

# Pen with no ink



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## Welcome Spring!!

In this edition of the Pen With No Ink, the students share what they're working on during this time of the year and what they're looking forward to as spring-time approaches!

# What's happening in the classrooms???

## Kindergarten

In Kindergarten there is a lot of things going on. They just went on a field trip to Sanitary Bakery. They went to Central America, Puerto Rico, and they're going to Switzerland for their Trip Around the World. Exciting! The kindergarteners gave up a lot of things for Lent, including video games, candy, and being mean to their siblings. Some people gave up fruit. Dimitrius gave up strawberries and Anthony gave up plums. Luke gave up hockey. Isabella decided to give up exercise. Never heard that one before. The kindergarteners aren't doing that much in spring, but Jayden is going to the beach and the zoo. Cool!

-Jilly A. and Alex S.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Our first graders are currently waiting for spring break because they will be traveling to places like the park and South Korea. Some students will be going to Disneyland and Cancun, Mexico. A lot of students will be going to Hawaii. They also recently went on a field trip to Santa Clara University. Before they could go, their train trip was cancelled, and they were forced to drive. While at Santa Clara University, they watched the play Charlotte's Web, visited the mission, made wishes before entering the church for the first time, and ate in the café with college students. Right now the first grade class is working on their potato projects, researching inventors, and waiting to go to a San Francisco Giant's game in May.

-Christian E. and Ricardo G.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

March is a packed month for 2nd grade. They already have their favorite field trips picked out! The aviation museum and the pumpkin patch are the most liked trips so far. 2nd grade is looking forward to getting good grades, making better choices, being the best student they can, and helping others during this Lenten season. They are also learning about shapes and fossils. 2nd grade is keeping up with March Madness. Some of the favorites are Florida State, UCLA, and Stanford. Fun!

-Jonathan T. and Chris P.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

During spring break, Lydia is going to Tahoe and Hawaii, Teo and Antonio are going to Mexico, Peter is going to Legoland, Emma is going to Cabo, Matthew is going to Disneyland, and Erin is looking forward to her birthday. What the 3rd graders are working on in class are their bunny drawings and their glass heads in a cup. Nice!

-Kiana L. and Jilly A.

# What's happening in the classrooms???

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

In fourth grade, so far the class has been to the park with their buddies, went to Folger Stables, had a peace sign project, and had a fabulous substitute on Mar. 25. Some upcoming events are The Walk Through California and Coloma. Some things that the fourth graders gave up for Lent are candy and Anthony O. can only be on electronics for 30 minutes! Bridgette A. can't watch T.V., Riley C. has to fold her own clothes, and Emil can't eat meat on Wednesday and Friday! Interesting!

-Ethan L. and Sam P.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

The 6th Grader's first track meet this school year is coming up, and they are very excited. Frankie P. is doing shot put and other kids are excited for the 100 and 200-meter races. On Saint Patrick's Day, corn beef seemed to be very popular for dinner. Shane C. said he went to the Saint Patrick's Day parade and that it was very fun. They had an exciting time on their field trip to the USS Hornet. They are very excited and anxious for all of their upcoming activities!

-Maxwell L. and Evan C.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

The fifth Graders are very excited for spring. They are excited for spring break, their birthdays, and trying to track down the famous Easter Bunny! Most of the children are going on vacations to Disneyland, Sacramento, and Great America! Justin even gets to go to New York because of the Make A Wish Foundation! The fifth graders are also excited for track. You can tell they are excited because almost everyone joined track! Long jump, four-by-one relays, shot put, distance, and high jump are just some of the events that the fifth graders are excited for. Good luck for your first track meet fifth grade!

-Isaiah A. and Maximilian T.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

7th Grade has a lot of events coming up! They recently went to see *In the Heights*, performed by Sacred Heart Cathedral Students, with the 8th Grade. They are currently working on their books. In their history class with Mr. Cosgriff, they are working on the Renaissance: Part II. Mr. Cosgriff's math class is calculating the cost of living, including jobs, taxes, food, clothes, etc. Sophia B. is going to New York for spring break, while Eduardo O. is going to Cancun. Sean is going to Dubai! Nathan is taking a trip to Medford, Oregon. Others are going to Florida and Canada. 7th Grade is busy!

-Ricardo G. and Christian E.

# What's happening in the classrooms???

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

The eighth graders are super stoked and ready for high school!! Some, although, have mixed feelings and don't want to leave their close-knit class. Theresa C. is thinking about Sacramento on April 3rd-4th and how fun it will be! Also the 8th grade cheerleaders are excited for their cheer competition on April 4th at Notre Dame High School. Some events that are coming up for the 8th graders are Confirmation, the Dinner Dance, OLA Formal, and Graduation. The 8th graders will be sad to part with each other on June 6th, but until then, they are having loads of fun!

-Erika W. and Carmen F.

## Jokes of the Month



Q: If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?

A: Pilgrims!

Q: Why can't you borrow money from a leprechaun?

A: Because there always a little short!

Q: Why should you never iron a four-leaf clover?

A: Because you shouldn't press your luck!

-Maxwell L.

# SPORTS COLUMN

Kindergarteners are very athletic in their first year of St. Dunstan. Luke plays baseball, Jayden plays football, Olivia plays softball, Dimitrius plays basketball, and Daniella plays soccer.

Many children are interested in different kinds of Athletics inside and outside of school. For example, in first grade, 15 kids did intramural sports. Outside of school, Vikki plays softball, Jesiah plays football and baseball, Nyla does ballet, Nathaniel plays baseball, Darren plays basketball and baseball, and Madison plays basketball. Nice! 4th Graders are really excited about starting sports officially for St. Dunstan. Raquel plays volleyball, Sofia plays soccer, Elise does gymnastics, and Emile plays baseball.

Track season has finally begun. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders are super excited to join the St. Dunstan track team this year! Danya is excited for the 100m and shot-put. Edmund is stoked for the 4-by-1 relay, and Elyssa has been practicing for longjump.

The 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are also really excited for the track season, but for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls, all they can think about are their two cheer competitions coming up!! The cheerleaders have been practicing since December and cannot wait to hit the stage and show people what they got. Come support them on April 4<sup>th</sup> at Notre Dame High School in Belmont and on April 11<sup>th</sup> at Serra High School!

-Natalie T. and Andie D.

# Movie & Book Review:

## DIVERGENT

*Divergent*, first of three books in a trilogy, is about a young 16 year old girl who has to make a decision about her future. The young heroine, Tris, has to choose between herself and her family by the time she turns 16. She never felt like she belonged anywhere. She wasn't like her family, who valued selflessness. When she took the aptitude test, Tris finally found out why. There are many events that take place within the books and we 100% recommend this book to anyone who is looking for an adventure. The book offers action packed scenes for those who love punches and kicks, there's romance for those who love a good love story, and there's suspense for those who love to be at the edge of their seat.

Many people around the world have read Veronica Roth's books and are now seeing the movie that came out in theaters on March 21st. Neil Burger has successfully directed and filmed the *Divergent* movie, which many people have already seen. I personally love the trilogy because it has a well blend of action, mystery and romance. *Divergent* has stolen the hearts of many people because of how well Veronica Roth has captured the true definition of an amazing book.

At some point in everybody's lives you have to decide to stay with what you were raised with or choose a different path. Tris had to decide on who she wanted to be and I think this is a great moral story for young people these days. You should have a choice in what you become. We highly recommend this movie and book. Oh and are you Dauntless, Erudite, Amity, Abnegation, or Candor??

-Carolyn L. and Alyssa M.

