

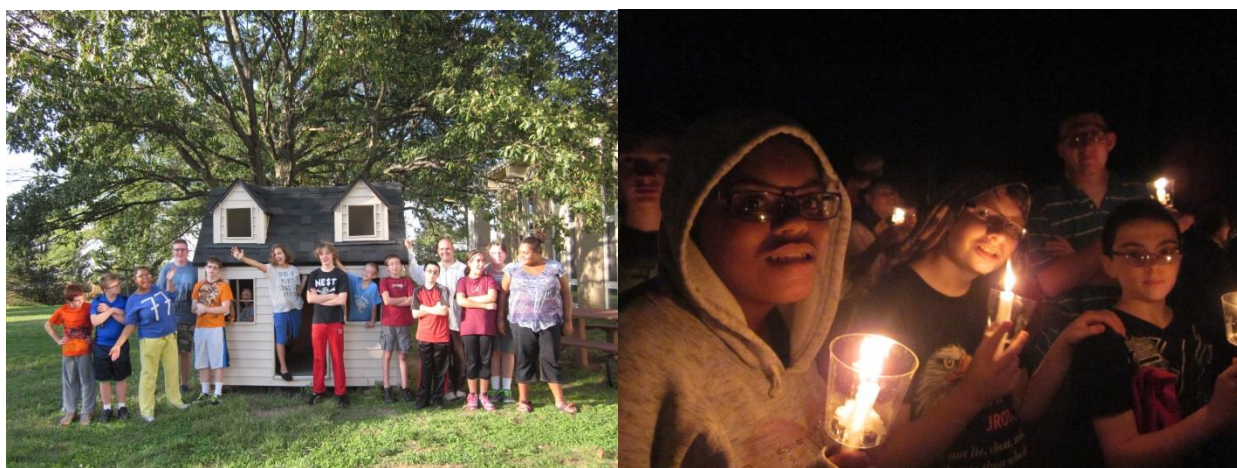
THE HALFTIMES

Villa Marie Christmas Newsletter 2016

The first semester here at Villa Marie has ended with many Christmas themed events and our annual Christmas Program at St. John the Apostle School. This Christmas Newsletter, made by Lillia Koenig with a little help from Sister Jeanette and Mrs. Catherine Lohmeier , contains some memorable events and pictures from this past semester. You will enjoy the story about how Tylor Booth kicked a football over the roof and we also have an interview with our student president, Christian Waddell. We hope you enjoy this newsletter and please pray for Villa Marie.

Pictures from our year so far.





SANTA'S SURPRISE

By Lillia Koenig

After dinner one Tuesday night, the squires from the Knights of Columbus came to play with us. After about half an hour, we all gathered together in the TV room to sing Christmas carols. Then, right in the middle of a song, Santa Claus came walking in. He told us that his favorite song is Silent Night. Then he asked us if we were good this year and many of us answered, "Yes Santa!" He gave us paper bags filled with treats. I guess he believed us! After getting our picture taken with him, he wished us a "Merry Christmas", went outside, climbed up to the roof, got into his sleigh, and flew back to the North Pole.



Up on the Housetop... (Not!)

By Lillia Koenig

On a cool fall afternoon Tylor Booth was playing football with his friends. He went back by the evergreen trees by the cornfield to kick a football which belonged to his friend Kurtis Bishop. The football sailed over the area which they were playing in and landed on the roof. Or so they thought. Kurtis was worried about his football so Pat Perry, our maintenance man, and Brother John came by with a ladder. Brother John climbed up to the roof. He looked all around for the football but he could not find it. He looked down at Pat, who was holding the ladder, and told him that the football was not on the roof. Pat looked around and there, down between the school and the retaining wall, was a red and white football. He called Sheila Priess, our secretary, out and asked her, "What did that football look like?" Tylor says he was happy and surprised that the football was on the other side of the school. He should play for the Huskers!

This story is a great memory for all of the staff and students of Villa Marie. We all could not believe our ears when Sheila told us the story. We began to tell the others and soon the story was all over the school. Tylor can kick a football really high up in the air but so far, he hasn't got it stuck in a tree.

Interview with Student President Christian Waddell.

By Lillia Koenig

Lillia: How does it feel to be president?

Christian: All I have to say is that mostly if you're a leader you have to follow Jesus because He is our leader.

L: How do you think the school could be better?

C: Less gender separation, but not completely. More of a variety of food at meals. Except for lunch. And just one sofa back in the TV Room for comfort because some people can't adjust to the hardness of the chairs.

L: Did you think that you would be elected?

C: I was pretty doubtful when the speeches came because it's a lot like the lottery. If I lost I'd be like, "Oh well, that's life".

L: Why do you think people voted for you?

C: I think it was the speech. I said it from my head and my heart and also made some very good points. I also think it was because I was popular at the time.

L: How do you plan to fulfill the idea about the sofa?

C: I really don't know. I could try to talk to Sister Jeanette about it.

L: What can we do to help you be a good president?

C: I would say do what you think is right, do what the teachers tell you, and if someone tells you to do something, listen to them and do it if it is right.

A Note from the Editor

I hope you enjoyed this first edition of The Halftimes. I worked hard to get it done before Christmas break. The next issue will be bigger and it will come out at the

end of the school year. I wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

