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Family Matters...



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Insects & Creepy Crawlies

The world is full of bugs! These creatures are amazing. Try this quiz and see how much you know about these creatures?

1. How many eggs can a termite lay in one day?
 800 8,000 80,000
2. What is the proper name for insects and creatures with hard, outer body casings and jointed legs?
 Arthropods Insects Mammals
3. Where are grasshoppers' ears?
 Thorax Head Abdomen
4. How long can a locust fly, flapping its wings nonstop?
 90 Minutes 9 Hours 9 Days
5. What insect does not lay eggs?
 Aphids House fly Cricket
6. How many sets of eyes do most adult insects have?
 One Two Three
7. Which of these bugs is the noisiest?
 Mosquito Fly Cicada
8. Which of these do not live a colony?
 Ants Termites Crickets
9. How many glowworms would it take to equal a 100 watt lightbulb?
 8,000 80,000 800,000
10. What should you do if you find a butterfly inside your house in winter?
 Put it outside Kill it Put it in the shed or garage

ANSWERS:

1. 80,000; 2. Arthropods; 3. Abdomen; 4. 9 hours; 5. Aphids; 6. Two; 7. Cicada; 8. Crickets; 9. 8,000; 10. Put it in the shed or garage.

Thank You Notes received from
PVR Scholarship Recipients

Joshua Javor
Cadet Garrett Parsons
Rachel Boyce
Austin Zavodny
Shane McGinnis

Elizabeth Zawicki
Daniel Hosko
Mary Beth Galanko
Kurt T. Payne
Christine Randazzo

The Scholarship Committee appreciates you taking time to let us know how well you are doing in pursuing your education.



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Joining
Hands
to
Touch
Lives

Membership NEWS!

A Tribute to my 91 Year old Grandpa - William E. Bolash

The following poem was written by his 12 year old granddaughter Emily Rose Bolash.

My Unsung Hero - My Grandma



My unsung hero is my Grandma Winnie Wacendak. She is an unsung hero because she takes care of everyone, and asks for nothing in return. She makes everyone in my family a decorated birthday cake every year. When I was in first grade, my Mom went

back to work, so I went to my

Grandma's every morning before school. I would walk in the door, she would greet me with a hug and a kiss, and a breakfast menu. I was able to order breakfast from her special menu every day. The prices of each item was a hug or a kiss. She did this for me for five years until I went into the middle school. I am lucky that she lives only a few miles from my house, so I see her almost every day.

Andrew Wacendak

His Story Matters

He is solid, comforting and friendly....

His Story Matters.

He is brave, smart and naturally cool....

His Story Matters.

*He always told me stories, sometimes we would laugh,
sometimes cry.*

We would bake Kolachy and sing songs for Christmas...

We would giggle all the time.....

His Story Matters.

Kind - funny and strong.....

His Story Matters.

Hugs, love, kisses on the nose.....

His Story Matters

Children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.....

His story does not end.....

as He will live on in all of us for many years to come.

*His Story - **Our History!** - It Matters*

Youth Member Carries Slovak Flag



Kurt Thomas Payne (0211), NSS Achievement Award winner, shown with the Slovak Flag he carried in procession for the Mass celebrating the 200th Birthday Anniversary of St. John Neumann at St. Peter's Church/Shrine of St. John Neumann in Philadelphia. Congratulations on such an honor to be chosen to carry the Slovak Flag.

Congratulations



Alexandra Samek, a 1st grader at North American Martyrs School in Monroeville, PA won 1st place in her age group for the 2011 AMVETS - Americanism Program. The program is held each year where students in kindergarten through 1st grade enter a flag that they have drawn and students in 2nd through 6th grades enter an essay. This is the 2nd year that Alexandra has won 1st place for her flag drawing. All winners are invited to the national convention in June, where they are presented with a trophy and certificate for their participation.

Ann Nowak
Assembly 105

IMPORTANT DATES

of Events for 2011

NOVEMBER

- 13 Region 7, Ethnic Fair at Holy Family Parish, Poland OH at 9:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- 15 Christmas Ornament entries due
- 15 Assembly O160, Annual Toys for Tots, Lorain, OH

DECEMBER

- 3 Assembly P09A, Christmas Party, Yankee Kitchen at 4:30 p.m.
- 4 Assembly 0039, Christmas Party at Knights of Columbus Hall, Uniontown, PA at 2:00 p.m.
- 11 Assembly O432, Family Xmas Party, Transfiguration Parish Hall
- 11 Region 7, Christmas Party, Holy Family Parish Center, Poland, OH at 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- 20 Assembly O160, Annual "Fun Frolic" Night

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
to our youth members on their
16th birthday!

November 2011 Birthdays

Dannica Althouse	Marissa Willig	Anna A Skrobot	Michelle N Bertrand	Dustin Witsch
Michelle Edwards	Kayla Mauk	Steven Norsworthy	Jacob Nix	Alec Watts
Allison Hurley	Tyler Rodgers	Ryan Kemery	Tiffany Fuller	Karina Lee
John Wolfe	Dylan Evans	Sidney Taylor	Stephen Harrington	Joseph Pace
Reis Hill	Michael Baumgartner			

December 2011 Birthdays

Kevin Leaswitch	Nicole Rosza	Mia Colon	Chelsea Chitty	Ethan Crayton
Hope Dehnert	Skylar Tabron	Shai Ann Palmer	Garrett Houseknecht	Caitlin Devers

January 2012 Birthdays

Christine Ondek	Eric Mack	Austin Call	Rebecca Wolfe	Katharine Saniga
Joseph A Tidaback	Ashley Firestone	Ashlea Korte	Frederic Caye	Andrew Mudlock
Taylor Rodden	Ashlea Korte	Nicholas Hura	Joel Fenner	Regis Armbruster
Alexandra Stashak	Anthony Misuraca	Mai V Vue		

Assembly C731
Members at NSS Picnic & Canfield Fair



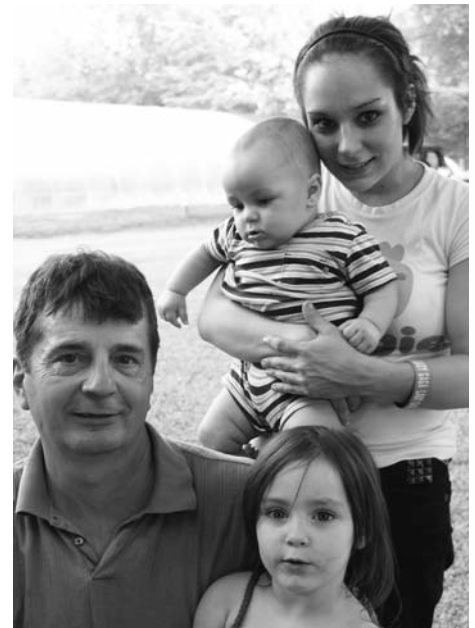
Youth of various ages enjoyed a fun, competitive toss game at the NSS Family Picnic. Nicholas Cessna, Savannah Wymer, Addison Draa, Paige Urichko, Avery Burns, Hannah Mason; Christian Burns, Ashlyn Mason, and Andrew Burns.



Cousins, Benjamin Gaither and Cameron Mason beat the heat at the Canfield Fair's campgrounds on Youth Day when temperatures were in the upper 90's.



Brady and Gavin Lewis having fun with their mom, Leslie.



Don Burns enjoyed time with his daughter Melissa, granddaughter Hannah, and grandson Anthony at a summer NSS Family picnic.

Can A History teacher explain this? I mean, if you can...

Abraham Lincoln was elected to Congress in 1846.

John F. Kennedy was elected to Congress in 1946.

Abraham Lincoln was elected President in 1860.

John F. Kennedy was elected President in 1960.

Two in particular were interested in civil rights.

Both wives lost their children when they lived in the White House.

Both Presidents were shot dead on Friday.

Both Presidents were shot in the head.

Is not that strange?
The name of Lincoln's secretary was Kennedy.
The last name of Kennedy's secretary was Lincoln.

The two were killed by people of South America..

At death the two were succeeded by Southerners named Johnson.

Andrew Johnson, who took over as Lincoln, was born in 1808.

Lyndon B. Johnson, who took the place of Kennedy was born in 1908.

John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Lincoln was born in 1839. Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated Kennedy was born in 1939.

The two murders were 3 compound names of 15 letters.



2011 - 2012

1st Year Scholarships



Andrew Agostini
Assembly 39
Belmont University
Music Business



Christina Agostini
Assembly 39
Washington & Jefferson
College
Pre-Medical, Optometry



Megan Albert
Assembly P38J
University of North
Carolina Wilmington
Teaching



Sean Blaine
Assembly 70
Lake Erie College
Sports Management



Aaron Cessna
Assembly 731
Youngstown State University



Lauren Cochran
Assembly 737
West Virginia University
Pre-Medical



David Donohoe
Assembly 108
Duquesne University
Psychology



Stacy Faiola
Assembly P09J
Ohio State University
Animal Sciences



Nicholas Farrell
Assembly L105
Waynesburg University
Communications



Elise Fengler
Assembly 59
University of Pittsburgh
Athletic Training



Jack Grasso
Assembly 432
Cuyahoga Community
College
Business



Luke Grasso
Assembly 432
Ohio State University
Engineering



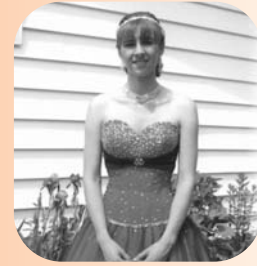
Mary Hosman
 Assembly 39
 University of Missouri
 Political Science/Economics



Joshua Javor
 Assembly 432
 Ohio State University
 Engineering



Evan Knight
 Assembly 595
 Ohio State University
 Athletic Training/Physical
 Therapy



Acacia Macey
 Assembly 108
 Westmoreland Community
 College
 Associates in Fine Arts



Adam Mack
 Assembly L075
 Temple University
 Pre-Pharmacy



Sara McAfoose
 Assembly 38
 Indiana University of
 Pennsylvania
 Criminology



Kelly McConoughey
 Assembly 705
 Iowa State University
 English



Mark Mullock
 Assembly L120
 University of Rochester
 International Relations



Carly Opalinski
 Assembly 737
 Clarion University
 Speech Pathology



Chanell O'Rourke
 Assembly 381
 Western Michigan
 University



John Payerchin
 Assembly 39
 Penn State University
 Computer Engineering



Kayla Purnell
 Assembly 283
 Duquesne University
 Physical Therapy



Shawn Pytel
 Assembly 432
 Lincoln College of
 Technology
 Electronic Systems
 Management



Brittany Sakson
 Assembly L075
 St. Johns University
 Actuarial Science



Adam Schneeberger
 Assembly 774
 University of North Carolina
 Charlotte
 Criminal Justice



Jenna Sicchitano
 Assembly 377
 California University of
 Pennsylvania
 Teaching/Communications



Kaitlin Smaretsky
 Assembly 774
 Butler Community College
 Early Childhood Education



Kristen Thomas
 Assembly 102
 The University of Scranton
 Counseling



Tyler Watson
 Assembly 39
 Washington & Jefferson
 College
 Economic/Pre-medical



Jonathon Wilson
 Assembly 100
 Kent State University
 Accounting



Jennifer Wloch
 Assembly 39
 Washington & Jefferson
 College
 Pre-Law/Accounting



Donald Yoho
 Assembly 8
 Northwest State
 Community College



Elizabeth Zawicki
 Assembly L075
 Penn State University
 Elementary Education



Stephanie Zbin
 Assembly 432
 University of Dayton
 Pre-Dental



Jacob Pauncic
 Assembly 38
 Pennsylvania College of
 Technology
 Electrical/Electronics
 Technology



Logan Mahlum
 Assembly RC78
 SUNY Geneseo
 International Relations and
 English



Austin Zavodny
 Assembly 70
 Hocking College
 Culinary Arts



Megan Politowski
 Assembly 434
 California University of
 Pennsylvania



Matthew Flint
 Assembly 75
 The University of Scranton



Ashley McMahon
 Assembly 377
 St. Francis University
 Physicians Science Program



Jesse Weidlich
 Assembly 432
 Lorain County Community
 College
 Law



Brittany Young
 Assembly P38J
 West Virginia University
 Pre-Criminology &
 Investigations

2011-2012

Special Awards go out to special people.

These awards go out to our youth members that not only study hard and get involved in activities in their school but also take unselfish time out to volunteer to help others.



Margaret Ostrowski
Assembly 617
Mary Mravec Award
Christendom College
History



Garrett Parsons
Assembly 434
NSS National Director Award
Virginia Military Institute
Biology/Pre-Med



Matthew Cantwell
Assembly 102
Dr. John Gulash Award
The University of Scranton
Business



Emily Bradley
Assembly RC59
Burns Perpetual Award
Penn State University
Kinesiology/Athletic Training



Zachary Finlay
Assembly 405
Czarney Perpetual Award
Westmoreland Community College

2011 POETRY CONTEST WINNERS

SHAKESPEARE GROUP - AGES 14, 15 & 16

1st Place

My Shadow

By Tyler Christensen - C586

My shadow is a curious thing
It bends, shrinks, and grows as a
separate being
But when I move, it isn't far behind
Not for a second wanting to leave my side
Everyday it greets me in the morning light
Then falls asleep by my side as
day turns to night
We've been together longer than
I can remember
We've braved through many hot Julys and
freezing cold Decembers
Our love is brighter than any known pair
That two best friends have ever shared
An odd relationship, I know it seems
A bit unlikely us two would see
Eye to eye but that's because
Little know of that kind of love
That connects our hearts and makes us
one and the same
Two different minds thinking
the same thing
And that's why we work,
my little shadow and I
Because the fondness we have for each
other will never die
But only grow stronger as I think of you
And all the memories between just us two
My funny little shadow with your sweet
eyes and happy tail
Your black button noses wondering
where I've been
And sharp silky ears listening and
honing in
On every word I say,
waiting for a command
Or just a simple phrase that
you'd understand
My sweet lover boy or just my buddy
You could always make the darkest day
seem so sunny
My little golden shadow,
my best friend indeed
Though you've grayed a little you
still can make me see
The best things in life aren't
covered in shine

But are the souls you meet in
your lifetime

And you, my loyal shadow,
are the kindest I've met
The purest and warmest,
most honest yet
And though you've faded from the
others views
I still feel you in my heart following me
the way you do
For we never really lose the ones
for which we care
You'll always have me,
and I'll always have my Teddy Bear.

2nd Place

Love Life

By Kelly Updike - C039

To love life you should follow your heart
Your should be real
Be hated for who you are than like for
whom you aren't
You should be unexpected
Be spontaneous no matter what happens
Your should love and be loved
Love like there is no tomorrow, miracles
can happen
Be confident
Confidence is beauty
Be humble
Love yourself, be yourself, trust yourself
You have to stand out
But don't be a holdout
You should want to say "Yah, look at my
life, its fine and all mine."
Say "Hello"
But not "Goodbye"
Don't be like a celebrity
Have your own style
Embark your senses
Cherish good moments
Be with good friends
Live and learn so you can learn to live
Blah, blah, blah, o lala, do whatever
Dream BIG
Remember...
You are only you
And you only have one life to live.

3rd Place

Unknown Medlodies

By Josephine Ostrowski - C617

I am myself
Unnoticed, invisible
I am ordinary, average, simple
No one sees me as I walk past
For silent feet take silent steps
And I wish to be unseen
My home stands in a patch
of lush green
With many places to explore and hide
Where I have climbed as high
as possible
I sit high and safe to look down
on the wide world
And plan future adventures
The wind can't disturb me
Rather, it kisses my cheek
and tosses my hair
I remember stories, words,
events and song
Many long forgotten things
Music is my heart, my soul
I sing melodies heard and unheard
Sometimes songs no one else knows
High and beautiful,
seducing and powerful
Until those around me beg for mercy
My fingers work magic on
fabric and thread
They bend to my will to form beauty
Colors and knots twisting and weaving
I live off the written word
Devouring books with endless hunger
Fairytale and adventures
to satisfy my soul
I wonder the worlds that lie
within the pages
Undisturbed by a world of noise
That looks through me
Without noticing

FROST GROUP AGES 11, 12 & 13

1st Place

My World of Anime

By Alisa Christensen - C586

I close my eyes on a world of mundane grey
And reopen them in a world of colors and laughter
The world of anime
A cat strolls by uttering a hello
I turn around and see a field of long purple grass
And realize
Anything is possible here
I soar through the sky on outstretched white wings
Defeat monsters in bursts of colored light
And realize
I can be anything here
Cat ears flick at the top of my head
As my soft black tail brushes the ground
I let out a soft purr
And realize
I'm living out my dreams
However, all dreams must come to a close,
and I realize
That's fine by me
Because I can return whenever I close my eyes
On this mundane grey world
And once again enter
My world of Anime.

2nd Place

On the Back

By Katherine Ostrowski - C617

The engine idles loudly, really loudly
Through the noise I hear my Dad tell me to climb on
I get on and we roar away

As the motorcycle picks up speed
I have no need
I do nothing
But feel completely free

Air whooshes past me
Going faster and faster
So fast it's all a blur
Passing what seems like millions of trees

All of a sudden, we slow down
As we pull into the driveway
I take off my helmet
Set it on the ground
I head towards the house
And wonder what it would be like in front.

3rd Place

My Pap

By Mason Bebo - C588

I think my Pap is neat
Even though his smell's not sweet

His cigar smell is really bad
His smoking them makes Grandma mad!

He pays me when I work
But I'm too lazy and I shirk

I think my Pap is really funny
And hope this poem wins me money

Youth Summer Project Winners

Congratulations go out to the following for their participation in our Youth Summer Project "Save Your Pennies". Our entrants raised a total of \$261.10! This money will be donated to the Salvation Army to help families that have been stricken by a natural disaster.

1st place goes to Ty Rayman of Assembly C039. Ty went above and beyond by saving over \$100. He even opened a Lemonade Stand and put all his proceeds in his bank. Ty received a Nano Ipod! Way to go Ty!

2nd place goes to Sarah Delien of Assembly C434 for saving over \$60 this summer! Sarah received a \$25 gift certificate to Toys R Us! Great Job!

And our 3rd place winner is a tie. Alex and Stephanie Sir Louis of Assembly C004 pulled their savings and each were able to send in over \$40 each. Alex and Stephanie each received a \$10 gift certificate to Toys R Us! Way to work together, guys!!



Happy Thanksgiving from the officers and home office staff

POETRY WINNERS CONTINUED

ANGELOU GROUP
AGES 8, 9 & 10

1st Place

Rain

By Anthony Strish - C617

Rain makes a sound like a waterfall
It splashes and makes puddles along the wall
I like to jump and splash in puddles
My brothers join me and we huddle
Come join with us as we huddle in the puddle.

2nd Place

A Dream

By Elizabeth Ostrowski - C617

A dream can be so cool
You may turn into a zebra or a mule
You can travel to Maine
You can build the world's largest
candy cane
You can sprout wings
You may discover prehistoric things
You may become a millionaire
You may uncover something rare
You can have pet giraffe
You can sail to Spain on a raft
Oh so many things you can dream
So go to bed now and
climb a moon beam.

3rd Place

What is Black?

By Meghan Jezik - C299

Black, black mysterious black
A black cat that may scare you
on Halloween
A pointed witch's hat
The dark quiet night sky
A gloomy feeling when I feel
sad inside
I tap my tap shoes to the beat
of the music
The ladybug spots that mean good luck
The coal that Santa brings you
when you're bad
The call of a crow at dawn and twilight
Steaming air coming up from an
orca's blowhole
A burnt marshmallow that was
toasted too long
A penguin waddling through Antarctica
A skunk that sprays a gross smell
Black, black mysterious black.

KEATS GROUP
AGES 5, 6 & 7

1st Place

Peter Pan

By Kara Elizabeth Sparks - C700

Peter Pan came up with a plan to defeat
Captain Hook.
He brought the lost boys and some
tricky toys...
They fought and fought and fought
and fought...
But who won?
Peter Pan of course, because he is fun!

2nd Place

Soccer

By Haylie Rutherford - C595

Soccer is fun
I hope you like it, too.
Have fun when you play
Congratulations to you.

3rd Place

If I had A Puppy

By Samantha Ashford - C617

If I had a puppy,
I would not name him guppy.
I might name it Rainbow or even
Cutie Pie.
Maybe I'd teach it tricks like how to
reach the sky.
I would teach it to fetch and play ball.
To roll over and stand up tall.
I'd take it to the mall, everywhere I go.
I'd even take it with me if I went
to a show.
Whatever I call it and whatever I do,
I'd love it forever and so will you.