

# Literary Lions

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## RAZING THE ROOF

by Jimmy Kaiser

You have seen and enjoyed the first stage of our major campus update, the Youth Center/Gymnasium. Now St. Mark's Episcopal School is starting on Phase 2, and it will be even bigger and better. Last month the *construction* company began the *destruction* part of this phase. We all watched as the walls (and roofs) of the Parish Hall and the Pavilion came down. It was quite a sight. The new plan, which will take about a year, is to raze and rebuild the administration offices and to expand the church. My next update should show some great building progress.



*Left - The destruction begins on the roof of the Pavilion. If your class was on the south side of the building, you got to see and hear the excitement.*

*Right - After the dust cleared, this was the view. The Parish Hall and the Pavilion are only a memory now. You can see the new construction from the church narthex.*



by Hannah Krul

The definition of bullying is when a person does or says mean things to have power over another person. Some exam-

ples of bullying are calling people names, saying or writing mean things, excluding people, making them feel scared, or hurting them. All of those things are wrong. I think all schools should ban bullying.

Some people bully because they think it makes them popular, some do it to get attention, and others do it to make themselves look strong. People don't understand how the victims feel when they are getting bullied.

Bullies usually pick on kids who are younger than they are. If you are getting bullied and want it to stop, you should tell an adult or a teacher. If you see someone getting bullied, you should try to stop it. The worst thing to do is to ignore it. Some people say if they tell an adult what they saw, then the bully will get angry with them, but it almost always makes the problem better.

If you have ever bullied someone, think about how that person was feeling at the time. If you're a bully and want to stop, then find other things that make you feel better or more comfortable. Bullying is wrong, and that's why everyone needs to put a stop to it.

## Let's Meet Our New Middle School Teachers

by Sophia DeRosa

We have several new teachers in the Middle School this year. To get to know them all better, we asked them some questions.

### Mrs. Tristan Eckert (Spanish)

*Literary Lions:* Did you speak Spanish as a kid?

Mrs. Eckert: No, English.

*Literary Lions:* If you could live in one Spanish-speaking city, which would it be?

Mrs. Eckert: Buenos Aires, Argentina. It is a beautiful city with delicious food and wonderful sights to see. I spent a summer there once.

### Mr. Dwane Earnhardt (Band)

*Literary Lions:* What is your favorite food?

Mr. Earnhardt: Right now it is Maine lobster because I just spent some vacation time there.

*Literary Lions:* What is your goal for the band this year?

Mr. Earnhardt: I want kids to understand how to make music by putting notes together.

### Ms. Sarah Davis (Art)

*Literary Lions:* When did you discover your passion for art?

Mrs. Davis: It happened in college.

*Literary Lions:* If you could buy an outfit from any store, which one would it be?

Mrs. Davis: J. Crew!

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# TEN YEARS LATER

by Sydney Cuparo

On the morning of September 11, 2001, a tragedy came to all the people of New York City; Arlington, Virginia; and Shanksville, Pennsylvania. From 8:46 a.m. to 10:28 a.m., the terror never stopped. There were fighter planes flying in every direction and people screaming and running away. The World Trade Center was burning right before their eyes.

When this happened, we middle schoolers were only toddlers. Although it didn't seem like much to us then, the years went by, and we would talk about it. Our parents would tell us about it, or we would even hear about it on the news. In addition to the World Trade Center, a section of the Pentagon collapsed, and Flight 93 crashed into a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Every anniversary of 9/11 is honored by all Americans, especially friends and family of those who died that day.

The memorial in New York City is set in the footprints of where the World Trade Center stood. Around it are engraved the names of all the people who died that day. There is going to be a 9/11 museum opening in 2012. Millions of people all over the world will visit and remember the victims of terrorism. We will never forget them.



# TRAVEL THE WORLD

with Alyssa Suarez

On the west coast of Florida lies the beautiful island of Sanibel. You may not realize it, but it's actually a shell paradise. I've been there myself, and I can tell you plenty. Once you arrive, all you see are restaurants and shops. When parked at a hotel or a public beach like Blindpass or Bowman's Beach, walk to the sand. You see the glistening gulf as you walk farther. The first thing that comes to mind is, "Where are all the shells?" Well, you have to scrunch down, dig, or step in the cold water. If you find a junonia, you could be on the front cover of the newspaper. There is a lot more to the beaches like sandbars at low tide, the best time to shell. At least five sandbars appear, and very little water flows in.

The main road to the attractions is Periwinkle Way. One shop is *Mango Bay*, a cute surf shop and tourist paradise. Filled with boogie boards, t-shirts, water shoes, snow globes, and more, it's a dream come true. Across the way is a little mall with *Jerry's*, a croc shoe store, and a surf shop. *Jerry's* is a grocery and goods store. The surf shop is filled with maps, beach games, and other knick knacks. Then, at the end of Periwinkle Way is a restaurant called the *Over Easy Café*. A few roads down is an excellent restaurant called *Doc Ford's*, home of the spicy Yucatan shrimp. There is so much more to explore, but I will tell you one more. To end your day, have a cold treat at Pinocchio's, the only one-of-a-kind ice cream shop on Sanibel Island.

See you soon with another great destination!



## Eating Out: A Restaurant Review

from Amalie Packard



Last weekend I ate at the wonderful and well-priced *Dune Dog* in Jupiter. It is best known for its award-winning hot dogs, hamburgers, chowder, and ribs. On my last visit I enjoyed the clam chowder and a root beer float. The chowder always tastes awesome, and the root beer float melts in your mouth along with the homemade ice cream.

Established in 1994, the beach theme restaurant includes lots of seating and a chance to relax in the open air. Whether you are dressed down or up, your seat will provide a nice piece of shade from the many palm trees. For children under 12, you can get crayons and a kid's menu. The decorations around you include lots of Jimmy Buffet lyrics and wonderful beach theme sayings.



My favorite part of *Dune Dog* is the fact that you can write your name on the wooden slats of the fence so you see your name every time you return. So, head over to *Dune Dog* for a fantastic

meal and a trip to the beach without the sand or the rushing water. (Dune Dog is located on Alt A1A between Indiantown Road and Center Street.)



by  
Zachary  
Ladd

*Battlefield 3* (commonly abbreviated to *BF3*) is a first-person shooter action video game being developed by EA Digital Illusions CE that will be published by Electronic Arts. The game is set to be released on October 25, 2011, on Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, and Xbox 360; and EA Mobile confirmed a port for the iOS platform. *BF3* is a direct sequel to 2005's *Battlefield 2*. It will feature jets, battle tanks, APC's, armored buggies, ATV's, attack helicopters, and more. *Battlefield 3* will have a maximum player limit of 64 players, 32 players on each team. It has been confirmed that there will be no split screen for single player or multiplayer. Look for it next week in your local game store.



# Bella Cucina :

*Cooking with Bella Gingrich*

Welcome to *Bella Cucina* where I will take you step-by-step through new recipes every quarter. If you have any culinary questions, you can come to me for the answers. This quarter's recipe is homemade gummies.

## HOMEMADE GUMMIES

### Supplies

- A stirring spoon.
- A small sauce pot

### Ingredients

- 1/3 cup water
- 2 packs of unflavored Knox gelatin
- 1 3oz box Jello (any flavor)

### Directions

- Take the water and pour it into the sauce pot.
- Slowly stir in the unflavored gelatin.
- Then add the jello powder.
- Place on the stove over low heat and slowly dissolve.
- Once runny, pour the Jello into a candy mold, an ice mold, or even a piece of wax paper to shape your gummies.
- Let sit on counter top for 10 minutes, then place in the freezer for 10 minutes, and you are good to go.

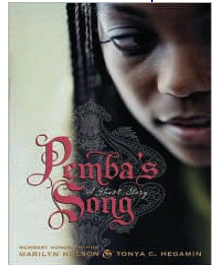


Fun fact: you can double the recipe and use two 2 flavors of Jello!

## Book Review:

by Elizabeth Berenson

This book is not a bone-chilling ghost novel, but more of a mystery waiting to be uncovered. *Pemba's Song: A Ghost Story* is the perfect read if you're in the mood for adventure. From the authors Marilyn Nelson and Tonya Hegamin comes a great mystery that starts with Pemba, a teen from Brooklyn, who finds herself living in a haunted house in the small town of Colchester, Connecticut. Before Pemba knows it, she is visited by the ghost of Phyllis, a black maid who died in the house. First, Pemba finds herself dreaming about Phyllis's life, and the next thing she knows, she finds herself waking up in the attic! What is Phyllis trying to tell her? And why is she contacting her? Find out in this ghostly mystery, *Pemba's Song: A Ghost Story*.



## What's in Fashion?

This is what girls in middle school say is in fashion today that you can wear with our uniform - -

- Bracelets
- Earrings
- Rubber Bands
- Sperry Shoes
- Tom's Shoes
- Nike Tennis Shoes
- Hair Bows or Head Bands



by Totu Seitieva



When the rest of the world walks out, a true friend walks in.

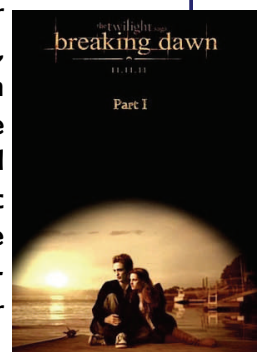


Why reach for the sky when there are already footsteps on the moon?

## Coming Attraction: **Breaking Dawn Part I**

Previewed by Maggie Regnery

This movie is directed by Bill Condon and stars Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, and Taylor Lautner. Based on Stephenie Meyer's world-wide best seller of the same name, this movie has it all, including adventure, drama, romance, and fantasy. The epic romance continues when Bella Swan and Edward Cullen commit to each other forever. Meanwhile, the tension among the Quileute wolves continues, and Bella and Edward's plans leave Jacob Black heartbroken. Bella and Edward must deal with a series of obstacles to their future happiness, and for those of you who have not yet read the book, there are some secrets which will shock you. The dangerous Volturi return and pose different threats to the wolf pack and the vampire clan. Whether you are a member of Camp Edward or Camp Jacob, this is one movie you won't want to miss. *Breaking Dawn* comes to a theater near you November 18, 2011.



**Mr. Chuck Maddox  
(History - 7th & 8th)**

*Literary Lions: What is your favorite event in history to teach?*

Mr. Maddox: In 7th grade, I would pick the Renaissance. In 8th grade, I would choose the American Revolution.

*Literary Lions: If you could change one event in history, what would it be?*

Mr. Maddox: I'd like to go back to 9/11 and stop it from happening.

**Mrs. Jane Niebch  
(6th grade Science)**

*Literary Lions: Since you love to travel, what has been your favorite destination so far?*

Mrs. Niebch: I really loved France because the architecture of the buildings is so beautiful.

*Literary Lions: What is one of your favorite lab activities?*

Mrs. Niebch: I like looking at onion skins under the microscope.

# DEAR ROARY...

## Advice from the Expert!

*Q: Dear Roary,*

*I got new shoes for school, and I was really excited about them. One of my friends asked if the shoes were new, and when I said, "Yes," my friend just walked away and didn't say anything else. What do you think that meant? I can't stop worrying about it.*

*Hurt and Confused*

**A:** Dear Hurt and Confused,

Don't feel upset because your friend said nothing. Your friend might have liked your shoes but didn't say anything. Don't worry about what other people think. Have your own style, and don't let one reaction ruin your mood.

Sincerely,  
Roary

*Q: Dear Roary,*

*My friends are all going trick or treating this year, but my parents said that I am too old for that now. I really want to go. What do you think about middle school kids trick or treating?*

*Wanting Candy*

**A:** Dear Wanting Candy,

I think Halloween is a great holiday where you can dress up and have fun. You can never be too old for that. Maybe if you dress like your age, you would be fine. Have a face-to-face talk with your parents, and try to negotiate a plan for Halloween. Trick or treat!

Sincerely,  
Roary

# Poetry

## The Ghost

The way that you haunt me  
Always makes me scared.  
I told my friends about you,  
But nobody cared.  
But it was true, and I was right  
'Cause the only thing I'm seeing tonight  
Is you --- the ghost.  
No matter what I do,  
You always follow me  
Into the darkness --- and yell, "Boo!"

by Totu Seitieva

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**Quarterly Contest -** Guess the correct number of candy pumpkins in the container in Mrs. Lott's room and win a prize.



## Leave Them Laughing



by Amalie Packard and Alyssa Suarez

- Q1. Why is an island like the letter T?
- Q2. What gets wetter and wetter as it dries?
- Q3. Which building is the biggest - the restaurant, the bank, or the library?
- Q4. What can you serve but not eat?
- Q5. What did the traffic signal say to the cars?
- Q6. Why did the baseball fan tie sneakers onto a house?

- A1. Both are in the middle of water. A2. A beach towel.  
A3. The library- it has the most stories.  
A4. A volleyball. A5. "Don't look, I'm changing."  
A6. He wanted to see a home run.

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