

## C.Y.O. Sports

Jake C, Carly W and Denis S.

The Cross Country minor boys team recently got second place in Ohio. Owen Pohl and I, Jake Cahill, had an opportunity to run in it. It was a very muddy race but it was a fun experience. It was a long drive up to Ohio. It was a 9 and a half hour ride. But we got to stay at a nice hotel and eat at a few restaurants. I also met a lot of runners from across the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. In all, I really liked the trip and can't wait to see if I qualify next year. The girls' basketball season has begun and so far they are off to a good start. The varsity team won their first game against Resurrection, 33-5. The JV also played Resurrection and won in overtime! Both teams are playing very well so far and hopefully it stays that way. Good luck girls! B.V.M. boys' basketball is off to a wonderful start. The Varsity boys are currently headed into their third game with a 1-1 record. Both games were played against St. Martha's and after taking a loss in the 1st game, the Panthers took it back to their home court to get their 1st win with a score of 44-33. The JV boys are currently heading into their 3rd game with a 0-2 record, losing to Our Lady of Calvary and St. Cecilia's. The JV team is looking to make a comeback this year after a slow start. Good luck to all of the teams!



## Interview with Ms. Heloskie

By: Joe A, Abigail C, Julia C, Julia M

**What are your thoughts and feelings on B.V.M. so far?** "I think it's been a great experience. I have a great mentor who has been very helpful with whatever questions I have. Also the faculty is helpful and respectful."

**Who/What inspired you to become a teacher?** "My first grade teacher, Ms. Kenzy. She tutored me throughout grade school. She was always very encouraging and patient with me."

**What schools did you attend for grades school, high school and college?** "I went to Saint David's, Archbishop Wood, and Kutztown University."

**What's your favorite thing about the students in your class?** "Each student brings something different to the table and all of them are very caring. They bring a smile to my face everyday."

**How have you've been teaching, what schools did you teach at?** "This is my second year teaching. I used to teach Pre-k at St. Dominic's."

**What is your favorite movie?** "My favorite movie is the "The Fault in Our Stars."

# The B.V.M. Student Buzz

## Christmas Door Contest

Angela H. Samaira S, Ameerq M, Aaron H.

Maternity B.V.M. School's Traditional Christmas Door Contest was back! From kindergarten through the fifth grade, all classrooms decorated their bulletin boards while the annex decorated their doors. This year's theme was "all around the world." Each classroom was assigned a country to base their door or board. Once everyone was finished their boards and doors, our school student council members picked the winners. This year the 2017 Christmas Door Contest winners were: grade 2 room 1, grade 5 room 14, and grade 8 room 25! Congratulations to you guys, and great job to the rest of the classrooms!

## Jokes/Riddles

By: Azaila J, Isha M, Kristin T, and Papakojo D

Knock Knock  
Who's there? Pizza.  
Pizza who? Pizza on earth good will towards men.

What nationality is Santa Claus?  
North Polish.

What did Mrs. Claus say to Santa Claus when she looked up in the sky?  
Looks like rain, dear.

What do you say to a person who celebrates Christmas and Hanukkah?  
Merry Chrismukkah.

What do you call someone who doesn't believe in Father Christmas?  
A rebel without a Claus.

## Tableau

Dominic C, Kaidence M, Allison S, Ella D, and Emma H

Many 6th grade students were excited for Tableau this year. Tableau is a 6th grade religious play about the birth of Jesus. There were many cast members who had been working hard since the beginning of December. The play took place on Christmas Eve at Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary church at 4:00 pm. Here is what some 6th graders had to say about it:

**Kaidence:** "I got the honor of being the part of Mary in the Tableau."

**Dominic:** "I got the honor of being Joseph. I am happy I can get my service hours."

**Allison:** "I am eligible to be Herald, one in this joyous celebration and I am happy to participate with my friends. I am very honored to be Herald, one."

**Ella:** "I am very excited about having the role of Herald, two in the Tableau. It will be an honor to participate in this celebration."

**Emma:** "I am very happy about having the role of being an angel in the Christmas Tableau."

## Band Christmas Concert

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On December 14, our entire school listened to a delightful selection of Christmas music played by the beginner and advanced bands. They played songs such as, "The Twelve Days of Christmas," "A Christmas Sleigh Ride," and "We Wish You a Rockin' Christmas." Both groups practiced hard since September to give us a wonderful Christmas concert. These talented and magnificent musicians from the 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade did a fantastic job. Thank you to all Maternity B.V.M. School's musicians for putting us in the holiday spirit!