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SCHOOL NEWS

FUNdRACING: Jog-A-Thon 2013

By: Daniel Setiabudi and Matthew Yuhico

Jogathon is one of the most well-known SJE fundraisers. Parents, teachers, and most of all the students of SJE look forward to Jogathon every year. Between the donations, the running event, and lastly, the raffle prizes at the end of the day, Jog-A-Thon is not only one of the most fun days in the school year but a great day of community as well. This year, we have almost achieved our goal of pledges, and nearly reached 100% participation from all families for donations. Third grade won this year's contest between all grades, having the greatest average of total pledges! Their grand prize? Free dress for a week in Decemebr, a movie and popcorn, and a delicious catered lunch. The actual event is never short of enthusiasm! This year, students ran as many laps as they could, some even notched close to sixty laps in sixty minutes. The day didn't stop there, however. After the jogging event, the school was treated to an In-N-Out lunch and a lavish raffle afterwards.



Some 7th-graders warm up before their jog.

Photo Credit: Ms. Tharayil

Luck of the Draw

By: Adriana Perez, Jasmine Avalos and Sabrina Cervantes

One of the most events, alongside the Jog-a-thon itself, is the October 10th, 2013 after exhausted children from Grill Hall. Mrs. raffle off with a then the frenzy ensued. out that day, along with a few sorrowful tears. the giant stuffed panda, tickets, and the Clippers other enviable prizes. blessed with yet A-Thon raffle!



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anticipated school Halloween Hop and Jog-a-thon raffle. On the Jog-A-Thon grades K-8th piled into Danowitz started the wonderful prayer, and Many prizes were given many gleeful grins and People went berserk for Justin Timberlake tickets, among several All in all, 2013 was another successful Jog-

Pumpkin Gallery:

This year's pumpkin decoration challenge

By: Daniel Ferreiro and Caleb Martin

An annual Halloween celebration, the pumpkin gallery, in which contestants put their own unique and creative twists on the tradition of pumpkin decorating, did not fail to disappoint this year. The contenders all worked their very hardest and we certainly received some special additions. Some memorable ones among the many were a bear-like double pumpkin by Katarina Perez and a fuzzy candy corn cat pumpkin by Daniel Myers. These pumpkins were delivered to Grill hall to decorate it for the annual Halloween Hop. There they stayed for the very scary party! Many of the pumpkins certainly succeeded in adding atmosphere to the event. Which ones were your favorite? And what ideas do you have for Pumpkin Gallery 2014? Let us know!

Chuckle Corner

Island Fever

By: Kelan Martinez



Punny Jokes

By: Ricardo Manzanera

- "Knock, knock."
- "Who's there?"
- "Boo."
- "Boo who?"
- "Why are you crying out there?"

For the Word Nerd

By: Ricardo Manzanera

Humdinger: [Huhm-ding-er] (noun informal) A person thing action , or statement of remarkable excellence or effect.

Riddle Me This

By: Ricardo Manzanera

You scratch my head once and I turn black. What am I?

SPORTS

Boys' Football

By: *Kawika Austin*

The Boys A Team had a strong football season, winning several games and taking themselves all the way to the semifinals. However, unfortunately, despite a passionate and concerted effort, they suffered a heartbreaking loss to St. Mel's in the semis. St. Mel went on to win the championship. Nevertheless, we are very proud of them. The 2014 Boys B Football Team also had a great season, winning over 500, giving rival teams like Our Lady of Lourdes a run for their money.

Girls' Volleyball

By: *Ms. Tharayil and Sofia Lancellotti*

This year both our girls' volleyball team had stellar seasons in the first trimester. The Girls A Team went undefeated in the league and only very narrowly missed out on winning the championship, losing their first and only game in the semifinals to St. Bernadine's, who went on to win the championship. However, despite this, there was no doubt that the girls' A team displayed an impressive amount of tremendous talent and athleticism all season long. The Girls' B team also had a largely successful season, winning most of their games. This year there were two teams, white and red. The Red team was coached by Mr. Lara and the white by Mrs. Rybak. The girls' B teams were fortunate to have extra coaching every Tuesday from alumnus and college-volleyball player, Megan Wheeler, who came and taught our 5th and 6th grade girls some fundamental skills of the sport.

Halloween Hop

By: *Silvia Osorio and Lauren Calderon*

As it is each time, the Halloween Hop this year was a great way to enjoy the spookiest and also one of the most fun holidays of the year. Though the impressive dance moves, scrumptious food, and plentiful candy were all highlights of the event, the Halloween Hop would not have been the night to remember that it was without all the amazing help from our parents and security officers, who organized everything and kept everyone safe, respectively. This year's Halloween Hop also featured the costume contest, of course. Among the winners was Bryce Richardson, Mrs. Richardson's son, who won in the age 8-12 years-old category. Many kids won amazing prizes like lollipops and skull or Halloween-themed rings in the game/coloring room. We also learned the DJ's own original grooves to "Gangnam Style" by Psy. All in all, everybody had a great time to show the festive spirit of Halloween.

Blast from the Past

By: *Patrick Mayoral*

During the first trimester, the 6th Grade class went to the Heritage Square Museum for a class field trip. The museum was unique in that it was made up of many houses that were torn down and rebuilt in the area. All the houses were from the late 1800s and early 1900s and came in all different shapes, sizes and colors. Our tour guide was very informative and provided student with a wealth of interesting facts about the building. After the tour was done, the 6th graders had the opportunity to play with cool olden toys, which most of them enjoyed. All in all, the 6th graders had a splendid time at their field trip. The Heritage Museum is a strongly recommended visit for anyone who is seeking a blast from the past.

WORLD NEWS

Tackling CTE

By: *Adriana Perez*

Football players seem almost superhuman, but unfortunately, they are not. Chronic traumatic encephalopathy, or simply CTE, is a brain disease which cripples players with mental illnesses such as depression or dementia. But, what is CTE exactly? CTE is the abnormal buildup of a protein called tau, which damages brain cells that control memory, emotions, and other functions of the brain. CTE has been found in brains of former NFL players such as Mike Webster and Junior Seau. This disease seems to affect players who have had multiple brain injuries but scientists cannot find a specific reason for the cause of the disease or a cure. The danger of football is obvious, yet spectators continue to watch and cheer on their favorite teams, why? Football is an obsession, fans sit around their TVs every Sunday to watch the game. Ending football forever would be extremely drastic, you cannot simply take away the nation's obsession. New safety regulations can be made, but isn't the constant running and tackling what makes it exciting? Football lovers won't want their game to be changed, so what can be done? That's still to be determined.

Reopening the Bay Bridge

By: Kawika Austin and Aidan Hall

24 years ago a massive 6.9 magnitude earthquake hit San Francisco, which destroyed and collapsed the very popular and iconic Bay Bridge, costing thousands of dollars, and four lives. After several years of reconstruction and nearly \$7 billion dollars, the historic bridge reopened on September 2nd, 2013. It is now fortified and supplied with the 21st-century technology to make it strong enough to withstand another natural disaster like this.

Sriracha Apocalypse

By: Matthew Yuhico and Raymond Levesque

The lawsuit on the popular hot sauce, Sriracha, has recently become a hot topic in the neighborhood, almost quite literally. Some of spicy company's factories in southern California are now under fire due to complaints from neighboring residents about the strong odors emitted from the factories during production. However, initial reports from air quality inspectors found no traceable odor in the 20 foot radius surrounding the exhaust system, according to authorities, nor were odors detected in nearby streets around the factory. The inspectors found a mild chili odor in the factory's lobby, rated a one on a scale of one to ten. Near the exhaust hoods, where chillis are ground, inspectors rated it three, the declaration said. Despite the lack of substantial evidence, the judge has ordered that the Irwindale Sriracha factory shut down part of its plant there on the grounds that it is reasonable to assume the offensive odors are emanating from the plant, thereby inconveniencing its residents. However, fear not spicy-food lovers, the Sriracha franchise is still very much in business across the state and in other parts of the country, so you can still fire up those taste buds!

Tech Showdown

By: Daniel Singontiko

Are you an Android fan or an iOS fan? These two software companies have both brought many innovative designs, features, and hardware support, but the question is which one is superior? Until recently, iOS updates have typically been stale and never changed. iOS7, however, now features nifty, new fonts and the revolutionized background wallpaper. In contrast, Android has kept adding new features, particularly in design, each update from the start. In fact, Android has bumped up its game with "Google Now" which is similar to Apple's "Siri," capable of performing voice-controlled tasks such as sending text messages or getting directions. While both are considerably effective and apt software, statistics do seem to show that Android is the more popular mobile operating system as reported by Lisa Mahapatra in her article in the "International Business Times."

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