



The Noatak River.

# Lynx Tracks

## Exit Exams Excitement! By: Katie Kirk



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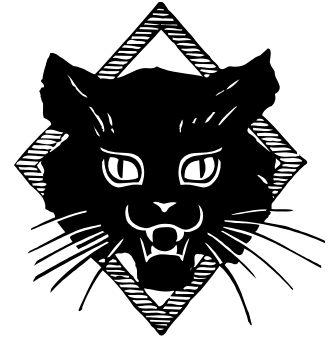
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During the past few years, high school seniors had to pass the High School Graduation Qualifying Exam (HSGQE) to graduate with a diploma. And as it seems to me, it's becoming more and more of a norm for most students to pass all three exams their first or second time around.

If they do not pass their tests, which are Reading, Writing, and Math, they will still walk with their class but not get their diploma. They can come back the next year and try again.

This year fourteen students passed the exams they needed to pass. Eight out of ten students passed their reading, all students passed their writing, and six out of nine students passed their math. Two graduates from last year came and passed the test they needed.

A lot of students think its hard to pass the tests but if you stay in school and listen to your teachers it'll all pay off in the end. The tests aren't as hard as everyone thinks; you just have to know the basics and you're set.



Lynx Pride!

## Where Is Our Art? By: Katie Kirk

Ever since most of the high school students started school, beautiful paintings of ravens, the sun, and the Inupiaq culture adorned the hall next to the gym. There was also a exceptionally carved wood work near the old Inupiaq class. Now there is a plain white-

washed wall on either side and an ugly piece of board in the main circle of the woodwork. Where is our art?

Even though I have not schooled here long, I can always recognize where an art piece has been if I've

seen it before. On a recent trip to Kotzebue, I paid the school a visit to check out the remodeling and to visit some of my old teachers.

There in the commons were the paintings that have always been in the

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Here are the blank walls that used to be covered with art.



# 2nd Annual Noatak Youth Basketball League

By: Amber Howarth



Renegades



Twerps



Little Rascals



Award Ceremony



The piece that's missing.

The NYBL games were amazing; especially for young ones who put their hearts into something they love. The high school girls and Eric are raising money for the girl's basketball team. The games started at the end of September and ended November 26, 2005. The crowd was always supportive and

enthusiastically cheering their children. This is the second year we did NYBL, but this time we had medals to give to the kids.

Here is the order in which the teams placed:

- 1) Twerps
- 2) Renegades
- 3) Toon Squad
- 4) Little Rascals
- 5) Punks

Thanks to the excellent refs who were always there for them; Lola Arey, Audrey Adams, Becca Wesley, Chucky Mitchell, Emma Adams, Lawna Norton, and Stella Adams. Most of all we would like to thank Eric Boring for everything he does for the kids and for the team.



Toon Squad



Punks



1st place

## Where Is Our Art? Continued from page 1...

Noatak School. I asked a nearby KMHS teacher if she knew where the paintings had come from but she did not have a clue . I then told her where they were before and she seemed a little upset.

Not only are we not going to get a new school and

have to deal with crowded space but they had to take the only professional art in our school. Talk about a rip off!

I took a poll with the high school students to see if they missed the art, didn't miss it, or haven't noticed at all that it was gone. Here

are the results:

- Total Taken: 27 Students
  - Miss Art: 17(63%)
  - Don't Miss Art: 5(18.5%)
  - Didn't Notice: 5(18.5%)
- So why don't we get our art back?

## Deborah's Class By: Katie Kirk

In Deborah's class, they used their names and made poems out of them. Some may be playful or some can be funny. Here are a few of their pieces:

**J**ustine is a rock star  
**U** are pretty  
**S**illy Willy  
**T**akes a long time  
**I** like ice cream  
**N**icole tickles me a lot  
**E**ats a lot

**N**ice to  
**E**veryone  
 loves **D**ogs

**T**ries hard  
**R**iver is cool  
**I** love my **D**ad  
**S**hot a caribou  
**T**hankful to get a **F7**  
**A**nimal hunter  
**N**ice guy

**P**lays hunter games  
**E**ats caribou  
**T**ammy is my friend  
**E**ats black meat  
**R**ides bikes

**B**eta fish owner  
**R**eader  
**A**ble to count to 100  
**N**ettie is my friend  
**D**ives in pools  
**I** like beets

**D**ogs and cats are fun  
**A**fter I eat I play with **A**lu  
**V**irgil is my cousin  
**I** love my mom  
**D**avid is my dad  
**A**lu is my friend  
**N**o David is a book  
**N**orman always laugh

Here are some other poems they wrote for Christmas.

Christmas is totally awe-

some. Christmas is family but mostly Christmas is God.

By: TJ Mitchell

Christmas is giving presents to people! Christmas is fun to play out! But mostly Christmas is prayer.

By: Justine Sherman

Christmas is prayer. Christmas is awesome. But mostly Christmas is toys.

By: Frank Onalik

Christmas is Jesus and God. Christmas is prayer. But mostly Christmas is love.

By: Peter Luther

**"Christmas is Jesus and God. Christmas is prayer. But mostly Christmas is love."**

**Peter Luther**

## The Christmas Bizarre By: Katie Kirk

Last Saturday on December 2, there was a Christmas Bizarre in the gym. People were selling all sorts of things, ranging from laundry soap to homemade cinnamon rolls and biscuits. Each table was ten dollars apiece and the money was going to the high school class, Small Business Enterprises (SBE).

Each Student had to help out at one of the high school tables, which were selling things like little toys, books, and calendars. Three or four tables were completely of books while one or two were of little toys. This bizarre lasted about three hours and it started to seem a little slow. When we first opened up,

there were quite a few people, then slowly the crowd dissipated. The crowd left was a bunch of kids who were running around and playing. Overall, the bizarre was pretty good and we all had a little fun. I would definitely like to have another one.



**Getting into the holiday.**

## What's going on in Noatak?

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- ♥ December 15 — Christmas Program at the Gym starting at 7:00 pm
- ♥ December 16 — School getting out for Christmas Break
- ♥ December 24 — Christmas Program at the church
- ♥ January 4, — School starts back up
- ♥ January 6 — Boy's Sivu at Noatak  
Girl's Sivu at Kivalina

## Senioritis by Amber Howarth

This year has been a fun year for the Seniors. But as you all know, we started slacking off and playing around. As of right now, we are working our BUTTS off to make the grades for the semester, turning in all our work we've been putting off.

But don't worry, Susette and Stan are still pushing us to do our best! If it wasn't for them we would have been in the hole a lot more than we are right now. So we just want to show our appreciation to them.

We the seniors are trying to raise money for a senior

trip. If that is not possible, we will just have to use the money and give a very nice and fancy banquet. So far we are doing good on the store and selling stuff but we are not sure if we'll make the money in time. If there are any donations or thoughts and ideas to raise money we will be glad to hear them.

There are nine seniors who want to go on this trip. Seniors are John Ahvakana, Lawrence Jones, Deron Smith, Roger Mitchell Jr, Audrey Adams, Katie Kirk, Rosa Downey, Rebecca Wesley

and myself Amber Howarth.

Here are the items we are currently selling:

Snacks which range from \$1.00 to \$3.00

Sweaters are \$50-\$60

Shirts are \$20-\$25

Short pants \$15

Caps are \$15

Gym bags are \$15



**Your Senior Graduates**