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Snoopy and Saudi

By: Mico Macaraeg

Amongst all the cartoon characters there are, his favorites were Snoopy and Charlie Brown. Amongst all the orders of the Catholic Church, he chose the Capuchins. And amongst all the ways of life, he chose ministry. Fr Nicholas Widhammer was a Capuchin friar and priest, who passed unto eternal life on Tuesday, October 3rd. An alumnus of St. Lawrence Seminary, he was a friar who continued to serve the school as a recruiter from the 1990s to early 2000s, and he served as pastor for several churches. It was through his ministerial roles that he brought great joy to the people of St. Francis of Assisi parish in Milwaukee and to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in St. Paul, Minnesota. Fr. Nick, as he was known, always wore his radiant and contagious happiness written on his face and wrapped around his heart, as he shared his life and served as a role model to many.

When talking about Fr. Nick, though, there is one special place that no one can exclude: Saudi Arabia. Fr. Nick was the parish priest in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, for a number of years, and even from there, he recruited diverse races (including Filipinos, Koreans, Indians and more) to study at St. Lawrence Seminary. He knocked on people’s doors with his heart-warming smile that invited them to a peaceful space, and he would always bring up jokes about Peanuts and Snoopy, especially in his homilies. On October 3rd, he himself went to the most peaceful place when God knocked on his door. This Capuchin’s passion and service carved memories in the hearts of many people all over the world that will forever remain. T



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RECTOR’S CORNER:

“I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you, praying always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.”

Saint Paul begins many of his letters with a preamble of thanks to God. His letter to the Philippians is a good example. In this letter, Paul makes it known to his readers—the Christian community in Philippi—that he is grateful to God for them. They have been his loyal supporters in his missionary efforts and fellow workers in transmitting the Gospel and in propagating the faith. Later, when Paul was asked by the Philippian magistrates to leave the city, his loyal followers—his sisters and brothers in the faith—continued to support him. It is not unusual for letters in those days to begin that way—with thanks. However, for Paul, it was essential and it forms a central part in his understanding and practice of the faith.

On October 22, we hosted our annual Benefactor Open House. Many of our benefactors came and joined us at a special celebration of the Mass. Our development staff, who work closely with our benefactors, were also present to welcome them. Our benefactors received a boutonniere as they were being ushered into the chapel to identify them in the assembly. At the end of the Mass, all of the students bestowed a special blessing on our benefactors. A luncheon followed in the student refectory. Our senior students served our guests and entertained them at the table. Afterwards, they led our guests on a special tour of the campus. Our benefactors were most pleased with their experience that day. It was our way

By: Fr. Zoy Garibay

of giving thanks for their continued support of our school.

November is a month of remembrance. In the Catholic Church, the beginning of this month is marked by two major celebrations: the Feast of All Saints (November 1) and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (November 2). On the latter, Catholics the world over remember and pray for those who have died—family, loved ones, and friends who passed from this life. November is also the month of gratitude. In North America, there is the tradition of celebrating Thanksgiving. Here in the United States, it is celebrated on the penultimate Thursday of November. Thanksgiving is a major national holiday that stems from the feast held by the early Pilgrims to celebrate their first successful harvest. It is a time-honored tradition that is rich in Christian values.

As we mark the days and months during this academic year with feast days and celebrations, I invite you to give thanks to God for our benefactors. They are our loyal supporters. They are our partners in furthering the mission of our school. They are our fellow workers in transmitting the Gospel and in nurturing the seeds of faith in you—our students. Through our benefactors, God continues to do His good works, in us. Let us, therefore, remember them. Let us give thanks to God for them. Let us pray for them. T



The Catholic Mile

By: Tom Vu

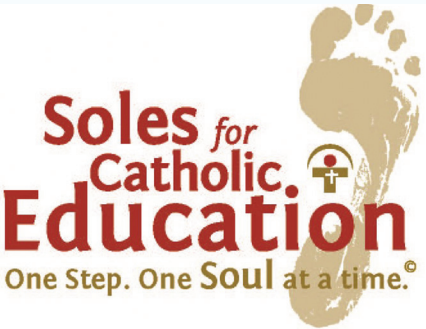
Catholics from all around the Archdiocese of Milwaukee came together at Mt. Mary University in Milwaukee on Saturday, October 21st to raise money and awareness for Catholic education in one big walkathon. The Soles for Catholic Education Walk is an annual event that helps



Senior Kelly Paulsen gives out candy during the Soles walk.

families raise money for tuition assistance and promotes awareness for all the Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. A few staff members and select seniors of St. Lawrence Seminary High School took time out of their day to participate in the walk. SLS was one of the 15 Catholic high schools that coordinated the Tweet and Treat tents along the walk, where participants could stop to pick up literature about the high schools in the Archdiocese as

well as pick up a sweet treat. Mrs. Deann Sippel, Administrative Assistant in the Marketing Admissions office, said, “The walk is a great opportunity to not only support SLS, but to also promote our great program. And I think the group we had at the walk represented SLS well.” Aside from the great experience, one of the biggest benefits that the students saw was all the free candy that was handed out at the tents! The Soles Walk has been a good way to promote St. Lawrence Seminary throughout the diocese. Though SLS’s participation in the walk has changed throughout the years—sometimes involving the whole school and other times just certain representatives—the goal is always the same: to attract young men or even families to talk to the staff and students and ask about the school. This year, some seniors were at the booth, handing out candy and answering any questions that came up. Another group of seniors also walked back and forth on the route, about two miles, to support SLS. To conclude the event, Cousins Subs, one of the sponsors, handed out free water, sandwiches, and cookies for everyone. This year’s walk was another great way for students to get involved in ministry and spread the good message of St. Lawrence Seminary. T



SLS Opens Its Doors

By: Alejandro Reyes



Benefactors join SLS for lunch.

Once every year the students and staff of SLS host a “Benefactor’s Open House.” This year the grand event was held on Sunday, October 22nd, as around 150 guests arrived on the Hill. The school hosts such an event to display the generous works made possible through the benefactors gifts and prayers. Benefactors are able to see their generosity in action, whether it be sitting on a donated courtyard bench or strolling through the newly improved St. Joseph’s Hall. This event is specially advertised and open to returning alumni and new families of the school as well. The day began with Mass for the community, followed by a luncheon in the refectory, and ending with tours of the campus for interested visitors. And once again this year, the Benefactor’s Open House was successful.

The students and staff that host the event were given an opportunity to give back to the people who make all that goes on at SLS possible. This was done in special roles assigned to students, such as acting as hosts, answering questions, giving tours or even driving benefactors around campus in golf carts. The staff also joined the students in helping the guests see as much of the campus and program as possible and answering whatever questions they could about the school’s program.

The benefactors seemed to enjoy themselves as they were being guided around campus by the seniors and seeing what their efforts had done for the school that they supported so charitably. The students and staff are always grateful for the contributions of others for the school’s betterment, and hope to see many more open houses for years to come. **T**



Students host the guests for lunch and tours following Mass.

From One Life to Another

By: Wilson Burge

“Inspired by the example of Saint Francis”—those words, the opening line of the Mission Statement of Saint Lawrence Seminary, hold a special place in the hearts of the students, staff, and faculty of SLS. Each year, due to this example, the seminary community celebrate Francis’ life, death and after life over two days. On Tuesday, October 3rd, SLS students, staff, Capuchin Friars, religious sisters, as well as other guests from the surrounding area gathered in the Saint Lawrence chapel to conduct a Transitus service to celebrate Francis’ transition from life into death and everlasting life. Throughout the duration of the service, multiple students and staff each read a section of the Peace Prayer, a prayer inspired by the life of Francis. Near the end of the service, the congregation shared in the breaking of loaves of bread as a sign of community. “I enjoy this service because it opens my eyes to see how a single man can have such an astounding effect on not only the Christian community, but also on the world as a whole,” said junior Carlos Núñez.



Br. Dave Schwab (right) passes the bread at the Transitus service.

For the feast of Saint Francis, the following day, class schedules were shortened and a Mass was held in the chapel where students and staff gathered to celebrate the life and accomplishments of Saint Francis. Following Mass, the SLS community gathered by way of a banquet where students and staff were able to socialize and enjoy each other’s company. It began with a prayer and a blessing led by senior Joe Ramirez. “I always love the banquets at SLS because the time and memories made together are some to remember,” said sophomore Dominic Nguyen. Though these two brief celebrations may seem unsatisfactory to celebrate the entire life, accomplishments, and influence of Francis, SLS and its community will always be inspired by and strive to live out the example of Saint Francis of Assisi. **T**

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NIGHTMARES ON CHURCH STREET

By: Adrian Gonzalez

October is a month that is most memorable for Halloween. October 31st, Halloween, is a day that is embedded in many childhoods with the tradition of dressing up to go trick-or-treating. However, with all the trick-or-treating and celebrations, many have forgotten where these traditions come from. How did this idea of dressing up in silly costumes and going door-to-door for free candy come about?

Halloween came from the Celtic culture, located in what is now Ireland, in which the Celts believed that on October 31st the dead would come from the underworld to cause trouble and damage crops. In celebration of *Samhain*, to ward off these hostile spirits, the Celts built huge bonfires and wore costumes of animal heads and skins. Later, this event was combined with two Roman festivals after much of the Celtic territory was conquered by the Roman Empire. Additionally, Pope Gregory III, moved All Saints Day, the holy day of obligation honoring all of the saints, to November 1st, and not long after that the church created the celebration of All Souls Day to honor the dead and pray for the release of souls in purgatory. With the closeness of the celebrations, the night before All Saints Day was known as All-hallows, then All Hallows Eve, and the final result was what we know today as Halloween. Now known as one of the top-spending holidays, Halloween is characterized by candy, scary movies, and, more recently, killer clowns.

Whether you are staying at home munching on a bowl of Butterfingers or dressing up in your favorite Darth Vader costume to go trick-or-treating, there are many ways to celebrate this holiday. Some people like to watch scary movies with friends or give out candy to the children that come to their door wearing their almost too tacky costumes. Junior Gerardo Aguirre recounted one such Halloween costume, “My cousin dressed up as a dragon but it had tiny wings and everyone thought he was a lizard instead.” At SLS on the Friday of Spirit Week, students and teachers dress up and roam about campus in search of bountiful candy and a good scare. During the month of October, students, faculty and staff had the opportunity to write names in the book of the dead. These names were then read and the community prayed for them on November 2nd, at the All Souls Mass. So, whether you like the spooky or the saintly, the Halloween holiday tradition has something for everyone. And just remember, you cannot skele-run from my skele-puns. **T**

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INTRAMURALS ARE A HIT!

By: Peter Hall



Do you dig volleyball? Or would you rather catch a game of softball? Either way you lean, SLS intramurals give students a great way to have fun and release some energy during a hectic school week. Students who do not participate in a fall sport are required to participate in either the volleyball or softball intramurals, which they are allowed to select. The main purpose of intramurals is to keep students active and involved in the community in a fun way. The vast majority of participants really do enjoy their intramurals. Volleyball occurs after school on the tennis courts. “My favorite part is the friendly competition between students,” exclaimed the junior volleyball player Paohow Lor.



Freshmen play softball intramurals.

Softball intramurals also take place after school, but on the upper-ball diamond, which serves as a great setting for the competition that goes on during the lively games. A relaxed yet upbeat game of softball is a great way for students to get involved and have fun at the same time. One interesting thing about softball is the fun names that students come up with for their teams. A typical softball game might feature “The Pretty Ponies” against “The Mighty Maniacs.” At the conclusion of the season, teams ramp up the intensity and have tournaments to wrap up the experience. All in all, intramurals help students to stay involved while also having a good time. **T**

A Weekend We Will Never Forget

By: Joseph Hable



Parent Weekend is a tradition at SLS that has been around for many years. It is an opportunity for students to meet with their parents a few weeks before the end of the first quarter. Parents come not only from around the state, but also from all over the country and world. This is a great day for new students, since it gives them the chance not only to meet up with their families, but also a chance for the parents to meet their new friends, teachers, and have a chance to talk to other students. Students also have the opportunity to mingle with the other students and family members.

During the course of the day there, are many activities. To start the day, there were soccer matches for the varsity and junior varsity teams as they faced Sheboygan County Christian. The games were a success, with both teams winning—varsity with a score of 5-2 and JV with a score of 1-0. This was an opportunity for parents to finally be able to see their kids on the soccer teams play and win a game. Following the games, the parents and students were served lunch in the refectory, and then the afternoon activities began.

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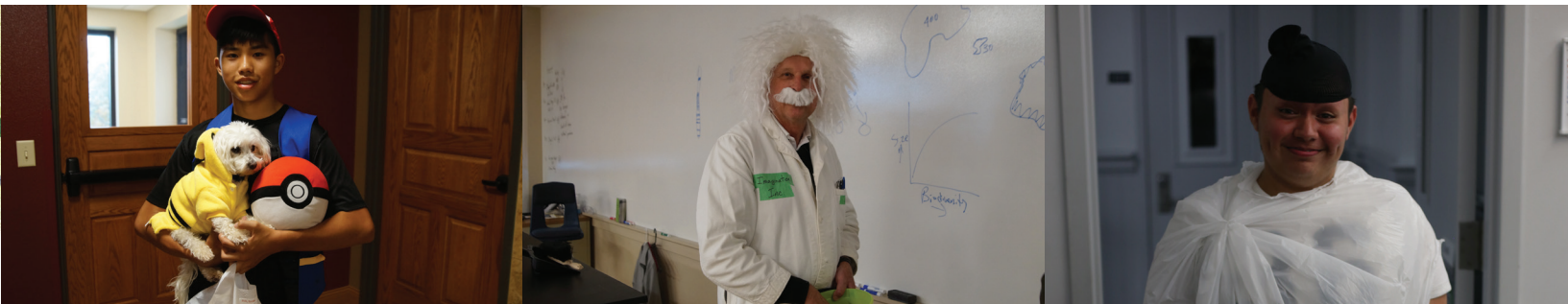
usual, the mothers won; this year the final score was moms: a lot, sons: a little. A while after the kickball game, the father-son softball game began. This game was very close, with the fathers winning 12-11 with a good out to end the game. After the game there was a cookout, with burgers and chicken sandwiches being served. Evening prayer followed at 7:00, and to end the day a performing arts showcase took place to demonstrate some of the students’ artistic talents. There was music performed by seniors Kelly Paulsen and Kevin Nguyen, forensics speeches by sophomores Dominic Nguyen and Pio Fernandes, and a dance performance by the members of the Extra Terrestrial Crew, or ETC. As senior Kelly Paulsen said of the show, “Singing, dancing, flying cats—how could you possibly go wrong.”

The following morning, the parents and families were invited to Mass with the students. The SLS choir was there and led everyone in song, while other members of the student body played music to enhance the Mass. After Mass there was a take-and-go breakfast, after which the families were free to take their sons off campus. In the evening, the families were invited to adoration, which concluded the action-filled weekend. It was a wonderful experience for many, as students got to spend an extended time with their families, bolstering their spirits until they would come together again at the Home Weekend. **T**



Good Spirits and Evil Spirits

By: Peter Hall



Every fall, students at St. Lawrence Seminary begin to embark on the stressful, hectic, exhilarating journey that is the school year. Among the many activities the students participate in throughout the year, SLS spirit week remains one of the most memorable. This annual event is a Student Council-led series of activities that is meant to strengthen school spirit, break the monotony of the regular school year, and offer students an outlet to have fun and bond with their fraternity mates. This year, Spirit Week took place from October 23rd-28th. The week was a fun reward for a job well done during the first quarter and a solid showing during Benefactors Weekend. Needless to say, if you asked any student about Spirit Week, you would know that it did not disappoint.

The events held during Spirit Week this year were selected by the SLS Student Council. After school throughout the week, fraternities were designated to one of three activities: cake decorating, pizza making, or capture the flag. During cake decorating and pizza making, frats designed cakes in any way that they wanted and created tasty pizza concoctions that they then got to eat on Saturday after the haunted house and social. If a frat was not in the refectory making pizza or cake, they were outside playing capture the flag and competing against other fraternities.

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Beginning on Wednesday of Spirit Week, students also go to participate in fun dress up days. On Wednesday, they united with one another to form doppelgangers. This fun dress up day included pairs or small groups of students wearing the same attire as one another throughout the school day. Many fun and creative twists were displayed. Just when one thought that it could not get any crazier, Thursday brought a wave of students wearing crazy, mismatched clothing. Anything went as students showed off their school spirit and quirkiness. Also on Thursday, students were allowed to wear their favorite sports jersey to show team spirit. The diversity of the student body was really displayed on this day as jerseys from many different teams and areas were represented.

Spirit Week wrapped up on Friday and Saturday. On Friday after lunch, students dressed up in Halloween costumes and trick-or-treated to teachers’ classrooms and staff members’ offices. Teachers gave out candy and many of them dressed up, too. Saturday night was the official conclusion of Spirit Week. A horrifying twist was put on the haunted house by the seniors this year. Capuchins and spirits were the main theme of the scary venture through St. Fidelis Hall. “I believe that we did a great job planning every detail to create an overall scary experience,” said senior Wilson Burge, “I hope that the classes felt the same way.” The classes did indeed feel the same way. Freshman Jovan Hernandez said of the haunted house, “I have never been so scared and had so much fun at once!” Spirit Week in its entirety was, without doubt, a horrifyingly brilliant ordeal for all students involved. **T**

ROWING ADVENTURE

By: Nicholas Rodriguez



The students are excited for their day on the water.

The canoe trip was a boat load of fun according to many students. On Saturday, September 23rd, a group of 20 students, accompanied by Mr. Matthias Hoffman, Mrs. Jenny Tabbert and Ms. Jamie Stephanie took to the water to go canoeing and kayaking down the Wolf River near Montello, WI. The weather was perfect for the adventure, as it was a nice hot day with a breeze to cool the students off, and the water had a perfect chill to it. The students reported the day was fun, energetic, and adventurous. Many students said the best part of the trip was watching other students flip their canoes over. Some of the students who flipped included sophomores Gabriel Aidoo and Adrian Pereira, and juniors Augustine Fisher and Daniel McTigue. Sophomore Adrian Pereira commented, “The best part was trying to get back into the canoe.”

After a while of rowing, the students stopped at an inlet on the river to relax for a while, and after about two-and-a-half hours of boating, they rowed their canoes back to the mainland, where they went to the restaurant owned by Mr. Hoffman’s parents. There they reflected on how the canoe trip had brought people closer together, while eating some of the best pizza around. Gabriel Aidoo said, “The pizza was so good—it reminds me of where I live in Italy.” The day was very upbeat and was a very nice break from school, even though it was only for a day. **T**



Sophomore Aaron Tarpinian and junior Gabe Cash are ready to take their canoe out.

Cave Crawl

By: Dominic Soto



Sophomores prepare to enter the cave.

On Saturday, October 8th, SLS students traveled to the Ledgeview Nature Center near Chilton in Calumet County to see and explore the caves there. These natural holes in dolomitic limestone bedrock were formed first by groundwater, then additionally by meltwater from the Wisconsin glacier thousands of years ago. Many students said the tour was pretty cool and very informative. The students sat through a brief history of each cave, including how and when they were made. Then they were able to go inside the caves and explore for themselves.

Senior Kelly Paulsen said, “We explored and got a brief history of the caves. Most of our group went into the ‘challenge hole’ [a narrow passageway], where they were ‘temporarily lodged’ [stuck], as our guide said. Other than getting stuck myself, I really enjoyed it.” Freshman Peter Lim expressed his enjoyment as well, “It was really cramped and moist, but cool, and I really liked the experience.” Sophomore Vito Correa concluded, “It was amazing and educational.” **T**

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Sophomore Robert Little, juniors Daniel Reyes and Pedro Fernandez, and freshman Christian Orozco pose in the cave.

A Fanatic Finish

By: Alejandro Reyes

The baseball season was still in full swing when the students returned from their Home Weekend and quarter two had already begun. Having begun earlier this year in the spring and charging through to November, it is one of the longest seasons in professional sports. However, throughout the month of October, Major League Baseball (the MLB) was involved in the playoffs, or the postseason as it is called by many. The top teams of the leagues played in a bracket-style format series for the playoffs. The first series, the winner of which was determined by the best out five games, crowned each Division Champion. The next series of games, which were the best of a seven game series, determined the League Champions. Finally, the best team from each of the National and American Leagues then met in the best of seven games championship, called the World Series.

The postseason of America’s national pastime has always been a large center of focus and suspense, filled with dramatic games, upsets, and the fulfillment of World Series dreams. Just last year, the Chicago Cubs won a World Series for the first time in 108 years after a suspenseful playoff run, giving hope to other teams who looked to secure their first title (or their first in a very long time).

That was the case this year as the two teams that headed into the World Series were the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Houston

Astros. The Astros had only seen the Series one other time in 2005 where they were swept 4-0. The Dodgers hadn’t been to the Series since 1988. Many students of SLS had loyalties to certain baseball teams of their hometown, and always wish them the best. Prior to the Series, senior Seung Joo Lee, an avid Dodgers fan, said, “I am so happy that the Dodgers finally made the World Series. Now, all they have to do is get the job done.” Unfortunately, for Seung Joo, the Astros came out on top, winning the Series four games to three. Though, no basebl fan could complain as it was a dramatic Series filled with games where the scores swung back and forth, and it contained some of the most exciting-game winning hits ever. For baseball fans, this was certainly a postseason to remember.



GIANNIS MARKS A MILESTONE

By: Yann Memiaghe

Galvanizing, exhilarating, and intense—the Milwaukee Bucks seem to be one of the only teams in the NBA that can put on a show for their fans and leave them content every time, win or lose. With star players like Giannis “Greek freak” Antetokounmpo and Kris “Money” Middleton, every game is a fast paced, dunk-fest with consecutive fast-breaks and high energy plays. Every player in a white/green uniform with “Bucks” written across their chest puts forth maximum effort while the fans cheer their hearts out in return. On Saturday, October 21st, a group of 40 SLS students traveled to Bradley Center in Milwaukee and had the opportunity to see the Bucks play against the Portland Trailblazers and as expected, were left with goosebumps and sore throats

from screaming. Organized by Athletic Director Mr. Chad Dowland, this trip was one that many students looked forward to.

The students didn’t just get to watch the game, they also had the opportunity to form a tunnel through which the players ran onto the court, got to shake hands with some of them, and were also able to take photographs and videos. Once the players were on the court, and the opposing team was introduced, the lights were cut off. The crowd erupted as the Bucks players were presented on the jumbotron and announced. The students couldn’t help but notice the adrenaline-charged ambiance. Immediately after tip-off, both teams went into a scoring frenzy with three-pointers, drives, and mid-range jumpers. Although both teams had their respectable runs, the game remained close until the very end. High-scoring guards, Damian Lillard and C.J. McCollum, had relatively slow starts in the first half but seemed to turn up the notch in the second. Nevertheless, Giannis Antetokounmpo had a performance to remember. With multiple “and-1” plays, 2 dunks, a career-high of 44 points and a game-winner, he was frankly astounding. His performance was jaw-dropping and remarkable to say the least. Sophomore Julio Perea said, “I’ve never seen anything more amazing in person than Giannis against the Blazers. He was just unstoppable.” Antetokounmpo led the Bucks to a 113-110 win and a 2-1 overall record for the team at that point. Averaging 38.3 points per game, Milwaukee has high expectations for the rest of Antetokounmpo’s season. **T**



Students and staff pose during the game.

Considering College

By: Eric Howard

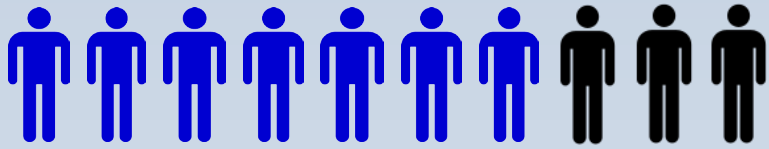
As seniors are long awaiting graduation, they are also thinking about what they would like to do after high school. For many, their next step is college. In order to be more informed about colleges Mrs. Jane Lefeber, SLS's guidance counselor, scheduled college visits with several colleges to provide the seniors a sense of how it feels to be on a college campus.

Mrs. Lefeber organized two college visits in the first two months of school. The first visit, which occurred on September 23rd, was a trip to Milwaukee where 10 students chaperoned by Mrs. Katie Daane explored Marquette University, UW-Milwaukee, and Cardinal Stritch University. The second college visit took place on October 7th, during which 10 additional students and Mrs. Lefeber traveled to Marian University in Fond du Lac and then UW-Madison. On each of these tours, the students first attended a meeting where they listened to a brief overview of the school, asked questions about the transition from high school to college, and heard first-hand accounts of what college is like from current students. Senior Yann Memiaghe said, "At the first meeting, I truly felt I was able to get a sense of what college was like by connecting with current students on a one-on-one basis."



Seniors take in the UW-Madison campus.

After those initial sessions, the students were then given campus tours. On these tours, students were able to visit the different parts of campus, such as the classrooms, dormitories, and other facilities. While on the campus tours, seniors were able to discern if a particular college was a good fit for them. Mrs. Lefeber said, "While students are able to go online and research colleges, by going on a college visit, the students have the opportunity to distinguish if that particular environment is right for them." Although, the students were tired after long days of walking, they were all grateful for the opportunities to visit the different colleges. People often say college is the best four years of their lives, and many SLS students gained a better sense of what that will be like. Senior Tom Vu said, "After visiting all of the colleges, I honestly just can't wait to graduate, so I can go to college and not only get a great education, but also make new friends and have some fun." 🍌



In 2016, about 70% of Americans attended college upon graduating from high school.

25 The number of different colleges and universities attended by the members of the **Class of 2017**



59% The percentage of students who **graduate** in four years or fewer



\$9,650

The average cost of **one year of tuition** and fees at a public state college.

\$37,172



The **average amount of college loan debt** a student carries when he graduates.

> 4,700

The **number of colleges** that exist in the United States.



Student Spotlight



MINH NGUYEN

Grade: 10
Ethnicity: Vietnamese
Hobbies: Basketball, Soccer, Listening to music
Special traits: Helpful, Awesome, Religious
Talents: FIFA plays, Reading, "Jelly" Lay-up
Favorite foods: Pho, Tacos, Crawfish
What brought you to SLS: My guardian's friend
Motivation you always tell yourself: "Stay humble"



ADRIAN PEREIRA

Grade: 10
Ethnicity: Indian
Hobbies: Guitar, Drums, Music
Special traits: Friendly, Singing, Dancing
Talents: Singing, Dancing, Sketching
Favorite foods: Nachos, Dal, Shawarma
What brought you to SLS: My brother was here
Motivation you always tell yourself: "Fight Anxiety"



KENNETH DAO

Grade: 10
Ethnicity: Vietnamese
Hobbies: Video games, Sports, Socializing
Special traits: Friendly, Nice, Ambidextrous
Talents: Video games, Public speaking, Organization
Favorite foods: Rice, Sushi, Steak
What brought you to SLS: My friend was here
Motivation you always tell yourself: "Persevere"

Meet Our New Staff

Mr. Bryant Romero

Q: Are there any major differences at SLS that have occurred since you were a student?
A: Of course! I always point out that the biggest difference is technology. When I was here way back in 2001, most of us were in the gym or running to the computer lab to use AOL's Instant Messenger.



Q: How do you like your job thus far?
A: I love traveling to different areas and presenting the school, and at the same time making connections to build solid foundations on.

Q: Do you have any plans or goals for this upcoming school year?
A: Aside from getting married next month, my goal is to keep expanding and networking.

Q: What is the best part about being in the admissions department?
A: The unlimited supply of M&M's plus the creative independence you are given on how you present the school to others.

Q: Is working in the Admissions Office ever strenuous?
A: Every job is strenuous; it should just be expected. I used to get real nervous right before presenting—you can just ask Mrs. Sippel.



Mrs. Jody Muten

Q: How did you find out about St. Lawrence?
A: Nine years ago, I met Mrs. Judith McFarland at a school nurse conference and she told me about SLS.

Q: What made you want to come to St. Lawrence?
A: When I came to shadow Mrs. McFarland, I fell in love with the atmosphere, the students, and the staff.

Q: What's your favorite part of St. Lawrence thus far?
A: The students are definitely my favorite part of St. Lawrence thus far because they are very polite, and they always offer to assist if help is needed.

Q: Seeing that the students here get sick relatively easily, do you have any go-to tips to stay healthy?
A: Of course! Three easy tips that I adhere to is wash your hands, get enough rest, and drink plenty of water.



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HENRY'S PUZZLING PROBLEMS

Henry has been having some hard time trying to figure what all of these pictures mean. Are you able to help Henry dissect some of these equations?



Answer Key: Candy Cane, Spiral Staircase, Romantic