



Bucket Drumming

By: Jaidenlee N.

In December, the 6th grade had the special honor to receive classes on bucket drumming. Every Thursday, instead of gym they would receive a class from their teacher, Mr. Leon. Mr. Leon is from the foundation, Musicopia. Their mission is to provide opportunities for children to experience, learn, perform, and appreciate music. Mr. Leon and his crew would teach the six graders techniques like the echo and different routines such as the cadence and the roll off. After all their preparation, the 6th graders had a performance in front of the whole school. Everyone did a super job because of the help that they received from Mr. Leon. It was music to everyone's ears and the 6th graders really enjoyed this experience.

Christmas Band/ Choir Concert

By: Samaira S. and Isha M.

B.V.M.'s back into the Christmas spirit! This year our December was packed and busy due to all the different and exciting events. One of them being, the school's annual Christmas concert. Our 2018 Christmas concert, included the school's band, and the choir. For the opening of the concert, the school's 4-5th grade choir had sung for us. Then, we had listened to the 6-8th grade choir. The choir had prepared for us different Christmas songs, such as "The First Noel" and "Silent Night." For the other half of the concert we had watched our school's band performance, first was the beginner band and to conclude the whole concert the advanced band had performed. The band had shown us how they all came together with their Christmas spirit and played different Christmas songs. All the students dearly enjoyed all the performances and really got into the Christmas spirit because of it.

Door/ Bulletin Board Decorating Contest!

By: Papakojo D., Ameerq M., Brianna C.

The annual door decorating contest is a contest where each classroom on each floor has to decorate their class door or bulletin board into something Christmas or holiday season related. Each class votes on a theme or decoration for their door. Working together, they decorate the door. Every student contributes a piece of work to the door. Student council members vote on the best decorated door! Not only do the members vote, the teachers are allowed to vote as well. This year's winners on the first floor were Grade 2 room 1. Their door's theme was Santa's snowy vacation, or dreaming of a white Christmas. The 2nd floor's winners were Grade 3 room 17. Their theme was an ugly sweater Christmas party with all the students. Lastly, in the Annex building the winners were Grade 7 Room 24, with a sporty Christmas in Philadelphia with all the famous sports teams' mascots. Great job to our winners and all the classrooms that participated!

Secret Santa Shop

By: Angela H. and Cristelle E.

This year's Secret Santa Shop was one that everyone enjoyed. Eighth graders helped the kids pick out what to get their loved ones for the holiday season. There was a variety of things to choose from for many different people. You could get gifts for grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, siblings, friends and even your pets! There were things like mugs, pens, magnets, toys and much more. Everyone enjoyed this year's Secret Santa Shop. It got everyone in the Christmas spirit.

Tableau

By: Matthew K.

On Christmas Eve at the 4:30 mass, Maternity BVM Church had the sixth and seventh grade perform a play. This play was about Jesus's birth and how the first Christmas happened. All the children who participated did a wonderful job preparing for Jesus' birth. This mass was very special as it was a great gathering to begin Christmas. The children worked for the past 6 weeks to make this a beautiful Tableau. It was a time for peace and joy as the children performed. As we all know at mass we're closer to Jesus, but at this mass it seemed that Jesus was present. The children that volunteered missed class and recess but still made up the work, that is a huge commitment. In conclusion, the children did a wonderful job to deliver this play to our other students and parents.

Teacher of the Month

By: Ella D. Olivia C.

On Friday January 4th, First Friday Mass took place. During the Mass, Peacemakers for the month of December were awarded. Along with Peacemakers, the Teacher of the Month was also awarded. Teacher of The Month is an award given to an honorable teacher. The teacher is chosen by Mrs. Z. Mrs. Santo was given this special honor. We asked her some questions about how she felt. "How did you feel when you were chosen?" "I felt proud and excited, but embarrassed" she replied. "Did you know you were going to be awarded?" we asked. "No, I was very surprised. I had no idea." Mrs. Santo was the outstanding Teacher of the Month because of her love and dedication to Maternity BVM. Congratulations, Mrs. Santo!

