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Cover Story

Lightning Strike Winner: \$10k

Congratulations to Mr. Ted Mecurio for winning the 8th Annual Lightning Strike Raffle. He won \$10,000! Mrs. Brenda Stafford won the 2nd place prize of \$1,000. Mrs. Kelly Duston won the \$500 first place most ticket sales and the Kuhlman family won the \$200 2nd place most ticket sales. Mid-raffle challenge winner went to Mrs. Ruth Cooper. Thank you to all the families that participated in this fundraiser! Thank you to Mrs. Ashley Phillippi for running another successful raffle. We were able to give \$10,000 to the school to put into the Blue & Gold fund! Thank you!



From left to right: Mrs. Cecelia Pitt, Kiersten Clinedinst, Charlee Clinedinst, Arley Clinedinst, Emma Payne, & Ashley Phillippi.

WRITING CHALLENGE WINNER!



Aubrey Smith
2nd Grade Guest Writer

Today when I woke up, I did a craft. I had pancakes with candy canes for breakfast. I packed a lunch and went to school at the workshop. I learned how to build a new toy! The kids are going to love it. For lunch I had milk and cookies with Santa and another elf friend. After lunch I

built toys and then went home to eat dinner with my Grandma. I had the best spaghetti ever with syrup on top. We played reindeer games after dinner. Then I got washed up and put pajamas on. Then when my Grandma went to sleep, I went to hide at my kid's house. I hid in the clos-

et. They probably will not find me because I hid good. When they woke up, they could not find me. So, they ate breakfast and then they looked again. They finally found me! I love my job. At the end of their day, I went home to report to Santa and tell him if the kids were bad or good.

Feature

Nobel Prize Day



Amari McQuigg
7th Grade Student Writer

The Nobel Prize is a reward for having the best benefit to mankind. This prize is awarded to whoever has the best benefits to mankind in terms of literature, physics, science, medicines, and peace. This award was invented by Alfred Nobel who was a Swedish scientist, inventor and entrepreneur who also wrote dramas and poetry. Nobel invented many things such as dynamite and the Nobel Prize. The first person to win the prize was

William Roentgen in 1901 for inventing X-Rays. As of 2022, 621 Nobel Prizes have been awarded. The Nobel Prize ceremony is always on December 10. Which is the anniversary of Alfred Nobel's death. The committees in Sweden and Norway are responsible for awarding whoever wins the award. This year's nominees are Alexei Navalny, Jafar Panahi, Peng Lifa, Alex Saab, Victoria Tauli, Narges Mohammadi, the International Court of

Justice, Human Rights Data Analysis Group, and Kyaw Moe Tun and Myanmar's National Unity Consultative Council. The current award for most Nobel Prize awards is the Red Cross, for its best benefit to mankind in medicine and peace. The Red Cross has been awarded the Nobel Prize three times.

Happy Nobel Prize Day!

Feature

No Interruptions Day



Lark Wright
5th Grade Student Writer

In December we recognize "No Interruptions Day". Here are some do's and don'ts for being a good listener.

How to be a good listener

- 1) Make eye contact with the person you are talking to.
- 2) Don't interrupt the person talking to
- 3) When they are done talking reply so they know you were listening
- 4) Don't run off midconversation.

How to be a bad listener

- 1) Look around during a conversation.
- 2) Interrupt every 5 Seconds for A story that doesn't even relate to what you're talking about.
- 3) Run off to do something else when the person's talking

Feature

National Slime Day



Kylie Whalen
4th Grade Student Writer

Did you know that National Slime Day is December 7? Slime is very fun to play with! You can stretch it very long or even far! There are a lot of different types of slime such as, butter slime, cloud slime, jig-gly slime, fishbowl slime, obulik, dough slime, jelly cube slime, Diaper slime, crunchy slime, clear slime, slay slime, and float slime.

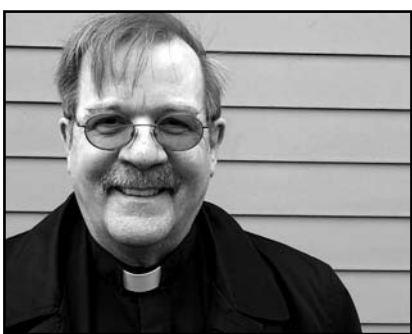
How to Make Slime

(with adult supervision/permission)

INGREDIENTS

- 2 (4-ounce) bottles washable school glue, such as Elmer's (see note for variations)
- 1 to 2 drops liquid food coloring (optional)
- 1/4 cup glitter (optional)
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 to 3 tablespoons saline solution (i.e., contact lens solution), divided

Ask Father Column



Ask Father

Questions submitted anonymously from students in preschool-8th grade

WHO WAS THE FIRST PERSON ON EARTH?

According to the first book of the Bible, the book of Genesis, the first person on earth was a man created by God named Adam.

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE IN HEAVEN?

I don't know for sure, but I do know that St. Paul tells us that God has prepared great things for those who love Him, things so great that we can't even imagine them. So heaven must be a very, very beautiful place.

WHEN DID YOU FIRST HEAR YOUR CALLING TO BECOME A PRIEST?

Actually, I was in grade school, probably around second grade. I admired the priests we had at my parish, and my parents were very faithful Catholics who took our family to Mass every week. But it took me a long time to be sure that God was really calling me, but I'm very thankful that He did!

WHAT PART OF BEING A PRIEST MAKES YOU THE HAPPIEST?

Without a doubt, it's celebrating the sacraments. I love to do baptisms, celebrate the Eucharist, hear confessions, anoint the sick, etc. because I know in those moments I'm doing exactly what the Lord has called me to do. I have the privilege of bringing Jesus in a very real way to the most important moments in people's lives.

Thank you for all the great questions!

Father Hammond

Feature

Saint Nick Festival

 5th Grade Student Writer
Nora Ellinger

We all know that every year we have a get together at STV called the Saint Nick Fest. I'm here to tell you about this year. We had a cake walk. There were lots of great homemade cakes this year and it only cost \$1 to participate! That's a pretty low price. There is also a cookie raffle, where names are drawn every so often to win a plate of cookies to share (or not!). It's entertaining to see which families go home with the most treats!

There was a big surprise this year that I'm pretty sure everyone loved. Our very own Kevin (yes Seminarian Kevin)! It was wonderful to visit with him and catch up with how he is doing at Saint John Neumann.

There were many game and craft stations. Some of the games were, Tic tac snow, reindeer antler toss, and a sucker pull. You could make reindeer food

(I highly recommend it), There was also a place to make ornaments. You could get your face painted or send a letter to Santa! You could also find the Grinch and Saint Nick roaming around the gym and passing out treats. Overall this was really magical and I really recommend going next year!



From left to right: The annual cake walk. Members of the Civics Club provided hot chocolate for \$1 to St Nick attendants. Saint Nick and the Grinch made an appearance at the festival. Our school principal, Mrs. Cecelia Pitt and consortium Pastor, Father Hammond.

Tech Feature

Popular Apps

 Evan Bailey
6th Grade Student Writer


We have all probably at one point been wondering, What are the most popular apps? So this article can hopefully fix that problem. So for you 5-10 year olds here is a list of 20. Youtube Kids, Duolingo, PBS KIDS Games, Starfall ABCs, Quick Math Jr., ABCmouse.com Early Learning Academy, Prodigy Math, Swift Playgrounds, Busy Shapes and Colors, Toca Life World, Marble




Math Junior, Roblox, Why Think Logic Puzzles, Messenger Kids, Teach Your Monster to Read, Poptropica, CyberChase Shape Quest!, Animal Jam, Khan Academy Kids, LOOPIMAL. Now I hope you older kids have stayed with me. Here is a list for you. Here is the list of 13. Snapchat, Duolingo, Evernote, Instagram, Youtube, Facebook, Pinterest, Messenger, Life360, Spotify, Ro-

blox, Among Us, Khan Academy. We know there is a lot of good stuff online but it is still best to be careful. Make sure to research and don't talk to anyone you don't know. Check with a teacher or parent if you aren't sure about something.

Take it to the STV Hallways

Tell us about your Elf!

 Lucy Adams
5th Grade Student Writer

	<p>Samantha 5th Grader</p> <p>“ My Elf's name is Ella & my elf drew on my school picture last year. What I'm hoping for this year is for her to bring a camera and watch me sleep. ”</p>		<p>Avery Kindergarten</p> <p>“ My Elf's name is Holly and this year I want her to rap the tree in toilet paper. ”</p>		<p>Libby 1st Grader</p> <p>“ My Elf's name is snowflake sugarcookie. Last year my elf rolled toilet paper down the stairs. This year I hope my elf brings another elf with her for my sister. ”</p>
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Jokes  Lily Adams
7th Grade Student Contributor

What do Santa's elves drive? **Mini vans**
 What do you call a cat sitting on the beach on Christmas eve? **Sandy Claws**
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 What do you call a Christmas tree mixed with an apple? **A pineapple**
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Music & Christmas Feature



Philomena Odonkor
5th Grade Student Contributor

The Twelve Days of Christmas St.V Style

- On the first day of Christmas my Classmates gave to me: A Lightning bolt that said St.V!
- On the second day of Christmas my Classmates gave to me: 2 polo shirts!
- On the third day of Christmas my Classmates gave to me: 3 glue sticks.
- On the fourth day of Christmas my Classmates gave to me: 4 pencils.
- On the fifth day of Christmas my Classmates gave to me: 5 tokens!
- On the sixth day of Christmas my Classmates gave to me: 6 teachers
- On the seventh day of Christmas my Classmates gave to me: 7 chrome books
- On the eighth day of Christmas my Classmates gave to me: 8 water bottles
- On the ninth day of Christmas my Classmates gave to me: 9 lunch tables
- On the tenth day of Christmas my Classmates gave to me: 10 lunch trays
- On the eleventh day of Christmas my Classmates gave to me: 11 pencil pouches
- On the twelfth day of Christmas my Classmates gave to me: 12 blue chairs



Poll - Favorite Christmas Song



Lucy Adams
5th Grade Student Contributor

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer **56 votes**

Jingle Bells **78 votes**

I Want a Hippopotamus for Christma **42 votes**

January

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- WINTER
- SNOWMEN
- HOT CHOCOLATE
- HAT
- SLEDDING
- SKIING
- BOOTS
- FREEZING
- BELOW ZERO
- COAT
- SNOWSHOES
- ICE
- TOBOGGAN
- SNOWBOARDING