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Halloween Happenings

By Isabelle DiTullio, Derek Swider

Halloween is a holiday celebrated on October 31st. The word "Halloween" comes from "All Hallowed Eve." In the 5th century BC in Celtic Ireland, summer officially ended on October 31st. This was the Celtic New Year. The legend of this was that the spirits of those who had died within the past year would come back looking for people to control here on Earth.

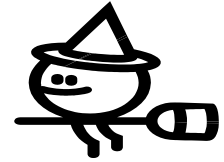
The Celtic people believed that the ritual of All Hallowed Eve was the only way to get into the afterlife. They also believed that everything stopped on this day so that the spirits could become one with the living.

Many humans became frightened and did not want this legend to be a reality. A few ways to stop the spirits from taking over the living was for people to dress up in scary costumes and make their presence known by going outside on October 31st.

This has gone on year

after year. Hence, the holiday was created as we know it today.

For us Catholic Christians it is also the night before All Saints' Day, November 1st.



N.A.G.S.P.A HALLOWEEN

PARTY

By Jessica Scipione

On October 25th, grades 1-6 were invited to a Halloween Party that lasted from 6:30-9:30 PM. This party was really fun! We know that for a fact. Some of the writers of *The Victory View* were at the party and got the inside scoop of how awesome it really was! There were costumes from Power Rangers to princesses to pirates. Everyone who attended expressed his or her own unique style and a good time was had by all!!



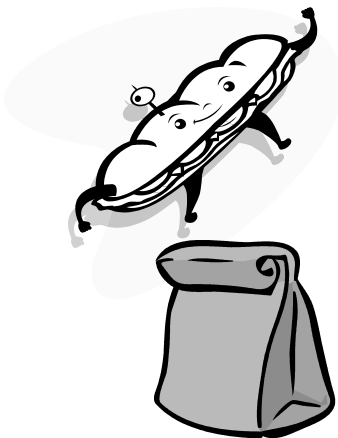
WELCOME BACK AND STUDENT COUNCIL INSTALLATION

By Jessica Scipione



Another exciting school year began! We already have had many exciting events occur here. One of the traditions that Nazareth Academy has is the Student Council Installation. Four impressive leaders now represent us: Julia Halas, President; Samuel Helling, Vice-President; Chloe Roberts, Secretary; and Michele Anzabi, Treasurer. Aiding these leaders are classroom representatives. They

are Michael Roman, Rose Driscoll, and Isabelle Anzabi (Grade 6), Helen Dotchel, Isabelle DiTullio, and Anthony Pantalone (Grade 7), and Matthew Rueter, John Duesler, and Ruby Malak (Grade 8). Good luck to all and thank you for serving our school!!



Did you know that when you exhale on your left foot while running, you can prevent muscle cramps?
Dominic Mancino

St. Francis Inn By Anthony Pantalone

If it is the first Monday of the month, one can expect something going on here in the morning—St. Francis Inn lunch line. This is something that our school community has done monthly for many years. Under the watchful eyes of Mrs. Culp and Mrs. Kane, the 7th graders assemble lunches to be delivered to the needy of St. Francis Inn. The students in grades 1-3 also contribute to this worthy cause by donating a pre-made brown-bagged lunch.

St. Francis Inn is a shelter in a run-down neighborhood here in Philadelphia that helps people who are less

fortunate than we are.

N.A.G.S. considers it to be the duty of the community to help out. The reason we make these lunches is because the kitchen at the Inn is unavailable to the people it serves on Mondays. These less fortunate members of our community still need to eat even if there kitchen is closed on that day. Other schools and organizations in the area contribute the same way we do on the other Mondays of the month.

John F. Kennedy once said, "If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich."

Messaging Madness

By Dominic Mancino and Helen Dotchel

The Honors ELA classes were challenged recently to text on their phones using only proper grammar for an entire week. The students were to honestly report which classmates were out of the competition due to poor grammar. The entire ELA 6 class won. The 7th grade winner was Jessica Scipione. In 8th grade the winners were Chole Roberts, Samantha Lorenzo, Riley Eisler, and

Tracy Marcelis. The contest winners earned an automatic

100% on a homework assignment. The 7th & 8th graders reported that the challenge was difficult and the 6th graders reported that this was an easy and fun assignment.



Grandparents Day 2013

Grandparents'/Older Friends' Day

By Victoria Fabianski and Jessica Scipione

A very special tradition occurs here each year at Nazareth—Grandparents' and Older Friends' Day! Every year our older loved ones come and visit our happy school. On this day all of our teachers stived to emphasize how lucky we are to be a part of this school and the legacy that lasts. Not many children get to bring their grandparents and older friends to school; so, when one forgets what to be thankful

for, think of all the good that Nazareth has accomplished through the years. Also, we should remember to be grateful for the delicious and tasty food and beverages that were provided for us and our guests. Thanks to anyone who brought in these treats to help our grandparents feel welcome!

Staff Interviews

By Jessica Scipione, Isabelle DiTullio,

We interviewed **Mrs. McGarvey**, our Development Director.

Q: What was the theme of Grandparents' Day?

A: The theme was "A Tribute to Pioneers."

Q: How many older relatives attended?

A: Over 250 grandparents came and I believe that one grandmother travelled the farthest—135 miles from Lewis DE.

Q: We noticed that an 8th grader helped you this year with taking pictures.

A: Yes, Phillip Rueter stepped in and took very good shots.

Q: Is there anything you would like to have done differently for the day?

A: I would really like to have more room for the students and grandparents to gather, such as in the Multi-Purpose Room. We used to have a Talent Show for the students and grandparents, but as years went on, it got too crowded. I believe we do the best we can with the space that we have.

Our thanks to Mrs. McGarvey for this interview and for organizing such an awesome event! She plans really wonderful events for our school.

Mr. Dean Stephens was our next victim.

Q: Do you enjoy your work here at N.A.G.S.?

A: Yes, I do enjoy my job because the students here make my day enjoyable.

Q: What is the favorite part of your job?

A: My favorite thing is being around the faculty and students.

Q: What is the least favorite part?

A: I do not like cleaning up after someone is ill.

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Q: How long have you worked at N.A.G.S.?

A: I have worked here for 8 years and I have done everything from changing light bulbs to waxing floors.

Q: If you were not working here, where do you think you would be?

A: I probably would be at a supermarket because I like to help out.

Q: What is your dream job?

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Q: What is your dream job?

A: My dream job would be to own a business where my whole family can work and be taken care of.

Thank you, Mr. Stephens, for all of your hard work and happy attitude. We appreciate you tremendously!

Did you know that ??

1. Halloween candy sales average \$2 billion annually in the United States.
2. Reese's Peanut Butter Cups rank as the most popular Halloween candy, followed by Life Savers, Baby Ruth, Tootsie Rolls, and Milky Way bars. M&Ms and Hershey bars are also very popular.
3. If you see a spider on Halloween, it is the spirit of a loved one watching over you.



There are asteroids in space that are named after each of The Beatles!!!

Anthony Pantalone

Once again, our Forensics Team has begun a new year of competition. Forensics is public speaking, and the club is open to students in grades 6-8. We attend competitions at various high schools and have a blast! If **YOU** are in Grades 6-8, consider joining. Even if you are in the lower grades, start now to speak clearly and with a lot of feeling. Who knows? A champion awaits!!!



The Book Worms

Helen Dotchel and Victoria Fabianski

Bad Kitty vs. Uncle Murray

By: Nick Bruel

Poor Uncle Murray is babysitting Bad Kitty while her parents are away. Bad Kitty is lazy, quick-tempered, and crafty. She needs to be handled with extreme caution and care. On the other hand, Uncle Murray is like a "bowling ball in a china cabinet" (he's very clumsy and awkward!). The house turns into a war zone when Uncle Murray gives Bad Kitty her bath. Read this book to find out who wins and what surprise Bad Kitty gets at the end.

4 out of 5 stars

The Outsiders

By: S. E. Hinton

Ponyboy Curtis and his brothers, Sodapop and Darry, belong to a group of poor teenagers called "Greasers." They often fight with the "Socs", a group of wealthy, & privileged boys. This story leads you, the reader, along a tale of back-and-forth problems that occur between the two groups and even among the brothers. Read the story to find out how the power of loyalty wins out. This story is a suspenseful and touching story that all readers will enjoy.

5 out 5 star rating



Pantalone's Pundits



Movie Reviews

By: Anthony Pantalone

Despicable Me 2

This film is another summer blockbuster that is a sequel to the 2010 film "Despicable Me." This second outing in this franchise also made a large explosion in the box office. Despicable Me 2 is an animated, family-friendly movie that everyone can see. It is full of laughs too. The story is about a reformed super villain who now spends his life taking care of his three adopted daughters. His life is suddenly disrupted when he is recruited by the Anti-Villain League to search for a stolen weapon.

This movie delivers a

ton of laughs and, combined with those lovable minions, is sure to make for an enjoyable family time.

This movie critic awards this movie four out of five stars. In dialogue the movie gets four stars. I award the directing four stars because I believe that the directors did an excellent job with the sequel.

I highly recommend that everyone goes to see this fun movie. You will not be disappointed.

Check in for a new movie review in the next publication of this paper.

Until then...to be continued.

Agatha's Kitchen

By: Agatha Zin

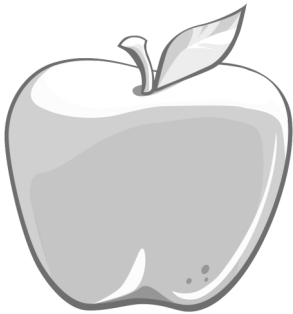
Starbucks Hot Chocolate



- 1/4 cup water
- 2 Tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
- 2 Tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1/4 teaspoons vanilla extract
- Whipped cream (optional)

Combine the water, cocoa powder, and sugar in a microwave safe pitcher. Zap the mixture on high for thirty seconds, or until hot. Stir to create a chocolate syrup. Now, add this syrup to the milk, and heat in the microwave for 1 –1 1/2 minutes. Remove, and add the vanilla. Top with whipped cream, if desired.

Candied Apples



- Cooking Spray
- 8 Red Delicious apples, stemmed
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup light-colored corn syrup
- 1/3 cup water
- 1/3 cup cinnamon decorator candies (such as Red Hots)
- Thick Skewers

Line a large baking sheet with foil and coat with cooking spray. Insert one skewer into stem end of each apple.



Combine sugar, corn syrup, water, and candies in a small heavy saucepan over medium heat. Cook until sugar dissolves stirring constantly. Cook, without stirring, until a candy thermometer registers 300 degrees (about 8 minutes). Remove from heat.

Working with one apple at a time and holding the apple by its skewer, dip in syrup, tilting the pan to coat the apple. Let excess syrup drip back into pan. Place apple, skewer side up on baking sheet. Allow to harden (about 5 minutes).

A vampire bat's teeth are so sharp that a cow's leg will be pierced and the cow is totally unaware of the bite. Helen Dotchel

N.A.G.S. ATHLETICS—***SOC**CER*

By James Duesler and Troy Neals

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Nazareth Academy Grade School Soccer Team. Coached by the wonderful and dedicated Mr. Spangler, these students played with great athleticism and school pride!

*Edward Miller
Catherine Monteith
Kathryn Tereshko
Troy Neals
Dominic Mancino
Maggie Kennedy
Megan Kennedy
Marisa Melendez
Ryan Spangler
Angelina Stride
Shannon O'Neill
Riley Eisler
Carolyn Marcelis
Tracy Marcelis
Christopher Morton*



Good luck to our departing eighth graders! More hardy and dedicated athletes are needed next year!!

The Sister Anita Faculty Room

Reported by Helen Dotchel

Last year as part of the annual Auction, there was a contest to name the Faculty Room. So many entries were received and the most-deserving person won the honor to have the Faculty Room named for her. Our beloved Sister Anita won the vote and, of course, the hearts of all.

Recently the faculty, staff, and students held a celebration to place the name plaque on the wall. Two student representatives from each grade attended the celebration. Sister Anita was gifted with balloons and candy and, of course,.....a plaque on the wall outside the faculty room. Congratulations, Sister Anita!

