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Our Super Bowl

Predictions:

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By the Prall Press Sports Reporters

All of us may see it differently, but we can agree on one thing: the New York Giants are going all the way this year. Read on to see how we think Super Bowl XLVI will play out.

I predict...the Giants will beat the New England Patriots in overtime. Even though I usually root for the Jets, I would rather see a New York team win the Super Bowl. The Giants had to work hard to get to the Super Bowl. They had to get through the Dallas Cowboys and then the Green Bay Packers. Now they face the Patriots in Super Bowl XLVI. In Super Bowl XLII in 2008, the Giants beat the Patriots 17 to 14. (The Giants scored a touchdown in the last 35 seconds to win the game.) —**Joaquin Solano**

I predict....Eli Manning and the Giants will defeat Tom Brady and the Patriots. I say the Giants will win the Super Bowl by a field Goal in the 4th quarter. The MVP of the Giants will be either Hakeem Nicks, Victor Cruz, or Kenny Phillips. I think it will be a close game, but the Giants will triumph. The score will be Giants 31, Patriots 28. For big Giants fans like me, this will be a special chance to watch the Giants win a Super Bowl! —**Denzel Green**

I predict....the NY Giants will win. Let's go Big Blue! I just know we're going to win...it's just the Big Blue way! We have the best running back (Ahmad Bradshaw) and also the best quarterback (Eli Manning). The Giants defense lets no one run or pass without a fight. On the other hand, the Patriots defense allowed many touchdowns during the regular season. I think the NY Giants will be the Super Bowl Champs. Besides, we are already winners.

---Jaquan Cureton

I predict...The Giants are going to win. The Giants have been playing good defense and need to keep it up. Eli Manning needs to pass the ball to Bradshaw because he is quick and a true athlete. I think the Patriots are going to lose because the Giants defense will shut Tom Brady down. I hope the Giants win the Super Bowl because they are my favorite team.

—**Clement Yhap**

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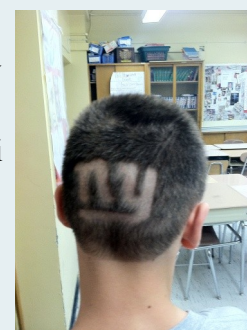
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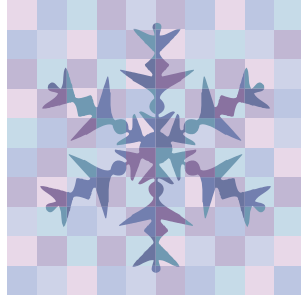


Think our school has Giants fever? Check out sixth-grade student Michael Amato's haircut. Now that's team spirit!

Falling Snow

by Hira Qureshi

See the pretty snowflakes
 Falling from the sky
 On the wall and the high
 house tops
 Soft and thick they lie



On the window ledges
 On the branches bare
 Now how fast they gather
 Filling all the air

Look into the garden
 Where the grass was green
 Covered by the snowflakes
 Not a blade is seen

Now the blare black bushes
 All look soft and white
 Everything is laden
 What a pretty sight!

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Poetry Corner

Dear Bully

By Kadeja Jenkins

The words are unnecessary
 The words are more painful than a needle.
 I know at times, it's not easy to fit in.
 However, they try to be themselves.
 No one should feel intimidated by another peer.
 The agony and the tears and the fears...
 It is you that makes these feelings arise, from a
 young, helpless soul.
 "Why don't they fend for themselves?"
 If they could they would but don't know if they
 should
 The way you make a person feel is completely
 appalling.

Just imagine you were being bullied.
 Just imagine you were in their shoes.
 Just imagine for a single day....
 Yup the teasing, the hitting, the mayhem,
 The discomfort and vain words making you feel
 beneath dirt.
 "Your clothes are so last week, ugh so played
 out!"
 "That hair style looks like your grandma did it—
 while she was half asleep!"
 Echoing laughs, distant whispered chatting.

It's all uncalled for, seriously!
 Instead of tearing another down
 We need to build one another up,
If we're tomorrow's future,
where is this leading to?

Can't beat the special effects of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows:

Parts One and Two

By Christine Ramiro

This movie is the final movie where all the questions are answered. Harry and Lord Voldemort finally fight each other. Harry, Hermione and Ron's friendship gets tested to the max as they face the hardships of being on the run. This movie's genre is action, based on the hit series written by J.K. Rowling and mostly takes place in a school for wizards and witches. These are the last two installments of an eight- movie series. The stars of the movie are Daniel Radcliff, who plays Harry Potter, Rupert Grint, who plays Ron Weasley, and Emma Watson, who plays Hermione Granger.

I loved the special effects and costumes that make the goblins and the war look real. My favorite part of the movie is when Harry, Ron and Hermione try and escape Malfoy Manor. But, I also thought the movie could've been better by having a different ending.



Singapore was one of the stops on Bridget's vacation.

Around the World in 21 Days!

By Bridget Saw

On a chilly Thursday evening in December, I was SO excited. I couldn't keep still. My family and I were at the airport, waiting for our plane to Southeast Asia to arrive. When the plane did arrive, the last thing that I remember clearly was boarding. The next 24 hours was a blur. Between the sleeping and eating the terrible plane food, the journey seemed to go by so quickly!! Before I knew it, we were there. Our first destination: Yangon, Myanmar, is located on the mainland of Southeast Asia and close to the equator.

Myanmar is a small country that many do not know about. Yangon was very hot, much hotter than we experience here in the United States. During our two-week stay, we ate many types of foods including a spicy fish broth and Indian rice with chicken. Everything tasted so foreign and delicious!! We visited many temples. One was even located in the mountains! Since some of my mom and dad's friends live in Myanmar and have kids around my age, I made some new friends, even though I couldn't speak their language (Burmese) fluently. At the end of our stay, I was sad to leave, but excited to go to our next destination, Singapore.

Singapore was even closer to the equator than Myanmar and the heat was pretty much unbearable! So my family and I went out early in the morning and at night. Singapore looked very much like New York. Considering we only got to stay in Singapore for four days, including the day we got there and the day we left, we didn't get to see or eat very much. However, we did get to visit a resort called Sentosa, which was very fun.

The last place we planned to visit was Indonesia because my grandfather's brother lives there. He was very kind to us and showed us around the most he could in the three days we stayed there. We got to try many exotic fruits with names I couldn't even pronounce. They tasted unlike any fruit I had ever eaten before and I LOVED them! We even got to go up into the mountains to see an un-active volcano! On our last day in Southeast Asia, I reflected on how much I had learned and tried on our trip. I can't wait for our next journey back!

And the winner is...LeBron

By Miles Kirkland

Who do I think is going to be crowned MVP for the NBA? That's easy—it's LeBron James. He is mad for what happened in the NBA finals last season (the Heat lost). I think that he is going to average a double-double this season. I believe "King James" is going to have 30 points, 11 rebounds and 4 assists per game.

The runner-up is going to be Dirk Nowitzki. He is going to have a break-out season after winning the NBA championship. He is going to average 35 points and 5 rebounds to go with the 3 assists per game.

So that is who I predict the NBA MVP voting will end up with—what do you think?



Should students be suspended for acting like a pro athlete?

By Messiah Oliveras

Recently in the news, Long Island high school students were suspended from school for praying like NFL superstar Tim Tebow. Before every game, Tebow of the Denver Broncos bends down on one knee and prays with his team. The Riverhead High School students were praying like Tebow in the school hallway and they got suspended.

I don't think these kids should have been suspended because they look up to Tim Tebow as a role model. I think the school should have talked to the kids more before suspending them.

What do you think? Drop us a letter in Room 237 and we may even publish your response!



How Karate Changed My Life

By Stephen LaRosa

My karate career first started when I was a little kid. When I was little, I was very small and weak. I went to Dragon Kim's Karate USA on New Dorp Lane with my best buddy Jessie. When I first started, I couldn't even flip someone over. I started as a white belt and NOW I am a first degree black belt going for my second degree black belt. When I started I was unfocused and undisciplined. I did not listen and I had no patience. I also thought I was tougher than everyone. But now I am a much better person. I've learned to focus and obey others. I try to do the right thing all the time. I respect all the instructors and my fellow classmates.

Throughout the years, I've learned many things. I learned how to kick without hurting myself, and punch without breaking my fingers. I also learned you don't always get things right the first time. You must never give up and always keep trying your best. I have learned not to use martial arts to horse around with friends. I will only use it to help myself or others. It is serious and could be dangerous to others.

Karate has made me a better person because it introduced me to a lot of good friends who think and act responsibly. Some of my friends are Antonio, Chris, Roger, Nicholas and Kayla. I also met some great role models such as Sir Jeff, Master Robert, Kenyo Chris and Kenyo Sal. I watched and listened to them. They taught me how to act.

Karate has taught me many things. I am a stronger person both mentally and physically. It has given me the confidence to believe in myself and the will to never give up. It teaches me to respect others and myself. It has taught me to control my emotions and to use my head. I love martial arts, my instructors and my friends. Thank you for making me a better person!!!





Jose's Sports Corner

By Jose Arroyo

With the Alabama Crimson Tide winning the BCS Championship and the NFL playoffs winding down, it's time to start talking about the NFL Draft, from Andrew Luck to Robert Griffin III. This is one of the most skilled rookie classes I've ever seen. Here is my mock draft for the top 5 picks by draft order and what the team needs.

- 1) Indianapolis Colts- Andrew Luck, Stanford quarterback: Despite losing the 2012 Fiesta Bowl and not winning the Heisman trophy for a third consecutive year, Andrew Luck will still be the No. 1 draft choice in 2012. It's still a no-brainer. The Colts, one of the most storied franchises, has to make a big decision because Luck is going to want to start and the Colts have to see what choice the Colts and Peyton Manning decide on.
- 2) St. Louis Rams- Justin Blackmon, Oklahoma State Wide Receiver : The Rams are not giving up on Quarterback Sam Bradford. They have a weak receiving core and Blackmon will help Bradford out. The physical wide receiver straight from Oklahoma State will be a GREAT addition!
- 3) Minnesota Vikings- Matt Kalil, Tackle: Kalil, from University of South California, will start immediately if Minnesota picks him. This big body will plug the hole the Vikings have been trying to fill.
- 4) Cleveland Browns- Robert Griffin III, Quarterback: With the loss of running back Peyton Hillis and the lack of faith the Browns organization shows in current quarterback Colt McCoy, RG3 (Griffin's nickname) could be the starter if the Browns draft him. He has the arm, speed and awareness to be a star. The Browns will still need a running back and would hope to get one in the second round (maybe Chris Polk or Doug Martin?).
- 5) Tampa Bay Buccaneers—Morris Claiborne, Defensive Back: With a troubled Aqib Talib (cornerback) and an aging Ronde Barber, one half of LSU's DB duo should help solve this problem. I'm not talking about the Honey Badger, I'm talking about Morris Claiborne. This shut-down corner should improve the Bucs' sloppy secondary.



Robert Griffin III accepts the 2011 Heisman Trophy.



Barcelona is the best!

By Carlos Michel

Barcelona is still the best soccer team in the world, thanks to Lionel Messi. Every game has ended the same way, victory! Even with their enemies like Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo and (Ricardo) Kaka, who work together and do what they have to do to win the game, that's not enough to stop teammates Messi, Xavi (Hernandez) and (Andres) Iniesta. When these three are together, they do things that no other team can do.

Messi doesn't need much help—many times he would go through seven players without them taking the ball away from him and most of the time he would score. Sometimes they would make mistakes, but the whole team would overcome that and go back to win every game.

Better Luck Next Year

By Quinton Titus

The New York Jets did pretty well this year, but not good enough. They made good progress, but some bad passes. "Mark Sanchez had a few really bad throws this season," Andrew Ballou, a Journalism Academy student of Homeroom 811, said. The Jets did not make the playoffs this year. According to Andrew, they had eight wins and eight losses. That wasn't enough for them to make the playoffs.

Next year, I think that the Jets will try harder, especially Mark Sanchez. The whole team knows what is wrong with them, so they know what to improve in the next season. "If they improve their offense of line, they should do better next season," added Ballou.

I think next year will be an AWESOME year for the Jets!!





Girls like football too!

By Mianna-Millenia M. Martinez

Do you think football is a sport that only boys like?

Think again. Hello! My name is Mianna-Millenia Martinez and I am a sixth grader here at I.S.27, in the Journalism Academy. I love to write. Actually, I write as a hobby. When I am not writing, I am playing football. Most people say girls cannot play football but I disagree. My favorite sports to watch on television are tennis, soccer, and basketball. I consider myself a tomboy. My favorite football team is the Giants and my favorite football player is Brandon Jacobs.

I can be very nice but don't get on my bad side. It may seem like I have an attitude but I don't. I am quite a diva, so watch what you say and do to me. As far as fashion goes, I love skinny jeans!! My favorite food is pizza and McDonalds. I don't eat it every day of course! My favorite dessert is an ice cream sundae. My favorite genre of music is rap and hip hop. I love rap music. My favorite rap artist would have to be Drake, Nicki Minaj and last but not least, Kanye West. I also like Adele, Ashanti, Mariah Carey, Chris Brown, Rihanna, Beyoncé, and Jennifer Hudson.

I think the most important thing you will learn if you meet me is that you can't judge a book just by looking at its cover!!



Ice Skating: A must-do winter activity!

By Valmira Popinara

Swish! Swish! Go the skates as they slide across the ice. Only from me, would you hear, *Clack! Clack!* What a bad skater I am! You may be wondering where I was at this time. I was underneath THE Rockefeller Center Christmas tree!



It was a long trip. Well, first, my mother and I took the Staten Island Ferry to Manhattan. Then, my mother and I went underground and took the R train to Rockefeller Center. We walked around a bit and finally, I saw the magnificent lights of the tree. Afterwards, my mother rented some skates. I didn't skate that much because I kept looking around at the statue and all the sights.

I hope that I'll come back next year and hopefully, at that time, there will be another tree—perhaps even larger than this year. And, for those of you who are still interested in ice skating, a great winter sport, Rockefeller Center Ice Skating Rink is open through April. Remember to enter from Fifth Avenue, between 49th and 50th Street. The hours are: Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 10:30pm, Friday and Saturday 8:30am - Midnight and Sunday 8:30am - 10:00pm.



Cam will capture 'Rookie of the Year'

By Cedric Cozier

Cam Newton: You may know him by the name of Superman. He is a rookie for the Carolina Panthers. He played football at Auburn College. At Auburn, his record for the year was 191 passing completions, 2,908 throwing yards, and 30 touchdown passes. His running game was great and he ran for 24 touchdowns. Cam received the Heisman trophy in 2011, the greatest achievement a player in college can receive

Cam was drafted in the NFL by the Carolina Panthers. He was the number 1 overall draft pick. Carolina gave him the 1 as his jersey number. Cam's quarterback rating is 84.5. He played sixteen games and even as a quarterback he caught a pass. He averaged 27 yards per pass attempt. Newton says, "I play the game to win, and to tell me we can't win, they all have loser mentality."

Cam Newton should win the Rookie of the Year award. We all know that the Panthers didn't get to go to the playoffs. They still have time to get a ring because of their Quarterback Cam Newton.