

The Spartan Times

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Weather:

It was a mild November, but winter weather arrived in mid-December, as temperatures fell to the low 20s. No snow yet; but with winter starting on the 21st, it's only a matter of time!

ALL ABOUT THE SCHOOL WE LEARN IN

November/December 2016

DONALD TRUMP ELECTED PRESIDENT

by Manya Sabu and Daniela Pineda

Night of 100 Pizzas

by Kristina Marticek

November 10 was the annual *Night of 100 Pizzas*! From 6 to 9PM, approximately 200 students enjoyed a night of music, dancing, and of course, pizza! The DJ played amazing music. Everyone knew the songs he played and enjoyed the selections. Students were singing to the songs, and everyone was dancing their feet off. Two students drew a huge crowd; there was boy who challenged a girl to a "dance-off". Furthermore, two boys were dancing which drew a smaller crowd; there was another crowd where a bunch of people were taking videos with their cell phones.



On November 8th, Donald Trump was elected as the 45th President of the United States. Trump defeated Hillary Clinton, who was trying to become the first female President. Even though Trump won the election, he had 60,835,201 total votes, which was less than Clinton, who had 61,782,534 votes at the time this story was written. However, to be elected President, a candidate needs 270 electoral votes. The electoral votes for Clinton were only 232, and Trump received 290.

Trump, the republican candidate and now President-elect, is a successful entrepreneur, owner of Trump Tower, and several other major hotels in the NY and NJ area. At 70 years old, he is now the country's oldest elected President. He is married to Melania Trump; their five children are Ivanka, Tiffany, Barron, and Donald Jr. After the election, many people were unhappy with the result. People took part in many rallies, including right here in New York City. However, after a few weeks, these protests ended, because the result remained the same. So on January 20th, 2017, Donald Trump will be officially inaugurated as the next President of the United States.

Besides all the songs and dancing, many people got to know each other. There was a myriad of talking, where classmates got to catch up. Friends got to learn more about each other, and new friendships were made. True to its name, there indeed were 100 pizza pies; and believe it or not, there were no leftovers from the 800 slices ordered! *The Night of 100 Pizzas* was truly a great experience. You should consider going next year to have the time of your life.

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Important dates

**December 24-January 2: No school for winter break
January 3: School resumes**

Basketball Team Scores First Victory

by Anthony Yabroudy

The boys' basketball season began on December 7th with a win over IS 861 by the score of 36-28. 8th grader Justin Silveri and 7th grader Vaughn Young led the way to the victory. The varsity team is coached by Mr. McKenna and Mr. Gilbert, while Mr. Perrotto coaches the junior varsity team. All three coaches have the same goal: to win the Staten Island championship. "The team looks like the Staten Island champions," said Mr. McKenna. "We must welcome the new gym with a championship!" An even bigger goal, of course, is to win the city championship. Both coaches have been together for two years, and the ceiling could have never been higher. "I learn more from the kids than they do from me," said Mr. Gilbert. "With a great team like this, winning the championship might be too easy!"

On the Dec. 14th, Iguehita Izevbuwa led the team to a 50-36 win over IS 61. In other action, the junior varsity team also won their first game, 46-25 against IS 72. And, the girls defeated IS 27 on December 9th for their first win. All three teams are off to a great start for the new season.

8th Grade Visits Port Richmond HS

by Carolina Espinosa and Cecilia Mai

The 8th grade honor classes visited Port Richmond High School in early November. 811 went to the art class and learned how to use paint and shaving cream to make sketch book covers. After they completed the paintings, the students experienced the culinary cooking class. They worked with seniors to make corn dogs. After eating the corn dogs, which were delicious, the students talked with some of the virtual enterprise students to find out more about the program. In the end, everyone was excited to learn more about being a student at Port Richmond High School.

Students of the Month Awarded

by Kristina Marticek

As October and November came to an end, several students were chosen for the "Student of the Month" award. Being selected for the award is difficult, but not impossible. Teachers look for a plethora of things. For example, you have to stay on top of your homework. They look for who tries their best, and who is actually doing their work. The final criteria is displaying appropriate behavior.

Science Club Gives Back!

by Manya Sabu and Kristina Marticek

The IS 51 Science club arranged a generous Thanksgiving gift to people in need right here in our community. The students in the club made Thanksgiving placemats for the dinner table. This idea came from Illene Torricelli, a veteran, and a former volunteer to our community and our Science club.

Every month, the students are chosen from one of the subject areas. Math teachers selected students in October, and science teachers selected them in November. Their names are listed on the bulletin boards when you enter the hallway from the security desk and walk towards the main office. If you would like to be considered for Student of the month in December, do your best work and try your hardest!

Christmas Child

by Anthony Yabroudy

During the month of November, students participated in "Operation Christmas Child." The program was worth participating in because many kids do not have everything that we have, including things we take for granted. Mr. Cataneo wants to thank everyone who helped and hopes the donations will continue.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Giamo, Mrs. Shari, Mrs. Maria, and Mrs. Zitz, the students spent a full day creating the placemats. These handmade creations were made from poster board. Sections of the board were cut in the size of a placemat. The students then used some small craft materials and markers. They created designs, such as pumpkins, leaves and other Thanksgiving themed crafts.

They also wrote "Happy Thanksgiving", "Be Thankful", and other messages on the placemats. Mr. Rella's suggestion was to donate the placemats to CPC food pantry, located on Richmond Road. In conclusion, the students and teachers were very proud to help those in need in a positive way.