

# The Bulldog Times



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## Got fuel?



**Hungry mornings?** Would our middle school benefit from starting a breakfast program? Students recently participated in an online survey and parents are encouraged to do so as well. Log on to NLMS's Web site and share your thoughts. Click on the middle school photo on [www.nlsd.org](http://www.nlsd.org).

## Intramurals have begun

Spring Net Sport Intramurals began on April 1. These sports include tennis, ping-pong, volleyball and badminton and are played on Mondays and Wednesdays. Come enjoy fun activities with your friends. You can

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# \$3,000 raised!

*Students practice math, help children's hospital*

By Lauren Zellner  
SouthEast Team

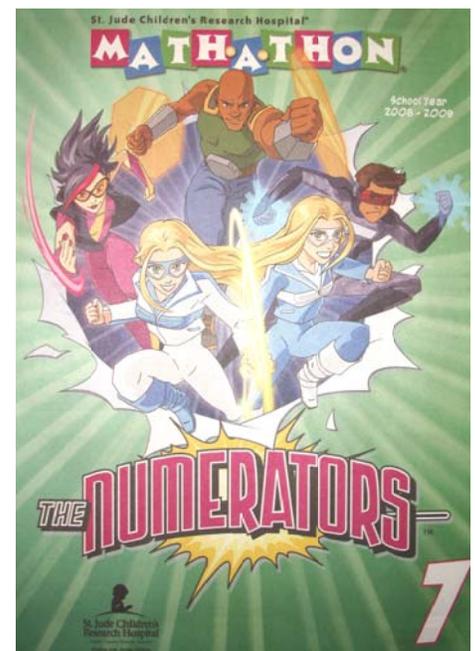
This year students on the SouthEast team had the opportunity to help children less fortunate than we are. Students were able to participate in the Math-a-Thon hosted by SouthEast math teacher Mrs. Hubbs.

After about a month and a half of working on the math problems and getting pledges, the SouthEast team raised a total of \$2,809.42! Mrs. Hubbs' goal was to raise \$500 and we raised over five times that amount.

Everyone received a math booklet of problems based on their math difficulty. Students completed the booklet and received points for each problem they had correct. This not only helped practice math skills but it also raised money for the St. Jude Children's Hospital.

To raise the money, contestants chose sponsors who pledged a certain amount of money per point or just a flat donation.

Mrs. Hubbs says she's proud of the students and their generosity. I think this fundraiser was a good experience for students to expand their math skills and think of other people before themselves for once.



# Eighth-graders regain their 'spirit'



The seventh-graders lost their "spirit" at the Winter Pep Rally but haven't lost their pride.

**By Kelcie Kramer**  
SouthEast Team

To the eighth-graders, the Winter Pep Rally was a chance to redeem themselves and win back the spirit stick. To the seventh-graders, it wasn't a total loss. "No matter what Mr. Reinhard says, we screamed way louder than the eighth-graders," complained one seventh-grader. A group

of eighth-grade boys said, "It was our final jam! We had to win the spirit stick before they send us off to high school."

I do have to admit that the eighth-graders got pretty loud but then again so were the seventh-graders. Although I can't really give my opinion because I got so loud screaming that I couldn't hear myself think!

Oh well. What's done is done. I guess we seventh-graders will just have to try again some other time.

Mark Graham said, "It was alright. It was better last time."

He probably just says that because last time the seventh-graders won! Win or lose, we still have our Bulldog Pride! Nothing beats the Bulldog Pride!

# North team will be field trippin' to Philadelphia

**By Zachary Ritz**  
North Team

As our year is nearing a close, North-siders are happy for our upcoming field trip on June 3. This year, all of the North team will be venturing to Philadelphia. I'm normally optimistic, so I'm pretty much up for anything. Inquiring minds are probably wondering where we're going and what we're going to see.

I've been informed from a totally reliable source (Mrs. Filipovits) about the places we are going to visit. Some of them are: The Constitution Center, Christ Church Cemetery, along with the Liberty Bell. I would assume we are visiting most spots but

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## Intramurals

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get a ride home on the activity bus at 3 p.m. or stay until 4 p.m. when the intramurals end. On April 29 the season ends with a pizza party. You do not have to attend every session. Permission forms are located outside of the gym.

**Take the Times  
for a walk  
anywhere!**



**Want to share The Bulldog Times to relatives across the country?** Perhaps an old friend who now lives in Nova Scotia? Maybe a homesick soldier serving his or her country? We're available online by clicking the link at the top of NLMS's homepage. Let the dog loose all over the world!

# SouthEast team heads to NYC to find heritage, meet ‘Liberty’

**By Darien Middaugh**  
SouthEast Team

The SouthEast team will experience a part of history when our students travel to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty on Wednesday, April 22.

“It was my dream to take our students from Pennsylvania to New York City,” said Mrs. Marushak, SouthEast reading teacher. “I think it is one of the nicest trips you can take to New York be-

cause for \$5, you can get three ferry rides and a tour of Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. You can see the beauty of the city without being in the middle of it.”

“Last year’s Ellis Island trip was one of the best trips I have been on,” said Mrs. Drake, SouthEast history teacher. “We had perfect weather. I hope it’s just as great this year.”

Much planning goes into the process, including various activities throughout the school year to make the

team’s students understand that the trip will be more than simply seeing a *big blue lady*.

“This trip will hopefully help the students understand and appreciate their heritage. I’m looking forward to seeing if my ancestors passed through the gates there. Also my great-grandfather worked on the ceiling in the main room of Ellis Island, which is pretty cool,” said SouthEast student Teague Deibert.

SouthEast teachers want to stress the importance of heritage and the travels of our ancestors sailing through the port decades ago in search of a dream.

“Finding out about my ancestors and riding on the ferry across the river will be fun. I will enjoy visiting the Statue of Liberty and having fun with my friends in New York City,” said Jennie Fronheiser, SouthEast student.

Traveling to the “Big Apple” will be fun for everyone who appreciates and understands the importance of their ancestors and will be able to do it in the big city!



# NJHS plans 'senior' prom

**By Lauren Zellner**  
SouthEast Team

Recently the National Junior Honor Society has been busy preparing for the Senior Prom on May 2. The Senior Prom is a dance in which senior citizens come and get to have their own little prom in the middle school gym.

At the prom, senior citizens have the opportunity to enjoy entertainment, a cake walk and dance contest.

So far, 170 senior citizens have called for tickets and we're expecting it to be a big event as it has been in the past. In order to fund it, we held fund-raisers and have

raised almost \$3,000! This year's theme is Deep Blue Destiny. For more information on how to get tickets for this year's prom, see Mrs. Bowser.



## North team heads South

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as of now they are to remain unknown to this reporter.

Philly is a cool place to begin with and who doesn't love field trips? I sure do; they could even be around the block and I'm sure I'd still find a way to make a good time out of it.

But anyway, back to the real field trip, I'm hoping we'll be able to see some new things and maybe even learn a thing or two!



# OPINION

## What Really Curdles My Milk: *Snugglies*

You have all probably heard about the new and cool Snugglies. They are just blankets with arm holes. I think they are really stupid. They want you to spend all this money just for a backwards robe. Instead of spending so much money on a dumb Snuggie, just buy a robe and put it on backwards. Even though they are just annoying blankets with arm holes, it seems like all of America has one. I don't see the point of them.



Tyler "TT" Trumbauer

I guess the good thing about them is that they have arm holes? Well, if you can't take the blanket off for 2 seconds to get the remote for the TV, then you are odd. Where did they come up with the name "Snuggie" anyway? It is

not a stuffed animal; you are not cuddling with it. It is just keeping you warm. Maybe it is a cuddling thing for people that don't have any friends or any lives or something. I don't know why I hate these things.

I just have ever since they came out. Then they turned out to be these big and cool things, when really they are dumb. Another thing is they are expensive. They are \$20 and that is not including shipping and handling. While this

country's economy is in a recession and people are getting laid off and losing their homes, they still buy Snuggies. So, I guess when you are living in your box in New York City, it doesn't matter because you have a Snuggie so life is good. Not.

I guess you can think whatever you want to think, but in the famous words of Mr. Meixsell, "It doesn't matter what you think!" That is what really curdles my milk.



## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Year

By Tyler George

This year was the best.  
 Way better than all the rest.  
 There were some good times  
 and some bad.  
 But over all we should be glad.  
 For we all come here to earn  
 the knowledge we have learned.  
 We had some embracing teachers  
 who, in my eyes, were great leaders.  
 They all helped us through this journey  
 and brought forth our natural ability.  
 What, you might ask...  
 Nothing much, just a small task  
 to make the best of every hour  
 and that you alone have the power.  
 So I hope you have had it great  
 and remember it is never too late.

## To "Her"

By Tyler George

My hair ain't long  
 but my love for you is strong.  
 My muscles may not be the biggest  
 but my love is the fittest.  
 My height isn't very tall  
 but my guards for you will easily fall.  
 My spirit isn't the best for you  
 but my love for you is very true.  
 My choices may not be the best  
 but my love for you is just one big test.  
 My mind tells me  
 you're the one for thee  
 but we'll just have to wait and see.

# OPINION

## Planning for the high school move

It's time to face the facts. High school is coming up for the eighth-graders and we don't have a clue what's going to happen. People say high school is a fun experience and they are the last years to fool around before college. It is fun but it's also very serious.

High school is about having fun but getting the good grades you need to get into the college you want, if that is your plan.

So what do we think high school will be like? To me, high school will be a great experience that I will always remember. It will be very exciting, yet scary to walk into a bigger school. The kids there are a lot bigger and more mature. High school is also more challenging as it goes on. There are going to be many more assignments to work on, and possibly harder ones too.

The teachers in the high school will probably be a little tougher than the teachers in the middle school. They will probably also give much harsher grades. To some people, high school will be easy. To others, it will be very difficult. But no matter what, try your best.



Morgan Farber

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# OPINION

## Looking ahead to the future

High school is just around the corner and it will be coming sooner than we know it.

I, for one, have very mixed feeling about it. Some people say that high school is one of the best times of your life, while others say that freshmen are always picked on for being “the little kids,” so I’m really unsure of what to think.

I hope that high school will be a fun and enjoyable time. I hope that there will be many new things that aren’t offered in the middle school, such as the



Cory J. Wagner

ability to choose the classes that you want and that you can handle. I also hope that it won’t be too incredibly challenging but will still be fun.

High school offers many new features, such as all the new classes. We will have the option to create our own schedules, so we can choose when we want to have a certain class. But, in my opinion, the biggest change that we will experience is the semester change. Half-way through the year, we will get to choose a whole new

schedule so the year will seem to go a lot faster.

But high school also offers a lot of responsibilities and burdens. For instance, say goodbye to our 45-minute class in say hello to the oh-so-fun 80-minute class. Yay! Now we get even more of a super-fun learning experience. (Just joking...)

Also, the homework and projects will at least double in length and quantity.

High school is the last couple of years before entering something else and no matter what it is like, I am sure that it won’t be so bad. The pros and cons are equally balanced but I am sure there is more to like than to loathe.

## Planning for the high school experience

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In high school, you have many responsibilities. Like some responsibilities you have in the middle school, you need to be on time to classes, study hard to get good grades

and turn in homework on time. The teachers in the high school expect you to be reliable and get stuff done. Your expectations are what you want to achieve in high school. Those expectations are that your friends, family

and teachers want you to succeed.

You can use the knowledge that you have learned in the middle school to have a great high school experience.

# OPINION

## Middle school, high school, college... ready for life?

It seems like just yesterday I was worrying about locker combinations and getting lost in our square of a middle school.

Well, lockers weren't that bad and I haven't gotten lost yet. Now I have to worry about getting lost in the high school, which I'm sure is easily done.

High school will be one of the most life-changing experiences I ever have. Middle school challenged me a lot but these were only two years. High school is four years, which

will change me even more.

For one, I will meet people in different grades. I will make friends who can drive places and take me with them. Also, being that it's high school, my friends will revolve around the activities and classes I choose. In middle school, the only classes you could choose to take are band and chorus. In high school, you choose almost all your classes.

You benefit from that by meeting people with the same interests as you. By

meeting so many people, I may drift away from some of my old friends.

High school will prove which friends are real and true and which friends are not.

I am also hoping that in high school, I get a pretty good idea of what I would like to be when I am older. Right now, I know what I'd like to work with but I'm not sure of what job would be the best for me.

In the end, I hope high school will be better than middle school. They say all the nonsense drama happens in grades seven and eight. But once high school ends, I will have to worry about college!



Sydney Martin

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# OPINION

## What will it be like to be an eighth-grader?

The question is “What will my eighth grade year be like?” I haven’t really thought about it that much before. I think my eighth-grade year will be fun and exciting. Whenever I see the eighth-graders in the hall, they seem like they are having a good time, even though they have to go to class.



Carissa Blessing

I think that the work will be harder than it is in seventh grade. There will probably be more tests and more homework to do. The seventh-grade students seem like they really don’t realize that the work they do affects if they pass the seventh grade. To me, most of the stuff that the average seventh-grader does is think about friends, family or sports.

They have their mind somewhere else in the universe. Some of the seventh-graders are confident, get good grades and study.

That is going to help them in the future because they are getting used to the process

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As a seventh-grader, I have many different thoughts and opinions on what eighth grade will have in store for us, such as the ups and downs of moving up another grade.

When all of the seventh-graders move to eighth grade and all of the eighth-graders move on to the high school, we will no longer be the underdog of the middle school. We will no longer have to be annoyed with all the eighth-graders referring to us as “Sevys.” Then *we* will be the ones calling the seventh-graders “Sevys.” I never really even understood what joy calling us “Sevys” brought to them.



Jacob Satterlee

In my opinion, eighth grade is going to be a lot harder than seventh grade; anybody with common sense can tell that it will be, considering that is what each new school year is like. When we get to eighth grade, we are going to have to choose our courses for ninth grade, which I think could be very

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# Team West goes under the sea

Team West teachers have planned a very exciting day at Adventure Aquarium in Camden, N.J. for all of the Team West students. Students will be involved in a one-hour behind-the-scenes tour where we will see food preparation, water testing and how to keep animals healthy. We will also have a bird's-eye view from atop the 760,000 gallon Open Ocean Tank.

In addition to the tour students will participate in the Built for Change lab where they will have the opportunity



to compare and contrast animal adaptations and how they allow animals to survive changing environmental conditions.

In addition to the educa-

tional value of the trip and its science curriculum tie-in, the students will be involved in an interdisciplinary unit. This unit will include lots of non-fiction reading and math problem solving.

To help offset the cost of this educational opportunity, our last hoagie sale will be held through April 14 with delivery on April 30. We look forward to a great response like we've had with our previous hoagie sales. A \$45 buy-out contribution is still an option to selling hoagies.

## ***What would you say?***

*By Tyler George*

If you had to say your last words tonight, would you make sure they were all right?

Would you include your dreadful past or is there hope for what's next to last?

Would you mention all your friends or did all your friendships come to their ends?

Would you tell about your family's love or have you forgotten about those above?

Would you thank God for allowing you to die or would you rather live a big life lie?

Would you just not say anything at all and allow yourself to take that fall?

## **Carissa Blessing**

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of doing things that will help them in the eighth grade.

They can still have fun after all the important things are done. From my point of view, if I would study for every test and quiz, I would most likely get A's.

I admit that sometimes I really don't feel like doing homework or studying but I know that I have to if I want to get good grades. What I'm trying to say is that we should be preparing for a harder year and a fun one like no other before.

# OPINION

## Eighth grade is almost here!

The fall of 2009 is going to bring some changes to what I'm used to. There will be new experiences. Not that it's a bad thing; I enjoy a good challenge. As for myself and some fellow classmates, we will be venturing into the eighth grade for a different set of classes.

I am sure we will all be receiving more homework. As we get older, the harder school will become.

There will be some advantages to being an eighth-grader as well. A good example will be we all get a top locker. That is an advantage because we won't have to fight to get to the locker first.



Samantha  
Miller-Brown

Making the move to eighth grade will mean we are one year closer to graduating.

The responsibility for being in eighth grade is we will be role models to the new seventh-graders. For these reasons, I can't wait to go to eighth grade.

There are always bad things happening, too. For example, I'm not looking forward to the Writing PSSA's and the realization that we are one year older starts to kick in. Some things are bad and others are good. All in all, I think eighth grade is going to be awesome!

## Jacob Satterlee

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stressful, because we will be forced to choose all of our classes we will have for the entire ninth grade in a matter of weeks. When you get to eighth grade, I think we will all begin to realize that we better make the best of it, considering it will be our last year in the middle school. We will have to go through the stress of moving from the middle school to the high school and having to find our way around the new school.

In conclusion, I think eighth grade will have its ups and downs but either way, it is going to be a good year.

