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What Did You Do Over Winter Break?

That was the big question we asked a few students and teachers at Casey.

By Brenda Escobar and Ana De Santiago

Johana Campos, 6th grade student

“Yo fui con mi familia a Broomfield para celebrar Navidad. Hicimos una posada con toda la familia. Comimos tacos de birria y después a las doce de la noche abrimos los regalos. Fuimos a la casa de mi tío para festejar el año nuevo. Comimos pizza y a las doce ya estábamos dormidos.”

Wanbli Vigil, 6th grade student

“I stayed at my house for Christmas. I just opened my presents and went outside, and I also watched T.V.”

David Martinez, 7th grade student

“Vinieron personas a mi casa. Comimos tamales y ya a las 12 de la noche abrimos regalos y luego yo agarré un juego y lo jugué en mi PS2. Al siguiente día vinieron más familiares y almorzamos y para el año nuevo hicimos una fiesta y esperamos que fueran las 12 de la noche, comimos 12 uvas, pedimos un deseo por cada uva y abrimos más regalos. Al final nos dormimos a las 2 de la mañana.”

Connor Murtha, 7th grade student

“I went sledding, and I got a Wii and that was pretty cool. For Christmas, I went over to my aunt's house. I played a lot of video games. That's all that was interesting. I wasn't looking forward to coming to school again because I don't like school. Well, I do. It's just that I don't like waking up so early. That's it, I guess.”

Janet Lopez, 8th grade student

“Conocí a un Nuevo miembro de la familia, se llama Jovani tiene una semana de nacido. En navidad, fui a deslizarme en la nieve. Un día antes de navidad pusimos el nacimiento y al siguiente día adoramos al niño Dios. En año nuevo mi mamá hizo tamales y brindamos con cidra.”

Hasan Alday, 8th grade student

“I just stayed home and played X-Box, text messaged, hung out with my friends, and babysat. On Christmas, I went to Alicia's house. I got a jacket, cologne, a remote control car, and clothes. For New Year's, I just stayed home. I think I did. That's it.”

Sarah Sierra, Community Liason

“El día 23 sábado hice tamales todo el día para celebrar la noche buena y la navidad. El día 24 que era noche buena me reuní con mis familiares, cenamos a las 10 de la noche y esperamos las 12 para abrir nuestros regalos. El 31 de Diciembre cociné un pavo, hice caldo de siete mares y cenamos. Teníamos una botella de champán para brindar a las 12, uvas para al ir comiendo pedir deseos. Eso fue todo lo que hice.”

Craig Seaver, Math Teacher

I went snowboarding four or five times. I went to Colorado Springs to visit my family. While I was in Colorado Springs, I went to some Christmas church services. For New Year's, I hung out with my brother and some friends, and we watched some college football. The most exciting thing was watching Chuck Liddell beat Tito Ortiz in a U.F.C fight.

!!Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Jordan Miller and Johana Campos for winning the MLK essay contest! Good Job!

Opinions Page

Is the Wii Better than the X Box 360?

by Marcus Guidry

According to people weighing in on the Xbox 360 vs. Nintendo Wii debate on the internet, the Xbox 360 is better. However, they each have features that the other doesn't have.

The Xbox 360 has substantially better graphics because they have HD (high definition) cords that make the picture more detailed. In addition, game designers and testers said that the graphics are proven to be really good by the detail and sound that is generated.

The Xbox 360 has a lot better games than the Wii such as: *Saints Row*, *Halo*, and *Gears of War*. The good thing about the Wii is that it has games built in so you can save time and cash. Unfortunately, even though the games are built in, the graphics are bad and the people look like dots and bobble heads. If people get the games from the store, the graphics are similar to the PS2 and the original Xbox - not good, but not bad. The Wii has a lot of old school games, but on the internet people said that the games are getting too old.

The Wii has some good features such as motion sensors that you can use on almost every game the Wii has. "The Wii is very cool. In racing games you can move the remote to steer but it is harder to learn than a regular controller," said Hans Lehndorff, who has played a Wii before.

On the other hand, the hard drive on the Xbox 360 has wireless internet so people can surf the web, download music, and play people online that have the same game. The Xbox 360 Premium package (the kind that has the silver disc tray) lets users go to any website.

The Wii will do well in launch, but it will start to not sell after awhile. In a way, the Wii could be better but overall, with all the graphics and Xbox-only games that the 360 has, Xbox 360 overpowers the Wii. The Xbox 360 did well in launch and still sells. If you want better graphics get the 360, if you want better game play, get the Wii.

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~Dear Cubs~

Dear Cubs,

Ok, so I think I'm really fat, but everyone says I'm thin. I think they're just saying that because I am really worried about my weight. I've checked my body index and it says I am normal, but I feel huge and I'm not comfortable in my body. I love eating but I don't know what I value more, my body image (superficial, I know) or satisfying my hunger.

Signed,

Chubby and Confused

Dear Chubby and Confused,

It's normal to be worried about your body or feel you are not as good as you can be. Some worry about height, muscle size, acne, your looks, or weight. People don't help when they use words to tease you. You should care about both your confidence and body image. It's important to eat healthy things like veggies, fruits, and proteins. Don't fill up on junk food like Twinkies, fast-food, and grease. Then you can eat and still feel healthy.

Dear Cubs,

I like this boy, but so does my best friend. What should we do?

Signed,

Friend or Boyfriend

Dear Friend or Boyfriend,

Friendship lasts longer than crushes. Don't jeopardize your friendship! Have a serious talk with your friend about what is more important. If your friend chooses a guy over you, then maybe she's not the person to be your best friend. Be careful about risking your friendship. Would you rather have a boyfriend that lasts a short time more than a friend that could last a lifetime?

Dear Cubs,

I want to be in the school play, but I am embarrassed to try out. Help!

Signed,

Afraid

Dear Afraid,

Work on your confidence. Practice your audition in front of your family or with friends you can trust. Make sure they are supportive and not critical. Also practice your audition in your head to be ready. Go for it! Everyone gets a part. Remember there are no small parts, only small actors.



sports

8th Grade Boy's Basketball Team Rules the Court

By Asmir Mahic

The 8th grade boy's basketball team won all eight of their games this season to remain undefeated. The team ended the season last Friday with Casey beating Broomfield Heights by a score of 31-13. The Wednesday before, they totally creamed Manhattan! The score was 45-29. In Tuesday's game, Casey toppled Nederland with ease. Earlier in the season, Casey defeated Eldorado in a 49-36 game. Centennial was a good challenge with Casey emerging victorious by a single point! The score was 29-28. In most games, Casey won easily.

Coach Stone says, "Basketball is a team sport. Clearly each player has great gifts they bring to the table." Lucas and Polito are the team captains. "Lucas' greatest asset is powerhouse leadership. When he is on the court, everyone's game is elevated," says Ms. Stone. Polito, "brings experience and talent in both reading the court and controlling it with the outside shot and inside drive," she said. "Elijah, Nolan, and Jonathan are all good scorers, and Andrew is 'famous' for his three-point shots," she said.

Kai, Francisco and Hector are "quick and strong." Matt Shore "is a good shooter in the wings and opens up the back door shot frequently," she continued. "Antonio has done a great job getting the ball across mid court, and Cesar brings great hustle and athleticism to the team," she added.

Those are all positive things that Coach Stone said about her players, but there is one important player that I have not yet mentioned. This player is.... wait for it.... Joel!

Ms. Stone said that when she talked with the rest of the team, they all said that the reason they keep winning is Joel. "Joel is the heart and spirit of the team. A relatively new ball player, Joel has been a quick learner who is finding ways to get open and take shots. No one ever said anything like, 'don't put him in, he is new.'" It helped the whole team to work! Great job team!

8th Graders Perfect Play Began with Football

A Recap of First Semester

By Hans Lehndorff

The Cubs football team this year was amazing! They were undefeated out-scoring their opponents 286-40! Their first game was against Southern Hills which proved an easy foe. The final score was Cubs 33, Southern Hills 0. Manhattan also proved to be no match in the following game, as the Cubs rolled over them in a 49-0 run away win. Aspen Creek was the first team to score any points on the Casey team, but the Cubs were still able to dominate with a 29 point win 35-6. During the entire season only one team was able to manage double digits on the Cubs. Broomfield Heights was able to score 13 points as the Cubs pulled through for a 34-13 win.

In their second meeting of the year, Southern Hills was finally able to put up points on the board against Casey. Casey still thumped them in a 40-9 blow-out. Again, Manhattan proved no match as the Cubs exploded for a 41 point lopsided beat down 47-6. Casey was able to notch their third shutout of the year as they beat Monarch 13-0. The Cubs capped off a perfect season with a 35-6 win over Centennial. Congratulations!

Girls and Boys Wrestling and Girls Volleyball Seasons Began on Tuesday

By Zaira Aviles

Ms. Blackledge invites all 8th grade girls to join the volleyball team. If you would like to participate, practices have begun in the white gym. The first game may be as early as next Wednesday. Coach Kenny encourages Casey boys and girls to join the wrestling team. See Coach Kenny in the blue gym after school if you are interested.

ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT PAGE

Horoscopes

Capricorn-(Dec. 22- Jan. 19)

2007 looks bright for you. Many are looking for good fortune and well, but not all will prevail. You on the other hand, well, let's just say that you will prevail. Many Aries are looking for a Capricorn, but only if you are open, will it last.

Pisces-(Feb. 19- March 20)

Watch out, be alert and be prepared. Now we're not saying that you will get hit by a bolt of lightning but just be alert this month. The good and the bad will happen to you.

Aries-(March 21- April 19)

Be open to love and commitment because your perfect Capricorn is looking for you. Be open to change and sadness, but look to the future. Mars is bright and that signals the release of all your negative energy.

Taurus-(April 20- May 20)

Be on your toes. You could be "dancing from the bullets" for a long time. But don't let your hopes soar; Valentine's Day will be a good one for love! Happiness is in the future!

Virgo-(Aug. 23- Sept. 22)

Sorry Virgos, your luck has run out, and your love life would have passed on. But on Valentine's Day, you will meet that one special Leo that you have been waiting for. Otherwise Virgos, 2007 is just not your year

Leo-(July 23- Aug. 23)

Leo, you will have a mellow year. As you start to see improvement in yourself, you may think that you will not to try as hard. Listen to your conscience and do the right thing.

Aquarius-(Jan. 20- Feb 18)

Something very special will happen to you very soon. Your life is very mysterious at this point in time, and someone has been keeping a very close eye on you, maybe a secret admirer.

Gemini-(May 21- June 21)

Gemini, you will have a bad run and you will lose a great part of your social life trying extra hard to do super great in school. Put your biggest responsibilities first before you make another move.

Cancer-(June 22- July 22)

Your New Year's resolutions might fail because your desires are hard to resist. A load of homework might put you behind and stress you out, but don't let it get to you. Your crush may not be showing signs of interest, but don't try too hard to make him or her notice you.

Libra-(Sept. 23- Oct. 23)

That decision on a certain friend has to be made. You have to decide whether this friend is leading you down the wrong path or not. Make sure to follow through with your decision because both sides are very opinionated. Your grades are pretty good but make sure to keep up in the class you dislike the most.

Sagittarius-(Nov. 23- Dec. 21)

A Christmas present that you got is really distracting you in school. You don't really care, but you should watch out because your parents won't be happy. Extra credit always helps! That guy or girl that you've been looking at has been looking back, you know what I mean. ;)

Scorpio-(Oct. 24- Nov. 21)

Your great personality will make someone jealous, especially when it draws more attention to you. Never stoop to their level. Laugh off the mean remarks and flaunt your caring, funny style. Don't get cocky and remember to be there for the friends that were there for you in the past.

WORDS THAT HURT

In honor of Martin Luther King, think before speaking these words.

X E E L Y W J A T L N R N O L
 B B B H S G E E S U Z I D U N
 N M U S M A R T I J D T S E S
 O R L B A R K M C E W N K M P
 X A I P O K Z K T P Y S P B O
 R C M R B F Y R F N N A X E O
 J I I S J M A L G L I U Q N X
 W S C X C T G T F Q Z N A G N
 T T H H E Z R K J V E A M Y Z
 S A U J R M R S Y Q L Y A B V I
 D P Q P A K O N B S Z Y D N M
 Q I L V D A N N S C A F O X G
 P D H H V N Q I A A L F Q R Z
 M N E L J J S K L L I B Z F C
 R T Q C J K W I S V Q M P E O F

ANOREXIC	BULIMIC	FAT
GAY	JERK	LAZY
RACIST	RETARTED	RICH
SISSY	SKINNY	SMART
STUPID	TERRORIST	WIMP

The Pursuit of Happiness is a Powerful Film Worth Seeing

by Zaira Aviles

The Pursuit of Happiness sends a powerful message to all. Will Smith stars in this intense film, with his son, Jaden Smith. Will Smith plays Chris Gardner, a man who struggles, but finally succeeds in his own life. His son plays Chris Gardner's son, Christopher. "Don't ever let someone tell you, you can't do something," Chris Gardner explains to his son, "Not even me." He tells him that if he thinks he can do something, what other people think is irrelevant.

The story begins when Chris Gardner loses his job. Then his wife leaves him and their son, Christopher. They get kicked out of their apartment. Chris tries to find a new job as a financial manager, and in the mean time, they stay in a shelter, in pursuit of his dream, a better life for the two of them.

I would rate the Pursuit of Happiness 9 stars out of 10. Sierra Dawson on the other hand, says, "I would give it 9.99. Okay, I'll just give it a ten!" I think that everyone who thinks that their life is not going as hoped will think differently after seeing what other people have been able to get through. The purpose of the film, Pursuit of Happiness, is not to make you feel bad for Chris Gardner, but to feel good for yourself and your situation. I recommend this movie to all Casey students, staff, and any one who enjoys a good, powerful film.