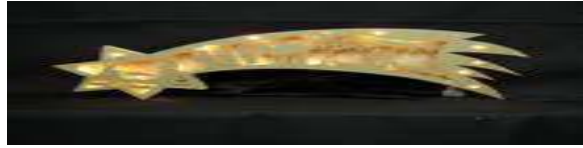


Merry Christmas!



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## The Season For Giving by Narcy Robles, 7th

How People Help the Less Fortunate During the Holidays

This year as many people know, we are in an economic crisis, and there are more people losing jobs and running out of money everyday. Many of us at St. Odilo are very fortunate to be going here, where they have kind teachers and a good school environment.

During the Christmas season to help the less fortunate my mother and I help by donating some unused or unwanted clothing to the Salvation Army. We also try to help out at soup kitchens. One year my mother, my father and I went to a retirement home so I could play the clarinet for them. I also met some really nice elders that were there. I really enjoyed seeing them having a good time. I think they really enjoyed having other company around. This year I also plan to go back to the retirement center to read or just be company, because some do not have family to join them for the holidays that many of us take for granted. I think my parents have tried to teach me many important values. I think they try to make me understand that gifts during Christmas is not everything, and I think they try to teach me that there are many things that I have that many others do not. As I grow older I understand that I am very lucky, and I am very thankful to have parents that actually make me understand that the world does not revolve around me.

I asked other students and a few teachers what they do during the Christmas season to help others who are less fortunate. These are just a few replies I got from them. Many of them said that during the holiday season they help out by donating clothes to the Salvation Army and to Goodwill. Another thing I found interesting were students and teachers who gave to Toys for Tots which is a program run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve which donates toys to children whose parents are not able to afford to buy them gifts for Christmas. Some others said they help at their school food drives, give to the Salvation Army outside their local grocery stores, or just simply give their spare change to those outside in the cold. I hope that during the coming years many others can help more not only during the Christmas season but throughout the year.



# Have No Doubt...Saint Odilo Kids Prove Yes Virginia, There Is A Santa Claus



Santa is real because I get a lot from him.  
Megan Blits, Grade 3



I know Santa is real because last year I got a bike for Christmas and I know my mom gets really tired late at night and could not have put the bike in the house.  
Filippo Bilotto, Grade 3



I know Santa is real because I get hundreds of Knights every Christmas. I am not sure a regular shopping cart would be big enough to fit all of them.  
Jimmy Brown, Grade 3



Santa is real because he is St. Nick and St. Nick is real.  
Cesar Baca, Grade 3



Santa is real because we know our parent's handwriting and it is not the same.  
Jayme Girard, Grade 3



St. Nick was born so there is a Santa.  
Jovanna Martinucci, Grade 2



There is a Santa Claus because he brings us the candy canes.  
Mya Frank, Grade 2

When I went to New York I saw a sign and there were big presents that said do not open until Christmas.  
Jocelyn Garcia, Grade 3



Santa has magic and Jesus made him Santa so he could live longer.  
Gabriel Ruiz, Grade 2



I don't really know why I believe in Santa, I just do.  
Eduardo Carrasco, Grade 2

## The Christmas season by Grace Costello, 7th

I love the Christmas Season. I love everything about Christmas. There isn't one thing I don't like about Christmas although I wish the Christmas Season was longer. You probably think I love Christmas because of the presents but honestly I don't just like it for the presents. Don't get me wrong I really love all the presents, decorating the Christmas tree and Santa of course.



Most of the people I interviewed said that they loved Christmas and they leave out milk, cookies, and carrots. I was surprised that people said that they didn't like decorating the tree. I thought many students would say their favorite thing about Christmas was the presents but it was about being with family. Most of the students did decorate the house and out of all the students I asked all liked Christmas. I was happy and surprised that most students talked a lot about their family and spending time together.

# What's Your Favorite Band?

by Sandee Arunrung, 7th



The Jonas Brothers

(Christine Ramirez – Jonas Brothers)  
The Jonas Brothers are made up of three siblings; Nick, Joe and Kevin Jonas. They were raised in New Jersey but they were born in different states. Nick Jonas was born in Texas. Joe Jonas was born in Arizona and Kevin Jonas was born in New Jersey. The three brothers wowed the president of Columbia Records who then signed Nick, Joe, and Kevin in 2005. They topped out at 16, 17, and 13.



## Best Video Game

### Consoles This Christmas!

by Zachary Von Ryan

**Which is the cheapest and which console is the most popular among students at our school?**

The Xbox 360- The Xbox 360 is a great console. It has a great amount of games and is really fun to play. It has a great price and it is also a great present. It is a really great console for beginners and has almost a two million console lead over the Wii and the PS3. The problems with it are that the cheapest console (Arcade) has almost no memory and you cannot download any games from Xbox LIVE. It also sometimes freezes and gets overheated. I would prefer the Pro console from the 360 because it usually doesn't overheat as much and almost never freezes. The overall score is a 9/10.



Tokio Hotel

(Marcela Ramirez – Tokio Hotel)  
Formed in Germany, Tokio Hotel consists of members; Bill and Tom Kaulitz (twins), drummer Gustav Schäfer and bassist Georg Listing. They have had three number one singles; "Schrei," "Rette Mich" and "Der Letzte Tag." In June 2007 the band's first English album, "Scream" was released in Europe. Then on April 29, 2008 it was released in the United States. Tokio Hotel became one of the most successful new German acts of their generation.



Metro Station

(Ashley Parenti – Metro Station)  
Metro Station is made up of Trace Cyrus on vocals and guitar, Blake Healy on the keyboards and the synthesizer, Mason Musso on vocals and guitar, and Anthony Impropio on the drums. Trace Cyrus is the stepson of Billy Ray Cyrus, older brother of Hannah Montana star Miley Cyrus. Mason Musso is also the older brother of another Hannah Montana star, Mitchell Musso. The two siblings got together when their moms introduced them on the set of Hannah Montana.



Slipknot

(Nick Filomeno and David Hobbs – Slipknot)  
Slipknot was formed in 1995 in Des Moines, IA. Their band consists of DJ Sid Wilson, the drummer Joey Jordison, the bassist Paul Grey, the percussionist Chris Fehn, the guitarist James Root, the sampler/programmer Craig Jones, the percussionist Shawn "Clown" Crahan, the guitarist Mick Thompson, and the lead vocalist Corey Taylor. Something different about them is that when they performed, they always wore their jumpsuits and their homemade Halloween masks. This adds the effect of being anonymous. Slipknot's most recent album which is also their fourth, is called "All Hope is Gone." It was released in 2008.

- What kind of music do you like?
- Hannah Molina – Pop, Rock and Rap
  - Donnie Rollins – Rap and Hip Hop
  - Zachary Von Ryan – Rock
  - Asael Orozco- Heavy metal, Rock and Roll, Jazz, and Blues

can help kids as well as adults lose weight. It's also very well priced and sometimes has a special that includes a free game or remote. Some problems include the remote dying or the connection with the controller gets lost. I would recommend the bundle pack Wii with Wii sports because you at least get a free game for a little bit more money. I think the overall score is a 9/10.

I interviewed five people to see which console is the most preferred for a gift on Christmas.

- 3 people preferred the Xbox 360.
- 1 person preferred the Playstation 3.
- 1 person preferred the Wii.

As you can see, the Xbox 360 is the most popular and favorite of all the people I interviewed!

# SPORTS

## Odilo Girls Basketball Team

by Hannah Molina, 7th

The girls basketball team is going to the All Star Game. The girls have won some games and have had bad moments of losing games too. The girls are doing pretty good learning techniques for playing, but they are also doing pretty good in the practices. They are only a few games away of finishing the season. I think that the girls will be sad because it is a great game to play. For most girls on the team it will be the last time they play for St. Odilo because they are in 8th Grade and it will be their last year at this school. I hope they enjoyed their last year here on the St. Odilo basketball team but we hope that they will be great players and represent the girls basketball team at their high school with great honor.

## The History of Hockey

by Asael Orozco, 7th

A lot of people say that hockey was found by the Canadians but their roots came from England in the sixteen or seventeen hundreds. This was a treacherous game played by villages vs. other villages. Some teams had hundreds of players who usually got injured and intruded several days of pain. Hockey was more familiar in 1875 when it began to form in Eton University in England.



Then there was IHAL (International Hockey Association League). They played on ponds which then became pond Hockey. They used frozen cow manure to use as the puck. To sharpen their skates they used some kind of rock. They played for glory but now they play for the Stanley Cup.

## The Rec Tournament by Jacob Banda, 7th

The boys varsity red team had a tournament at the Recreation Department on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. They lost to St. Cletus, George Washington and Our Lady of Peace and were not able to move on to the championships. Coach Rollins was teaching the red team plays on what they were supposed to do such as breaking the press. The red team then lost again to Fenwick. Over the past couple of months they have played in

tournaments. They haven't done the best but we were okay. We went 0-4 in the St. Pat's Tournament, 0-3 in the Rec Tournament, and 1-2 for the Fenwick Tournament. So we lost most of them but we are improving with all the practices that we have. We are learning offensive and defensive plays in practice. We are still learning motion, the wheel, and a pick and roll play.

## Coach Cerino Keeps Girls Varsity on Their Feet

by Ashley Parenti, 7th

The St Odilo Girls Varsity basketball team has been doing great this year! The team is now 4-6 in a total of 10 games so far. "We enjoy being on the team and we have a lot of fun!" said Grace Costello and Marisol Mata in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. I asked them if the practices are hard and they replied, "The one thing I think is hardest about practices are the suicides." The team practices on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6pm-7:30pm. They have 12 total girls on the team. "We all get along and we're all really good friends," says Costello. The Cougars coach is Coach Cerino, Elena Cerino's dad in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, who is also on the team. Coach Cerino has been coaching for over 25 years. He has never coached for a different school but also coaches for the Berwyn Rec. He played grammar school and high school basketball too. He played a forward in grammar school and a forward/guard in high school. His grammar school team didn't have a name but his high school team was the Vikings. "My most memorable moment as coach was with the 2004 varsity girls team and they were winning the championship game. It was special because these young ladies had just played the semi-final game 25 minutes earlier at St. Mary of Celle which they lost by one point. Somehow they regrouped quickly for the championship game. They never gave up or lost focus. They always had fun!"

# Christmas Season Favorite Decor

by Aimee Bueno, 7th

It seems many people use different colors and not the traditional red and green colors when they decorate at Christmas time. People combine different colors so their Christmas tree will look nice. Other people like to decorate their tree with what is popular that year. Some people choose to decorate their tree using only one color. My family and I decorate our tree in silver and white.



The traditional thing to put on top of a Christmas tree is a star because it represents the North Star that shepherds and the three wise men saw which lead them to Jesus when he was born. On top of my Christmas tree my family and I put a star. Some people put other things instead of a star.



What some students chose for their tree this year:

**Daisy Napoles: Angel**

**Amanda Vasquez: Angel**

**Chelsee Chauhan: Star**

**Karla Avila: Angel**

**Emily Gilligan: Star**

**Tim Benjamin: Star**



# Cool Toys Too Pricey for Today's Economy

by Donnie Rollins, 7th

Everybody knows that people love to get new things. But prices these days are sky rocketing high and some new things go on sale in the beginning of the season but sky rocket in price at the end. Recently I have asked for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Ipod Touch. But my mom says that it is way too expensive and she'll get me two other things instead. So my point is that some things that you ask for are cool and fun but are really expensive.

I recently have asked some people in my class what the most expensive thing they have asked for this year. I really got some expensive answers but it was cool to hear the prices and fun things that people want for Christmas. The most expensive thing I want for Christmas is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Ipod touch and that is \$229.99 because of the memory capacity and because it plays videos. I think that most kids are getting less presents because of the economy and people are getting fired and losing money because of it.



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## Best Christmas Movie

by Sean Faron, 7th

People love Christmas Movies. The whole point of them is to be with your family. People have made Christmas Movies for joyful and happy purposes. Christmas movies also try to preserve the meaning of Christmas. Christmas is not about gifts, not at all. *Home Alone* is a popular Christmas movie about a boy and his family going to Paris at Christmas. The boy gets left behind at home. Burglers break in and the boy creates a plan to stop them. Most people said it was their favorite Christmas movie. Coming in second was *A Christmas Story*.

# Christmas around The World



By Emily Gilligan 7th

As you know, here in the United States we celebrate Christmas with a Christmas tree, presents, candy canes, Christmas carols, a big family dinner, and of course Santa Claus. If you live in the United States, you probably stick to this tradition. But people in other countries don't always celebrate the same way. Here are some Christmas traditions from around the world.



IRELAND

Christmas in Ireland lasts from Christmas Eve to the feast of the Epiphany on January 6th which is called Little Christmas. Their Christmas is more religious than a fun time. People put lighted candles in their windows to show that Mary and Joseph might be looking for a place to stay. During the Christmas season, Irish women make a seed cake for every person in their home and make three puddings for each day of the Epiphany.

## What do you wear on Christmas?

By Mireya Romo, 7th

In my opinion Christmas should be with spirit but I suppose it could get annoying wearing Christmas colors every single Christmas Season. Instead just wear a Santa hat. I interviewed most of 7<sup>th</sup> grade and most of the class seem to like to wear whatever they want.

Q: Do you wear Christmas colors on Christmas or do you just wear whatever you want?

A: Christmas Colors  
10 people

A: Whatever you want  
14 people



MEXICO

The main Christmas celebration in Mexico is called Las Posadas. During this celebration they act out the events that happened the night Jesus was born. In Mexico, Santa Claus is not part of their Christmas tradition. On Christmas day children are blindfolded and taken to break a piñata then all the children try and get all the candy that has fallen out. If the children have been good that year, on January 6th they receive presents from the three wise men.

## What kind of shoes do you prefer for Christmas???

by Kyle Daley, 7th

I'm going to ask kids around the class to see what kind of shoes they like. I will give them a choice between Nike and Jordan's. The reason I'm asking this question is because I don't know what shoes I want for Christmas. I don't know if I should get another pair of Hyper Dunks or XX3. So I'm going to let the class decide.

Result: Nike Wins 17 to 13.

The reason I think Nike won is because Nike comes in more varieties like skateboarding shoes, running shoes, soccer shoes, baseball shoes and basketball shoes. The Jordan's only come out for baseball shoes and basketball shoes. The other reason I think Nike won is because they don't cost as much as Jordan's. Nike price ranges between \$40-\$120 dollars. For Jordan's they cost about \$70-\$300.

I asked the Saint Odilo Cougars basketball team what shoes they prefer. I gave them a choice between the Nike Hyper Dunks and the Jordan XX3. Most of the team liked the Hyper Dunks.



ITALY

The Christmas season in Italy goes for three weeks. It starts eight days before Christmas. This time is called the Novena. During the Novena children go from door to door reciting poems and singing Christmas carols. 24 hours before Christmas Eve, a meal is observed. After that there is a celebration meal which includes a Milanese cake called Panettone.

Presents of Christmas Past/  
Then and Now  
by Blanca Saldivar, 7th

Back when our parents were kids all they wanted were dolls. They only wanted that because most people couldn't afford the higher end toys. Now kids want computers, gift cards, i-pods, x-boxes and cellphones. Everyone in the world wants something different. Back in the 1980s Cabbage Patch Dolls were the most famous gift in the U.S.A. Every year kids all over the world try to act like angels so they can get what they want for Christmas. Sometimes it works but sometimes it doesn't. After Christmas people celebrate New Years, back then people just got to sleep and wait till tomorrow for the new year and celebrate till morning. Now, people celebrate in the evening around midnight and go to sleep around 1, 2, or 3 in the morning. My thing is to wait till midnight and then count 12 grapes and wish for every month what you will do for that month of that new year. Traditionally, my family does that and then drinks wine.

# Odilo Kids Go Green

We can clean up the playground so that little kids have a clean playground and we can plant more trees for cleaner oxygen.-- Jackie, 5th

My ideas for making the Earth happy is recycling plastic bottles and paper and not to waste gas. - Abel, 5th

We should stop using real gas. We can use corn gas instead of real gas. We should stop using real gas because it is harming the world. Please, the penguins will not be alive.--Humberto, 5th

## What Type Of Movies Do Most Teens Like

by Christine Ramirez, 7th

Whether its from this year or even this century everybody has different interests, but I would like to see how many people have the same interests in movies.

The peoples names are not listed, but most of them are in the age group of 12 to13.

I asked some people what type of movies they like and most like war movies such as Saving Private Ryan. Another person said that they like romance and thrillers, like Twilight and I agreed with that one. Then most of the other people that I asked said that they like sports movies, action and horror.

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## The Christmas Season

by Nick Filomeno, 7th

Like every year my school is doing a newspaper and everyone has to do an article. I am going to interview some people in my class and ask them what they do on Christmas day. I am going by my Aunt's house for Christmas day. I love Christmas because I like spending it with my family.

Most of the kids in my class stay home for Christmas day but a good amount of them go either out of state or to their Aunt's and Uncle's houses.

A lot of people like everything about Christmas but some of them like the snow. Five out of the the thirty like getting gifts. Ten out of the Thirty prefer spending time with their families including me. One person said they like wrapping gifts. Four liked getting gifts. I would like to wish all of you a

**Merry Christmas.**



SEE YOU NEXT  
YEAR!!!!!!