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The Knightly

The Yearbook

By: Alexander Hilsamer

The 2010 yearbook will include pictures of all middle school students. The yearbook will have a black hard cover with teal lettering. It will also have pictures of clubs and sports, such as the girls' basketball team, the school band, teachers and many more. The yearbook advisor, Ms. Murphy, has

already been working with the committee taking pictures of school events.

There will be a "fruit snack" sale in November to help defray the cost of the yearbook. Ms. Murphy is hoping to keep the cost of the yearbook close to \$30.

Students wishing to order a yearbook will be asked to make a deposit of \$10.



Red Ribbon Week

By: Gianna Zapata

The West New York Middle School held its annual Red Ribbon Week from October 26-30th. Its purpose was to raise awareness of the harmful effects from drug use and numerous facts on drugs, alcohol and gang violence. Student wore Red on Monday in honor of Red Ribbon Week. Tuesday students "teamed up against drugs" by wearing their favorite team jersey or

brought their favorite stuffed animal to encourage the saying "Hugs not Drugs." Wednesday students "put a cap on drugs" by bringing a silly hat to school. Thursday students were encouraged to wear their shirt backwards to "turn their backs on drugs". Lastly, Friday was "orange you glad that you're drug

free?" Students participated in raffles by answering questions and those that were answered correctly and selected won prizes such as basketballs, mini footballs, and more. Thanks to Ms. Lombana, Red Ribbon Week was a lot of fun and a great success.





Halloween Dance

By Nathalie Chinchilla

The annual Halloween dance took place on October 29th, 2009. The 7th and 8th grade Student Council was in charge of the dance and made all of it possible. Partial credit also goes to the cooking club for providing fresh popcorn for 50 cents. The dance was packed with monsters, fairies, and even some Michael Jacksons! Everyone at the dance looked like they had a fun time with their friends. The money made from the Halloween dance will be used toward the 8th grade graduation costs.

THE STUDENT COUNCIL

BY: MIKE BRITO

The new Student Council officers were elected in June. They are Shanille Bautista, the President, Amber Cruz, the Vice President, Fayzah DiNatale, the Secretary, and Ferozan Ulfat, the Treasurer. The advisors are Mr. Semple and Ms. Trifone. The Student Council has planned many activities for the students this year. Some of

them are the Halloween Dance, which was held on October 29. Also, the Valentine's Dance, which will be held in February, Movie Afternoon, which will be on November 17, and Student Jean Day. Student Jean Day will allow students to wear jeans on November 25, December 23, and March 26 for \$5.

The money earned from this will be for the 8th grade cap and gowns. The Student Council will try hard to make sure all students have a great time here at the Middle School.

Student Council Officers



Saving Latin America

By: Christopher Menjivar



During the month of September, guest speakers, Johnny Torres, Romanita Roman, and John Roman visited the West New York Middle School to speak to both 7th and 8th graders. All speak-

ers from "Save Latin America Inc." stated that no matter how terrible you are right now in school, there is a genius inside everyone. Also, they said to do all your studies to succeed in the future. A student said "no matter

how many obstacles are in your path, never quit on your goals." After the encouraging speech, students were asked to write an essay and the best writers will win a dinner with their family and teachers.

Peer, Peer, Peer!

By: Alexandra Risco

The Peer program is filled with intelligent students who want to try to make our school environment a better place. "All of my kids say that this is like their second family, their second home." stated Mrs. Marrero. During October, the 7th and 8th grade peer members hosted a movie night in the middle school to try to raise money to have their annual sleep-over at the middle school in January. Another activity that's

planned for November, is a Peer field trip. The 7th and 8th grade Peer members will be sent to a peer retreat along with their advisors, Mr. Marrero and Mrs. Marrero to Star Camp Lake, Bloomingdale, NJ. At the retreat the students will build bonds, trust, learn teamwork skills, and make new friends and unforgettable memories along the way.

If you ever find you're in

need of someone to talk to you're encouraged to go to one of the meetings after school and ask to talk with one of the peer councilors.

GO PEER <3



Girls' Basketball

By: Amanda Leon

The girls' basketball teams were ready to play ball this year. The season started October 2009 and will end November 11, 2009. The coaches and the teams were:
Mr. Capozzi, black team
Mrs. Trifone, orange team



Ms. Lombana, gold team
Ms. Christou, red team
Ms. Del Valle, green team
Ms. Sisserson, blue team.
All the teams practiced extremely hard and tried to win each game. Not every team won, but all were proud. The ones who did make it to the championships were the **RED** team and the **GREEN** team.

The **RED** team won the 2009 championship.



THE CHAMPS

New Faculty Members!

By: Joselyn Suriel & Zobia Alvi



Mr. Beatini



Ms. Walezak



Mr. McMann

There are many new staff members that joined the Middle School faculty this year. In the math department there are Mr. McMann, Mr. Beatini, Ms. Walezak, and Ms. Minelli, a teacher returning to the Middle School. The social studies department welcomes Ms. Palladino. The science department adds Mr. Romero to its staff.



Ms. Palladino



Ms. Minelli

Ms. Castano joins the faculty for 7th and 8th grade "PASSES". In the physical education department is Mr. Sabino, a gym teacher who was originally teaching at Memorial. When asked how he liked the Middle School, Mr. Sabino said, "I like it a lot. It's a new experience which I'm enjoying."



Ms. Castano

Welcome all to the Middle School family.



Mr. Romero



Mr. Sabino