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## Game on



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Celtics big man **Shaq** morphed into “Shaq-A-Claus” at Buca di Beppo in Dedham last night, spreading holiday cheer to 75 children from the **Boys and Girls Club of Roxbury**. The 7-foot-1 St. Nick passed out gifts and tried his hand at Michael Jackson: The Experience, a new dance video game from Ubisoft. Shouts of “Shaq’s here! Shaq’s here!” rang out inside the Italian eatery when he arrived. Donning a Santa hat and a vintage MJ glove, the Big Shamrock kept pace with the children as they performed some of the King of Pop’s signature dance moves with the aid of a game keypad. Shaq and the kids danced to “Beat It” and “Billie Jean” as the NBA star shouted “Work it! Work it!” He later gave the game high marks. “Oh, I like it,” he said. “I wish Mike was here to see it.” The Celts center also enjoyed a holiday feast with the kids. Eleven-year-old **Tayo Stuppard**, of Roxbury, was thrilled to meet Shaq in person. “I’m really happy,” he said. ■