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Incoming! Incoming! The New 6th Graders Arrive

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The school year has begun and all the new 6th graders are already having a blast.

We interviewed Jim B., Jenna S., Ricky G., and Stephanie J. Most of them really like Peacock, because they like switching classes rather than just being in one class all day long.

Jim said his favorite teacher was Mr. Travis and that he didn't like being late for classes.

Stephanie said that she likes meeting new teachers, and switching classes. Her favorite teacher is Mr. Koenig. She says, "His voice is loud, and he is very easy to understand." One thing Stephanie doesn't like is she has to change her clothes for gym class.

Ricky said that he really liked gym class and that he also liked switching classes. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Laughlin. Jenna's also says her favorite teacher is Mrs. Laughlin too.

Jim said he really likes having vending machines at lunchtime because you can buy your lunch at the cafeteria, unlike at Franzen.

When we asked the former 5th graders if they missed Franzen they all replied "NO". We think all the 6th graders really like Peacock Middle School and hope that they have a lot of fun this year. It seems like it didn't take much time for the 6th graders to grow attached to Peacock.



The new Sixth Graders enjoy a lunch at Peacock



The new 6th Graders are really starting to enjoy Peacock



Everyone gathers in the the gym for the first day of school to listen to Dr. Nickish's greetings of return and welcoming.

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Academy for Teen Police

BY DANI D.

I am proud to say that I am a Charter member of the Itasca Youth Police Academy. I was fortunate to be accepted into the academy since I am only 12 years old and the academy was for teenagers.

While being the youngest member of the academy I was able to complete all the sections of the five-day academy. Many officers were involved with our training; Officer Ragusin was the head of the Youth Academy. There were countless experiences however there were several noteworthy areas to highlight.

By far my most favorite officer was Tommy. Officer Tommy came to visit the academy from the Elmhurst Police Department.

Tommy is one of two police dogs on staff in Elmhurst. He showed us his ability to find illegal drugs along with his aptitude to track scents out in a field. He also had the talent to jump into a

squad car and close the door behind him. The third day Detective Cargola trained us at a mock crime scene at the Holiday Inn.

The theme of the day was a female guest being attacked in her hotel room. The woman ultimately was transported to the hospital and her hotel room became the crime scene. The adventure continued from there by teaching the academy how to discover clues and evidence. The Police Academy was primarily held at the old police station, as they were moving into the new station at the end of our week. We were given full tours of the new police station along with the new City Hall. We will always be fortunate to be among the first residents to tour the new Municipal Center. Many police officers joined us on our last day that ended at Tree Guys Pizza for lunch. The Mayor and the Chief also attended the conclusion of the Academy. We were awarded a framed Certificate of achievement from the Village.

One would think that it was over. Wrong! The best was yet to come. Several weeks later I was invited to attend a four-hour ride along with Officer Eagan.

I sat besides her in the front seat. We made a traffic stop for an illegal turn, and took out an unmarked car to learn how to use radar. We were responding to residential complaints in the Country Club Park area for motorists speeding. Our last call was in the same area to a resident's home for a report of stolen property, a bike. Upon our arrival I realized this crime happened to a family I knew.

On this day I went home with an official Youth Police Academy shirt that I can proudly wear in the future. The Youth Police Academy was an exciting experience that I would recommend to any student interested in law enforcement.

Marathon Madness

BY MARISA G.

On Sunday, August 29th, the men's Marathon started off just like any other race. Brazil's Vanderlei De Lima was in the lead, when a man wearing a beret and kilt pushed De Lima into the crowd, costing him the gold medal.

With around fifteen minutes left to run, De Lima rejoined the race, holding his leg. He lost the lead to Italian runner Stefano Baldini, who got the gold, but De Lima managed to snag the bronze medal. The International Olympic Committee awarded De Lima a special medal named for the founder of the modern Olympics, Pierre De Coubertin because of his example of fair play.

In an interview, De Lima said, "I was scared, because I didn't know what could happen to me, whether he was armed with a knife or something and whether he was going to kill me. That's what cost me the

gold medal." The Brazilian track federation wanted the Olympic Committee to give Lima a duplicate gold medal, but the request was declined.

The man who pushed De Lima into the crowd was the 57-year-old former priest, Cornelius Horan. He was nicknamed the Grand Prix Priest after his security breach during the Grand Prix at Silverstone, Britain. He ran in front of cars wearing a costume similar to the one worn during the marathon holding a sign that read, "Read the bible, the bible is always right." He also attempted protests during cricket and rugby matches. For his misdemeanor on Sunday's marathon, he got a one-year suspension and had to pay a fine of \$3,600.00.

Vanderlei De Lima

