



# ELEMENTARY VALIANT NEWS

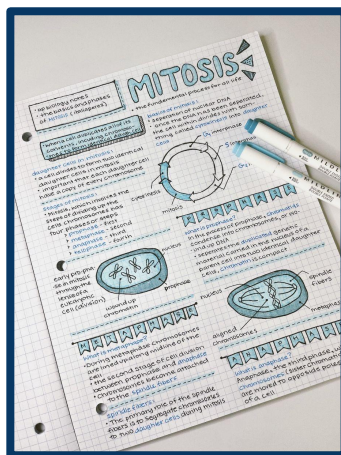


## A Grand Night in the Church

The Elementary Christmas show, **“The King’s Reunion”**, took the audience around the world to visit all the Kings of Youville’s distant relatives from the kingdoms of **New York, Hawaii, and Bethlehem**. The show started with a **BANG**, as our fantastic **Eighth Grade** performed **“We Need a Little Christmas”** as the citizens of Youville! Everyone — from our administration, staff, teachers, and students — worked hard to bring joy and the holiday spirit in all of the performances. With a special thanks to the dance instructor, **Mr. Tigran**, each class performed their dances and scenes wonderfully. All the hours of practice paid off as we saw the audience enjoy the festive show, and, per tradition, the grand finale had everyone singing **Feliz Navidad!**

## Welcome Back to School in January

Wow, can you believe it’s been **three weeks since we were last at school?** Hoping you and your families had a restful holiday break and spent some quality time with each other. As we begin this new year and say goodbye to 2023, we must start this year **strong with good habits whether you are on-campus or zoom learning this first week!** Valiants, we encourage you to reflect and think of ways to improve this year. These improvements could be little things, such as greeting a friend or neighbor to doing schoolwork on time! These little improvements will help you **develop good habits** that will eventually become a routine! Good luck in this second trimester, and remember to **work hard** and **ALWAYS DO YOUR BEST!**



*Clean notes and class participation are easy ways to improve your studies!*

### New Year Tips:

- ★ Don’t procrastinate!
- ★ Stay organized
- ★ Try a new activity! (sports, clubs, etc.)
- ★ Get enough sleep!
- ★ Read more books!



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## Dribbleeee, Shoot, Shoot!

It's the winter season for school sports, and with the cold comes a sport that'll be sure to keep athletes sweating... it's **BASKETBALL SEASON!**

As of now, the **Girls A Basketball** team has been practicing all Winter break and is amped up and ready for their first game, memorizing all their plays and working together to help each other out! **Coach Pat**, also known as our very own Mr. Guzman, is an incredible coach and has been working alongside their co-coach, **Coach Rosie**, to help our girls be prepared. **Let's wish them luck as their season progresses!**



*Balancing academics with sports is no easy feat, but these student-athletes sure do make it seem easy!*

*Remember that you miss 100% of the shots you don't take, so try your best at everything and take a chance!*

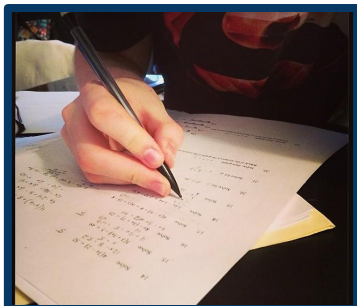


That's not all... the **Boys A Basketball** team starting practicing with the girls, working hard and playing harder. **Coach Garcia**, the K-8th P.E. coach, is helping the boys become better at the game and more prepared to play the sport they love! **Let's wish them luck as their season begins, and good luck to all of our athletes!**

## HSPT Prep Course & Entrance Exam

Since the HSPT entrance exams are almost here, Saint Genevieve began offering enrollment into the **HSPT Prep Course** this whole week from 6-8pm to help your children prepare. The HSPT entrance exam is the **most important test** for your children to take in order to join any Catholic high school, including **Saint Genevieve High School**. The scores are analyzed along with STAR data and previous grades to determine the best class placement as a freshman. The scores may affect the school's admissions committee and/or whether students are eligible for a **scholarship**. Many students has an opportunity to meet a few high school teachers at the prep course including Mr. Gulsoy, Ms. Lustre, and others. Thank you Mr. Jasso & Mrs. Garcia for the extra hard work organizing the program.

Eighth graders will be taken their exam on Tuesday, January 16. Student Council wishes you a wonderful week, and good luck in your exam!



### Testing Tips:

- ★ Prepare and check your schedule!
- ★ Pay attention to your practice classes
- ★ Be diligent with assignments
- ★ Keep yourself motivated
- ★ Manage your time efficiently