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8th Graders Say Farewell to Saint Leo's

By Juliana Vaccaro & Juliana Largo

Congratulations to the 2013 graduates! On June 7th, 2013, the eighth grade will be graduating from Saint Leo the Great School. Graduation is a time when people come together to celebrate completing their grammar school education and looking forward to going to high school. From pre-school to eighth grade we have watched our students blossom into mature, handsome and beautiful boys and girls. It is a special time for the graduates because they are not only leaving behind precious childhood memories, but leaving a part of their lives that is irreplaceable. It is

also a time to look ahead, anticipate a new school, a new adventure and a new dream.

On June 5, 2013, awards are presented to students for academic achievement, scholarships, physical fitness, perfect attendance, and outstanding recognition. On this evening, all of the hard work and effort of individual students are recognized.

The Baccalaureate Mass takes place the night before graduation. This year the Baccalaureate Mass is scheduled for June 6. It is the last mass that the eighth graders will attend as a class before leaving Saint Leos.

Afterwards, the graduates and their parents attend a reception in the cafeteria.

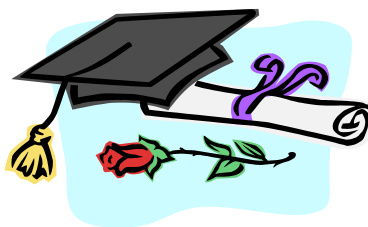


Kindergarten Graduation

By Emily Gioacchini & Colleen Cusat

The kindergartners are going to dress up in their caps and gowns and graduate. They graduate on June 10th, 2013. It is their first educational step in achievement. Now they move on to first grade and share their knowledge with their new teachers. Their first grade teachers will be Mrs. Hei-

delberger in 1-A and Mrs. Golden in 1-B. KA teacher, Ms. Wet-



jen, KB teacher Mrs. Boggio, and KC teacher, Mrs. Csontos

taught the students very well to get ready for first grade. They taught them shapes, how to read and write, how to add and subtract, and so much more. The students, faculty and staff of Saint Leo's would like to wish the kindergartners the best of luck in first grade!

Students Perform Living Stations

By Caleigh Kehoe & Emily Balsamo

On March 25, 2013, 27 eighth graders reenacted the Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross are really important in the Catholic Church during the Lenten season, especially on Good Friday. They allow participants to focus on the different stages of the crucifixion. The Living Stations allow the eighth graders to be an example for the younger students by assuming the role of Jesus and His followers. The living meditation can help Christians have a deeper faith in God. Some of you may ask why we practice The Stations of the Cross? We follow The Stations of the Cross because Jesus died for us and we need to thank Him for the ultimate sacrifice. The following is a list of students who



participated in the performance: **Narrators:** Denver Bradley, Tyler Gentile, **Jesus:** Michael Krall, **Mary:** Maggie Rue, **John, The Beloved:** Joseph Sparber, **Mary Magdalene:** Bridget Alkin, **Veronica:** Lauren Kosakowski, **Joseph of Arimathea:** Justin Largo, **Nicodemus:** Will Buhse, **Simon of Cyrene:** Alex Sargiss, **Pontius Pilate:** Christian Sasso, **Pilate's Wife:** Maeve Byrnes, **Servant:** Victor Almedia, **Maid Servant:** Olivia Walters, **Women of Jerusalem:** Tricia Arcidiacono, Frances Mazzella, Bella Potenziana, Alexandra Winant, **Roman Centurion:** John Gnazzo, **Roman Soldiers:** Raymond Laux, Shaun, Golden, Kevin Paleski, Travis Yawger, **Crowd:** Kevin Kane, James Ladley, and Connor Ward.

SLG Travels Back in Time...1950's

By Georgette Abinader & Caleigh Kehoe

On Monday, March 11, 2013 the teachers and students had to dress like people from the 1950's. The cafeteria served hamburgers, cheeseburgers, funnel fries, and hot dogs. We also had Coke and root beer floats.



Nothing like a 50's day meal on

50's day! To top everything off,

we even had a 50's raffle! The winner of the raffle was Isabella Mansour in 4th grade. Congratulations Isabella and thank you to everyone for participating in 50's day. As people in the 1950's would say, "Keep Rock N' & Rollin!"



Second Graders Make First Holy Communion

By Katelyn Lawson & Alyssa Torres

Saint Leo the Great School's second grade made their First Holy Communion. The second graders received the body and blood of Christ on three different days; April 27th, May 3rd, and May 10th. Each of these days was special for all of us and especially the communicants.

The mass started when the children proceeded into the church. Father John said prayers and welcomed the children. He also said that all the communicants are just like lambs—God loves and cares for each of them. When it was time to receive

the Eucharist, the child's immediate family escorted him/her to the altar. The children were so excited

they couldn't sit still in their pews. Before Father John let the children go, they sang two songs: *Joy, Joy, Joy* and *I for Jesus*. At the conclusion of the mass, many children enjoyed celebrating with their family and friends.

The first grade class of Saint Leo the Great presented their second grade friends with a beautiful cake. Both

classes celebrated this special occasion.



Grandparents' Day Book Fair

By Carmela Casaburi

On Friday May 3rd "grand-day" took place. There were many grandparents or "grand-relatives" walking around and enjoying our school. There were so many things to do that day but one of the best parts was the book fair. The book fair took place in the cafeteria. A lot of grandparents enjoyed the books and enjoyed exploring our school. Many of the same books from the last book fair were sold, but there were many new ones too.

The book fair is a great opportunity to buy books you want and enjoy a bigger variety of books. Plus you could really bond with your grandparents.

Mrs. Robustelli set up the book fair with help from Mr. Newberry. She said the book fair was really busy, but luckily the books didn't run out! She also said the most popular books were *Magic Treehouse* and *Gernoimo Stilton*. Mrs. Robustelli said the grandparents were delighted to buy books for their grandchildren.

Marian Service Celebrated at Saint Leo's

By Katie Fitzgerald & Madelyn Normoyle

The May Crowning or Marian Service was a very special event for the second graders of Saint Leo the Great. On May 13th the students arrived at school in their beautiful Communion dresses and suits. They had a special service in the church and signed and sang the Hail Mary. Also during the service they

crowned the statue of Mary with a beautiful flower crown. This year Alaina Montefusco crowned the Blessed Mother. Matthew Celli, Victoria Perrella, and Eamon Sullivan assisted her. The May Crowning was a beautiful and memorable ceremony for the second grade and the rest of Saint Leos.



Great Adventure Class Trip

By Justin Moren & Hannah Hungerbuhler

The seventh grade went to Six Flags Great Adventure on April 26th, 2013.

The students were excited to get on the buses and prepare for a great day ahead. They arrived at nine o'clock. When they pulled up to Great Adventure, there were many other schools there to enjoy the day. The sun was shining brightly as we picked up our math packets. The packet contained questions about The Big Wheel, Bumper Cars, and the Carousel. The



questions contained work with fractions, percentages, and degrees.

Next came the FUN part! Most of the kids went on Kingda Ka, El Toro, and Nitro. At half past twelve the students ate lunch in the picnic grounds. Seventh graders enjoyed a feast of nachos, chicken nuggets, burgers, cookies, and soda. After the exciting day with their friends, they arrived back at school by five. Everyone in the seventh grade had a great time!



Show your Spirit

By Alyssa Torres, Olivia DiRe, & Trinity Murray

On Thursday, May 23, 2013, Saint Leo the Great School showed their spirit at a pep rally. It started at 1:15 pm in the AAC. The teams that were featured at the pep rally were volleyball, softball, cheerleading, tennis, track and baseball. Mrs. Gillespie who ran the pep rally pumped up the crowd and athletes with great music. She said that the pep rally was a great way to show school spirit, get the kids excited and a great way to start Memorial Day Weekend.



Chinese New Year

By Katie Fitzgerald

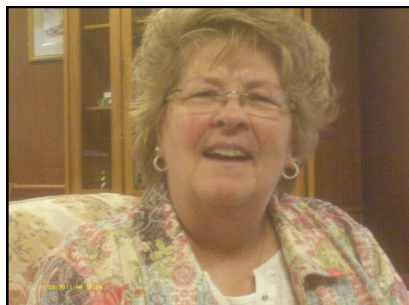
Every year Chinese New Year is celebrated on February 10. Each year there is a symbol. This year the symbol is the snake. A person who is born into the year of the snake is usually good tempered and has a skill at communicating. On the bad side, they may be jealous and suspicious.

In China, the people go out for a big dinner for Chinese New Years. Fireworks go off at midnight too. A tradition that families follow is that married couples give little red packets full of money to children and other adults. Mrs. Eng said that her favorite part of Chinese New year is spending time with family and friends.

SLG Welcomes Sister Jean

By Emily Gioacchini and Caleigh Kehoe

Saint Leo's has a new member of the parish. Her name is Sister Jean. She entered the convent when she graduated from high school. She says that she wanted to become a Sister because she just loved God and wanted to help other people. First, Sister Jean was a teacher and taught grades one through eight. Then she worked in a diocesan office. Her position in the dioceses involved teaching adults about God and how He is always with us. She says that the best part of her job is meeting new people and families.



Sister Jean has done some small programs around Lincroft. She has gone to Luftmen Towers and visits men and women who live there. Sister Jean does this because she doesn't want the elderly to feel lonely. She also meets with small groups of people who share an understanding of the scriptures. She meets at their homes or at the parish center. The average group size is about eight to ten people. Sister Jean loves to share her love of God with others. We welcome Sister Jean to the Saint Leo the Great Family!

Welcome Pope Francis

By Sarah Magno & Cecilia Heidelberger

As you may know, Pope Benedict XVI has resigned due to health problems. The Cardinals all met together in Rome to discuss the election of the new pope. White smoke is sent out if a new pope has been elected. Black smoke is sent out if a new pope has not been elected. Everyone in Rome celebrates and rejoices when white smoke is sent out. Then we all wait anxiously until the new pope is announced.

Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio from Argentina was elected pope and picked the name Francis after Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of Italy. He was offered many luxuries, but he refused to take



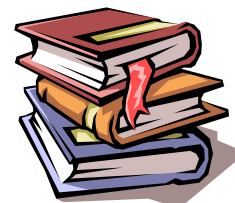
them, like Saint Francis of Assisi. Back in Buenos Aires, he often held mass with the homeless people on the streets. Usually, the popes have assistants to help them with their daily issues. Instead, Pope Francis wanted to do everything on his own without the help of his new assistants. This style is very different from previous popes.

Pope Francis is a warm and friendly person and he cares about the Catholic Church. We welcome him into his new position. Thank you to the Cardinals who elected this wonderful new pope.



Spring Cleaning

By Francesca Lavelle and Katie Fitzgerald



The Paw Print staff has come up with a list of spring cleaning ideas for you to do. At **home**, you should go through your closet—clothes, shoes, or jackets. At **school**—here is a list to follow. This list is to help you along the way with your spring cleaning. Here is our list of helpful hints: Your Heart, Your Mind, Your Soul, Your Backpack, Your Pencil case, Your Penda-flex & Your Locker.

Your Locker

Take everything out! (Water bottles, papers, old pens and pencils, etc.)

Divide your locker into sections for each type of book.

If you can, purchase a locker shelf. It makes organizing your locker 10 times easier!

Personalize! Put up pictures of family and friends or fun magnets or even a chandelier!

Just make your locker fun!

Your Cubby

Take out everything! (Books, lunch boxes, pencil cases, or anything else.)

Pick where you want to put all your books.

Then put all your books and things back.

Do you like how it looks? If not, do it again.

Now (the hardest part), keep your cubby like this!



The Benefits of Playing an Instrument

By Sarah Magno and Cecilia Heidelberg

Playing instruments can benefit you in many ways. For example, it can enlarge your memory capacity. Researchers

proved this by testing young children. Some children were put into musical classes and others were not.

The children who were in musical classes scored better on the tests

than the children who did not take lessons. Another benefit is that it improves your coordination. Reading music notes and playing an instrument at the same time requires hand-to-eye coordination.



When you read the notes on the page, you have to deliver the information to your brain. This is where your brain tells your nerves to move your body to

produce the sound. The next benefit is that it can help you with math in school. By counting music notes and rhythm beats, it can help you with basic math problems.

In conclusion, these benefits prove a point.

Playing an instrument helps you with everything, from basic math skills, to improving your hand-to-eye coordination. We suggest that you consider playing an instrument because of these benefits.

Attack of the Bubbles

By James Krall & Andrew Colannino

On Monday, April 22, 2013, the Science Club did something very cool and fun for the students. The students of the Science Club made home-made bubble wands! Mrs. Tyrrell and Mrs. McManus were in charge of giving out the soap for the students to refill their plastic cups. They dipped their wands into the cups to blow the bubbles. The bubbles ranged from a tiny dot to a bubble as big as your head. The students went outside on the blacktop to test out their designer wands that they had made. The bubbles flew around the school building making it a magical day. It gave a whole new meaning to the expression, “Don’t burst your bubbles!”

The Eighth Grade Hits Broadway

By Thomas Canny

On March 20th 2013, the 8th grade class of Saint Leo the Great took a trip to New York City. The class went to Saint Patrick’s Cathedral, Dave and Busters and *Spider-Man Turn off the Dark*.



First, the 8th grade students marveled at the beautiful Saint Patrick’s Cathedral and admired the stained glass windows. Then we enjoyed a meal at Dave and Busters located in Time Square. Finally, we saw *Spider-Man Turn Off the Dark*, a Broadway play about a nerdy kid who gets bullied and gets bit by a radioactive spider. He then realizes after the death of his uncle, the heroic road he must take to learn to become the hero known as Spider-Man. I give this play three thumbs up!

Solomon’s Temple Contest

By Sarah Magno and Cecilia Heidelberger

The sixth students in Mrs. Pomanowski’s religion class recreated realistic looking models of Solomon’s Temple. Solomon is the son of David and a king in the Old Testament. The classes split up into groups and brought in various materials for their temples. Some of the materials they used



were paper towel rolls, cardboard boxes, masking tape, and other creative items. They also included the bronze bowls that the priests used and they even

made fire pits. The sixth, seventh, and eighth grade voted for their favorite temples. The winning temple was temple number eight. It belonged to James Krall, Colleen Cusat, Thomas Gray, Riley Plosica, Cecilia Heidelberger, Nick Holt, and Isabelle Geneve. All of the sixth

grade students and Mrs. Pomanowski enjoyed learning about Solomon. Congratulations to all the students who created the winning temple!

Jousting Anyone?

By Francesca Lavelle & Alyssa Torres

Are you ready to travel back in time? Your first stop is Lyndhurst, New Jersey. There you will find a replica of an eleventh century castle called... Medieval Times. Medieval Times was the sixth grade field trip destination. Medieval Times is a theater featuring games from the medieval times and sword and jousting fights, performed by 75 actors and 20 horses. While you are watching the different shows and you are eating your meal consisting of oven roasted chicken, garlic bread, herb roasted potatoes and a drink of your



choice, you are cheering for your knight. The knight has your tables colors. This year the 6th grades color was blue. The different colors are green, red, yellow, red with yellow, blue knight and black with white knight. You will see knights the king, the herald, the Lord Chancellor, and the master of the Horse. The knights have certain weapons to fight with lances, espaolas, mandables, clabards, bu-las and maces. It was great to see what it was like to live during the medieval times!

Students Perform

“How to Eat Like a Child”

By James Krall

Saint Leo the Great had a very funny and entertaining play this year. The play was called “How to Eat Like a Child”. The play consisted of over twenty quick lessons on how to act like a child. Some lesson examples were how to annoy your sister, how to play like a child, and how to eat like a child. Many of the 7th and 8th grade students acted as little kids and demonstrated how they would usually act in each lesson. Some of the students acted as parents to see how adults react to each situation, most of them were not happy reactions. The play was enjoyed by the entire school and some kids probably thought to themselves, “WOW! This is almost one hundred percent true!”



Write On

By Caleigh Kehoe

The students of Saint Leo



the Great school published the first ever volume of “Write On”. This book contains stories, poems, essays, and ideas which have been written by students in grades one through eight. The purpose of this literary work is to share different styles of writing which reflect the thoughts and feelings of our students. Several of the writers’ works are accompanied by art work supplied by our own gifted artists. All students and teachers are encouraged to submit any type of writing to be considered for publication.

Sixth Graders Share “Campfire” Stories

By Georgette Abinader

Have you ever heard of the Loch Ness Monster, the Jersey Devil, or even Bigfoot? Just ask Mrs. Shute’s sixth grade classes, because they know it all. For a project they had to recite a legend like they were telling a campfire story without a paper to look at. This project was also a way to get them to remember the legends by heart. They sat on the floor in a circle to get the real campfire feel and they also used some props like flashlights and pictures. They turned off the lights and pretended that there were spirits of the legends that came alive. One of the spirits actually did come alive, in travel group 6-B. During a creepy part of Francesca Lavelle’s legend, a violent gust of wind blew the shades up to the ceiling and the door made a loud boom.



Travel group 6-B is still shook up about that happening! This project was also a contest to see who are the best storytellers.

In the 6-A travel group, Nick Hanlon ranked in first place, and Danielle Borrino ranked in second place. In the 6-B travel group, Francesca Lavelle ranked in first place, and Allen Montefusco and Emily Gioacchini tied for second place. Also, in the 6-C travel group, Jule Gnazzo ranked in first place and Thomas Gray ranked in second place. All of the winners will compete in a campfire competition and tell their legends to all of the sixth grade. The sixth graders will then vote on who told the best story and that person will be the “Ultimate Storyteller of the Year.”

The Quest of Percy Jackson

By Katelyn Lawson and Olivia DiRe

This year Mrs. McCarthy’s class 4-B read the book *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*. The class was divided into small groups that were assigned to five tables. Mrs. McCarthy named each table. The names of the tables were Pegasus, Cerberus, Centaur, Hippocampi, and Minotaur. There were about four to five kids at each table. The book is about a teen named Percy Jackson and he is a half-blood, which means that his parents were Gods or Goddesses. Percy Jackson went to school and was expelled

because of behavior, which was actually a misunderstanding. He was then sent to a camp which offered much excitement and many challenges. Percy Jack-

son also has a special quest to achieve.

Mrs. McCarthy gives her class a test after every few chapters. They like to play Capture the Flag with sequences from the book. They also participate in fun activities with their tables. In addition, Mrs. Gillespie does a version of the Olympics during their gym class. You might want to stop by the second floor corridor to see their lovely art work. The fourth grade hopes you read

the book *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*.



Science Club Members Create Miniature Car

By Hannah Hungerbuhler and Emily Ahmed

Inventions are the result of peoples' desire for success and accomplishment. May 12, 2013 marks the date for the introduction of the newly designed Gana TACAS car.

This innovative idea is an actual working miniature car. This concept was developed in science club under the direction of Mrs. McManus and Mrs. Tyrell.

Although the concept was mostly the creation of Thomas Gana, there were contributions from Catherine Bannon, Andrew Thompson, Stephen Weihs, and Andrew Fremer.

The materials used included legos, duct tape, D batteries, wire, a motor used from a previous experiment, a lever, and a beeper signal. The work took place at science club and was finished at the Gana household. Thomas and his friends made it for fun and are now working on a boat. The idea came as the result of the desire to achieve success.



Madeleine Hicks Wins Monmouth County Essay Contest

By Sarah Magno & Cecilia Heibelberger

One talented fifth grader named Madeleine Hicks won the annual Monmouth County Essay Contest. Her well-written essay was about her experience at Longstreet Farm in Holmdel. This spectacular essay won her first place in the contest. She described her life as Mary Ann Longstreet's niece playing on the farm with her friend Emily Hyland. The article really makes you feel like your back in 1892, taking a visit to Longstreet Farm. It was creative and it definitely deserved first place in the contest. Madeleine stated that she would like to buy a Nook with the Barnes & Noble gift card she received. She felt proud of her wondrous achievement. Congratulations Madeleine and good luck in future contests!

Order in the Court

By Andrew Colannino



The eighth grade students of Saint Leo the Great School carefully prepared two legal presentations. The Hon. Judge Peter Warshaw presided over the courtroom activity. One case was a criminal case which involved texting while driving. Tyler Gentile and Connor Ward were lawyers for the prosecution. Christian Sasso and Bridget Alkin were lawyers for the defense. Witnesses were Shaun Golden, Jack McNamara, Deena Alberti, and Raymond Laux.

The second case was a civil case which revolved around bullying. Ally Schecher and Kevin Paleski were the lawyers for the defense. Maeve Byrnes and Dylan Fallis were the lawyers for the plaintiff. Witnesses were Claire Romanczyk, Olivia Walters, Victor Almeida, and Thomas Gioia. Grades five through eight participated as the jury.

I Love My Mom

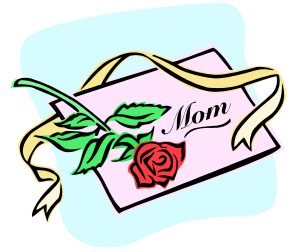
By Colleen Cusat, Mary Gresky, Katherine DeFelice & Carmela Casaburi

On Friday May 10, 2013 the fifth grade students cordially invited their moms to be their special guests at the annual Mother's Day Luncheon. A week before the luncheon, the children went to a manners class and learned about table manners. Jillian Hemsing, a fifth grader, said "The manners class was very helpful." Another fifth grader, Eric Casaburi said, "The manners class was very interesting." To make the day even better the children made placemats for their mothers with help from Mrs. Miller, the art teacher. They also made slates with the words, "Love is like a circle never ending."

This special day began at 10:00 AM in the church with a touching and beautiful prayer service. At the prayer service, the 5th graders had a chance to pray for their moms with good wishes, special love, and a beau-

tiful flower. They sang a version of the song *Because You Loved Me* by Celine Dion. At the end of the prayer service, Father John gave a blessing and reminded us to love our mothers.

Immediately following the prayer service, the students escorted their moms to the AAC. Prior to enjoying the lunch the students recited poems, shared funny stories, and sang a touching version of the song *Have I Told You Lately?* The conclusion of this special day was when the children watched a video of everyone's mothers in different stages of their life. Each year the moms say "It is the best day of their life."



Please Save the Kapok Tree

By Emily Gioacchini and Emily Balsamo

This year the third graders did the rainforest play. They starred as some very famous animals in the rainforest like boa constrictors, bees, butterflies, monkeys, birds, tree frogs, jaguars, tree porcupines, anteaters, and three-toed sloths. This play tells the story of the great kapok tree that lives in the rainforest. It is home to many animals that live there. The third grade has learned some interesting facts about the rainforest. They learned that the rainforest is a source of many fruits and cacao beans that produce chocolate, they learned how medicines come from the rainforest, how all living

things need oxygen that the trees of the rainforest provide, they learned how animals depend on the rainforest for food and protection, and that wood,



paper and other wood products come from the rainforest. Mrs. Miller was a big help this year. She made gigantic drawings of each animal in the play for both classes and she helped make the tie dye t-shirts and hats. The third graders enjoyed performing this play for their grandparents on

Grandparent's Day and for their parents. We are looking forward to next year's third grade classes that will be performing this play. As we say in the theater, "Break a Leg!"

LEO'S CORNER



Hello to All My Fans,

Here are a few answers to some of your wonderful questions:

My favorite color is maroon and white. Maroon and white dynamite!

I am 50 years old. My birthday is April 22, 1959.

I weigh 414 pounds (average for a lion). I know I am heavy, but I have been eating Leo's lunches to slim down for bathing suit season.

I LOVE meat!!!! A few steaks always get me full.

I like all sports, but I like meat the most. I can run up to 65 miles per hour.

My favorite thing to do is write to my Leo the Lion Friends. I would do it all day and night if I could.

Dear Fourth Grade Friend,

If you want to do something and your friend doesn't want to do it, just compromise.

Do what you both want and combine them! If you can't, just do what your friend wants today and do what you want the next time.

Love, Leo

Dear Emma DeAngelis,

A good studying tip is to use your time wisely. Once you get the notes or information for the test, see how much time you have until the test, then plan it out studying little by little each day, every day.

Love, Leo

Dear Unknown in Sixth Grade,

Saint Leo the Great has zero tolerance for bullying. If you have a friend that has been a victim of bullying then you must tell Mr. Begley, Mrs. Senkewicz, a teacher, a parent/guardian, or someone you trust who can help you. This is the right thing to do.

Love, Leo

Dear Presley Ferullo in Fourth Grade,

You can remember to do your homework by writing it down in an extra notepad you might have. Once you get home, take out the notepad and do the homework that you wrote down. Once you finish, check off the homework that you did and put it away.

Love, Leo

Dear Nicholas Williams in First grade,

We don't eat meat on Fridays because Jesus Christ gave up His own body that Friday so many years ago, for me and for you. He went through the pain of that self-sacrifice completely for us.

Not eating meat is just a little act that we can do for Jesus and God.

Love, Leo

It's time for
our Lions to
leave the den
and go
out into
the



WORLD!

Good Luck Lions,
Class of 2013
Love - The Students
and Faculty of St. Leo's



GOOD LUCK GUYS!

Deena Alberti
Michael Aliprandi
Bridget Alkin
Victor Almeida
Patricia Arcidiacono
Christian Berger
Denver Bradley
Emily Branagan
Colton Brooks
William Buhse
Maeve Byrnes
Thomas Canny
Kelly Carlino
Timothy Corcoran
Jack Croken
Nicole Deus
Austin Dinklage
Nicholas DiStefano
James Donaghy
Dylan Fallis
Shane Gaudio
Tyler Gentile
Thomas Gioia
John Gnazzo
Shaun Golden
Brandon Grillo
Allison Hemsing
Kevin Kane

Lauren Kosakowski
Jack Koury
Emma Krall
Michael Krall
James Ladley
Justin Largo
Raymond Laux
James Lynch
Aris Magoulas
Frances Mazzella
Jack McNamara
Evan Menendez
Ryan Nigro
Kelly Nolan
Sean O'Connor
Kevin Paleski
Michael Pepe Lage
Kenneth Pickett
Morgan Plosica
Isabella Potenziani
Peter Read
Caroline Rizzuto
Claire Romanczyk
Margaret Rue
Alexander Sargiss
Christian Sasso
Allison Schecher
Joseph Sparber

Basketball Teams Take Their Final Bow

By Colleen Cusat & Callan Laux

Saint Leo's basketball teams had a fantastic season. They all finished in the top four in all of their divisions. The varsity boys beat Holy Cross to win first place in the division. They then went to Trenton to play in the Diocesan Tournament. They played in many tournaments including the Snowball Tournament, the Saint Rose of Lima Tournament where they placed third, second, and fourth respectively. The team had a lot of talent and love for the sport. That's why they did as well as they did.

The J.V. boys also played very well—they placed second in the division. They won the fifth quarter tournament and placed second in the Heights Classic. They also came in second in the Snowball Classic. They were an amazingly talented team and represented our school in a very good way.

The Varsity girls finished in fourth place for their division and placed second in the Saint Rose of Lima Tournament. They also participated in the Run for the Roses Tournament, and came in second for the Snowflake Tournament. The girls played hard in all their games.

The J.V. girls' team finished in third place in the division, and won first place in the fifth quarter tournament. They came in second for three tournaments which were the Snowball Tournament, the Saint Rose of Lima Tournament, and the Santa Scamper Tournament.

Ready, Set, Track!

By Georgette Abinader and Emily Gioacchini

Track is a spring sport where you run all distances. Track is similar to cross-country because they are both running sports, but cross-country is mostly long distances, not on a track, and is in the fall. During track, Coach Bennett, Coach Mazzella, and Coach Deluca teach you the beauty of running in a fun and comforting way. The distances that you can run are: 50, 100, 200, 400, 800, 1200, and 1600 meters. Track is not just run-

ning. You can do other activities like long jump, relay race (4 x 100), and shot-put. The practices

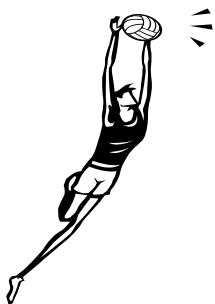
are at CBA, from 5 to 6pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Track participants are generally students from fourth to eighth grade.

DID YOU KNOW...

Track is a very helpful sport. It helps you stay fit and it also helps you play other sports like soccer, baseball, softball, basketball, and many other activities. It also helps to make you more active.





Girls Volleyball

By Madeline Normoyle & Francesca Lavelle

Does anyone do a sport in spring that is super fun, athletic and is a great way to make friendships? Well, if you are a girl in sixth through eighth grade, volleyball is a great sport. Saint Leo's has had a volleyball team for the past two years. This year, the tryouts were in early March. The girls on the team are : Carmela Casaburi, Laura Estaban, Katie FitzGerald, Mary Gretskey, Alston Hemsing, Lauren Kosakowski, Emma Krall, Francesca Lavelle, Madeline Normoyle, Isabella Potenzi-ani, Claire Romanczyk, Alyssa Torres and Alexandra Winant. The first game was April 11, 2013. Good luck with the season Lions!

Varsity Softball

By Caleigh Kehoe and Callan Laux

The varsity softball team is doing very well and has progressed a lot over the course of the season. The girls worked hard to make it to the playoffs. The team has many dedicated players, Maggie Rue, Riley Kehoe, Kelly Nolan, Caroline Rizzuto, Morgan Plosica, Katherine Murray, Katie Koontz, Emily Ahmed, Alexandra DiBenedetto, Kaitlyn Jones, Trinity Murray, Victoria Gioia, Caleigh Kehoe, Katelyn Lawson, Callan Laux, and Adriana Fernandez. Our coaches helped us improve our skills and prepare us for the upcoming season. Thank you Coach Kehoe, Coach Gioia, and Coach Laux for teaching us to play the game. Go Lady Lions!

We Don't Throw Footballs or Basketballs, We Throw People...and Catch Them!

By Alyssa Torres & Trinity Murray

Most people say that cheerleading is a sport, but some people think that it is just an activity. Cheerleading has come a long way from just cheering on the sidelines to extremely difficult stunts and routines. There are many different types of cheer: grammar school, middle school, high school, college, pro, and all-star. Cheer is a combination of dance, tumbling, and stunts. Cheerleading was placed first in the top three dangerous sports. Cheerleading will also be in the next Olympics. If you still don't believe Cheer is a sport, listen to this... the definition of a sport is "an athletic activity requiring skill or physical activity of competitive nature." We condition, we run, and we do ab workouts. We hold our flyers 10- 15 feet in the air and throw them 10 more feet. We jump high without a trampoline, concentrating on extended legs, tight motions, jump height, and facials.

We asked the students of Saint Leo the Great School what they thought about cheerleading. Here are their responses.

Julia Burk: "It is a sport because you have to try out."

Alexandra DiBenedetto: "It has all the rules of a sport."

Reece Horneck: "It's a national sport according to ESPN."

Olivia DiRe: "It is considered the most dangerous sport."

Kaitlyn Jones: "I am a cheerleader and it is not a sport."

Emily Balsamo: "All-star cheer is a sport, but school cheer isn't."

Mr.Mollo: "It is competitive and athletic and even boys can do it!"

Mrs.Doherty: "This sport is highly aerobic."

Nick Hanlon: "It is a sport."

We also tallied the students opinions, here are the results:

72 out of 96 people say cheerleading is a sport.

24 out of 96 people say cheerleading is not a sport.

What do you think about cheerleading?

