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Dolan's Talent Show "Rocks the House"

By Michelle Osorio and Kaitlin Melsenti

Every year, certain Dolan students prepare their voices, acting skills, and dancing for the annual Dolan Talent Show. Some of the acts involved this year were: the Show Stoppers, tap dancing, amazing piano players, and beautiful singers. This important event was held November 14, 2003. Ms. Clark and Ms. Iorio, both student teachers at Dolan, were in charge this year. The very talented participants practiced day in and out to create an outstanding performance for parents and students. Tickets were five dollars each. It takes a lot of guts to perform in front of hundreds of people and it can be embarrassing to make a mistake. We give these brave performers a round of applause; they did an excellent job. Thank you to all who came to Dolan's Night of Stars.



Open House Night

By Maria Bakaj

Dolan's Open House, on September 25th, was a success. Parents had to follow a 15-minute schedule their children made for them. Most of the parents found their way around the school easily, but the diplomats guided those who did not. The diplomats were located either in the front foyer, the back door or stationed in front of the classrooms. The parents who came and met their children's teachers learned about the expectations for their children and the year's curriculum.

Magazine Drive pays off for Dolan

By Hae Jung Kim and Janz Ashley Navalta

The Magazine Drive this year was a great success. All grades participated and few were the top selling. This school wide event started on September 9, 2003 and it went on for three weeks. During these few weeks, Dolan students raised a lot of money as a team. There were three top students who raised the greatest amount of money in the Magazine Drive. Those three top students were: Samantha Gerard, 8th grade, Elise Pertrucci, 7th grade, and Sarah Edwards, 6th grade. The top of the three winners, Samantha Gerard, sold about 34 orders. From all the money collected, students of all grades would be able to have the opportunity to go on more fieldtrips. Thus, the Magazine Drive was a great success.

CPEP

By Chris Eng

Do you like to do things like build bridges or drop eggs? Well, if you do, you would love to be in the Dolan club called CPEP. CPEP stands for Connecticut Pre-Engineering Program and this year Mr. Sponaugle and Ms. D'Agostino are the instructors for this program. In this program students get to build projects like bridges, and the only materials you can use are wooden coffee stirrers or splints and regular Elmer's glue! Also, you can make a marble roller coaster that is made of wooden dowels, pipe insulator, tape, and about a meter of wood. There are also a few maglevs, airplanes, battery powered



boats, slow weight drop, solar powered cars and egg drop projects that are included in this program that will all be in competitions at the University of New Haven in May. At this competition other activities like mancala, chess, metal puzzles, brain-teasers, and a candy-guessing contest where you can win all the candies in the container it is in take place. In all of these events, CPEP members can win trophies, a CPEP t-shirt with the winning design, and a pin also with the years winning design. CPEP is one of the most educational and fun activities in Dolan and you should join.

Art Club

By Kaitlin Melsenti & Melissa Farfone

On Tuesdays after school, while we do homework and talk on the phone, other dedicated Dolan artists are working on their masterpieces. The club is called Art Club. The teacher of this club is Mrs. Tiedemann. Outside of her classroom she is a devoted artist. In her club, she educates young students on how to follow in her footsteps. Some of the pieces that they create are artwork that we see in our spring musical, school activities, and in showcases located around the building. The Dolan artists work tediously to produce new works of art while leaving us in awe. In this club there is no one or certain form of artwork they create; they experiment with all kinds. It's an extraordinary club that allows the participants to express themselves through all different kinds of art forms and beauty. It lets artists show their individuality and brings out the best in students.

Showstoppers are GRRReat!

By Annie Knapp

Showstoppers is a group that was just recently started at Dolan Middle School.



Ms. Carpenter, Ms. Clark, and Ms. Iorio run it. This group meets every Tuesday during activity period in the girl's gym. In this group you learn dancing and singing numbers. There are 53 members in Showstoppers. This group

will be performing in the talent show. I think that showstoppers will be a great new addition to our school.

Guitar Club Strums It's Way Into Dolan

By Lauren Schmidt

Dolan has a series of new clubs. One of them being guitar club. In guitar club students learn how to play guitar, or if they already know how to play they learn new notes, new and harder songs, tunes, and anything else that you need to know about playing the guitar. This new club is run by one of our art teachers Mr. Townsend. The club has about 15 to 20 students. It takes place every Tuesday during activity period in Mr. Flax's room on the third floor. This new club is a great way to express some students' musical talents and abilities.



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TY Contest

By Lauren Cascio and Alex Coughlan

Have you ever wondered how many TY toys Ms. Deleo has in the main office? Well now is the time to guess and find out. The Dolan Newspaper is having a contest; a paper will be sent to each homeroom if you want to enter put your name, homeroom, date, and guess on the paper. Your teacher will hand it in to the main office on the last day. First come, first serve (if you and someone have the same number the person who entered first wins). The contest will proceed for one week. Dr. Hamilton will announce the winners on the loud speaker.

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!!!!!!!!!!

Dolan Middle School Student sings National Anthem

By: Amanda Harvey

“Live long your dreams, don’t let your dreams long live you.” Adrianna Robles, who got the chance to sing the National Anthem at the Sound Tigers hockey game, said this quote. Adrianna started singing when she was 6 years old and she has performed in school plays and talent shows. She’s an average 12-year-old girl, whose favorite foods are pizza and pasta; and she loves listening to *So Yesterday*, by Hilary Duff. Before the game, she got her own dressing room and then she got to sing the National Anthem on ice. Adrianna told me she felt nervous in the beginning but felt fine by the end. She also recorded a CD last summer called *Livin’ My Dream*.

Lost In A New World

By Lauren Schmidt

I’m lost in a new world and I can’t find my way out.

No place to hide
No place to cry

I’m lost and lonely and am about to shout
Get me out of this place

I’m lost and confused and cannot get out
It’s like I’m stuck in a race I don’t want to run.

Breast Cancer Lollipop

By Michelle Osorio

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Dolan Middle School is helping the American Health Cancer Society for Research to stop breast cancer and find a cure. The PTO members are selling lollipops and sending the money to the breast cancer researchers to help them find a cure to stop this disease that many people, not only women, have been diagnosed with! To help stop this disease, you only have to spend the same amount of money that you use everyday to buy a bag of chips or a Snapple. If you go one day without chips, your dollar may be making the difference that will allow researchers to discover a cure for cancer. The cost is a dollar, which isn’t much. Hopefully, you understand that many cancer patients and scientists need support and funding for research. Please help support the people who unfortunately have this terrible disease; it’s only a dollar, but to thousands of people and families, it could be a life.

SHS Strings Fieldtrip

By Janz Navalta

On November 18, 2003, Mrs. Kovacs’ string players went on a fieldtrip to Stamford High School to hear the famous Quarrel Quartet who traveled to America from Poland. The members of this Quartet are; Magdalena Makowska, who plays the 1st violin; Karolina Weltrowska, who plays the 2nd violin; Kamila Maslowska, who plays the viola; and Katarzyna Kamer, who plays the cello. This particular Quartet had played at Carnegie Hall the Sunday before and offered to play in front of the Stamford High School body of students. Furthermore, the Stamford High Orchestra played for the Quarrel Quartet, and the Quartet gave a few helping tips for the performing students in Stamford High School. The trip was a great experience for our Dolan Strings Orchestra to see older kids play as well as seeing professional players play. This fieldtrip will help string players to decide their future careers.

Best Top Ten gifts to get your friends for Christmas

By Samantha Gerard

FOR GIRLS

1. Jewelry
2. Purses
3. Make Up
4. Clothes
5. Bath & Body sprays, etc.
6. Hair accessories
7. Hats & Shoes
8. Chocolate
9. Money
10. Gift certificate

FOR BOYS

1. Money
2. Gift certificates
3. Sport Jerseys
4. Sport items
5. Boxers
6. Hats
7. Sweatshirts
8. CD’s
9. Shoes
10. Video games



Our J.V. Football Team

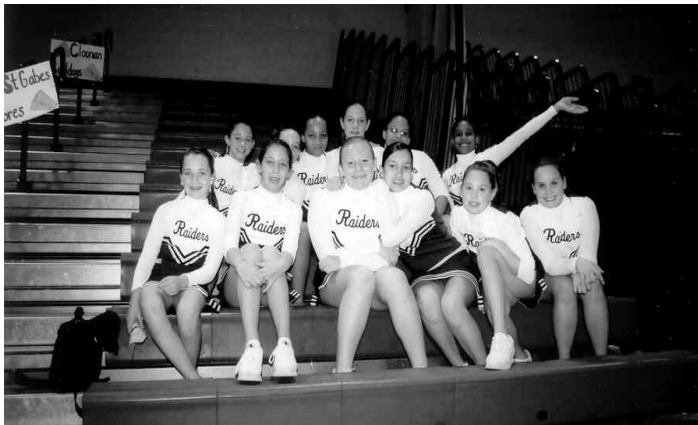
By Dan Anderson

The Dolan Junior Varsity Raiders football team had a 3-4 season with a playoff loss to Cloonan. The team started the 2003 season with a 2-0 record. The junior varsity team had a good year minus a tough playoff season ending in a 27-0 loss to the Cloonan Bulldogs. All of the players were mad and upset after all the hard work and not making it to the championship. Hopefully this years team will come back to play for varsity or j.v again and win it all for Dolan.

JV Cheerleading

By Lauren Cascio and Alex Coughlan

Junior varsity cheerleading is made up of 14 girls. They practice after school on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.



They cheer for the junior varsity football players who have won several games. The captains are Jasmin Ingram and Cristina Ross. The team consists of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. They cheer for 7 games and then at the end they have an exhibition. Their coach is Mrs. Bray, who also coaches varsity cheerleading!

Concerts to See in Dolan

By Maria Bakaj

There are many concerts in Dolan Middle School. The first show that Dolan holds is the Talent Show. The Talent show is when all of those talented students come out and shine and share their talents with audience. The next concert is the Winter Concert. In the Winter Concert the Orchestra, the Band, the African Drums club, Chorus, and SOS (Singers of Style) all perform. Then comes the School Play and the Spring Concert. In the school play many Dolan students sing, dance, and act in the show. In the Spring Concert the same groups that performed in the Winter Concert perform, as well.



Yankees vs. Boston



By Rosemary Collabello

The battle has turned into a war. Congratulations to the Yankees, who won the Post Season. The winner of Game One was Boston. Game Two, the Yankees won, and the series was tied 1-1. Game Three, it started when pitcher Pedro Martinez threw a high ball, in between Karim Garcia's shoulder blades. The Yankees won Game Three. Boston won the fourth game, and tied the series up again. Yankees won the fifth game, and Boston won the Sixth. The teams then had to play up to Game Seven. With a five run come back by the Yankees, they won 6-5!

Varsity Football

By Byron A. Farzam

This year, our Varsity football team has returned full of energetic seventh and eighth graders. The Varsity coaches are Mr. Penn and Mr. Neysmith. Every week, the team plays a game against the other local middle schools. In their first game, they had to hand it to T.O.R. for playing an exhilarating game, as they lost, 28-14. The next game saw our team playing St. Gabes, and eventually losing by a score of 18-0. Because of these losses, our football team was even more determined to win. Unfortunately, this year the Varsity team finished with a 0-7 record. Good luck to our Varsity football team next year for the 2004 season. GO RAIDERS!!!

Pig Races excite all

By Lauren Cascio

The following are the top 12 homerooms that sold magazines. From Omega 6; 208 Ms. Harrison and 209 Mr. Noble.

From Omega 7; 207 Ms. Bodach and 205 Ms. Benedict. In Delta 6; 311 Mr. Senese and 317 Ms. Jacobs. In Delta 7; 308 Ms. Mallozii and 307



Ms. Eiseman. In Alpha 8; 104 Mr. Bell, 100 Ms. Corbi, and 101 Ms. Robestelli In Gamma 8; 211 Ms. Bray. The winners from the pig races were 6th grade Ms.Harrison, 7th grade it was Ms. Benedict, and in 8th grade it was Mr.Bell. They have won a pizza party. Congratulations!

Varsity Cheerleading

By Adrianna Robles, Alex Coughlin, and Lauren Cascio

Varsity Cheerleading is coached by Mrs. Bray (Gamma 8 Reading). The squad has seventeen girls. Samantha Gerard and Alyssa Mark are the captains. They practice in the gym on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. They will be cheering at seven Varsity football games and will be performing in an exhibition.



National Breast Cancer Awareness month

By Iame Manucci

The National Breast Cancer Awareness Month campaign is celebrating 18 years of teaching and warning women about breast cancer. It's taught that breast cancer should be detected at the earliest stage possible through screening mammography, clinical breast exams, and breast self examination for women 20 years or older. The celebration is countrywide during the month of October. It delivers the message of the importance of breast cancer awareness to women throughout the US. The Breast Cancer campaign is composed of 17 national public service organizations, professional medical associations, and government agencies working together to help make women aware and to provide access to screening services to women all over the country. There are many different programs people can join to support and inform women everywhere about breast cancer. You can look for an activity near you. People who love to cook can support Susan G. Komen's Breast Cancer Foundation and the fight against breast cancer. To date, the program has raised over one million dollars for this cause through donation-with-purchase programs, special fundraising events, and auctions. Some of the events include Cook for the Cure and Race for the Cure. An event that has been around for 20 years and has grown from a single local race to 100 races with 1.5 million people expected to attend. Even the beanie baby company TY has created a breast cancer bear. The money from the sale of the bear is donated to help raise awareness of breast cancer.

Top 10 survival tips to make it through eighth grade

By Samantha Gerard

1. Do all the homework; a lot of zeros cause a lot of yelling and screaming at home
2. Try extra credit, improves your grade a lot
3. Be careful of what you say around the teachers, bad things bring lots of detentions
4. Don't suck up...they're teachers they're smart, they know when your sucking up
5. Be organized, not being able to find homework in a messy back-pack means you just don't care
6. Attitude, you can use it around your friends but if you use with the teacher it's just going to come back to you ten times worse (also keeps you off eighth grade trips)
7. Don't be loud in classroom, being social is fine but when your taking up the teacher's time it may cause problems and socializing with him/her in detention
8. Study, tests are going to be a lot harder then in seventh or sixth grade studying in any spare time can mean good grades GOOD GRADES = FUN
9. Do after school activities, getting involved with your school isn't a bad thing it can only help when it comes down to college
10. Be careful of what you do, a lot of suspensions and things like that will determine what college you go to even these things will be looked at.

Halloween Trivia

By Rachel Topper & Kris Anne Bonifacio

Legend has it that Halloween is a predecessor of the ancient Celtic festival called Samhain. It was the New Year's Day of the Celts. Halloween is celebrated on October 31st. When children celebrate this event they usually dress up as something and go out at night to get candy. We asked a few people at Dolan what they were going to dress up as this year. Some people are going to be devils, movie stars, witches, zombies, princesses and more. Dolan plans to celebrate Halloween by letting students wear their costumes. People decorate their houses for Halloween with fake spider webs, skeletons and other scary things. Also, Oreos have orange frosting and donuts are decorated with Halloween colors.



School Of Rock Review

By: Melissa Farfone

It takes a lot to make a five star movie. There is no end to all the work and pressure it takes until opening night, and even then you have to worry who will go and how many people will show up and what the press will find to say about it. Now in my time I have seen a lot of movies and one of the most recent ones I've seen is "School Of Rock". In my opinion and many other people's opinions it fits the standards of a five star movie. The star of the movie is Jack Black. He plays a former rock star that got kicked out of his band and takes his friend's identity and becomes a substitute teacher. To win his fans hearts back and his rent money, he teaches the kids to play instruments and transforms them into a rock band in secret. The only obstacle is that he is breaking major rules and if he gets caught he could get in a lot of trouble. I'm not going to give away the ending, but I can guarantee it's good and you'll love it.



Entertainment Contest

By Lauren Schmidt

After many long weeks of selling the entertainment books the contest has come to an end. All the students who participated in selling the books did a good job, and helped raise money for field trips for all the grades. But only one winner and one homeroom received the spectacular prizes. For the top selling homeroom in each grade they received a pizza party. In 6th grade Ms. Hutter won. In 7th it was Ms. Melfi and in 8th grade the winner was Mr. Knowe. The top selling student in the school was Amanda Harvey in 7th. For selling 14 books she has won a 25 dollar gift certificate to the Stamford Town Center. Congratulations to all who participated in trying to help raise money for Dolan.

Dolan pitches in

By: Jamie Lorenti and Lauren Cascio

The can food drive was a big success! We donated over 5,000 cans to the Lower Fairfield County Food Bank in the first food can drive. That was great! In 6th grade the homeroom that got first place was Ms. Hutter. In 7th grade the top homeroom was Ms. Mallozzi and in 8th grade it was Ms. Corbi. During the second can food drive we donated over 2000 cans. Gamma and Alpha donated the most cans and got a movie and popcorn. Good job everyone. And don't forget that we will be having another can food drive!

WordSearch

Find seventeen your favorite MUSICAL ARTISTS. The names to find are listed below this puzzle.

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 P R I M S H F M A
 E H N I D N U L L
 R T K C M E D O P
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NAMES TO FIND

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| AGUILERA | BEYONCE |
| 50CENT | CHINGY |
| HILLARYDUFF | JAYZ |
| LINKINPARK | LUDICRIS |
| MICHAELJACKSON | PERFECTCIRCLE |
| GOODCHARLOTTE | SPEARS |
| SIMPLEPLAN | TIMBERLAKE |
| LILKIM | TUPAC |
| BLINK | |