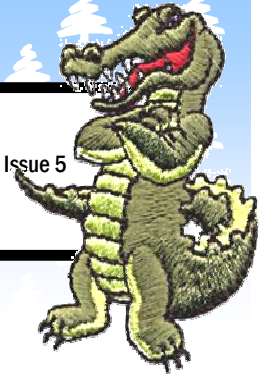


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Escaping the Holiday

By Jared Whalen

Oh, how the holidays are a time of cheer, thanksgiving, and the occasional panic attack. A time of year that used to be filled with the joy of greeting family, relaxing from the everyday stresses of life, and taking pleasure in the simple things has become a slightly dreaded occasion. Though it seems like this in the days, or even weeks prior to the occasion, almost everyone finds the time to enjoy the moment when it finally arrives.

Now a month and a few resolutions later, where do we stand, or maybe for

some of us, where do we collapse from exhaustion? How do you want to start off this new year?

Too many times we look at the new year as a time to start over. When you think about it this seems almost insane. Why would the earth orbiting the sun be a reason to stop eating desert after every meal? Even more importantly, why do we think God's going to go by our calendar?

God is timeless, but we aren't. We might not have tomorrow to "get our act together," much less next year.

So while we're regaining our energy

from the festivities, how about we make a change that matters? Instead of making goals to lose fifty pounds for swimsuit season, lets make a commitment that will change us today. Maybe only watching TV a half-hour a day will give us more time to live, but why bother if we're not living for something that matters?

Get over the holiday aftershock, and forget a resolution; not a goal, but a change. Spend this year with God so that when 2010 comes around, the most important decision is already made.

February Events

2/4– Free Valentines' Day Lunch

2/9– Spring Sale Committee Meeting @ 7 o'clock

2 / 11 - Marcia Warmkessel of Care Net Chapel

2 / 12– B-Ball Game/Fairview/ AWAY

2 / 17 - B - B a l l Game/ Berks Home Schoolers/ AWAY

2/18– Christian Leinback Chapel

2/23-27– Spiritual Emphasis Week with Larry Graber

2 / 26– B-Ball Game/ Blue Mt./ AWAY

2/27– Fairview Basketball Tournament/ AWAY

The Importance of Kindness

By Mrs. Bliesath

It is so important to be kind. To be honest, I am not always kind. I should practice what I preach. One of my favorite verses, and possibly the one that puts me under conviction the most is Ephe-

sians 4:32, " And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." What does it take for us to be kind? Many times we are only kind to people who are kind to us.

How easy is that! We would be in a sad state of affairs if Jesus worked like that. He was kind to the vilest offenders and died for them, too. He was kind to Judas and called him "friend".
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Take a Whiff of Giorgio's Perfume

By Jared Whalen

On Tuesday, January 20, the High School Biology class went on a field trip to Giorgio's Mushroom Plant, to further their current study of fungi. Boarding the van at 10 o'clock, the students headed out to what had only previously been known as "that smell."

Upon arrival, the group was immediately waited upon by a tour guide, who not only works at the factory, but is also a college professor. Taking the group around the facility, he gave them a broad view of what went into getting a mushroom on the shelf.

Fascinatingly enough, nearly half the work involved with growing mushrooms, doesn't even involve mushrooms! Preparing the fertilizer for the mushrooms to grow on takes even more work than the actual growing.

Here are some things you may not have known.

- The only reason mushrooms are grown in the dark is because it would be too expensive to have lights.
- Mushroom houses aren't heated; the decomposing soil produces enough heat for the mushrooms to grow. In hot weather they even need fans to cool them down.

- The only difference between white and brown mushrooms is the time they are left to grow.
- The fertilizer and compost mushrooms are grown on is actually not animal manure. It's the bedding from the animal stalls.
- Working at a mushroom house can pay upwards to \$20 an hour with full benefits.

After a day of mycology, the biology students returned to the school with a new insight on fungi, and a new appreciation for fresh air.

Fun at Ozzy's

By Polly Garwood

On Friday, January 23rd, 2009, Elementary on down took a Field Trip to Ozzy's Sports Fun Center. Roller skating and playing in the jungle gym were the activities they participated in. After interviewing some of the students, it was obvious that a majority of them liked roller skating much rather than taking off their shoes and exploring the many wonders of the huge jungle gym found inside. Here are a few of the remarks I received.

"I liked the roller skating best," Miriam Choke had said. "It

was a lot of fun."

"I really liked the jungle gym more," explained Socheatha Brufette. "A lot of the things in there moved around a lot, and it was fun exploring and climbing through all the little holes."

When asked what she liked best, Alivia Bissel responded, "I liked the jungle gym a lot, but I liked roller skating too. It was a lot of fun, and I would like to go there again sometime."

Thanks to Mr. Dexter and any staff who helped plan this trip, and we gleefully look forward to more.

Student Council

On Tuesday, February 3rd, Student Council will be selling Root Beer Floats. The price is 75 cents for a small, and \$1.00 for a large. Also, on February 13, there will be a jeans day. The price is \$1.00

If you ordered any carnations or lollipops, they will be handed out the 13th as well.



Kindness (*cont'd*)

How much more should we be kind to the person who is not always kind to us, or the person who is not as popular, or perhaps not as smart.

Paul wrote, “ as we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.” This is not always an easy thing to do, for our flesh is weak and when someone is being everything but kind, this is hard. Can't we just give it a try? What harm will it do to be kind? NONE!!! Only good will come out of being kind. Jesus was kind and we need to be like Jesus.

Win, Win, and WIN!

By Andy Del Campo

The Gateway Gators are having a fantastic season with a 4-1 record. Their season has been phenomenal. The Gateway Gators coach had this to say, “I am mighty proud to be able to have a part in this year’s basketball season. I honestly could not see this coming and it is only by God that we are where we are.”

The Gators no longer have any home games this year. The next game is with Fairview on Feb. 17th. The Gators are also part of a tournament which will be held at Fairview Friday, Feb. 27th. We look forward to updating you with the rest of the season.

K.U. Fills Gateway's Need

By Michael Garwood

Recently, our school has received a large computer donation from Kutztown University. Among these machines are 18 Gateway PCs (Windows XP, Higher-end Pentium 4), which are to be used by the teachers and some of them are part of our computer lab! We also received four Macs in the donation. Usually, we use Macs to make Power Point presentations, make audio/video programs (i.e. convention), and for other entertainment/multimedia features. We must thank God for this incredible blessing!

Snow Panic: Why the Precaution?

By Jared Whalen

When you wake up these winter days, and you heard it was supposed to snow, what do you do? Most of us probably check outside to see the result, and probably all of us rush to the TV or computer to see if we have to go to school or if we can crawl back in the comfort of our beds.

This year alone we have had several delays and cancellations, but we have yet to see a winter wonderland. Though we

enjoy the day off, most of us would prefer some real snow versus the ice and rain.

But even so, how many times in the last couple years has school been delayed, or even cancelled, to have the weather fall short? Are these cancellations being taken to lightly? Statistics think otherwise.

In Pennsylvania alone, every January for the last five years has resulted in over a hundred fatal car accidents. That's

nearly four deaths a day due to the conditions we tend to take lightly. That means out of the yearly total of fatal car accidents in PA, which is most often over a thousand, one tenth of them occur in this month.

Now even though we may lose a holiday, or some of our summer break, precaution is better than tragedy. Besides, who doesn't enjoy a day off? Drive safe this winter season, and maybe we'll even get our winter wonderland.

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For this Valentine's Day, write your best "Roses are red" poem, and it will be in the February issue



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Sudoku Puzzle

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Gator Café
February Meals
Thursday 2/5
Cheeseburgers w/ Snack & Drink— \$2.75

Thurs. 2/12
Chicken Dinner w/ Broccoli, Mac & Cheese, and Drink— \$2.50

Thurs. 2/19
Taco Salads w/ Drink
 — SM. \$2.00/ LG. \$2.25

Tue. 2/24
Bacon, Egg, & Cheese Muffins w/ Drink— \$2.25

Thurs. 2/26
Grilled Ham & Cheese w/ Drink— \$2.00