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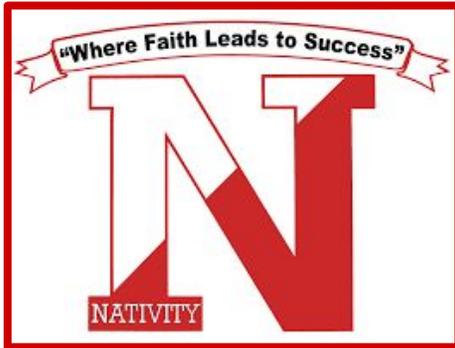
Shining Light on the Best of Nativity

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Nativity of Our Lord School

Orchard Park, NY



Upcoming Events

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- Staff Development

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Theodore Boone Kid

Lawyer

By Patrick Cosgrove

If you are looking for a good book to read, I recommend *Theodore Boone Kid Lawyer* by John Grisham. Theodore Boone is a kid who goes by the name of Theo. His parents are both lawyers, and Theo's dream is to become a lawyer. Theo knows everybody who works at the courthouse. In the book, it says he knows every employee, janitor, lawyer, and judge. But one day, there is a murder trial convicting a man named Mr. Duffy. Then, Theo finds out about the murder and finds a key witness. Make sure to check out the library and read *Theodore Boone Kid Lawyer*.

Ski Club

By Bella Taggart

Ski club season gives you many opportunities and chances to learn something new and have fun. When you are out on the hills you don't have to be the best skier or snowboarder out there, all that matters is that you are having fun. Going to Ski Club gives you and your friends a better chance to connect with each other, help each other, and most importantly put a smile on each other's faces. Memories aren't just made on the slopes, they also happen in the lodge and on the bus. Hope to see you next year on the slopes!

The Wishtree

By Jack Griffin

The Wishtree is an entertaining, fun, and easy-to-read novel by Katherine Applegate. My favorite moment is when all the baby animals dance around.

The Wishtree is a good book for anyone from 1st to 8th grade. I believe this because students from all grades of Nativity like it (I asked). Some moments are happy, some are sad, and some are just plain funny.

The baby animals oddly dance and play on Samar's (one of the main characters) lap when she sits under Red at night. I think her favorite one is Flashlight, a baby opossum.

Francesca, the lady who owns Red, the wish tree, wants to cut him down, but decides not to, because of his family history and hers. She also makes him a "heritage tree," meaning he will be protected forever.

I enjoyed *The Wishtree* and I hope you did too.



The Last Ski Club, 2020



By Isabella Gugino

On Friday, February 28th Nativity had their last Ski Club. It was from 4:45 to 10:00 at Kissing Bridge.

The students anxiously waited for the bus to arrive at school. They boarded it around 4:45 and were very excited to ski. Everyone jammed their snow gear into the seats and sat down. The bus ride is about twenty-five minutes long. On it, most people play music and talk. Once it arrives at Kissing Bridge, everyone hurries to get off and go skiing/snowboarding.

All of the hills at Kissing Bridge's central and world areas were open. The snow was powdery and in some spots groomed. The Holly quad chairlift and the world chair were open. If you were a beginner skier or snowboarder you could ride on the bunny hill. If you got up the courage, you could go up on the mountain with the chaperone.

Most kids skied in groups. It was very rare to see a Nativity student by themselves. Some kids would even race down the hills. Others would take it slow and wait for their friends.

When it was 10:00 everybody was either on their way to the bus or on the bus. Most people seemed sad that the fun was over while others continued to have fun. Like on the bus ride to the Ski Club, people played music and talked. When we got dropped off at school everybody's parents were waiting to pick up their children. Ski Club is now over, but only until next year!

Tortoise or Turtle?

What's the Difference?

By Delaney Gradwell

Nativity students have been wondering: "What's the difference between a tortoise and a turtle? Aren't they the same?" Surprisingly, they're not. Here are some of the differences between these two reptiles:

Tortoises live mostly in Asia and Africa, but some, like the Galapagos tortoise, live in the Americas. Tortoises have big shells with some bumps on them, depending on the species. Because these shells are big, they are very heavy. No wonder why tortoises walk so slowly! Tortoises have thick, sturdy legs that are bent. Most tortoises are herbivores (animals that eat plants), but some species will eat other animals and plants. Most tortoises live from 80-500 years! One of the oldest known tortoises was named Adwaita and he was believed to be about 250 years old when he died!

Turtles live in Africa and the Americas. Turtles have flat, sleek shells that are lightweight. Turtles have webbed feet with long claws, but sea turtles have flippers to help them swim in their ocean habitat. Turtles are omnivores. Some things they eat are fruits, vegetables, and meat. Turtles live from 20-40 years old. One of the oldest known sea turtles is Myrtle, who is estimated to be 90 years old! Some species of both tortoises and turtles are endangered, so you shouldn't think about just

helping turtles. Tortoises need your help too! To help these animals, you shouldn't pollute or litter. It doesn't seem like a lot, but it will eventually add up. If you see a tortoise or turtle trying to cross the road, pick it up and carry it to the other side so it doesn't get run over by a car. If it is a big turtle or tortoise or one that can hurt you, like a snapping turtle, call a wildlife expert, such as a wildlife rehabilitator, to help. Now that you know about turtles and tortoises, tell your friends and family that these two reptiles aren't the same and how to help them!

The Wishtree

Summary

By Patrick Basil

The Wishtree, by Katherine Applegate, was given to the school to read for a fun project.

The book starts out with the main character, Red (a tree), talking about his life. Then, Red is cut off when talking, because a person comes with a screwdriver and etches the word "LEAVE" into his trunk. Red is convinced that it is referring to the leaves on his branches, but his friends say it is actually directed towards the people occupying one of the neighborhood houses. Red describes his life and eventually tells about when he broke "the rule" by talking to humans.

At the end of the book, Red overhears a conversation about how he's going to be cut down. He talks to his friends about what happened and that he had a good life. When the day comes, all of his friends come together to save him and he doesn't get cut down.



Nativity Sports



Skiing Safety By: Nicholas Miranda

Skiing is thrilling but dangerous if not properly done. Skiing is one of the most fun things snow can offer but comes with consequences. Knowing how to turn and go down big hills is crucial. If you don't know how to then you can severely injure yourself. Even knowing how to get off the ski lift is important. If you can't get off, you stop the whole lift and injure yourself. Never fool around on the lift, or you could fall off at over 15 feet. Night time is more dangerous even with all the lights. When they are making snow you can't see in front of you. This can cause you not to see jumps and drops in front of you. Also proper equipment is very important. If your ski bindings are loose then it can result in the ski falling off during a run. Messing around with people while they are skiing is very unsafe. Pushing and hitting with ski poles can cause serious injury. Skiing is very fun but you have to take it seriously or bad things can happen.

Nativity Alumni Spotlight on Volleyball By: Noah DeAngelis

Matthew Marusza is an all-star player on the Canisius boys junior varsity volleyball team. His position on the team is setter. His team had a great season in which they went 15-0 and won the championship. Matthew said that comradery and teammates are his favorite parts of volleyball. He added that the biggest difference between high school volleyball and Nativity volleyball is, "The game gets less technical and more powerful." Another difference is that in high school, the net is 7 feet 11 inches. The net at our

school is 7 feet 4 inches. Matthew is looking forward to joining the varsity team next year.

Caitlin Enright and Isabella Ricci are freshmen in high school and play on the Nardin junior varsity volleyball team. Caitlin plays middle and outside hitter while Isabella plays right side and outside hitter. Their team had a great season and went 7 and 2 in their league. Caitlin says, "a good kill, a spike" is her favorite aspect of volleyball. Isabella says her favorite part of the game is, "the team bonding and communication." Caitlin won two awards: hardest worker and best spike. Isabella won the award for best platform while passing. Both girls said that they are excited for next season.



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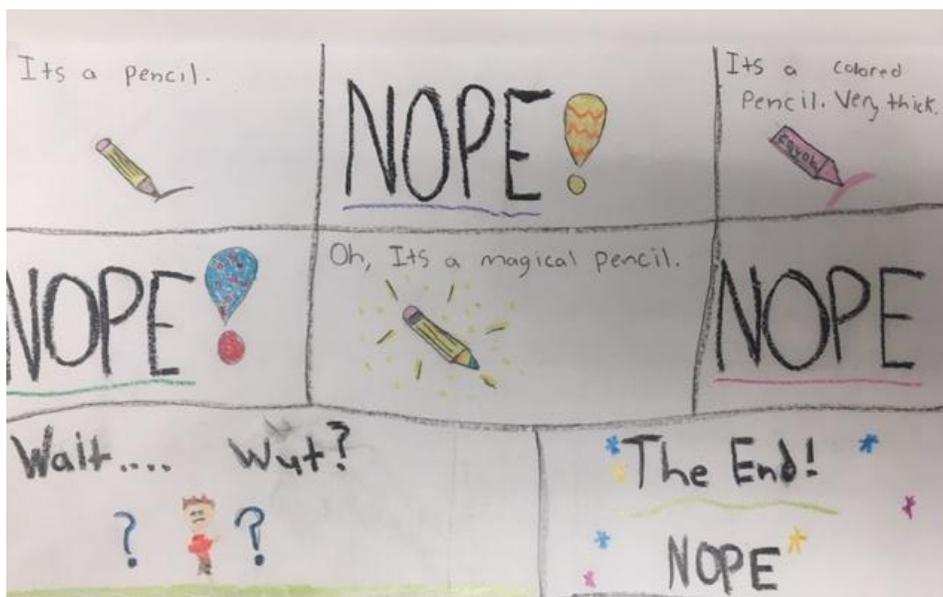


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