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With thought-provoking words such as these, Alton Johnson, James Karam and James Bodenheimer were the winners in this year's Education-Oratory Contest, held Tuesday, September 4, in the St. Vincent's auditorium.

Johnson's discussion of the basic principles of the American Creed was named the best oration. He was followed by Bodenheimer's "The Complacent Common Man," and Karam's "Do we still believe that we are individual, or is our confidence fading? And do we still hold that we have 'liberty and justice' for all, or are some Americans being discriminated against?"

Other contestants were William Bush, William Edwards, and Thomas Moore. In Oratory, Roy Jenkins, James H. Davis, and Walter Simons in Senior Oratory; and James Gibb, Michael Walsh, and George Wolcott in Junior Oratory.

Warren Lowe was master of ceremonies. Judges were Mr. James G. O'Brien, Mr. Leslie E. Harris, and Mrs. Allen Eldon.

The three first place winners will be presented with gold medals at the graduation commencement in May.

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## Science Fair February 13-14

The third annual Science Fair will be held on February 13-14 in the science laboratories, according to Terrence Schroeder, president of the Science Club. The best projects will be eligible for the Regional Science Fair, March 13-14, in the nearby town of Slidell.

## Student Congress To Be Organized

"The student congress will be formed as a workshop at providing ground for the student council. The congress will give the student experience and will educate them through the way of student government," said Father C. A. Letourneur, S.J., principal.

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## "Red Christmas" by Wayne Pomerleau

The day is cold enough, and crystalline flakes of white cover the earth. But I wish things were different. I see no mistletoe or pine, but I do see a worker's shawl and gloves.

The people's faces have not changed, nor, it seems, have their hearts. No greeting smiles play on their mouths. Why, then, must I see an image of the Child of Christmas somewhere? I wish I had a little girl. Perhaps I wouldn't be so tired. I wish I could walk in and, just myself, . . . but that's right, they've smothered him, and now I'll never find him.

Look at them. They wouldn't give me any food. What do they care if I stop walking? They don't, and yet . . . it's Christmas.

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## Christmas Message by Eugene St. Martin

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## Band Members Form Ensemble

St. John's Band members will form an ensemble to play for the Midnight Mass at St. Catherine's Church, according to Mr. Scariato, director of the band. The ensemble will be played during the Midnight Mass at St. Catherine's Church.

## Here and There Parle-rons

Several people concerning every day life to be delivered in French and to be given in English will be the subject of the January 4 meeting of the French Club.

## Parsons and Greco Dominate Post-season Awards

Chris Parsons and Tommy Greco led the 1962 Flyers in post-season honors. Parsons was named MVP for the first time, and Greco was named MVP for the second time.

## Moms Sponsor Christmas Party

The mothers of the Flyers sponsored a Christmas party for the team and their families. The party was held at the school and was a great success.

## Johnston to Capitol

Alton Johnson, IV, will be the guest of the William Randolph Hearst Foundation from January 27 to February 2 in an all-expense trip to Washington, D.C.

## Why Study Latin?

Latin is a valuable language to study because it is the language of science, law, and medicine. It is also the language of the Vatican and the Roman Catholic Church.

## Book Build-up

The school library is building up its collection of books for the new year. The library has received several new titles from the publisher.

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