

Frassati Inducts 19 New National Junior Honor Society Members



photo by Juliana Soto

New members of Frassati's chapter of the National Junior Honor Society are inducted on Dec. 21.

By Emma Roberts

During the last weeks of 2017, Frassati Catholic Academy prepared for a new year by selecting new members for the National Junior Honor Society. NJHS is a national program that strives to help its members in all aspects of life including school, home, community and business. Frassati invites all qualifying 7th and 8th graders who achieve A's and B's and show excellence in leadership, service, and more.

NJHS requires its members to excel or strive to excel in the five pillars which are the base of NJHS. These pillars are scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

Scholarship: Members must have strong academics and receive an A and B scores.

Service: Members must make voluntary contributions for their school and community and share their ideas to make our environment wonderful.

Leadership: A great leader is someone who demonstrates clarity, confidence, decisiveness, courage, passion, and humility. All NJHS members strive to be great leaders in their school and community by working with or for others.

Character: A student who demonstrates good characters is honest, reliable, and cooperative. Members must also have integrity, courage, loyalty and fortitude. Members must also maintain a clean disciplinary record to remain a member.

Citizenship: The official NJHS website states, "The student who demonstrates citizenship understands the importance of civic engagement; has a high regard for freedom and justice; respects the U.S. form of government; respects the law for all citizens at the local, state, and federal levels; and demonstrates mature participation and responsibility in activities such as scouting, community organizations, or school clubs."

On Thursday, December 21, Frassati welcomed new, eager members who are enthusiastic to be given this responsibility to willingly serve their school, community, and family. Frassati is excited to welcome the new members of the National Junior Honors Society.

2017-2018 National Junior Honor Society Inductees

Jeremy Bobber	Jonah Lazaro	Emma Roberts
Caitie Brunk	Kathryn Minard	Andy Sierra
Chloe Byrne	Nicholas Nawrot	Julio Soto
Felix Castillo	Jackson Ori	Elizabeth Strelecki
Vicki Deja	Owen Potempa	Abby Tekampe
Meagan Friese	Diego Prado	
Darren Gorman	Estefania Quinones	

Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities

- * Wed, Jan 17
Catholic Identity Mission Meet @ 7:00 pm
- * Fri, Jan 19
Middle School Geography Bee
Wauconda Café Fundraiser
- * Mon, Jan 22
Transfig Parish Parent Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- * Tue, Jan 23
Golden Apple Gala Meeting @ 6:30 pm
8th Grade Parent Committee Meet @ 7pm
- * Fri, Jan 26
8th Grade Science Fair
Wauconda Café Fundraiser
- * Sat, Jan 27
Daddy-Daughter Dance @ 6:00pm
- * Mon-Fri, Jan 29-Feb 2
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Frassati School Band Surprises With “Flash” Christmas Concert

By Darren Gorman



photo by Ariane Rajcewich

On December 20th, right after lunch, Advanced Band students waited anxiously for everyone to come in from recess. Students came in to see the band set up in the hallway outside the school office, ready to play.

It was very spontaneous and meant to surprise everyone coming in from recess. Conducted by the band teacher, Mr. Slater, the band played the song *Excelsis Deo* also known as *Angels We Have Heard on High*. It was pleasant surprise for all the students and added a nice twist to the day and hopefully put them in the Christmas spirit.

Frassati Band members play their “flash concert” outside the Wauconda Campus School Office.

Students Enjoy School Christmas Party Before Break

By Michelle Van Wiltenburg

On Friday, December 22nd, there was a Christmas party for the middle schoolers. On this day the students had pajama day. Every student got to wear pajamas. Three classrooms had things to do and there was also an option to go to the gym and play games. There were a few teachers put in charge of the activities.

In the gym kids could play any sorts of active games like basketball or tag, or they could just hang out. In Mr. Lesinski’s room and Mrs. Kolozy’s room there were two different movies playing, both based on Christmas. In Mrs. Ziegler’s room, kids could just hang out with their friends and play some games. All students had the choice of which room they wanted to go in.

In the hallway there were some tasty treats to snack on while watching movies or hanging out. Every student got some hot

cocoa and enjoyed a plateful of treats. All of the kids got to participate in the fun on the last day of school before Christmas break!

**Don’t miss the
Geo-Bee this
Friday
Jan 19, 2018**





8th Graders perform A Christmas Carol in the Atrium at Wauconda Campus for other grades.

Pier Giorgio Frassati Fun Facts

Did you know...?

Frassati’s mother often scolded him for being late to dinner, but she probably didn’t know he spent most of his afternoons providing meals for the poor and giving away his bus money leaving him to walk home.

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Mr. Driscoll Hopes to Make It To the “Bottom” (of the World)

By Abby Tekampe

Have you ever heard of PolarTREC? I know most of you probably haven't. PolarTREC is a professional development program for teachers. If a teacher wants to apply they have to fill out a lengthy application. About 200 teachers apply, but only 10-12 are chosen. Mr. Driscoll, the junior high science teacher, wants to apply, and if he were one of the lucky few to be chosen he would be paired with a scientist working at either the North or South Pole and help them research.

Yes, you read that right. If Mr. Driscoll is chosen he could spend 3-4 weeks at the North or South pole for free. PolarTREC will pay for travel, his food, his gear, and even his substitute teacher. He found out about this at a national science teachers meeting in Milwaukee, at a workshop called “Living and Working in Antarctica.”

When I spoke to Mr. Driscoll he said that he wanted to go to the South Pole, and he told me that he likes to tell people, “I want to go to the top of the bottom of the world.” To get to the South Pole Mr. Driscoll

would first fly from Chicago to New Zealand, then a few days after landing in New Zealand he would fly on an air force cargo plane to McMurdo Air Base in Antarctica. Finally he would take another air force cargo plane to the South Pole station.

It isn't all fun and games though.

While Mr. Driscoll is there he would have to do research, do daily journals, and speak to students via Skype. He would also have to spend a week in Alaska before the trip for Cold Weather Survival Training and other training.

Some negatives of going to the South Pole are that you are only allowed 2 showers a week, each 2 minutes long, and that you can only do one load of laundry a week. Another not so good thing is that it is 11,000 feet above sea level at the South Pole station, so you would probably have to get over some altitude sickness.

If Mr. Driscoll were to go to the South Pole it would benefit the sixth, seventh, and eighth graders as they could learn a lot about the South Pole with their teacher there.

New Years Themed School Dance Has More Than Dancing

By Emma Roberts

Last Friday, January 12th, Frassati Catholic Academy once again hosted a Middle School dance. The festivities lasted from 6:30-8:30 and included fun games, raffles, and of course, music and dancing.

The theme of the dance was “Happy New Years!” and the PLC was decorated with fun lights and other decorations. One fun activity students could participate in if not dancing, was a Kahoot game displayed on big screen. Another favorite regalar

activity was snacking. Pizza, drinks, snacks and desserts were offered.

One of the most exciting parts of the night was the reveal of the raffle winners. Juliana Soto was the winner of a dessert basket and Bella Chorozy won a spa basket. Other winners include Gabe Salinas and Mikey McMurray.

All students enjoyed the dance and are excited to attend the next one! The 6th grade class and parents were in charge of putting together this fun night and we thank them for their time and efforts.

Frassati and Parish Volunteers Serve Breakfast With Santa

By Darrren Gorman

Breakfast with Santa happened on December 3 from 8:00 to noon. It was an event organized to raise money for the school community. The event was ran by the FFA (Frassati Family Association), assisted by the Knights of Columbus.

Families had the opportunity to take a picture with Mr. and Mrs. Claus and eat a tasty breakfast with the members of Transfiguration, St. Mary's and Santa Maria parishes. There were many volunteers working, although there were surprisingly few

students from Frassati. There were quite a few parents of Frassati children volunteering in the food line.

There were many other kids from the Transfiguration and St. Mary's parishes. There were only about seven Frassati students volunteering during the time I was serving.

There was a large variety of food to choose from for the people who went. including jelly and cream filled pastries, eggs, eggs and ham, ham, french toast and pancakes. There were also desserts like cookies along with juice and water.



Jumanji Scores with Critics

Movie Review

By Joaquin Cardenas

Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle is hilarious. I laughed a lot during the movie, it was so funny! At the beginning it connects with the first *Jumanji*, where it ended, someone picking up the game at the beach. There were other parts where it connected with the first movie too, which was pretty cool. *Jumanji*, the board game made itself a video game, which means our main characters have to have strengths and weaknesses like a real video game, which makes it extra funny.

Anyway the movie currently tops the box office with 27.1 million, and is rated 75% on the Rotten Tomatoes “tomatometer”. “*Jumanji* tramples the competition again!” It has 129 good reviews and 43 bad reviews. All in all I think it was a very good movie.



The Knights Of Columbus
Free Throw Contest
 This Saturday, Jan 21

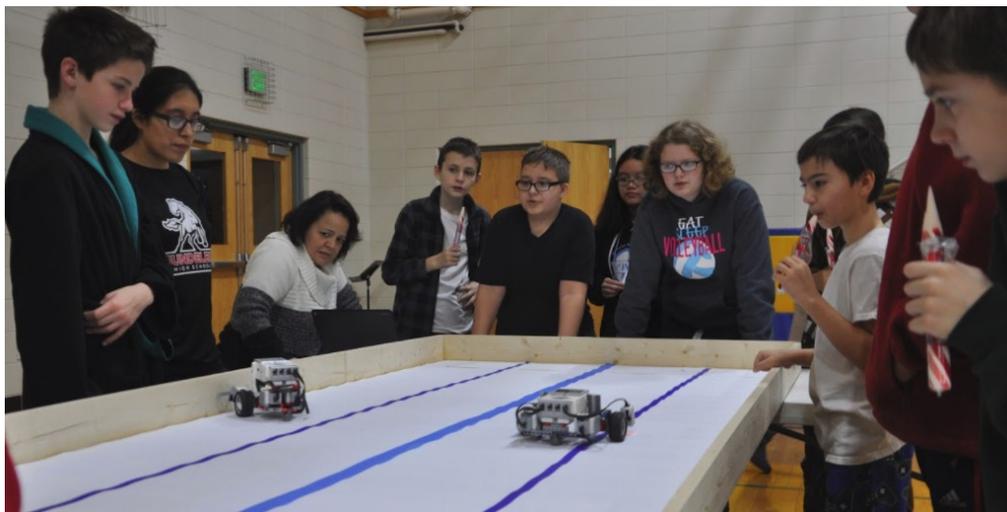
Transfiguration PLC Gym
 Registration starts at 8:00 am
 Shooting starts at 9:00 am

Open to all boys & girls ages 9-14

See how many free throws
you can make out of 15.

Winners go on to compete at the
District, Regional and even State Level.

Robotics Races Provide Excitement Before Christmas Break



Robotics Club members race their robots on the "Swim Lap" course while other middle schoolers look on during the Annual "Robot Races" in the PLC Gym on Dec. 22.

By Juliana Soto

On Friday, December 22, from 10-11 am, the Robotics Club held their annual Robot Races in the PLC. There were 12 teams, each consisting of 3-4 people. Robots raced on two different race courses, a NASCAR race and a "Swim Lap" race.

In the NASCAR race, the robots ran two laps around an oval course to try and have the fastest time. The robot couldn't cross the interior line or else the run was disqualified. Each team got 2 runs to try and get their fastest time.

In the Swim Lap race, the robots competed "head-to-head" and had to go down and back twice without interfering with its opponent in the opponent's lane. Teams raced every other team in 3 heats. Each heat winner scored a point.

All middle school students were invited to watch the races along with any parents who could make it. The Robotics Club members prepared for the races for about 2-3 weeks, some coming in during recess and after school to practice.

6th Grader Lauren Zomchek is in her first year of Robotics Club. She said "I think it's really fun and I learn a lot because I didn't know there were that many pieces that you use to build." When asked what she wanted to achieve in Robotics she said "I want to be as creative as I can in programming and building the robots and think out of the box." Lauren and her team competed in the NASCAR race.

7th Grader Andy Sierra is in Robotics Club again this year after doing it in 5th grade. He said that he thinks "It's fun!" and "I want to make better Robots than my last year". He and Lauren are both looking

forward to the Showcase competition in April. Andy's team also raced in the NASCAR race on Dec. 22nd.

As the races were going on, Coach Huner had a "Leaderboard" projected up onto the big screen in the PLC.

Five teams competed in the Head to Head Swim Lap races. The team of Joaquin Cardenas, Randall Dawson and Brianna Huner won the Swim Lap Races. Their robot won every heat against all 4 other teams, scoring 12 points.

Seven teams tried to get the fastest time in the NASCAR races. The NASCAR races were won by the team of Edward Ferrer, Elizabeth Strelecki & Lauren Zomchek. Their robot finished the 2 lap course in a time of 31 seconds.

Christmas Coloring Contest Winner Announced

Congratulations go out to the winner of our Christmas Coloring Contest! Out of several entries submitted by Frassati students, the La Stompa staff selected a creative entry by Wauconda Campus Fifth Grader Elizabeth Quinones!

Elizabeth receives a free subscription to La Stompa along with another prize. Thanks to all who submitted entries! Look for another coloring contest in these pages soon.

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Eagles Sports Corner



Game & Meet Results

Boys Basketball (elementary school)

5th Grade Mundelein Campus team qualified for the Frassati Tournament Championship Game which was postponed last Thursday (Jan 11) due to weather.

Girls Basketball (middle school)

1/10: 6th Grade vs St Gilbert - L 4-13
 1/10: 7th Grade vs St Gilbert - W 16-10
 1/10: 8th Grade vs St Gilbert - L 7-34

Upcoming Games/Meets

1/17: BBB (7th) - Tournament
 1/18: BBB (8th) - Tournament
 1/19: BBB (8th) - Tournament
 1/20: BBB (5th Mund) vs St. Joe L @ PoP
 1/20: BBB (5th Wauc) vs Eastlake @ PoP
 1/20: GBB (5th Wauc) vs St Joe R @ PoP
 1/23: BBB (6th-8th) vs Home Run Kids
 1/23: GBB (6th-8th) @ St Bede
 1/24: BBB (6th-8th) vs St Bede
 1/25: BBB (5th Mund) vs Eastlake @ St Bde
 1/25: BBB (5th Wauc) vs LFCDS @ St Bde
 1/25: GBB (5th Mund) vs LFCDS @ OLH
 1/25: GBB (5th Wauc) @ OLH
 1/29: GBB (6th-8th) @ St Joe-Libertyville



photo by Emma Roberts

Coloring Contest Winner, Elizabeth Quinones, poses with her winning entry.