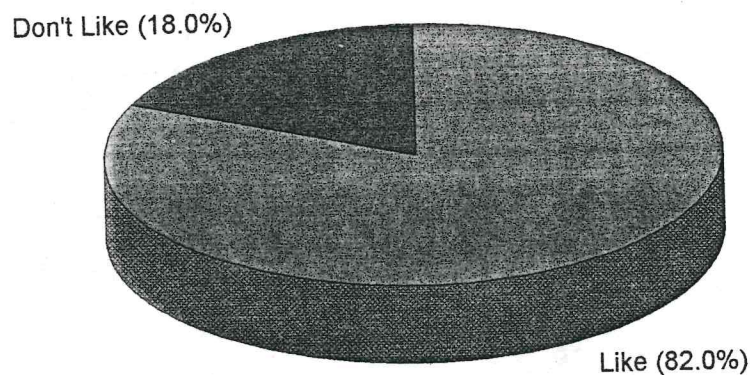
Top 5 Things About Pizza That Students Would Like To See Improve:

1. They would like it a lot better if it was warm
2. The sauce is bad tasting
3. Try another place to buy it
4. More pepperoni
5. More cheese

Top 3 Things About Pizza That Students Like:

1. The crust
2. The taste of the cheese
3. The taste of the pepperoni

% Students That Like/Don't Like Pizza



Our Cultural Thanksgiving Feast” by Mr. Schroeder

On the last day of school before the Thanksgiving break, the 7th & 8th graders enjoyed a true Russian delicacy - Pilmenee (Russian pierogies). The students were divided into groups as they prepared the Pilmenee “from scratch”. One student mixed all the ingredients to form the batter. A second student kneaded and rolled the dough, cutting out the necessary forms of doughs used to enclose the meat. The last student cut up vegetables and made the mixture of meat. Then, each student placed the meat in the pocket of dough and boiled their creation.

After topping the Pilmenee with spaghetti sauce or sour cream, the pierogies were ready to enjoy. The students invited the 5th & 6th graders in to the classroom to sample our creation as we shared the food of their Thanksgiving feast. We also enjoyed a movie and had a terrific afternoon. A job well-done by all students ! (pictured below left-to-right: Amy Masterman, Michael Fuerch, Lynette Klettke and Bethany Potter)



“An Assembly On Addictions” by Mr. Schroeder

On October 17, students from grades 5 - 8 gathered in the fellowship hall for an assembly on addiction and drugs presented by Mr. Dennis Gleason, President of the Niagara County Alcoholism & Drug Council. Mr. Gleason spoke to the students about the dangerous nature of taking drugs and drinking alcohol, but he focused in on the affect a person’s addiction can have on the lives of others. He explained that the decisions a person makes can have a very positive or negative impact on those that share their lives and he stressed good judgement and awareness at all times. The students and faculty thank Mr. Gleason for his visit to our school. (pictured left-to-right: Mr. Gleason, Kathy Schildhauer, Erin Hogan, Katherine Woodley, Luke Voelker and Matthew Cooper)



"A Halloween Recap" by Bobby Gurley

The Halloween party was a big success. With games made and operated by the 5th & 6th grader, including: slap-shot hockey, tic-tac-toe toss, darts, and three tossing games. The 7th & 8th grade decorated and constructed parts of a very spooky haunted house. The house had monsters and ghouls spooking everyone as they were guided through it.

Everyone had a great time ! Special thanks to all the teachers and students in grades 5 - 8, who put in a great deal of time and planning.



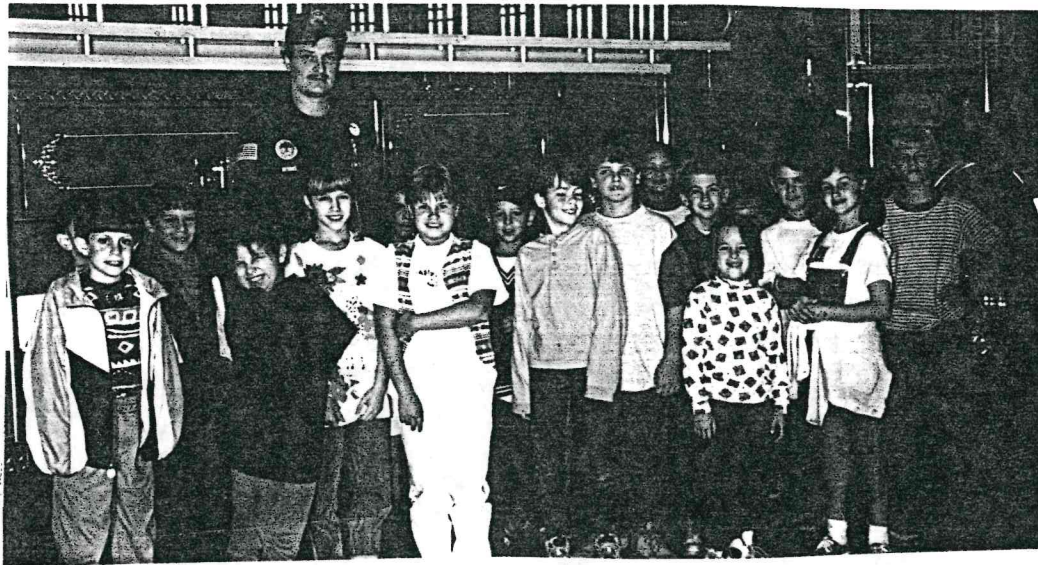
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Kathy Schildhauer
& Matthew Cooper



pictured
Tiffany Wendt

"Fire Prevention Week: Our Trip to The B.F.C." by Mr. Schroeder

During the week of October 6 - 12, fire prevention was the hot topic around the school as it was Fire Prevention Week. The highlight of the week was the annual trip to the Bergholz Fire Company (B.F.C.). Each class was treated to demonstrations of equipment and firefighting techniques, as well as a question-and-answer session. We thank all the volunteer firefighters for the time and commitment. (pictured: Fire Chief Dennis Stoelting and Mrs. Forsey's 3rd & 4th grade class)



"Fuerch's Factoids" by Michael Fuerch

Here are some "factoids" that I found in the magazine "3-2-1 Contact" and thought were very interesting:

- Hershey produces 33 million chocolate kisses in one day
- There is enough energy in a bolt of lightning to power a home for two weeks
- Butterflies taste with their hind legs

I hope you found them interesting and informative !

"Memories of Autumn"

Football with Sgt. Elliott



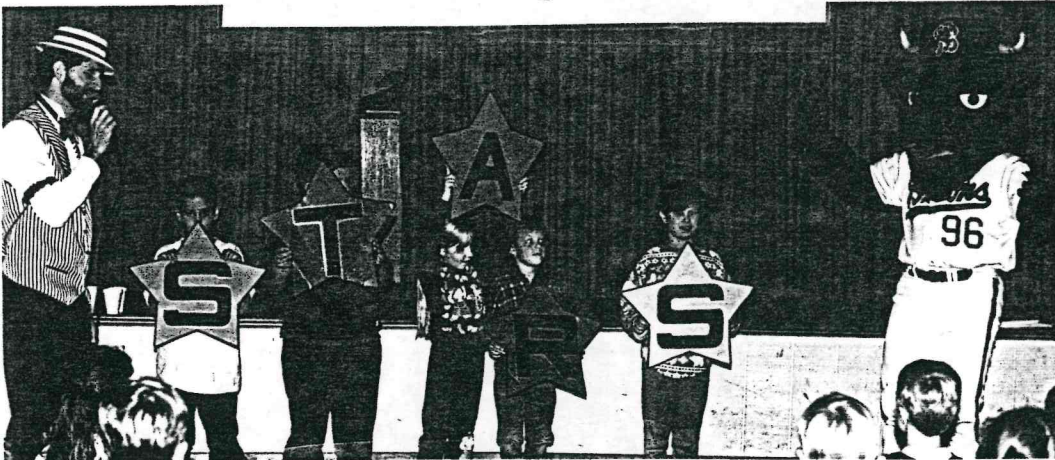
Doin' the Macarena !



Flames soccer action



Take me out to the ballgame - with Buster !



“An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.’ “



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***Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
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