

BULLDOG BUGLE

A Fantastic Beginning to the Holiday Season

PIE IS SERVED AT MATHENY'S THANKSGIVING

By: Jessica, Kathryn & Savannah

Matheny students celebrated Thanksgiving with a special festival. It happened on December 3 and was attended by staff and students.

The celebration was originally scheduled for the day before Thanksgiving, but it was postponed due to a snow day. The celebration included a pie baking contest and a special play. Each class made a different pie, and there was plenty for everyone. The play was about the Pilgrims coming to America and the first Thanksgiving. The audience really enjoyed it. Gypsy was the director and it was a big production.

The selection of pies were wonderful and they were very tasty! Everyone had a terrific time. We hope to do this again next year.



By: Savannah, Daniel & Shane

On December 3, 2014, the Matheny Choir had their first seasonal show of the year. The show was held in the arts center. It was titled, "Season Greetings". The show was a spectacular success, as they began to bring in the holiday season.

about 40 people on stage wearing blue gowns. On stage, staff and students were singing holiday songs. As the Matheny Choir sang old fashion holiday tunes, people in the auditorium sang along. This is a very special time of the year and you could see it on their smiling faces.

When these reporters entered the arts building there were

The holiday concert takes a lot of hard work and practice and it really shows. Everyone did a wonderful job.



GREAT ACTIVITIES IN SPEECH

By: Scott

Friday mornings during Tea Time Café with Christine, I work as a cashier, and greet customers. I accept money and exchange foods during Tea Time Café. Christine assists me every week with exciting activities in and out of the classroom. We identify various items, such as board games and other fun activities during speech. She is fun, energetic and patient. I love working with Christine.

Did you know?

Biography interviews done in Language Arts class by high school students

Viva Brancifort

By: Gabriella

Q: When and where were you born?

A: June 20, in Uvalde Texas.

Q: What is your favorite color?

A: Green and Purple

Q: Where did you attend High School and College? A: Went to Utopia High School in Texas, and college in Texas A&M

Q: How many years did you serve in the military?

A: 4 years

Q: Did you ever serve overseas? If so, where and for what reason?

A: Went to Italy as a Submarine Tender, and then worked on deck and with the Chaplain when we traveled to Israel.

Q: How do you hope to be remembered?

A: To be remembered as someone who cares about people. And to be remembered for my faith.

Jim Hintenach

By: Daniel

Q: When and where were you born?

A: Feb 1977 in Somerville, NJ

Q: What adjectives would you use to describe your childhood?

A: playful, busy, outside (as much as possible) and lots of fun

Q: Do you have any siblings?

A: 2 younger brothers, Ryan and David

Q: What's the farthest from home you have ever been?

A: Cancun, Mexico

Q: Where did you attend high school and college?

A: Delaware Valley Regional High School and York College and Centenary College

Q: What was your favorite sport?

A: Coach: Soccer, Play: Basketball

Q: How do you hope to be remembered?

A: "He was thoughtful and supportive and a team player and always left room for fun."

Glenn Stackhouse

By: Deborah

Q: When and where were you born?

A: Sept. 25, 1963 Denville, NJ

Q: What were your favorite games growing up?

A: Baseball

Q: What degree did you get in college?

A: Associates Degree in Radio TV Broadcasting and Communication and a Bachelors Degree in Physical Therapy

Q: How would you describe yourself both socially and academically?

A: Very social, immature, graduated 9th in his high school class

Q: What is the funniest thing that has ever happened to you?

A: In 1994, my wife and I went to a Trenton Thunder Basketball game, tried to catch a shirt and tumbled over the seats.

Q: What are the main lessons you've learned in life?

A: Try to love the people you don't like because you can never love enough

Q: How do you hope to be remembered?

A: As a good father and a good husband. Although I could be very serious, I don't take myself too seriously.

Sean Murphy

By: Tammy

Q: How did college prepare you for your later years?

A: Working hard is #1

Q: Did you go on to receive an advance degree in school?

A: Yes, I have a Master's Degree in Urban School Administration and a supervisor and principal certification

Q: Have you always lived in NJ? Where else have you lived?

A: No I also lived in Sheffield and Chesterfield in England

Q: What was your best job?

A: Matheny! Its a great group of people and I'm proud of what we've done for education.

Q: What are the main lessons learned in life?

A: Pacing is everything, take a step back and a solution will come and flexibility to change because change is constant

ASK RAVEN

Hello Everyone,

Raven here! I have something to share with you. In my PB1 and PB2 classes (Project Based Learning,) I was given a few assignments to write. The three that I wrote were, "My Perfect Day," "My Future Self," and "If I had to be stuck living somewhere for the rest of my life, where would it be?" I did all of them.

But this particular assignment really made me think, because I had to write an alphabetical list of advice. I thought, "No problem, that's a piece of cake." Well, that was until I came across X, Y and Z. But hey! I did it.

Here is what I've come up with...

A) Accepting life – We all fall down sometimes, and make our own mistakes. Sometimes we don't know how to get out of a situation. But sometimes you have to learn how to accept yourself and your circumstances. Also, appreciate the things you have and the things that you don't have.

B) Balancing everything - I know that we all get caught up in a lot of things, and sometimes lose track of time. However, sometimes we have to try to create time for ourselves, and our loved ones. After all, we need that balance to think straight.

C) Cut off those chains– Those chains of doubt, fears, sadness, etc. You don't need those chains in your life, so cut them off of you. Because I'm sure that you don't want to live your life being weighed down.

D) Discipline yourself – Now this may seem hard to do. But let me give you some suggestions on how to do this to have a more satisfying life. 1) Instead of partying all night on weekdays, you could read a good book until you fall asleep. 2) Instead of watching time go by and getting bored all the time, create activities for you to do, so that you're not wasting time doing nothing. Life is short, so create meaningful memories that will last a lifetime. 3) Even if they do something to offend you, respect others! Even if they did something to offend you, keep approaching them as meek as possible. If you can't do that, then don't say anything negative. Two wrongs don't make a right.

E) Encourage yourself - We don't always have someone there to give us the motivation we need. So we have to try to learn how to encourage and motivate ourselves, in order to keep ourselves from falling.

F) Fight for what you believe in - If you want something bad enough, then go for it and don't give

up until you get what you deserve. If it doesn't turn out how you want it, then modify it.

G) Get back up again – Everyone falls, but we all have to get back up and keep it moving. Our mistakes make us stronger, wiser and braver. You shouldn't be ashamed of making mistakes.

H) Helping others - It's okay to help ourselves every now and then, but it feels even more rewarding to help others.

I) Ignoring the negativity – Everyone will have a lot to say about you, but not everything they have to say is true. Many will think that they're right with what they say, but only you know yourself.

J) Just be yourself – You are an amazing creation. You shouldn't look up to supermodels or any fashion magazines for guidance in life. You are beautiful/handsome in your own way.

K) Kindness – Not everyone will show you kindness, but you could still show others your kindness. It might change the world.

L) Love those who can't love themselves – Don't turn your back on someone who mistreats you, because there might be more to the story than you think.

M) Meditate your way through – Some of us get more stressed out than others; it might be hard to start doing, but it's a good source to try. Meditating does help in many ways. It helps the mind release stress, and decrease tension on your body.

N) Never say you won't do something in the future– Even though we make plans for the future, it doesn't mean that we know what will happen next. We might say that we will never do something, but then later down the line we're finding ourselves doing that very thing.

Ask Raven Con't on Page 9

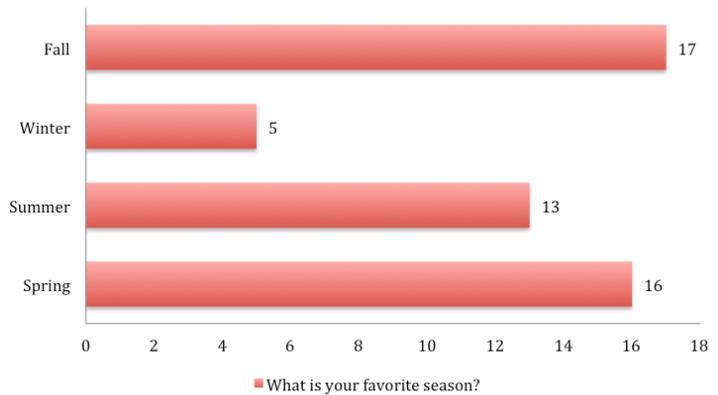
Roving Reports

By: Tammy, Danny, Mohamed, Jaheem and Najeedeverre

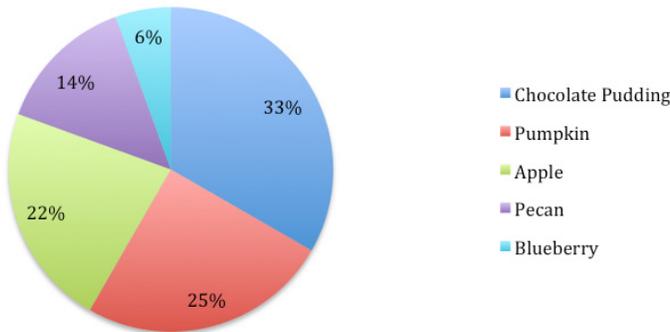
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SEASON?

By: Najeedeverre

I asked students and staff from yellow and green zone, "What is your favorite season?" The season with the most votes was fall with 17 votes. Summer had 13 votes and that is my favorite season. The season right now is winter, which only got 5 votes in my survey. Roving reporting was an interesting thing to do. I really liked doing tallying and asking people about their favorite season. I had fun doing the survey and I would like to do it again.



What is your favorite kind of pie?



WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE KIND OF PIE?

By: Danny and Jaheem

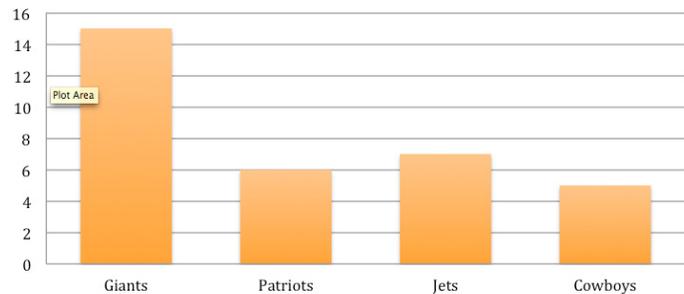
High School Class 2 students asked other classes at Matheny about what kind of pie they liked. We went around the halls, and in the rotunda during our class time with Felicia. The pie with the most votes had 12 ratings. It was the chocolate pudding pie. Blueberry pie had the least amount of votes, having only 2 voters. With 9 votes, tallying as second was pumpkin pie. We had a lot of fun doing the survey and asking the students and staff what their favorite pie was. We would do it again.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOTBALL TEAM?

By: Tammy and Mohamed

We had a survey for the Matheny staff. We had asked them "What is your favorite football team?" We asked questions during the school day on green, yellow and blue zone. Mohamed said, "My favorite football team is the Giants." The Giants have the highest vote. The second highest is the Jets. The lowest vote is the Cowboys. We enjoyed doing the survey. The people we came across were very cooperative. We interviewed the employees from all departments, and the students from adult services.

What is your favorite football team?



FUN & GAMES PRESENTED BY H.S. CLASS 5: DEBORAH, MICHAEL, AND JAMES

Word Jumble

Unscramble the following words and use the red circled letters to solve the final clue



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ELEMENTARY STUDENTS TAKE A SPECIAL TRIP

By: Richard

Holmdel, NJ: I joined Stacy’s class on an awesome trip to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Holmdel, NJ. This was an all day trip enjoyed by Lee, Yasim, Ari, Tyse, Ayman, and Jenna. The students took a tour of the memorial and got to talk with some veterans. Here is what some of the students had to say about their experience:

Lee said, “It was fun and beautiful because it was really interesting. I liked the helicopter and the statue of the marine, nurse and wounded soldier.”

Yasim said, “It was cool to see the helicopter and be outside.”

Alisha, the 21st century life skills therapist, said, “I was very interesting to hear first hand stories from the veterans.”

READY, SET, GO!!!*By: India*

And the preschool class is off to another exciting year... The 2014/2015 school year has been quite eventful for Miss Dawn's class. Rishika, Joshua, and Alexander found the perfect balance of work and play. When asked about their favorite subjects, all three students reported that they loved playtime. Miss Dawn and Mr. Joe enjoy subjects such as reading and writing and psychology. The preschoolers get to enjoy special trips to places like the mall, and they saw Santa and a movie, the farm to go pumpkin picking, the Crayola Factory, and the costume store, to shop for Halloween.

GYPSY SHINES JUST LIKE HER SCHOLARS!*By: Jamil*

This year in high school in Gypsy's history class at Matheny, we have had a lot of exciting guest speakers, we sang original songs, and we reenacted history through plays. The most thrilling guest speakers were the Pirates! They performed for the students in the arts access building. Not only were they engaging, they were also very knowledgeable when making us a part of their production. "The Medici Family" was only one of the original songs we have sang in Gypsy's class this year. The Medici song helped teach us about the most powerful family of the Renaissance. The songs were fun, because the students got the opportunity to act out the different parts and people of the song. Around Thanksgiving time, Gypsy wrote a very detailed play about the first Thanksgiving! The high school students acted out the play using props such as hats and bubbles. One guest appearance in the audience was our Principal Sean Murphy! In Gypsy's high school history class there is never a dull moment. The speakers, songs and plays that have happened so far have made the classroom extremely exciting. All of us at Matheny are very eager to see what engaging activities Gypsy has in store for us next!

CLASS 3 HAS AN "EPIC" TIME IN LA.*By: Richard*

During the school day my classmates and I have a wonderful time in Language Arts class in room 315, with our teacher Diane. In class we write stories, read books, work on our vocabulary, and write biographies. Diane uses a Mimeo to help teach us and demonstrate what we are going to do in class. A mimeo is similar to a SMARTBoard. We have worked on many exciting projects this year. We wrote book reports on influential people from history, as well as biographies about some familiar faces around Matheny. Class #3 interviewed Charlene from Yellow Zone. We used the information she gave us to create a biography box for her. We are currently learning about the epic poem about Beowulf. We have learned some interesting new vocabulary words and themes that occur in literature. We learned a lot in our Language Arts class. I can't wait to see what else Diane has in store for us.

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS GO TO THE VETERAN'S HOME*By: Najeedeverere Rogers*

Paramus, NJ: On Nov 17, 2014 I went to the veterans home with Jameir, Katharine, Ryan, and Sara. We took the trip to Paramus, NJ. We got there by bus, it took us a while to get there and we stayed for a few hours. The students talked to war heroes and gave out Thank You cards. The elementary students had a great time and the veterans were so happy to see us.

Let's hear what the students and staff had to say about the trip:

Katharine said, "It's great, amazing. I never been here before so I made new friends. It was cool."

The nurse Nancy said, "Interesting met someone who served in Paton's army."

Jameir said, "It was fun. I liked giving out cards."

Ryan said, "I liked walking around to say hi!"

PHENOMENAL PHYSICAL THERAPY

By: Megan

During my school day, Donna Hoehn meets with me for therapy. She gets me out of my chair and lets me do some movement, and stretches me. I enjoy physical therapy with Donna. I work with her in the classrooms or in the therapy rooms. During my sessions, I go in the stander to strengthen my legs. I lay on my belly on the ball or I go on the swing. It's very fun because I feel like I'm in a hammock. Getting out of my chair is a great opportunity. I look forward to my therapy time with Donna. Physical therapy is great during the day and helps me do better in school.

Guess Who?

Can you figure out who these baby faces belong to?

Answers located on Page 9

**FUN &
GAMES
PRESENTED
BY
H.S. CLASS 5:
DEBORAH,
MICHAEL,
AND JAMES**

1.



1. My favorite food is Gumbo.
2. I am married.
3. My favorite sports team in s the NY Giants.
4. I grew up in Texas.
5. I like to boogie board.

2.



1. My favorite food is mushroom pizza.
2. I am not married.
3. My favorite sports team is the NJ Devils.
4. My favorite color is orange.
5. I am a swim coach.

3.



1. My favorite food is pizza.
2. I am married.
3. My favorite sports teams is the NY Giants.
4. I love shoes! I have over 200 pairs.
5. My husband is the Chief of Police.

**LOVE OF LEARNING TAUGHT IN
ELEMENTARY**

By: Daeon

This school year has brought a lot of exciting times for Elementary Class 2. I found out about their favorite classes. Katharine likes Reading Group, Ryan enjoys Science, and Jameir and Sara love Music. They have gone on many trips such as a visit to the library, the Crayola Factory, and to a courthouse to meet a Judge! Katharine's favorite trip this year was to the mall to meet Santa. Sara, Ryan, and Jameir all enjoyed going to the baseball game. The variety of school trips this class gets to attend helps make learning interesting and enjoyable!

SUPER SCIENCE STUDENTS

By: Austin

Room 303 is where Peggy Z. teaches High School Science. In class, we learn about history of technology, as well as, do science projects and experiments. One kind of technology we researched was the telescope. I learned that the telescope helps us look at stars in the sky. A science project that we did was writing our names in Morse code. Another experiment that we did was connecting electrical circuits. Science class is fun and exciting and I look forward to the rest of the school year!

COMFY AND CALCULATED

By: Mary Rita

Every Monday, High School Class 3 goes to Mat Math in room 307 with Laura and Shannon. Some students get out of their chairs and go on mats and beanbags. Others even get to go in standers and comfy chairs. Alternate positioning is really important, because it allows us to be comfortable while we learn. We do all kinds of exciting things to help us learn, such as playing on the Wii and bowling. Mat Math helps us to find practical ways to use math in the real world. We learned about money management and budgeting by shopping for Halloween costumes. We played the Price is Right when we learned about place value. My favorite thing about Mat Math is relaxing on the beanbags while learning.

Football Fun

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**FUN &
 GAMES
 PRESENTED
 BY
 H.S. CLASS 5:
 DEBORAH,
 MICHAEL,
 AND JAMES**

IMPROVE SKILLS WITH OT*By: As Salaam*

Have you ever wondered what an OT does? An OT is a therapist who uses their expertise to develop, recover and improve patient skills. OT's can work in schools, nursing homes, physician's offices and home health offices. They need a

master's degree in Occupational Therapy. After getting their degree, they need to be licensed and registered. Some NJ schools for Occupational Therapy are Kean, Stockton and Seton Hall. The OTs at Matheny do some awesome things with the residents and students. Occupational Therapy is an exciting field, and I'm so lucky to get to work with OTs everyday.

ASK RAVEN*(con't from p.3)*

O) Openness gives more opportunity – Keep your mind open to new opportunities, because you'll never know what things will come your way.

P) Planning well – Some plans don't always work in your favor. But that doesn't mean that you shouldn't come up with a better plan.

Q) Quitting, Why? – Nothing comes easy in this world, but it doesn't mean that you need to give up. It means that you need to work harder, and inspire others including yourself.

R) Raise you voice – Don't be afraid to let your frustration show. Not everything will be easy to handle or to cope with, so raise your voice!

S) Stay true to yourself – Popularity sounds cool, but no one will like you if you pretend to be someone your not.

T) Touch another heart – It feels good to be taken care of, but it feels even better when you take care of other people. If you can't do that, just listen to someone when they have a problem. Listening to someone can change or save a life.

U) Underestimate no one – Nothing is impossible anymore, so you shouldn't underestimate anyone. Just because someone may have different challenges than you, doesn't mean that they are not capable of doing or understanding something.

V) Voting will make a better future – We have a say in our future, so when the time comes, take a minute or two to help make a difference in the world or even in the community.

W) Walk though the storm with them – When a person is feeling down or like they're not themselves, show them that you care by going through their darkest storms with them.

X) Playing The Xylophones – A good way to introduce music to children is to play a xylophone.

Y) You can make it – Hold on, stay strong and don't let anyone tell you that you can't be successful.

Z) Zen is another way to gain peace of mind – Yoga is great for meditation, exercise, and to stay physically active, you should try it.

This assignment was really fun to do. I enjoyed thinking and coming up with an advice for every letter of the alphabet. I wrote a lot of these quotes/advice based on what I'm learning to do. It is not easy trust me I know. But it's important to try doing these things, because in the long run it'll teach you how to be better not only for yourself, but for other people.

Letter From the Editor

I hope that you have enjoyed the third edition of the Matheny School student newspaper, our very own *Bulldog Bugle*. Every high school student assisted in all aspects of the preparation of the newspaper. From prewriting, all the way to peer editing, the students have worked very hard to produce a wonderful newspaper.

For this edition of the newspaper we also had a special co-editor: one of our graduating students took on the responsibility of doing the final revisions and editing of the articles. Hats off to our co-editor Raven. Nice work!

Once again, the students have exceeded expectations and I know our readers will join me in congratulating all of the students on their hard work!

Felicia Querrey, PBI - 1 & 2

Guess Who? 1. Dr. Spott 2. Pattie V. 3. Peggy

Word Jumble Solution: Winter Wonderland