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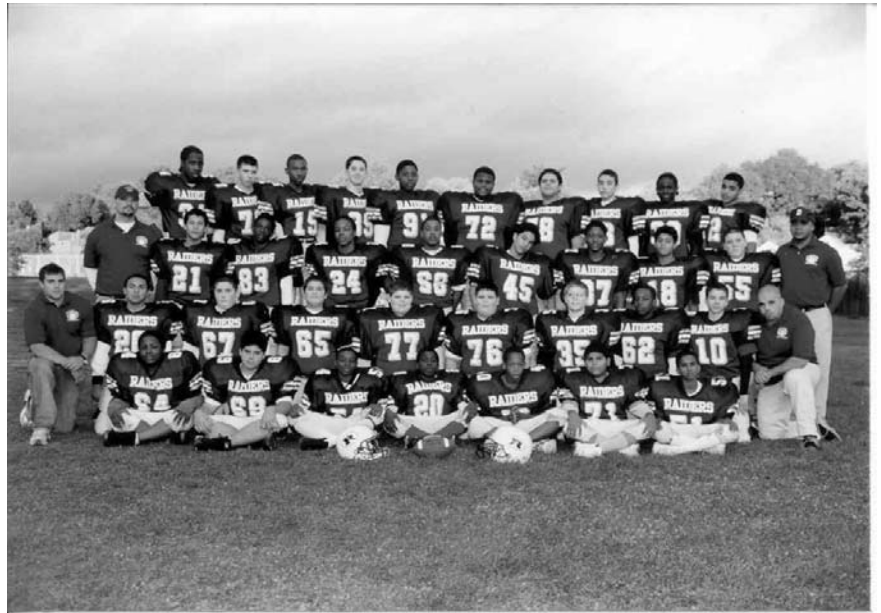
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Dolan Celebrates First City Football Championship

By Byron A. Farzam

Varsity Raiders' record is 7-0. The team includes a mix of seventh and eighth graders. They practice everyday afterschool. Everyone on the team agrees that at each practice everyone is even more energetic than the one before. In their first game they won! Their second game was a bit more intense, but they prevailed, and pulled it off. Their third game was an easy one; they won 22-0! Their fourth game turned out as another victory. Their fifth and sixth games were also wins. On Saturday, November 30th the Raiders went to the championships. They played against St. Gabes at Stamford High School at 8:30 under the lights. The Raiders won the game 42 to 12 showing once again just how hard they worked. CONGRATULATIONS!!!!



Talent Show Another Hit

By: Katie Hopkins

On Friday, November 15, students from sixth, seventh, and eighth grade showcased their talents. There were 15 acts in all; some solo acts, some with up to 5 people in a group. Poetry readings, dance ensembles, and an original duet written by Mr. Stepkoski were some of the acts- just to name a few. It was a great night for everyone..



Dolan Collects Can Foods for the Poor

And the race is on! Alpha, Beta, and Gamma were competing for a gym party by collecting cans. These cans are going to the people who aren't fortunate enough to celebrate an elaborate Thanksgiving. So far, Beta is in first place with over one thousand cans. Hopefully Beta, Alpha, and Gamma will surprise the community, and greatly contribute to this food drive. Thank You to all Dolan staff and students. Your efforts made a lot of dreams come true.

The results were

	6	7	8
Gamma	358	714	3,796
Alpha	478	335	2,234
Beta	666	970	5,045

Mr. Murray

By Darien and Krystal

Mr. Murray went to college at Bradley University located in Peria I.L. city in South Windsor Hartford. It is equivalent to the size of Stamford. Just 330 students graduated in his class. His favorite hobbies are coaching baseball, socializing, and going to Dave Matthews' concerts.

He became a teacher because he loves teaching kids and he loves the challenge of being the best teacher he can be. He teaches behavior and how to be generous and help others. He also helps children learn self-control.

He became a teacher at Dolan because he spent many years at I.L. and wanted to get closer to home. He had an interview with Mr. Rinaldi and that is when he started his career. The person that influenced him when he was growing up was his dad.

His advice to students is to, "Believe in your goals and accomplish it, and if you believe in it nothing will stop you. We may not have it all together, but together we have it all."

Ms. Benedict

By Anna Papush

Every year is a new start for the Dolan students, but it's also a new start for Dolan teachers. You may not know this, but every year, Dolan gets at least five new staff members. One of them may even be teaching you...right now!

I'd like to introduce you to one of these newer staff members. She is the Gamma 7 Language Arts teacher. Her name is Ms. Sarah Benedict. She loves reading and writing. Here are some more interesting facts about this wonderful teacher.

Ms. Benedict grew up in Greenwich, CT and went to Boston University. She majored in Secondary English Education. Ms. Benedict decided to become a teacher because she loved Language Arts and middle school kids.

Before Ms. Benedict became a teacher at Dolan, she taught seventh grade and eighth grade reading in Revere, Massachusetts. After teaching in Massachusetts, she decided to move back to the area where she had grown up. Her family and friends were all in Greenwich too. After

she had moved back, Ms. Benedict noticed that Dolan was close by, and decided that teaching there would be perfect.

Once Ms. Benedict settled at Dolan, she really loved it. She said that she has good colleagues and great students. The advice that she offers students is this; "To see the world is the best education you can get.

All through her life, Ms. Benedict looked up to her mother, the kindest person she knew. Ms. Benedict loved the way her mother always saw the bright side of things and always tried to laugh. Her mother was her idol.

Besides teaching, Ms. Benedict has many hobbies including: traveling, reading, and walking in the woods. She also has many favorite things. These include: color - navy blue, food - sushi, sport - baseball, music - classic rock and author - Edgar Allan Poe

Ms. Gibson

By Rachel Topper and Anna

This article is about our new music teacher Ms. Gibson. She grew up in Hudson, New Hampshire. Ms. Gibson went to Dr. H.O. Smith School for 1st and 2nd grade. For 3rd grade she attended Webster School. Also for 4th grade she went to Library school. She traveled to middle school and completed her junior high years in Hudson Memorial School.

Ms. Gibson became a teacher because everyone else in her family were also teachers. She also wanted to share her gifts of music with children.

She chose to teach at Dolan because she really liked the school when she visited. She also wanted to move to Fairfield County to be close to New York City.



Mr. Suthers

By Anthony Tamborino

Mr. Suthers is the new Beta 8 social studies teacher. For college he attended Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania. Mr. Suthers grew up in Buffalo, New York. He decided to become a teacher because he likes working with kids. Mr. Suthers chose to work at Dolan because he wanted to work in a kind and positive atmosphere. His hobbies are playing sports and fishing. Mr. Suthers father has been the biggest influence in his life. His advice for kids is to always have a positive attitude.



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Poetic Corner

Fall

By: Maria Bakaj and Samantha Ruta

Golden leaves,
Branches brown
Fluttering colors
Fall to the ground
Finches sing and dance around
To know that fall is here.

People, places, and everything
Look up at the sky,
As the warming sun comes down on them
And glistens in there eyes.

Choices

Written By: Samantha Ruta

So many choices to make,
So many choices to break.
Make the right choice,
Make it well,
For you never know
When your choices can turn
And when your choices take over.
You'll be the one your choices will break.

Dreams

By: Langston Hughes

Hold fast to dreams,
For if dreams die,
Life is a broken-winged bird
That cannot fly

Hold fast to dreams ,
For when dreams,
For when they go,
Life is a barren field
Frozen with snow:

Sun

Written by: Maria Bakaj

Shinning down on you.
Warming your hair.
Keeping you warm,
Through the night cold air.

Make a smile,
Right on your face,
Making you happy,
With a lot of grace.

Movie Review

We are taking some of the top movies and asking a few kids who saw the movie and their opinions.

Tuck Everlasting – Rated PG. It was an ok movie and a good movie for the family. -Jane Manucci, Alpha

Sweet Home Alabama- Rated PG13. This movie is more for older kids, like teens. It's a good comedy. -Hag Hun Kim, Alpha and Amanda Harvey, Alpha

The Ring- Rated PG13- It was very scary, freaky, and creepy. -Arielle Rubins, Beta.

Harry Potter 2- PG: It's a great movie that's breath taking, has the best sounds effects, and the best special effects!

We hope this review makes you want to see one of these movies.

Drill Team

By: Maria Bakaj

I asked a member of the drill team if she could give me information about it. First, I asked what they look for when the drill tryouts are being held. She answered that they look for people who are fast learners and who can stay on beat. I asked what Drill Team actually was and she explained that it is a type of dance where you use your feet and hands. There are 16 people on the team, but many more tried out for the chance to compete against other schools.



JV Cheerleaders Shout Loud

By: Allison Arriaga and Alex Coughlan

The JV cheerleading squad has 21 girls. The squad is coached by the Gamma 7 reading teacher Ms. Gilroy. The squad practiced on Tuesday,

Wednesday and Thursday from 3:00 to 4:00 in the girl's gym. The captains are Johanna Alvarado, Milan Pate, and Alex Coughlan. The squad is always practicing and learned over 15 cheers and 1 dance. The games are on the weekends and the cheerleaders are there almost every game! They also participated in the Cablevision Parade and a Cheerleading Exhibition on November 23rd.



Girls Basketball Team Sets Goals

By Byron A. Farzam

Girls' basketball will now join Raider athletics led Ms. Carpenter. Girls' Basketball will now be a city wide sport. All public middle schools will soon be competing in actual games at schools. Tryouts were held in early November. The girls who made the team will all be competing in the first game of the season. We wish our new basketball team good luck this season. **GO RAIDERS!!!**



Debating Team

By: Anthony Tamborino

The debate club is a popular new club at Dolan. This is the first year of this club at Dolan and Ms. Anderson, the new communication teacher, runs it. Students at Dolan participate in taking sides on various issues. They meet every Tuesday during activity period. I think many people will agree that this is a great addition to Dolan's clubs.



Hotel

Horizon Set to Open

By: Samara Shwidock
Victoria Claasen
Katie Hopkins
Adrianna Robles

The play, Hotel Horizon, has just been casted. The auditions were held on 11/18, 11/19, 11/20, 11/21, and call backs were 11/26. At auditions, we had to sing Happy Birthday and dance. Then, some students were called back for speaking parts and singing parts. The next day, the cast list was supposed to be posted, but we had a snow day. The list was posted on Monday. There were many people cast. Some leads include: Samara Shwidock, Adrianna Robles, Jasmine Howsie, Stephen Fortin, Tommy Cooperine and John Abrado. Congratulations to everyone who auditioned!

Varsity Cheerleaders Lead the Way

By: Adrianna Robles and Jessica B.

Varsity Cheerleading has 18 girls. The coach is Ms. Fink, a Gamma 7 social studies teacher. The two captains are Brittany Pia and Caitlin Durand. They practice every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The games are on the weekends. Halftime is the greatest thing. They have a dance that has three elevators and a liberty. These girls work very hard. Through good times and bad times they still do a great job.



My Robot

By: Shel Silverstein

I told my robot to do my bidding. He yawned and said, "You must be kidding." I told my robot to cook me a stew. He said, "I got better things to do." I told my robot to sweep the shack. He said, "You want me to strain my back." I told my robot to answer the phone. He said, "I must make some calls of my own. I told my robot to brew me some tea. He said, "Why don't you make tea for me." I told my robot to boil me an egg. He said, "First -let me hear you beg." I told my robot, "There's a song you can play." He said, "How much are you gonna pay me?" So I sold that robot 'cause I never new exactly who it belonged to.

JV Football Fairs Well

By Byron Farzam

The Junior Varsity football squad worked very hard this season and everyone is very proud of them. The whole team has taken practice to the next level. The team has shown great determination and enthusiasm. Their first win was on Sunday November 16th. They won 38-6. To all people involved in Raiders Athletics, good luck in all of the competitions to come! GO RAIDERS!!