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The True Story of St. Nicholas

There was a young man who lived in Asia Minor. It's called the country of Turkey now. His name was Nicholas. Nicholas' parents passed when he was only a teenager. His mom and dad left him a lot of money, which made him a very rich young man. He went to go live with his uncle, who happened to be a priest.

Nicholas had heard about a man who was poor. He had three daughters. They were old enough to get married, but back then the young women had to have money to get married. This money was called a "dowry." It was used to help the new family, and if you didn't have money, you couldn't get married. This family was very poor; therefore, they could not get food to eat. He was forced to sell his daughters as slaves. The family was very sad. The daughters would never get married and they would be slaves, no longer controlling their own lives.

The night before the oldest sister was supposed to be sold, she washed her stockings and hung them up to dry. Then they all went to sleep. The oldest daughter awoke and discovered that someone had put a small bag of gold coins in her stockings! It was enough to make the family's life better! The next day, she found more in her stockings!

The next night, the father planned to catch who was doing the family such a favor! He fell asleep, but he heard a small "click" and immediately stood up and looked out the window. Then he yelled, "Nicholas, it is you that has been helping us! I don't even know what to say. Thank you!" Then Nicholas responded, "please thank God for answering your prayers - not me. Don't tell others about me." Then he left. Nicholas continued to help others in need, but still secretly.

When he was older, he became a bishop. Bishops help people as shepherds help their sheep, which was the main reason he became a bishop. Whenever people needed something, he helped them all his life. Everybody adored Nicholas. When he died, people told stories about him and wanted to be like him. He was an example of how God wants us to live. That is why he is a saint, wonderful, humble, St. Nicholas. -Researched and Written by Kallie



Gophers Basketball

The Minnesota Gophers have gotten off to an amazing start. Before the regular season, we attended the Puerto Rico Tip Off tournament with seven other teams. It was a major surprise when the Gophers defeated the North Carolina Tar Heels 72 to 67. Blake Hoffarber, a star player, is a senior and scored 20 points and hit five three-pointers to lead the Gophers to an upset victory to go to the Championship game.

Minnesota played West Virginia in the Championship. It was a long battle, but we came out on top, 74 to 70. And just like that the Gophers, the underdogs, took a trophy back to Minnesota.

The Gophers are now thriving at 8-1 and are contending to win the Big Ten this year. A major add on is the return of their point guard Devoe Joseph, who was suspended from the team due to poor grades. He has bounced back and is now one of their leading scorers.

We all have high hopes for the Gophers this year. I know we all have been dying to have faith in a U of M team. Maybe, instead of looking to the football field for success, we should try looking toward Williams Arena, because I think the Gophers have a great chance at a Big Ten trophy, and a spot in the Sweet 16. -Joe

Minnesota Vikings

The old head coach, Brad Childress, was fired because of all of the losses and for firing the wide receiver, Randy Moss. Our new head coach is Leslie Frazier. He had a great start as a new coach, although the season is almost over. Then there is Bret Favres' shoulder pain and the collapse of the roof at the Metrodome. Luckily, we have Travaris Jackson. It has been a crazy year for the Minnesota Vikings to say the least! -Michael and Andrew

Saints Basketball

This is an update on the SFSJUS Boys Basketball team. The new coaches are Joe Gargaro and Alex Wiggin. They are doing great and they have been working the team hard, but it's paying off. We won against St. Pius 31 to 5. "This team looks really good," reports Joe, an eighth grade player. Soon the Saints will be in the St. Mark's Tournament. -Isaiah

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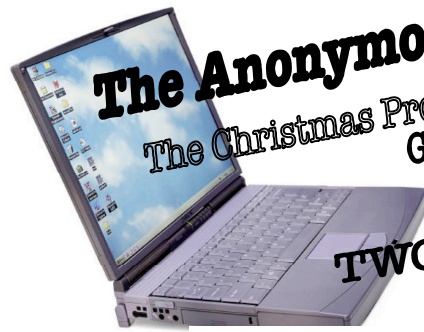
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The Anonymous Blog

The Christmas Program was a huge hit.
Great job on your hard work, students!

Great job, Mrs. Lee!

TWO snow days in a row?
That was crazy and amazing!

It's cold out there.

Don't forget those hats and mittens!!!

Merry Christmas from the SFSJUS Press!

See you next year!



The True Meaning of Christmas

The meaning of Christmas isn't about getting presents. It is about the birth of Jesus Christ, the day that he was finally born. People pay way too much attention to buying the perfect gift and getting the most expensive things. You should be thanking God more that Jesus was born. Without Jesus' birth, we wouldn't be able to make it to heaven. We know the true meaning of Christmas is Jesus' birth, the most perfect gift of all-time. -Sarah Rose

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Trivia Contest

After Christmas vacation, the newspaper staff will be holding a trivia contest. If you can find out the correct answers to the following questions, put your answers in the pink box in the school office. Winners will be published in our next issue. -Zephaniah

1. Where in the world is Kabul?
2. What do we call the difficult period that followed the Stock Market Crash of 1929?
3. Presidential elections are held every two years. *true or false*

Where's Waldo?

Waldo went to a Waldo convention, but oh no!, he lost his hat! Can you find the real Waldo that is missing his hat and the hat so he stays warm this winter?

-Joe, Michael, Isaiah, Pison and Diego