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Nicolas Jr. High
Fullerton, CA

Knights Perform Winter Concert

By Chris Salazar, Monica Torres & Albert Castaneda

If you were bored on December 10th, you should have been at the Holiday Recital. It started at 7 p.m. with over 200 students from Nicolas Junior High performing on the Ladera Vista stage. Advanced band performed "The Ash Grove," "Tidings of Joy," "Eine Kline Christmas," and "Jingle Bones." Carlos Sanchez said, "Band was good and I enjoyed their performance."

Also, Dance performed many great and exciting dances. Twelve members of the Nicolas Dance Team performed a Flamenco style "Feliz Navidad." Brittini Rojo said, "It was precise and put together." Alyssa Osmus danced a solo to "Where Are You Christmas?" from the movie "How The Grinch Stole Christmas." In addition, Lucy Carrillo danced a solo to "Last Christmas" and a duet with Selena Salazar. Choir sang many pleasant songs including "Donde Esta Santa Claus?" and "Happy Hannuka." One Nicolas student said, "You should have been there. It was truly an amazing concert."

50's Comes Back To Nicolas

By Josselin Acosta, Aide Gonzalez, Bryanna Guzman & Kim Vu

The Winter Dance is going to be on Dec. 18, from 6-8 pm. Our theme is 50's Blackout/Whiteout. Dance attire goes with the theme and could be anything black, white, or 50's style.

The music played at the dance will be Rock n Roll, Hip Hop, Oldies, Grease and Elvis. The activities include face painting, a best dressed competition, dance off, ping pong, and all of our favorite video games like Dance Dance Revolution and Guitar Hero! Although dinner is provided, students can purchase nachos, popcorn, and snow cones. Unframed photos are \$1 and \$5 with frame. For safety reasons only Nicolas students are allowed at the dance- no visitors. The tickets will be \$5 and are sold at lunch. In order to buy a ticket you must not be on the LOP list.

Knights On Stage

By Jacob Creer

The Nicolas Speech and Debate Team recently competed in their first interscholastic competition of the school year. The team trekked to Jefferson Middle School in San Gabriel to compete and observe other teams. It was the first competition for Alyssa Bravo and Madison Burnes. "I think our team learned a lot and I was really proud of them," said Mrs. Wells. The team is currently studying, memorizing and practicing to be ready for the next competition in February.

Fundraisers Fill Need

By Kim Vu

Nicolas fundraising is in need of more student participation this year. The money that we gain from fundraisers such as the cookie dough sale held in October, is used to buy the school much needed items. The next fundraiser will be the very successful Jog-a-Thon scheduled for February 27-28. The goal of the P.E. department is to raise even more money than they did last year. Students are encouraged to participate and get pledges. More information will be given in 2009.

Lunch Review

By Victor Estrada & Natalia Padilla



In case you ever are the winner of lunch with a Nicolas administrator, here is a place you might consider: In-N-Out is a very good restaurant because of its amazingly good food. The burgers in this restaurant are very tasty and many people have said it was their favorite burger. The menu includes their famous Double Double, and their original cheese burgers and other kinds of hamburgers. Their French fries go from regular fries to huge and sloppy ANIMAL FRIES!!!

One of the cons of this restaurant is that it is tightly packed with people. The drive thru is so full that sometimes employees have to go outside to take orders, but this doesn't stop people from going to this delicious burger place.

In-N-Out has recently celebrated their 60th anniversary. Sixty years of quality you can taste. Now, that's what a hamburger is all about!

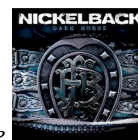
CD Review

By Jacob Creer



Hinder -Take it to the Limit

Hinder's "Take it to the Limit" is filled with nice soft vocals targeted to the girls that love emotional ballads. The guitar riffs sway and swing allowing for some great "rock out" moments. "Take it to the Limit" would make a great holiday gift for a friend or buy it for yourself.



Nickelback - Dark Horse

Back in action with their second 08' album, Nickelback is rocking hard. The Canadian rock band has leaned more towards hard rock than their typical softer vocals. The riffs are aggressive, and if you like harder rock, here you go. With such lyrics like "She had her eyes on the prize as the girl next door/You grow up quick when you grow up poor/It's the only way to LA that she knows" it's clear Nickelback has a message.

Dear Nicky

I really want to ask this boy to the winter dance, but I am scared. How do I find the right thing to say to him? My mom says girls should not ask boys, but I don't think she even knows what she's talking about.

-Wondering

Dear Wondering,

What you should do is find out if this young man is going to the dance or not. If he isn't, then encourage him to go by telling him that you would really like to see him there and that you guys could have a lot of fun. Meeting him at the dance would be the right thing to do. As for your mom saying that girls shouldn't ask boys... you will have a Sadie Hawkins dance in High School just for that purpose!!! There should not be any pressure to pair up at a junior high school dance, so have fun and enjoy!

- Nicky

Mystery 7th Grader

By Lucy Carillo & Tony Banks

The Mystery 7th Grader is someone who is 14 years old and whose birthday is October 31. His/Her favorite animal is a chameleon, because it is able to change colors. This student likes Nicolas because of friends. His/Her favorite food is Cheetos, and cheddar cheese Ruffles, and whose favorite music is techno "because it has a really up beat." She /He hangs out with Ricky and Emmanuel. Try to guess who this 7th grader is.

Mystery 8th Grader

By Marlene Hernandez & Nicole Radu

We interviewed the Mystery 8th Grader and asked him a few interesting questions. We asked him what was the most embarrassing thing that ever happened to him. He said, "It was the time when I was running on the benches and fell." We asked him who was his favorite teacher, and he answered Mrs. Vetrovec. We also asked what was his favorite type of music, and he answered Rap and Hip Hop.

Everyone loves T.V. so we asked him what is your favorite T.V. show? He said he liked the show "Family Guy", because it is funny. We asked, "What are you scared of?" He said he was scared of the end of the world. Wow. We asked him where he saw himself in ten years, and he said he would see himself in college. His dream car is a blue Lamborghini and he wants to be a professional athlete when he grows up and live in a beach house, but right now he just wants an iPhone for Christmas. We asked if he has any animals and he said a he has a dog. Do you know who he is?

Mystery Teacher

By Kelvin Perez & Selena Hernandez

This teacher's favorite color is red. She likes to travel, and her favorite place to is Italy. In general, her favorite animals are dogs. She's been teaching for nine years and attended Spurgeon Intermediate School when she was a child. She was born on June 24 in El Paso, Texas and has one brother and one sister. She wears a size 8 1/2 shoe and also claims she is "too old." Now that you know a bit about this teacher, Good Luck trying to figure out who she is.

Christmas Wish List

By Berenice Garcia, Krista Brookman, Jeanine Rodriguez & Britney Rojo

Ho, Ho, Ho! Christmas is here, so send your letter to Santa Claus for something special you may want. Check out what the following Knights wished for:

Alex S.- Gift Card to Target	Nallely R.- Purple Ipod	Genesis J.- Gift card
Kassandra J.- Barbie	Aton A.- Ipod Touch	Krista B.- iPod
Jazmin A.- A Puppy	Anthony G- Shoes	Jeanine R.- Dog
Jesus D.- A Guitar	Brent G.-Xbox 360	Angela K.- DSLR Canon 350d
Hannah C.- Pocahontas Movie	Dillan D.-Money	Ada C.-iPhone
Kerin V.-Any Present	Juan S.- Camera	Mrs. Calvo- 46 in. LCD T.V.
Monique E.- perfume	Brandan S.- Car	Jonathan G.- Night Vision Goggles
Maria M.-iPod	Rydell U.- Pony	Scott P.- PSP
Ashley M.-Computer	Jessika S.-Roller skates	Poli B.- PS3
Rebecca R.-Laptop	Karen C.- Wii	Albert C.- School to end
Victor M.-Bananas	Stephanie R.- Chocolate	
Mr. Lorge - two front teeth	Ashley R.- Jonas Brothers	
	Andrea M.- Nick Jonas	
	Natali F.- Digital camera	

Are You Naughty or Nice?

By Monica Torres, SeaAra Bravo & Ryan Nhem

The Elves know if you've been naughty or nice; so does (St.) Nicolas! This year the students of Nicolas Jr. High are keeping track for Santa Claus of who's been naughty and who's been nice!

Naughty

Jacob P.
Brittany T.
Sergio M.
Miko S.
Carlos S.-In between
Juan S.
Jesus N.
Monica T.
Danny De S.
Jonathan G.
Aide G.
Tony V.-Very Naughty
Albert C.
Eneira M.
Andrea M.

Nice

Magali M.
Bobby H.
Mr. Perry-Most Days
Victor M.
Brian F.
Fanny L.

She Shoots! She Scores!

By Katie Simpson

I had the privilege to interview Mr. Lawson, coach of 8th Grade Girls' Soccer.

When asked these questions he replied:

Q. Who is Nicolas' biggest rival?

A. Definely Ladera Vista or Brea.

Q. What do you think about your players?

A. Overall, a very good group of soccer athletes with excellent skills.

Q.What do you wish to teach your players?

A.To work hard, to play as a team, to do their best, and set goals to improve both as a team and individually.

Q.What do you hope to accomplish by the end of the season?

A.-For all Nicolas soccer players to have had fun.

-For all Nicolas soccer players to have improved in their skills.

-For all Nicolas soccer players to want to continue to play next year.

Come support the 8th grade soccer team at their next games Monday, December 15, and Tuesday, December 15.

Knights Volleyball Finals

By David Solorio

Both Nicolas Volleyball teams did great this year! 7th grade, coached by Mrs.Hill, had a record of 3-7, and the 8th grade team, coached Mrs.Ronceviech, ended the season with 2 wins and 8 losses. Both teams did fairly well. Good Job Knights!

Knights Remain Undefeated

By David Solorio

The Nicolas 8th grade Softball team has gone UNDEFEATED and has a perfect record! On the other hand, and the 7th grade lost a few games this season.

ANSWERS:

Mystery Teacher- Ms. Ramirez
7th - Miguel Madrid
8th - Danny De Santiago