

# SJNRA Student Media News

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Dear Students,

It's time to "Read in the New Year!" During the cold, short winter days have a good book on hand to read and enjoy. We have some new titles in the library. Check out the bulletin board in the hall or come in and browse the "new" shelf.

Best wishes for the New Year and you will be in my prayers in a special way during exams week.

Mrs. Buehrer

## IRC News

Thirteen Jr. High students have joined the Interscholastic Reading Team this year and are gearing up for the "Battle of the Books"!/ The students will read and share the forty-one books listed for the Jr. High competition and be ready to out-wit the other teams in our area. Please wish us luck. I wish to thank Angela Lockridge for volunteering to be assistant coach this year. She will help to prepare book questions and quiz students on their books.

## Library Web Pages

The new Library Web pages should hopefully be a big help to students and teachers alike. Students, you will find not only aids for writing research papers (bibliography and planning helps), but also college and career links, puzzles, and reading lists. Eventually you will also be able to contribute your own book reviews to share with fellow classmates.

An e-mail announcement will be coming soon announcing the official arrival of the SJNRA Library on the net!

## BOOK FAIR

Another exciting event that is coming soon is the first in-house Library Book Fair! During Catholic School's Week (Tuesday, Jan 30-Thursday, Feb1) the library will be sponsoring a book sale. Otto's Bookstore will be supplying us with many exciting titles for the sale, so come in and browse and invite your parents to visit during Open House on Wednesday, Jan 32 from 6-8 P.M. If you have some special titles that you would like to see in the Fair, please let Mrs. Buehrer know so that she can include them in the selection.

If successful, the library will use the funds from the fair to purchase another new students workstation computer or toward an upgrade to the catalog circulation system so that you can search our library records at home through the Neumann H.S. Web site.



## **HAVE YOU READ THIS ONE?**

**Book Talk from NoveList by Bonnie Kunzel,  
State Library of New Jersey**

Once Upon a Marigold by Jean Ferris

Ed is a troll who lives in the royal forest. Christian (age 6) appears in the forest one day, a handsome boy in a velvet suit who refuses to tell Ed where he lives and also refuses to go home. So Christian grows up with a troll for a father.

Christian loves to invent things, including a telescope he uses to watch the goings on in King Swithbert's castle. In particular he lives to watch the young, dark-haired princess, who looks so lonely that he starts corresponding with her – by P-mail (carried by the messenger pigeons Ed raises). Christian and Princess Marigold become fast friends. Then, after 11 Years with Ed, Christian, now 17 years old, heads across the river to get a job in King Swithbert's court and be closer to his princess.

He knows about the curse on the princess that makes everyone afraid of her touch and doesn't care. He knows about the constant stream of courtiers coming to the castle and does care, especially when the Queen insists the princess marry one – immediately. What he doesn't know anything about is the plot against the princess's life. – until almost too late.