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Caring? Does it Ever Stop?

Anyone who knows Ms. Felix knows that Holy Family Holy Name is her passion. Ms. Felix has given most of her life to keep this school vibrant and alive. For those of you that do not know, Ms. Felix is presently dealing with cancer but this has not stopped her from doing her job. Ms. Felix has been working from home. Even with her chemo treatments she is still running the school from her kitchen table. The reason she is not in her office is simple. She is very susceptible to germs. How does she do it? Her faith keeps her going and with the help of her faculty and staff she is able to continue with her passion. They have stepped up to the plate to help her with the things she can not do from home. Together they have found an even balance. Ms. Felix would love to hear from you. Please feel free to email her at cfelix@hfhn.org or send a card to 91 Summer St., New Bedford, Ma 02740.



Ms. Cecilia Felix

Mardi Gras!

By Bridget Bagana

Everyone knows that Mardi Gras is a day when you get to make masks, wear costumes, join parades, and eat pancakes for dinner. The only question is why do we do that? Well, Mardi Gras is a religious celebration prior to fasting for Lent. The word Mardi Gras is French for Fat Tuesday, which refers to the eating of fatty foods before fasting for Lent. It is also known as Shrove Tuesday, the word “shrive” meaning confess.

Mardi Gras is celebrated all over the world in places like Belgium, Brazil, Germany, Senegal, Sweden,

and the United States. In Belgium, Mardi Gras is seen as the most important day of the year. In Brazil, Mardi Gras is the famous *Carnival* and is taken to the extreme in Rio de Janeiro. In the Netherlands, it is also called *Carnival* and is very similar to the Venice *Carnival*. In New Orleans, Louisiana, celebrants gather in the French Quarter dressed in purple, green, and gold. They celebrate with a huge parade and amazing floats and costumes. Mardi Gras is a widely known celebration spent in different ways.

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The Wonderful Colors of Art Club

By Mary St Laurent

Do you like to draw or make crafts? Well you should join Art Club. If you are in grades 3-6 you can join. Mrs. Casmara helps you make your crafts come to life. She has been doing Art Club for 3 years and its been the most colorful years of her life. She also teaches P3-4 art as well. In Art Club you will make crafts for special events like Ed Fair and everyone can see your art. They always meet in the Art/Music room Monday at 3:00 o'clock and it ends at 4:00 o'clock. If you would like to join Art Club next year you will have a lot of fun and be sure to be ready to use your imagination. Anyone can join if they're in grade 3-6, you will have a colorful time.



Sea Lab - A Marine Summer Experience

By Loredana Mello

Sea Lab was established in 1968 by New Bedford Public Schools. Just like it was in the past, Sea Lab is a six-week course in the summer for students who want to learn more about marine sciences. Currently, the grades in Sea Lab go from fourth grade to ninth grade. The topics studied include oceanography, physics, chemistry, biology, and many more related to marine environments. In the past students have had the chance to participate in ongoing professional research with universities in New England. Marine sports such as swimming and sailing are also an important part of Sea Lab.

Each class has a curriculum unique to that grade. Acceptance into Sea Lab is determined by a test to assess your knowledge on science. You are also interviewed as part of the acceptance process. Students who are thinking about entering this program must maintain an A-B average to be accepted.

“While at Sea Lab each student must maintain an acceptable level of performance. The competition is keen and it is expected that a Sea Lab student will work to the best of his or her ability. Students who successfully complete their studies will have the privilege of returning each ensuing summer. Participation in marine related activities such as swimming, snorkeling, and boating is mandatory”

- quote from the Sea Lab application packet

I have attended Sea Lab for three years. Some of my projects include a thermometer, research on deep-sea marine life, and a movie on waterspouts. My favorite topic I have learned about was seismology-the study of earthquakes and plate tectonics. Sea Lab is academically challenging, but is a lot of fun. I have gained so much knowledge of marine science from my Sea Lab experience that I did not have before. For anyone with an interest in marine science, Sea Lab is a program I highly recommend.

Good Eats! The Spicy Lime Restaurant

by Peyton Lainey

The Spicy Lime is a small restaurant in Downtown New Bedford, that is overlooked most of the time. The Spicy Lime serves Thai style food, but does not only appeal to the people who enjoy Thai style food. If you are a picky eater you will find that there are some options for you also.

The seating is pretty limited, about 26 to 28 people can fit at most, but the times I've been it wasn't really packed. The price is reasonable, of course depending on what you get, but I would give it about \$\$ maybe \$\$\$ on price. The location is 522 Pleasant Street (zip code is 02740) in the Downtown area. The phone number is (508)-992-3330 if you wish to call and order, and the menu you can find online (do not have a website). The hours are for lunch and dinner, and they are closed on Sunday.

The food is varied in taste, from mild heat to the hottest, and with seasonings and dressings. For drinks I would recommend the Thai Iced Tea, but only if you like sweeter drinks. The soups they have are vegetable, some seafood, and Thai wonton soup. I have only had the vegetable soup, which was on the plainer side. For main courses you can have seafood, curry, salad, noodle dishes, or a stir fried entree. Out of the main courses I do like the Salmon Teriyaki best. The only thing I think they should offer is dessert, but otherwise The Spicy Lime is a fantastic restaurant.



Spicy Lime



Mrs. Peters



Mrs. Nobrega



Mrs. Kuliga

Through the Years!

by Jack Murray



Have you ever wondered what teacher has been at our school the longest? Well, if you have, the answer is Mrs. Kuliga. She started here in 1989, as the kindergarten teacher. The kindergarten classroom that she taught in is not the present day kindergarten, it is the present day office. Mrs. Kuliga ran the kindergarten with the help of pre-school 4 helper, Mrs. Cafferty.

Under the direction of Ms. Felix, Holy Family Holy Name was able to start new programs such as, Physical Education, Art, and a new language, Portuguese. Also with Ms. Felix's' permission, our school was able to get a Computer Lab, and many new clubs that appeal to everyone!

The “A Capella” New Kids

By: Bridget Bagana

Have you ever heard of an a cappella group called Straight No Chaser? If you haven't, then you should definitely listen to their music. An a cappella group is when people mimic musical instruments with their mouths while others sing. The up and coming group Straight No Chaser is the perfect example. Straight no Chaser is an all male a cappella group from Indiana.



Straight - No Chaser

Their group sings many types of songs from classics to today's hits.

Most of the time when people think of an all male a cappella group, they think of men in khakis and blazers singing college songs on campus. But these guys are completely different. They started twelve years ago at Indiana University. The group is made up of these men: Michael, Randy, Dave, Charlie, Jerome, Walter, Dan, Seggie, Tyler, and Steve. Straight no Chaser has more than 20 million views on YouTube, has made national TV appearances, and put interesting twists on today's music. These guys are the real deal, with no processing, creative twists, and, most important, a sense of humor.



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Which President?

By: Loredana Mello

Match the president with the fun fact about them. Have fun!

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| 1. Martin Van Buren_____ | A.I was fined \$20 for speeding with my horse and carriage. |
| 2. Abraham Lincoln_____ | B.I was the only president who never married. |
| 3. Ulysses S. Grant_____ | C.I was the first catholic president. |
| 4. James A. Garfield_____ | D.I had a pet alligator. |
| 5. John F. Kennedy_____ | E.I was the tallest president. |
| 6. Thomas Jefferson _____ | F.I was the first president born an American (all the others before me were born in the British colonies.) |
| 7. James Buchanan_____ | G.I could write with both hands, at the same time, and in different languages. |
| 8. John Quincy Adams_____ | H.I played violin,cello, and clavichord (an instrument similar to a piano). |

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