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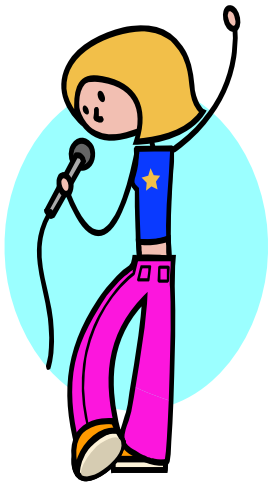
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THE STUDENT NEWSPAPER OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA SCHOOL

Special Edition

Talent is Everywhere at OLF

By Obianuju E.



On May 22, 2008, great performances rocked the house at the annual Our Lady of Fatima Talent Show. Co-hosts, Jackie R. and Catherine P., kept the audience engaged and entertained between performances. Performances ranged from the singing of such songs as “Rock Star” by Hannah Montana and “Bleeding Love” by Leona Lewis to instrumental talent displays on guitars and piano. A dynamic group composed of both 4th graders and 8th graders performed a dance to “Soulja Boy”. Some younger students displayed their capabilities by reciting the alphabet backwards and doing soccer tricks to the Alvin and the Chipmunks version of “Bad Day” by Daniel Powter. The acts were creative and displayed a wide range of talent. The talent show was attended by the entire school and several OLF parents. No stage fright was evident on this day. All the children had the courage and determination to try their best. Mrs. Gildea, 4th grade teacher, and Mrs. Kubeck, 7th grade teacher, served as faculty coordinators for the talent show. The talent at Our Lady of Fatima School can be found everywhere.

Announcing the OLF Teachers of the Year

By India B. and Clarence K.

Considering how this is the last newspaper of the year that we will be putting out, we decided that it would be fun to have teachers of the year. When we thought about it, it wouldn't be fair if the OLF newspaper staff members choose the teachers of the year because half of the school would disagree. In the end, we decided that the students should be able to vote on who they thought were the best teachers of the year.

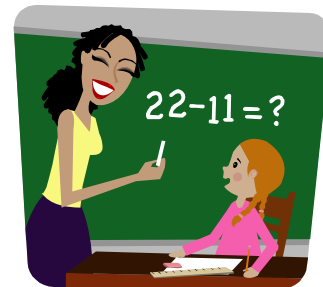
The four categories to vote on were:

- Teacher of the year for the top floor
- Teacher of the year for the bottom floor
- Specials Teacher of the year (Gym, Art, Technology, etc.)
- Teacher's Aide of the year

Now for the winners:

- The Upstairs Teacher of the year is Mrs. Gildea with 72 votes
- The Downstairs Teacher of the year is Mrs. Jacobs with 69 votes
- The Specials Teacher of the year is Miss Nikosey with 78 votes
- The Teacher's Aide of the year is Mrs. Connett with 67 votes

Although only a few were selected as “Teacher of the Year”, all the teachers deserve thanks for doing a marvelous job teaching this year.



The Class of 2008

By Clarence K.

The end is coming. The end is near
The end is closer than it might appear

Only two more months till the graduating class says goodbye
Knowing I'll never see most of you again makes me want to
cry

We're all going to high school
Ready to conquer new adventures
But here at Fatima lie memories that we will never venture

Our lives are like movies with a beginning, middle, and end
We're starting high school soon
With a new ladder of which we'll have to ascend

We'll say our goodbyes
And we'll shed a tear

But I'll see you soon my friend

Never forgot me
And don't be too sad

For the end is never really the end

Only a few more months till the class of 2008 becomes the
class of 2012

Back to the bottom of the ladder with new fears and
dilemmas that we'll have to quell

To every beginning there is an end

But every end brings forth a new beginning
High school is our new battle that I know we will be
winning

Our reunion day is what I'll most await
When I can finally reunite with the
PHENOMENAL CLASS OF 2008

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Candles Light the Way in Piscataway

By Catherine P.

On May 18, 2008, the annual Marian Candlelight Procession took place for Our Lady of Fatima Parish. The Procession is a beautiful walk around the Church grounds and then through the surrounding neighborhood. The event was attended by many parishioners usually carrying small candles. Some of the OLF children dressed up as angels or their favorite saints while the First Communicants wore their Communion outfits. Many people carried banners or flags of either a country or religious organization during the event. One altar server, Stephanie Farinhas said, "It was spectacular and at the end, I got to see lots of my friends." Another altar server, Danielle Cooper, said "It is always a lot of fun and very beautiful."

Throughout the walk, songs honoring Mary were sung and the rosary was prayed. The Procession returned to the church and concluded with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. At the conclusion of the service, a reception was held. The Candlelight Procession was a beautiful and joyous event in which to participate.

Chicks Hatch at OLF

By Tyler D.

The halls at Our Lady of Fatima School were filled with delight and excitement from the end of April through the beginning of May. As a class project, the Kindergarten class was entrusted with the care of twelve chicken eggs. Farmer Sarah of the Quivers Farm in Pennsylvania delivered the eggs to Mr. O'Heney's class at the end of April. Mr. O'Heney and his class monitored the eggs while they were in the incubator. Once the eggs hatched, the children nurtured and cared for them. With all the love and support of the Kindergarteners, the baby chickens were blessed with 20 different mothers.

Eleven of the twelve chicken eggs in the Kindergarten classroom hatched. The children were delighted. The anticipation of the chickens' births gave all the students something to look forward to. The chickens brought joy to all the lives that they touched. All the students were sad to see them leave. The project was culminated with a trip to a farm by the Kindergarten class. At the farm, the children were shown how the chickens would be happy in this type of environment. We thank Mr. O'Heney, the Kindergarten class, and Farmer Sarah for sharing this magnificent experience with OLF.

Does Super Delegate's Withdrawal Mark the End of the Clinton Campaign?

By Obianuju E.

Joe Andrew, the former Democratic National Committee Chairman, has decided to be a super delegate for Senator Barack Obama instead of Senator Hillary Clinton. Mr. Andrew said, "The only thing that matters is the delegate count. It's just mathematically impossible for Hillary Clinton to pick up enough delegates to be ahead of Barack Obama at the end of this process." At the time of this statement, Senator Obama had a total of 1,732 delegates (Pledged: 1,491, Super Delegates: 241) and Senator Clinton had a total of 1,592 delegates (Pledged: 1,332, Super Delegates: 260). Approximately 800 super delegates had not publicly announced which candidate they would be supporting. How many other super delegates will follow Mr. Andrew's example? Now, Senator Clinton not only has to fight to get the vote and support of the people, now she has to maintain the support of her super delegates.