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The Paw Print would like to congratulate the above students on their roles as editors of the winter issue of *The Paw Print*.

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By Tom Schultz

October 19, 2013 marked the day of the CBA math contest. The Saint Leo the Great math team competed against public and private schools. Members of the team included Ryan Alkin, William Acken, Amanda Dobrowolski, Andrew Thomson, Patrick Dinnell, John Meany, Peter Warshaw, and Ian Williamson.

Saint Leo's math team answered twenty pre-algebra questions in one hour. They won 5th place.



Ryan Alkin placed fourth out of one hundred and sixty other students competing.

Each student solved the problems individually, then the team's top five scores were added up to make the team score.

Congratulations to Saint Leo's math team for placing in this competition! Also, congratulations to Ryan Akin. All of the students that competed in the math competition did a great job. Congratulations to Mrs. Eng for all of her work with the math team!

Model UN at CBA

By Shane Brennan

There was plenty of debating on October 25, 2013 at CBA. This school hosted a model United Nations for 6th, 7th and 8th graders from six schools in Monmouth County. The schools included Oak Hill Academy, Saint Mathias, Rumson Country Day, Saint Leo the Great, Saint Thomas Moore and CBA.

The United Nations is an organization that has world leaders such as President Obama, Russian President Vladimir Putin, and South Korean Prime Minister Ban-Ki Moon. These leaders and many more from other countries get together every year for a meeting at their headquarters in New York City. They discuss global problems such as the handling of weapons, finding cures for diseases, and clean water.

There are three councils in the model UN, the Historical Security Council, World Health Organization, and Disarmament and Security Committee or DISEC. The participants representing Saint Leo the Great School at the model UN were Tom Schultz, Brendan Regan, Kev-

in Bauman, Karlie Cruz, Caroline Larkin, Patrick Larkin, Tom Distefano, David Sprague, Cameron Acken, Micheal Landolfi, Chris Sparber, and Matt Ruzich.

Each council has a specific job. The job of the Historical Security Council is to prevent war and to find economical and peaceful solutions to conflicts. The World Health Organization's job is to support sanitary and healthy solutions such as helping to stop malaria and keeping water clean. DISEC's job is to keep peace with countries that use chemical weapons.

The model UN went from 1PM to 9PM. All three committees went into three meeting rooms and discussed topics in a formal way. There were three sessions lasting two hours. They started many caucus or debates that lasted 5-10 minutes. CBA provided the participants with dinner and dessert. At the end of the evening schools were presented awards. Great job to all participants who attended this event.



Saint Leo the Great Day

By Caleigh Kehoe

On Friday, November 8, 2013, Saint Leo's celebrated their patron saint. Some schools go to mass and then go back to their regular schedules, but not this school. Our school attended mass at 9:00 A.M, followed by a turkey feast, and an 8th grade football game. At the mass our school gave out awards, prayed, and sang like angels. After the



mass we had a wonderful feast. Mrs. Newberry and the staff prepared us a lovely lunch. There was turkey, corn, bread, and mashed potatoes. For dessert, we had a big cookie. After our yummy meal, we went to the 8th grade football game and trust me it was very cold outside. Sadly, they had to stop in the middle of the game. It was a fun day for everyone!

Catholic Schools Week

By Michael Scott and Jillian Hemsing

During the week of January 26 through February 1, 2014, we celebrated Catholic Schools Week. This year, the theme of the week was "Community of Knowledge, Faith, and Service." Here at Saint Leo's we had a variety of activities planned to commemorate Catholic Schools Week. We celebrated it with mass, opens houses for parents and new students, and Appreciation Days for students and teachers.

Saint Leo's incorporates all of the traits of the Catholic Schools theme. Students demonstrate knowledge, faith, and service in their everyday



lives. Learning is seen throughout our school in many ways. There is continuous learning, our Blue Ribbon Award, the most current technology, and clubs. Faith is shown in many ways: mass, prayer services, religion classes, class prayers, school prayers, and respect for life. Lastly, Saint Leo's shows service to the community by donating Thanksgiving baskets, participating in Lunch Break and the Giving Tree Christmas program. There is even a Star Program where younger students are mentored by upperclassmen.

The Gleeful Surprise

By Patrick Dinnell

It was just another day when Mr. Begley held the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades at break. He advised us that clubs will be changed in January. Little did students know, but Mr. Begley was about to blow them away. He said that the Glee Club was now available and anyone could sign up right then! There was an immediate crowd of people and it was a miracle no one was trampled. All of the other clubs lost some members, but they all had enough to keep going. The Glee Club sang at the Christmas play and will sing at other upcoming events. Music inspires many to do great things.



We Give Thanks...

By Colleen Cusat and Alexa Waldron

On November 26, 2013, Pilgrims and Native Americans sang their hearts out while sharing with us the true origin of Thanksgiving. The entire kindergarten assumed the roles of Pilgrims and Native Americans.



They told the story of The Mayflower and the arrival to the new world. Following a difficult beginning in Massachusetts, the Pilgrims were grateful to the Native Americans for their help and guidance which resulted in survival. In appreciation, the Pilgrims celebrated with the Native Americans which started the Thanksgiving traditions. To this day Thanksgiving remains a tradition of thankfulness for our God, our country, and our families.

“Coats” Off to Mrs. O

By Jule Gnazzo

Can you imagine on these bitter cold days not having a coat to keep you warm? Unfortunately this is the case for far too many people in our own area. Our own Mrs. Owendoff makes an effort to help people in this situation. She collects coats for the less fortunate. This year she collected six bags of coats! She also does TOGS which is the *Township of Ocean Growing Strong*. The TOGS program creates a caring society by growing connectedness to peers adult role models, and the community. Thanks to the efforts of “Mrs. O”, now more people are having a warmer winter.



Respect Life

By Karlie Cruz



This year the Respect Life contest was opened to the fourth and fifth grade classes. This year’s theme was *Open Your Heart to Life*. To participate in this year’s contest, the students could create a poster, video, or essay. The submissions were reviewed by a panel of teachers and sent to the Diocese of Trenton. The Diocese reviewed the entries submitted by the schools. They chose a winner in each category based on how well the theme was presented. Saint Leo the Great School is anticipating a winner again this year.

Super Bowl XLVIII

By Robbie Demarco and Brian Eager

Were you ready for this year's Super Bowl? This year's Super Bowl was right in our backyard—the MetLife Stadium in Newark. This year's Super Bowl tickets were around \$3,000, and that's just for nosebleeds. The most expensive tickets are around \$9,000. The teams who played in this year's Super Bowl were



the Denver Broncos and the Seattle Seahawks. Most of us were hoping that the Giants or Jets would get into the Super Bowl. The top three players in the NFL right now are Adrian Peterson, the running back for the Vikings. Peyton Manning, the quarterback for the Broncos, and Calvin Johnson, the wide receiver for the Lions.

The Joy of Reading

By Matthew Ruzich

Reading is an amazing activity that people all over the world do. Reading is a skill that almost all people have. It takes you on adventures to places you would have never known. Reading can be for leisure, or for assignments or projects. People who read are not only getting better at word skills and grammar, but reading can make you more confident in yourself and boost your self-esteem. Books help you learn new things and can teach important life lessons.

There are many different types of books to choose from. There are books like fantasy, sci-fi, drama, romance, mystery, horror, poetry, biographies, autobiographies, diaries, and journals. Books can also be about school courses, like math, history, science, religion, and art. Some books are series or trilogies.

Mr. Begley got in the spirit of reading when he

accepted a reading challenge from Pizza Hut on November 13, 2014.

The challenge was called *The Book It Program: Read Your Heart Out*. He was not the only Principal, though. Hundreds of other Principals participated as well. Mr. Begley went to all the lower grades and read to them for the entire day. In the school lobby there was a haystack covered with books. Mr. Begley even dressed up like a cowboy.

Some people do not think reading is that important today. They believe that the world has become too high tech for people to pick up books and read. I believe that we should keep reading in our lives. So, what book are you going to read tomorrow?!



Family, Friends, and Wishes

By Lauren Sabella and Hailey Scarantino

Back in early December we had an opportunity to interview the students of 3-A. We asked the students multiple questions about their Christmas traditions. Some of the questions we asked were: “What do you do every year during the Christmas holiday?” “What do you leave out for Santa?” and, “What do you want for Christmas?” We took a few of the interview sheets to find the most common answers. We used information provided by Christian Ailor, Sophia Almedia, Jorgia Cella, Holly Hanlon, Ciara Magnier, and Victoria Perrella. Out of six children everyone leaves out different types of cookies for Santa. Every single student spends the Christmas holi-



day with their families—cousins, aunts, uncles, parents, siblings, and grandparents. Most of the third graders’ favorite winter activities were skiing, having snowball fights, building forts, sleigh riding, and making snowmen. The most popular presents that the children wished for were all sorts of electronics. A few of the presents on the childrens’ wish lists were the Xbox One, a new book, an American Girl doll, a television in their room, a puppy, and an iPod. **The most special wish of all was for the poor to be happy.** The childrens’ favorite Christmas songs were *Up on the House Top*, *Dominic the Donkey*, *Holly Jolly Christmas*, *Feliz Navidad*, and *Jingle Bells*. What do YOU want for Christmas?

Skip the Mall, Hit the Cafeteria!

By John Incantalupo

Students marked their calendars. They circled December 2nd through December 4th, and headed for the Christmas Corner in the cafeteria. This is where students bought gifts for their relatives. There were fabulous gifts that said Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, Aunt, Uncle, Godmother, and Godfather. You could also get presents for your cousins,



friends, and yourself (if you’re allowed). Each class went at separate times, although some overlapped. The middle school went during break on their assigned day. Gifts that the students bought were wrapped by volunteers for free! From oven mitts to coffee mugs, you could have purchased a gift for every family member!

“Thank you, Father John!”

By Robbie DeMarco and Alexa Waldron

On Wednesday, December 18, 2013, Father John surprised all the students with a special Christmas gift. Father John presented each student and teacher with a porcelain nativity ornament to remind us of the true meaning of Christmas. The ornament featured the Holy Family. Father John wished everyone a holy Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. Father visited the school on Polar Express Day and joined in the celebration by wearing his casual “flannels” and his “Santa” hat. As we place this beautiful gift on display, we will remember the Holy Family. The students appreciated Father’s gift.

Breakfast with Santa

By Juliana Largo



Santa and his elves were preparing for this special morning for a long time. Santa left the North Pole very early and was very excited to see all the little girls and boys. He was also looking forward to a great breakfast! One of his favorite pre-Christmas trips is to Saint Leo the Great School. Although it is an extremely busy time at the North Pole, he loves to visit with the elves and participate in Christmas craft creations. The elves helped the kids with crafts. They also ate breakfast and took pictures with Santa! The children had lots of fun with Santa and his elves while talking with their friends. All the kids left with lots of Christmas cheer!

Saint Leo’s Christmas Concert

A Special Homecoming

By Alysa Lazzara and Juliana Vaccaro

The Christmas concert was held on Tuesday December 17, 2013. Kindergarten to fourth grade participated in this wonderful event. Each grade sang two Christmas songs and performed them during the school dress rehearsal. That night, the children dressed up in their best attire and performed for all of their friends and family. The older students helped out with the little ones by showing them where to go and helped keep their excitement in check. Technology provided a beautiful setting for the Christmas presentation as candles flickered from individual iPad’s.

This year, the evening audience had the opportunity to share in the wonderful homecoming of Josh Matthews. Josh, a member of Army 82nd Air Borne Unit, had been assigned to Afghanistan for three and a half years. He returned safely home to Lincroft on December 15, 2013. What a wonderful Christmas gift for the Matthew’s family. The Christmas concert and the homecoming of Josh Matthews helped people of all ages get into the holiday spirit. People still go wild for the Christmas concert. Hopefully, in the future, people will still get in the Christmas spirit at this event.

Christmas Traditions

By Robbie DeMarco

Christmas in the United States is celebrated with lights, decorations, festive music, brightly wrapped presents, wonderful food, and most importantly, the birth of Christ. Christmas in Brazil seems really nice. One tradition celebrated by the people of Brazil is to create nativity scenes. They also go to midnight Mass.

In Germany, there is a myth that on Christmas Eve, the rivers in Germany turn into wine, and animals speak to each other. The Christmas tree also origi-



nated in Germany. On Christmas Day, the German people have a banquet of plump roast goose.

Christmas in Portugal sounds really different. They have an annual feast called *Consoada*. In the early morning they set extra places at the table for *almihas*, also known as “the sounds of the dead.”

In Italy, a cannon is fired from Castel St. on Christmas day. The Italian people can’t eat meat for twenty-four hours before Christmas Eve, but after that there is a big Christmas meal.

How Did Saint Nick Get Associated With Christmas?

By Tom Schultz

When you think of Christmas what do you think about? Probably Santa who is also known as Saint Nicholas. Saint Nicholas lived around AD 320. He was a wealthy man, but also very kind and generous. There are many legends about him. One of them goes like this.

During the time Saint Nick lived a woman had to have a dowry in order to get married. A dowry is a lot of money a woman gives to her husband before they get married. A poor man had three daughters. They did not have enough money for a dowry so they couldn’t get married. One night, Saint Nick dropped a bag of gold coins down the chimney. Now the three daughters could get married.

Martin Luther (he created the Protestant religion) denounced Saint Nicholas because he became the main focus of Christmas, not Jesus. He then created a new character named Krist Kindle. Krist Kindle had wings and delivered gifts on Christmas Eve, not Christmas. Then, the legend of Krist Kindle got carried over to America and became Kris Kringle.

Dutch sailors called Saint Nicholas Santer Klause. When they came over to America his name changed to Santa Claus.



Second Grade Christmas Stories

By Jillian Hemsing

The sixth grade classes this year made Christmas just a little better for our second graders. Each child was assigned a writer to interview them. The interview questions included all types of personal Christmas traditions and favorite things. On November 25, 2013, the writers happily introduced themselves and busily took notes on their new second grade friend. They asked about favorite Christmas songs, treats, movies, stories and family activities. It was a great chance to get to know our young friends better.



About a week before Christmas, the sixth grade students put the final touches on their Christmas stories.

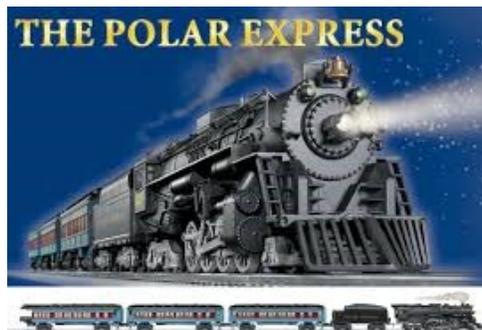
Everyone was excited to gather once again. The sixth graders read their friend the personalized story written just for them and presented the beautifully illustrated book to each child as a Christmas memory.

Mrs. Shute and her students spent a lot of time perfecting their stories. Thanks to the second grade students and their teachers, Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Ippilitto, for generously giving us your time!

Polar Express Came to Saint Leo the Great

By Charli Lam

On Dec. 18, 2013 Polar Express Day took place at Saint Leo the Great School. Polar Express Day is a day when students get to put on pjs and go to school. It is a great way to be comfortable while learning. This day is based on the movie. The movie is about a magical train that brings a boy



to Santa's home in the North Pole. The SLG kitchen gave out cookies and hot chocolate. Students wore pjs like footies, spirit pants, or just Christmas pajamas.

Polar Express Day is lots of fun for all the students. We are looking forward to many more Polar Express Days.

Letters to Santa

Compiled by Katelyn Lawson



This Christmas season Katelyn Lawson asked third graders from Saint Leo the Great School to share their letters to Santa.

Dear Santa,



Hope you have been well. I have been good all year. I hope I can get a few toys from my list. Do you still like plain milk? I plan on leaving you milk and cookies again this year.

Love,

Samantha Aliprandi

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a new blanket for my sister, Frozen characters that sing, (Sven, Olaf and Elsa). Also a Bubble Guppy toy for my sister London! I will have cookies and milk for you.

Love,

Madison Lawick



Dear Santa,



Do you have a favorite cookie that I can get you? I can't wait until Christmas. I can't wait until you come.

Love,
Peyton Myers

Dear Santa,



How are your elves doing? I wanted you to know I broke my arm. I am so excited for Christmas Eve so I can celebrate Jesus' birthday. I listen to my mom and do my homework. Could you please bring me stickers for my cast?
Love, Julia Szostek

Dear Santa,

I wish I can just see you right now and give you a big hug. I love you. Santa, can you make sure our Elf on the Shelf is good this year? Thank you! Can you get my brother Kevin some art stuff? Thank you!

I hope you have a nice Christmas. I love you.

Your friend,
Erin Henderson



Top 25 Things to Do on an Unexpected Snow Day

By John Incantalupo



1. If known the night before, do not set an alarm.
2. Keep a spare book to read.
3. **MAKE UNLIMITED SNOWMEN!!!**
4. Make a snow fort.
5. Be prepared to volunteer to shovel your neighbor's driveway.
6. Have a snowball fight.
7. Go to the movies.
8. Get caught up on schoolwork.
9. Take an hour-long bath.
10. Drink a gallon of hot cocoa.
11. Warm up by the fire.
12. Go sledding on an enormous hill.
13. Bake a favorite recipe.
14. Play board games.
15. Go shopping—online! (with permission)
16. Make a snow cave.
17. Have a neighbor over.
18. Watch TV.
19. Do nothing.
20. Take a nap.
21. Eat junk food.
22. Play video games.
23. Watch a movie.
24. Play cards.
25. If you don't want to do any of the 24 things above, then make it clear to everyone around you that you're bored!

Local Olympians Hope to Make their Mark in this Year's Winter Olympics

By Shane Brennan

This year's Winter Olympics will showcase the best American athletes in sports that include hockey, skiing, and snowboarding. The Winter Olympics will be held in Sochi, Russia. Sochi is on the coast of the Black Sea in Southern Russia. It will hold this major event in two giant arenas, some of the largest in the world. It is a small, cute city which even has a beach. The Winter Olympics will be a huge event.

Local Olympians are James Van Riemsdyk (Middletown, NJ) and John Carlson (Colonia, NJ). James Van Riemsdyk was raised in Middletown and is the oldest of three hockey-playing brothers. Van

Riemsdyk played hockey at CBA and in college at UNH. He was drafted to the Philadelphia Flyers in 2010. He played with the Flyers for two years and then was traded to the Toronto Maple Leafs in 2012. So far this season, he's scored 15 goals.

John Carlson was raised in Colonia, NJ, which is near Woodbridge. He is in his fourth year of professional hockey. He has been with many other teams outside of the NHL; the London Knights and the Hershey Bears. He played hockey in middle school and in high school at Saint Joseph in Metuchen. He was drafted to the Washington Capitals in 2008. So far this season, he has seven goals for the Capitals.



2013 In Review

By Tom Schultz



Did you know that...

- On January 20, President Obama was inaugurated for a second term in office.
- On February 4, the Baltimore Ravens beat the San Francisco 49'ers in Super Bowl XLVII.
- On February 28, Pope Benedict the XVI resigned as leader of the Catholic Church creating a tremendous reaction around the world.
- On March 13, Pope Francis the I was voted head of the Catholic church by the college of Cardinals.
- On June 20, the Miami Heat defeated the San Antonio Spurs to win the NBA championship for the 2nd year in a row.
- Students at Saint Leo the Great school returned back to school on September 3rd.
- The one year Anniversary of Super Storm Sandy was on October 28.
- On October 30, the Boston Red Sox beat the Saint Louis Cardinals in game 7 and won the world series.
- On November 6, Governor Chris Christie got elected Governor of New Jersey for a second term.
- On December 5, Nelson Mandela died at the age of 95. He was a South African peacemaker.
- December 25...Christmas!

The Rap Contest

By Caroline Larkin

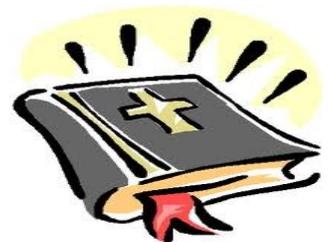
The sixth grade competed in a rap contest. Mrs. Pomanowski taught us a rap over a period of seven weeks. We learned one verse a week. On October 30th, Mrs. Pomanowski held a contest that consisted of who could put together and sing the best version of the Old Testament Rap. The judges were Mrs. Shute, Mrs. Senkewicz and Mrs. Pomanowski. There was a group winner and a solo winner in each class. The contestants were judged on memorization, pronunciation, in-sync with beat, gestures and facial expressions.

The group winners from 6A were Giavanna Cugliari, Caroline Dnistrian and Jillian Helsing. The solo winner was Chris Sparber. The group winners from 6B were Riley Dinnell, Grace Krall, Abby Lonardo and Caroline Meany. The solo winner was Arianna Thomson. The 6C group

winner were Anna Thoresen and Maggie Ward. The solo winner was Michael Rue.

The students who won received a dress down day, a certificate, and ten points added to their lowest test grade.

On November 25, 2013 there was a "Rap Off" between all the winners. The solo winner of the "Rap Off" was Arianna Thomson. The group winners were Maggie Ward and Anna Thoresen. They all received another dress down day and another ten points added to their lowest test grade. All participants won a religious homework planner, and most importantly, bragging rights!



All Eyes on the Scoreboard

By Colleen Cusat

Boys JV Basketball Scoreboard

Date	Visitors	Home	Score	Saint Leo Outcome
11/17/13	Saint Leo	Saint Catharine	35-24	Win
11/24/13	Holy Cross	Saint Leo	20-66	Win
12/1/13	Saint Leo	Saint Rose	50-12	Win
12/7/13	Saint Leo	Saint Dominic	36-10	Win
12/14/13	Saint Leo	Saint Mary	35-9	Win
12/18/13	Saint Joseph	Saint Leo	16-31	Win
1/5/14	Saint Leo	Saint James	37-16	Win

1. Won Saint Rose of Lima Tournament 2. Record is 7-0 3. Head Coach is Mr. Lebreque

Boys JV Team: K. Aldridge, C. Arias, K. Bauman, N. Berlingieri, E. Casburi, J. Chambers, C. Dammann, D. Hurley, O. McCann, M. McNamara, C. Moren, C. Sparber, J. Terefenko.

Boys Varsity Basketball Scoreboard

Date	Visitors	Home	Score	Saint Leo Outcome
11/17/13	Saint Leo	Saint Catharine	35-36	Loss
11/24/13	Holy Cross	Saint Leo	42-52	Win
12/1/13	Saint Leo	Saint Rose	41-37	Win
12/7/13	Saint Leo	Saint Dominic	42-54	Loss
12/14/13	Saint Leo	Saint Mary	36-29	Win
12/18/13	Saint Joseph	Saint Leo	40-47	Win
1/5/14	Saint Leo	Saint James	47-43	Win

1. Record is 5-2

2. Head Coach is Mr. Laux

Boys Varsity Team: R. Alkin, D. Brooks, J. Casey, J. Cohen, A. Colannino, J. DiStefano, J. Duffy, J. Harnisch, W. Heidelberger, N. Hohenstein, N. Holt, C. Lanzalotto, J. Lavelle, R. Nerney, N. Sparber, L. Ward

Girls JV Basketball Scoreboard

Date	Visitors	Home	Score	Saint Leo Outcome
11/16/13	Saint Leo	Saint Catharine	27-24	Win
11/24/13	Holy Cross	Saint Leo	6-8	Win
12/1/13	Saint Leo	Saint Rose	14-28	Loss
12/4/13	Saint Leo	Saint Dominic	27-10	Win
12/14/13	Saint Leo	Saint Mary	10-17	Loss
12/19/13	Saint Joseph	Saint Leo	6-22	Win
1/5/14	Saint Leo	Saint James	16-9	Win

1. Record is 5-2

2. Head Coach is Mrs. Almeida

Girls JV Team: O. Almeida, A. Cisar, K. Cizen, G. DiStefano, S. Gana, G. Krall, C. Lam, B. Mansour, H. McCarthy, C. Meany, H. Scarantino, M. Ward, K. Williamson

Girls Varsity Basketball Scoreboard

Date	Visitors	Home	Score	Saint Leo Outcome
11/16/13	Saint Leo	Saint Catharine	31-53	Loss
11/24/13	Holy Cross	Saint Leo	42-15	Win
12/1/13	Saint Leo	Saint Rose	41-17	Win
12/7/13	Saint Leo	Saint Dominic	37-25	Win
12/14/13	Saint Leo	Saint Mary	37-25	Win
12/19/13	Saint Joseph	Saint Leo	35-13	Win
1/5/14	Saint Leo	Saint James	37-3	Win

Won Saint Rose of Lima Tournament

2. Record is 6-1

3. Head Coach is Mr. Kehoe

Girls Varsity Team: R. Acken, B. Andree, A. Bauer, D. Borrino, C. Cusat, E. Dunn, L. Esteban, S. Fitzgerald, E. Gioacchini, J. Gnazzo, K. Kwapniewski, C. Loder, K. Murray, N. Ventura

Boys Varsity Basketball

By Liam Ward



The returning players on the boys varsity basketball team are Ryan Alkin, Nick Hohenstein, and Nick Sparber. The players who are new to the team this year are Jack Harnisch, Jack DiStefano, Jack Casey, Johnny Duffy, John Lavelle, Andrew Colonnino, Christian Lanzolotto, Josh Cohen, Nick Holt, Ryan Nerney, Derek Brooks, William Heidelberger, and Liam Ward.

I hope the boys' varsity team will do very good this year and go to the championship. Our school will be very happy if they bring home the title. This season will be a very good year. This team is looking good in the beginning of the season and hopes to continue their success.

Pep Rally

By Juliana Largo



Hear the lions roar, feel excitement build and meet athletes at their best! The whole school gathered in the AAC on December 18, 2013 to watch teams show what they have been working on for the current season. All the winter sports got to participate in the Pep Rally. Everyone was excited to see all the teams' exhibitions.

The sports that participated this year were: JV boys and girls basketball, Varsity boys and girls basketball, cheerleading, cross country, and boys and girls soccer. The Pep Rally was organized by Mr. Murray. Additionally, the spirited announcers were Bridget Andree, Nick Hohenstein, and Kendall Perless. The Pep Rally encouraged school spirit, pride, and excitement. GO LIONS!

JV Boys Basketball Team

By Liam Ward

The returning players for the JV Boys Basketball team are Jarret Chambers, Kevin Bauman, Matt McNamara, and Chris Sparber. The new players are CJ Dammann, Kyle Aldridge, Danny Hurley, Jared Terefanko, Chris Moren, and Chris Arias, Owen McCann, and Nick Berlingieri. The team is going to be very good this year.

The JV Boys Basketball Team, as of this date, is undefeated. They were victorious over Saint Catherine's, Saint Benedict's, Holy Cross, Saint Joseph's,

Saint Rose, and Saint Mary's. All of these teams were strong competitors but none were better than Saint

Leos JV Boys Basket-

ball Team. Our team is doing very good with our Head Coach Mr. Lebreque. As of this date Saint Leos Boys Basketball team is so far 6-0 in the regular season. Lets Go Lions!

