



# THE SANDSTORM SCOOP

THE SMIC MIDDLESCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## TEACHERS TRIUMPHANT IN STUDENT VS TEACHER BASKETBALL GAME

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On Thursday December 24th 2020, the SMIC Teachers versus Students Basketball game took place. The Middle School students were eager and anxious to witness the outcome. The rules were simple. Two 25-minute halves and 2 timeouts per team. Coach RC also said that the honor system would be used for fouls and "no babies." This shows how the Teachers came in with pride. The SMIC basketball team went down to the basketball court and warmed up with the background of some pumped up music. Slowly, the students flowed out of the building and found area to watch the game. Many





had phones and cameras to capture the game in its fullness. The game started and Alan (number 2) scored the first few points for the students. At half time the score was 22:6 the score to the teachers. The students went inside for an inspirational speech by their posing team captain Andy (number 11). The Girl dance team stole the show at half time and danced their hearts out for the middle school. The basketball game commenced once again. The teachers took a solid lead and it stayed like that for the remainder of the second half. By the end of the game, the score was 46:16. The students walked back in shame to their classes. On the other hand, the teachers were praised with glory and were celebrated amongst the students who were rooting for them. The teachers were awarded with the win and got a beautiful trophy to show off to others. All in all, everyone had fun and it was a good way to celebrate Christmas.





## WHAT THE TEACHERS SAY

Coach RC: "As a coach, you always want to see if your players are really getting the concepts you are teaching, so this game was a good way to tell what they are implementing. They are coming along but we still have a ways to go before I am satisfied."

Coach Christian: "The teachers all had a blast showing the boys how to really play basketball. I had the most fun showing the big guys how to play inside the paint. It's a tough position that must be played by tough players and I think they understand that now. The boys have a lot to learn from their loss and I am excited to see how they respond in the rematch next semester."





## HOLIDAY CHEER AT THE NEW YEAR

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On December 31st, the Elementary and Middle School performed in front of 4,000 people. However, they weren't able to perform live, so the school hired a camera crew to livestream the amazing event. Some high points from the concert was when the dragons and lions were spinning, dancing and flipping all over the stage. The event was an awesome example of talent which was an opportunity for all these young students to show their perplexing skills. Luna was the star of the show. As soon as she set her foot on stage, the whole crowd went wild. She sung her heart out while Teacher Nick jammed out on the drums. Teacher Michael strummed the guitar with Teacher JC playing the base beside him. Teacher Matthew showed off all his talent while his fingers flew across the piano. All in all, the concert was a terrific ending to 2020, I hope you all can say the same. If you see any of these performers in the hall, be sure to give them a thumbs up or a round of applause.



# CREATIVE WRITERS' CORNER

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Matea started her investigation on the evil queen. She learned that her greatest weakness was happiness. This would be key to the downfall of her. Matea thought to herself. She packed a sack with some items she needed. For example, a hairbrush, some lipstick, rope, a soccer ball, and a keyboard. This may seem peculiar to carry around in a sack, however this sack was magical. It could hold any amount of items within and was perfectly weightless. This was a gift from her parents before they passed away. At midnight, Matea and her boyfriend Christopher left the great castle.

The next day they made it to the dungeon where Sushi was being held captive. Matea was horrified by the circumstances in which Sushi would have to survive in. Sushi was used to perfect grooming, and loved his pink shrimp. The couple scavenged the ground to find an opening into the layers of the dark fortress. Finally, at dawn they found a small hole that led deeper within the fort. If you ever met Matea you would be shocked by her beauty, then realize her title as Matea the sage for all her past accomplishments for problem solving and just being smart with her words and wisdom.

Suddenly, Christopher clutched Matea's hand in the hopes to calm her. They shared a smile and locked eyes. "We will get through this together." They continued down the slimy path which was slowly closing in as if they were shrinking. Together they stepped into an open chamber where they found Sushi in a cage. Matea sprinted for the cat but was blocked by a bald women. She screamed at the sight of her and fell back in shock. "You shouldn't have come. I am going to feast on all of you." Matea wasn't listening. She was wide eyed and staring at Christopher who now had a stick in his hand and was charging the evil witch. I admired his bravery but was saddened by his stubbornness. I watched helpless as she flicked her finger and Christopher skyrocketed backwards into unconsciousness.

Matea opened her bag and kicked the soccer ball at the witch's face going 100 kilometers per second. Her face was demolished and now looked like a molded clay statue that a 4 year old had made. However, she was still standing and looked angry. Matea remembered that the witch was weakened from happiness. She briskly yanked out her keyboard and started jamming some beautiful tunes. She realized that she was playing normal music that didn't really have a tone to it. She searched through her mind and tried thinking of some sort of song that was happy and positive. Summer. That was a perfect song. She started playing it like it was the most beautiful piece ever played and to most it was. If anyone was there to listen they would've announced a new piano professional. The witch fell to the ground her almost mistakeable hands reaching for her head in an attempt to cover her ears. However she was shriveled up into a small ball that Matea lined up a kick for. POW. She hammered the ball out of the sunroof that traveled high up and she was never to be seen again.

Once the happy couple made it back to town a parade was set into motion for them. They carried Sushi triumphantly and were very proud of each other. At the end of the extravagant parade, Christopher got down on one knee and pulled out something from his pocket. He opened the inside and a flashing ring sparkled from the sunlight. That was when I passed out. And they lived happily ever after. (So did all the cats!)



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