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Rector's Corner

By: Fr. Zoy Garibay



In the liturgical calendar, the month of November begins with the Solemnity of All Saints. The saints are men and women who, while on earth, lived exemplary lives in holiness. They responded to God's call, bore witness to the faith, and remained faithful to the end. Now, they enjoy their eternal reward in heaven. This important feast is not only a celebration but also reminder for all of us of what we are all called to become: Saints.

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, a French Carmelite Nun, once said, "I want to spend my heaven doing good on earth." Saints remind us that our life here on earth is not futile but has purpose, and therefore, has meaning. The Gospel reading proper to this feast is taken from Matthew 5:1-12, and it talks about the Beatitudes. The Saints, by their example, show us the way to a blessed life. For example, Saint Francis of Assisi, by embracing a life of radical simplicity, showed us what it means to be poor in spirit. Saint Monica and Saint Rita of Cascia showed us that those who mourn shall be consoled. Saint Maria Goretti, the young virgin and martyr of Italy, showed us the virtue of meekness. Saint Vincent de Paul, in his numerous works of charity, hungered and thirsted for righteousness. Saint Teresa of Kolkata, known for her care for the orphans, the sick, and the dying, showed us the meaning of mercy. Saint Pope John XXIII was himself a peacemaker during the cold war. Finally, Saint Oscar Romero was persecuted for the sake of righteousness because he advocated for the Salvadoran people against the crimes and abuses of their government.

Yes, the saints were holy people but they were also very human people. They were not perfect human beings—they were faithful Christians. Ultimately, it was not the greatness or the plenitude of their works that truly mattered—it was their faithfulness, their love, their steadfastness in living the beatitudes—the blessed qualities described in Matthew's Gospel—that makes them truly saints. Each Saint whom the Church honors were men and women who were faithful to the Lord until the end.

One of my favorite quotes comes from an unlikely source—Étienne de Grellet du Mabilier, a French-American Quaker missionary. M. de Grellet once wrote: "I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall never pass this way again." These words of M. de Grellet complement those of St. Thérèse. As we reflect on the Solemnity of All Saints, may we open our ears and our hearts to hear and heed God's call to holiness. May we recognize and seize every moment while we live to do good, to show kindness, and to manifest the virtues that each circumstance we find ourselves in calls forth. May we be steadfast in living the beatitudes in our daily lives, so that we too may one day join the company of those whom we honor today, and be counted among them as Saints in heaven.

The Next Step

One of the most exciting and anticipated things that a student endeavors during their senior year is the process of choosing a college. As seniors await graduation, they must also be aware of what they will do after that anxiously anticipated day. At St. Lawrence, students of all grade levels have countless opportunities to become more informed about that next step. Mr. Joshua Brath, Guidance Counselor, has done a lot to help students gain more knowledge about the next step. “I really enjoy being the new school counselor at SLS. So far, I have been focusing on assisting the seniors while they get ready for their journey into college. I assist students with help on college applications, finding scholarship opportunities, understanding student financial aid, and with any other questions they may have. I hope to set up interviews with each freshman in order to get to know him better and see how his first year of high school at SLS is going. I also encourage students of any grade to come into my office if they are having any personal or social issues. Anyone is always welcome to come in. I look forward to continuing this new and exciting year of 2018.” In addition to college visits, many college representatives come to St. Lawrence to present and inform SLS students about their schools.

Per national average, just under 70% of high school graduates go on to attend college. The college preparatory program of St. Lawrence, however, consistently sends every one of their graduates to college or military service. With such an impressive number, it is clear that the school is doing a lot to prepare their students for higher education. As members of a boarding school, they have already prepared themselves by learning how to live on their own and become independent. This makes the adjustment process much easier and more efficient, allowing students to jump right in and be successful right away. The transition from high school to college can be harrowing for many. St. Lawrence does its best to make sure the process goes as smoothly as possible.

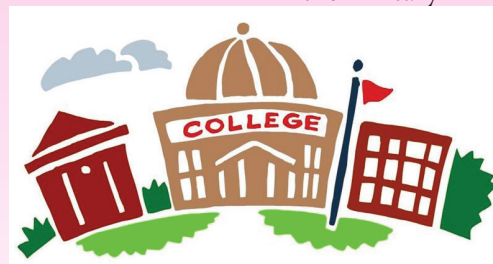
By: Peter Hall

70%

Number of high school graduates that go on to attend college in the U.S.

100%

Number of SLS graduates that go on to attend college or join the military



Walking For Christ

The Soles Walk for Catholic Education is a walk held annually to promote the awareness of Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Not only does it promote the schools, it also provides a way to raise money for families in need of financial assistance. Every year it is held in Milwaukee, WI. During the walk the high schools set up booths to market themselves to the walkers. This year on Saturday, October 20th Saint Lawrence Seminary was one of 15 schools that took part in the walk. Usually, schools hand out free things such as candy, pamphlets and sometimes even sunglasses. The walk itself is two miles long, and it starts and ends at Mount Mary University. Although the walk may seem lengthy, every step goes by faster than the last.

In past years, the entire student body has attended the walk, but recently it has been exclusively for members of the senior class to hand out candy and help advertise SLS. Senior Alexis Rojas said, “It’s very entertaining to see all of the schools walking together and showing their school spirit.” This year, as in previous years, The Soles Walk was a huge success for SLS and the Catholic school community of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

By: Isaac Villegas



Repayment

By: Dominic Soto

Every October, benefactors are invited to the Hill for the Benefactor's Open House. It is the school's way of showing appreciation to them each year. In return the students continue to thank and pray for the benefactors' every intention.

On October 21st, over 100 benefactors and guests came to the top of the Hill and spent some quality time with the students. The benefactors of Saint Lawrence are the biggest reason many of the students are here today. The donations are used for the benefit of the school and the students. But they don't just send donations, they also send prayer requests - their joys and concerns in life - that are read every Friday morning at Mass. The students are very grateful for their donations and take their struggles into prayer on a weekly basis.

The benefactors joined the students on Sunday morning and celebrated Mass. Afterward, they gathered in the refectory to enjoy a delicious lunch with the seniors. After lunch, they received a tour of the campus to show how much their generosity is appreciated here on the Hill. Many saw the wonderful new Saint Joseph's Hall and received a gracious performance from the school choir, who gave a preview of what was to come at the Christmas concert.

The benefactors seemed to be extremely grateful to receive a "Thank You" from the school and the students. In an interview with Mr. and Mrs. Frantz, the parents of Br. Mitch Frantz, they were extremely glad to be a part of what SLS has to offer. Mr. Frantz stated, "I like the energy of the students in the way they sing and participate in the Mass." Both Mr. and Mrs. Frantz were happy with the use of their donations stating, "They're doing a lot of good work here and they're keeping the place looking beautiful." Both agreeing that the campus was very nice, they also complimented the students, saying, "The students are really friendly, making sure to greet everyone with Good Morning."

But it's not just the students that are grateful, it's also the faculty and staff, who also greatly benefit from their generosity. Even parents benefit by having their sons attend school here. After all they have given SLS, the benefactors sometimes don't believe they've done enough, and wish they could do more. The school continues to improve, making sure the campus is well kept and that students are well taken care of. The students all hope and pray that the good Lord will repay the benefactors. May their lives be blessed with good fortune and their gracious generosity be repaid with prayer from the Lord.



A Day of Remembrance

By: *Nicholas Rodriguez*

Each year on October 4th, Saint Lawrence Seminary and other members of the Mount Calvary community celebrated the Feast of Saint Francis. The celebration commenced on October 3rd, where it began with the Transitus. The Transitus is a service where Capuchins, students, and others celebrate Francis' passage of death to life in heaven with God. The service is especially memorable because loaves of bread were broken and shared at the service, symbolizing how Jesus had shared bread with all people. On the following day, there was a Mass celebrating Saint Francis of Assisi. Shortly after the Mass, a banquet was held for all faculty, staff and students in memory of Saint Francis' ministry. Junior John-Paul Allan said, "It was my first time experiencing this type of event and I was fascinated by how it all played out." Lastly on Saturday, October 8th a movie about Saint Lawrence was played for all the students to see what St. Francis' life was about.

This feast day is very important to the Capuchins and many other people all around the world. This day is a day when they look back upon Saint Francis' life and reflect upon what he accomplished with his life. Saint Francis is the model for all Franciscan Capuchins and many other people, so they hold this day dearly to their hearts. All look back upon this day to think about how they could live more like Saint Francis and live by the Gospel like he had. He has set an example to love all people and living things as if they were one's brother and sister. Rector of Saint Lawrence, Father Zoy said, "Saint Francis is a guide for all people to live their lives more like Christ. Also, this day is devoted to him to remind us of the calling of Franciscans to the world." Saint Francis has inspired and taught many people to recognize and to love all of God's creations.



Batter's Up – The Importance of Exercise

By: *Dominic Nguyen*

Students at St. Lawrence Seminary, if not in a sport, are required to partake in intramurals for a variety of reasons. In order to promote the health and exercise of the students, the school has implemented intramurals into their schedule. Through intramurals, the students are able to stay active and healthy. According to American Heart Association for Physical Activity, teens should receive approximately 120-150 minutes of physical activity weekly to promote a healthy lifestyle. Through the softball and volleyball intramural programs, the students are able to receive those hours every single week. The intramurals program aids the students in developing teamwork and communication skills. Fabian Rico-Sanchez, a junior at SLS, stated, "The volleyball intramurals has helped me to cooperate with my teammates, especially during intense moments of the game." From the softball point of view, freshman Gabriel Ocampo said "Softball is a great way for me to become more of a team player. It helps me to bond with my friends while helping me to prepare for the baseball season at the same time." These intramurals help students to exercise and create friendships, helping to develop a healthier and closer community of St. Lawrence.

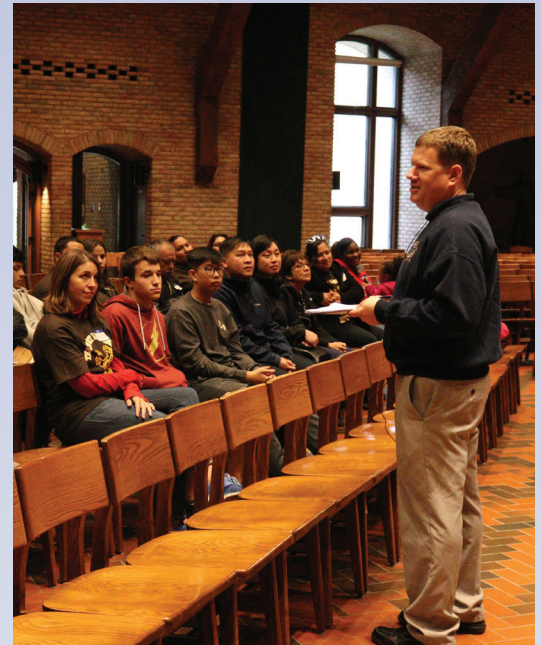


The Unity of Friends and Fun at St. Lawrence By: Benjamin Bartlett

Once a year, the families of students come together from far and wide to celebrate family on the hill. This has become a tradition known as Parents Weekend. Saturday, September 29th, families began the festivities at registration, receiving a t-shirt and stuffed cow. They then met up with their sons, sharing recent memories over lunch. The sports activities started with the annual mother-son kickball game, which was then followed by the father-son softball game. Both are time-honored activities which happen every year. The parents decisively won both, as the sons couldn't catch a ball for their lives and the fathers hit fingers one after another. They were a blast for everyone involved, cheering each other on when someone made a fantastic play. In-between the games, focus groups were scheduled with groups of parents to help with the current Strategic Planning efforts SLS is involved in.

Class sessions were also scheduled during the course of the day, where parents sat down and discussed areas important to their sons. These were directed by Mr. Buelow, talking with the freshman parents about the social skills program; Dr. Voell, talking with the sophomore parents about what it means to discern a vocation; Mr. Brath, talking with the junior parents about preparing for college; and Mr. Schroeder, talking with the senior parents about financing college as well as some of the challenges of the first year. These are always great outlets for parents to find out what is next for their sons. Along with these sessions, there were Strategic Planning focus groups for parents. These were meetings where parents from all classes sat down and talked about their likes and dislikes, making suggestions on what the strategic plan should include. An outside source was hired to conduct the interviews. After the focus groups, Mr. Bartlett, Benjamin Bartlett's father, commented, "The strategic planning was a very interesting experience for us to input our opinions."

Later in the day, everyone came together over a picnic-style dinner. This was a true time for bonding, as families got to sit together and talk about life. Following supper was evening prayer, where everyone unified again to celebrate and bond over God's blessing. To cap it all off, a talent showcase was held to display the school's diverse skills, from piano to speeches to singing. One performance was John Yoo singing "Un Hombre Normal" with the accompaniment of Dominic Nguyen, Ciproquio and Caulodrino Williams, Anthony Le, and Pio Fernandes. Sullivan Stier said, "It was the best of the night." Another was the debut of Zero Gravity, a dance group directed by Mr. Vu. This Parents Weekend was very successful, filled with great memories and even greater experiences. It was amazing for these families to devote a weekend and come together to celebrate the school and their sons' accomplishments.



America's Pastime

By: Robert Little

October is the time of the year, when it starts to get cold and the MLB playoffs are just beginning to start. Students on campus were beginning to debate what team they believe will win the World Series. At SLS, students come from all over and have different teams that they root for during the season. Students mainly favor nearby, local teams such as the Milwaukee Brewers, Chicago Cubs, or Chicago White Sox, but there are other students who favor other teams like the L.A. Angels, L.A. Dodgers, Houston Astros or Boston Red Sox. As junior Julio Perea stated, "The Brewers have had an exemplary run during the season by winning their division. The only way that it could be finished is by having them win the World Series." The MLB season is long and people may not pay attention all season, but everyone starts to pay a little more attention the closer it gets to the World Series, especially if their team is in the running.

Every year when October rolls around ten teams, five from each league, earn their way to the playoffs. This year the Cubs, Brewers, Dodgers, Athletics, Red Sox, Braves, Indians, Astros, Yankees, and Rockies made the playoffs. The Rockies beat the Cubs in the wildcard round along with the Yankees defeating the Athletics. In the NL, National League, division series, the Brewers beat the Rockies, and the Dodgers won against the Braves. In the AL, American League, the Red Sox knocked out the Yankees, and the Astros defeated the Indians. In the league championships, the Red Sox won the AL and the Dodgers won the NL. This year the 2018 World Series was between the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Boston Red Sox and the Sox came out on top.



Sports Scoreboard

By: Thomas Nguyen

This year's fall sports season was definitely one to remember. Here are the final results of our Varsity and JV Soccer and Cross Country teams.

Varsity (9-10-1)

- 8/30 2-0 Cristo Rey
- 8/31 1-4 St. Thomas More
- 9/4 0-1 Sheboygan Christian Lutheran
- 9/6 5-0 Lomira
- 9/7 3-4 Kohler
- 9/11 0-0 Winnebago Lutheran
- 9/13 2-3 Kettle Moraine Lutheran
- 9/17 6-2 New Holstein/Elkhart Lake
- 9/18 1-2 Oostburg
- 9/20 3-2 United
- 9/22 1-5 Xavier
- 9/27 2-0 Omro
- 9/29 1-3 Howards Grove
- 10/1 0-1 Waupun
- 10/2 6-0 Central Wisconsin Christian
- 10/5 1-0 Lourdes/Valley Christian
- 10/8 2-3 Wayland Academy
- 10/9 6-3 Mayville
- 10/18 6-0 New Lutheran
- 10/20 3-6 Howards Grove

Soccer - JV (7-7)

- 8/31 2-4 St. Thomas Moore
- 9/4 4-1 Sheboygan Christian
- 9/7 2-1 Kohler
- 9/11 1-7 WLA
- 9/13 0-5 Kettle Moraine Lutheran
- 9/17 5-1 North FDL
- 9/18 1-2 Sheboygan Christian
- 9/20 0-9 Beaver Dam
- 9/22 2-1 Xavier
- 9/29 0-3 Kohler
- 10/1 3-4 Waupan
- 10/5 5-2 Beaver Dam
- 10/8 2-1 New Holstein
- 10/9 3-1 Mayville

Cross Country

	Varsity	JV
Cross Country Kiel Raider Invite	18th	10th
St. Mary Central	6th	3rd
Roncolli	10th	5th
Crusader Challenge-Sheboygan Lutheran	14th	9th
Hilltopper	14th	9th
River Run-Horicon Invite	11th	5th
SJNMA -Lancer Invite	6th	3rd
WIAA D2 Sectional at Kiel	15th	



A Special Ministry

By: Claiemore Tango-an

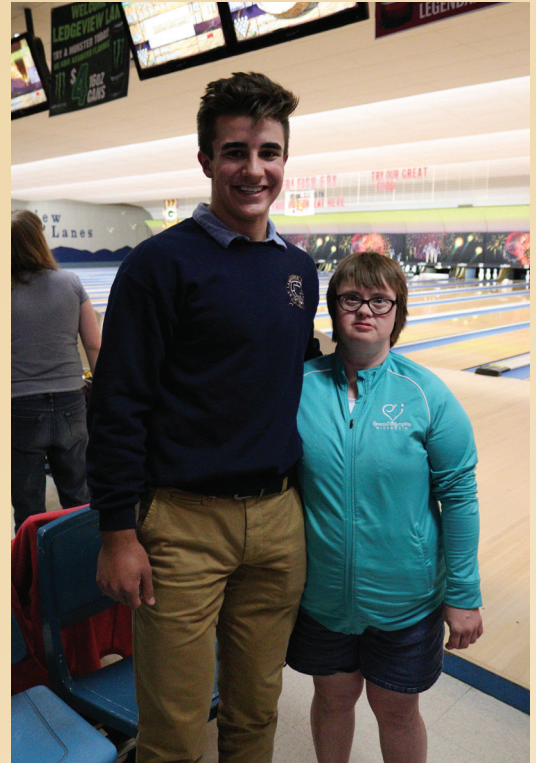
Ministry opportunities give St. Lawrence Seminary students a chance to change the community through respect, reverence and social skills. Some of the ministry opportunities offered at SLS include: Housing Rehab, playing bingo with the elderly, providing Christmas presents to children who have an incarcerated parent and many others. Many curious students volunteer for these opportunities to transform the community and get a chance to interact with the public. Not only do SLS students have to use their social skills while involved in ministries, but they also have to be strong leaders to guide, encourage, communicate, and interact with those around them.

Through the ARC of Fond du lac, a human service organization that empowers adults and youth with disabilities to become independent, the Special Olympics Bowling program is one of the ministry experiences in which SLS students participate. Special Olympics allows SLS students to build a relationship with others they don't often have the chance to relate to. The Special Olympics Bowling program is a competition among athletes who are physically or mentally challenged. After going through training, juniors and seniors travel to Fond du Lac for ten consecutive Fridays to work with the Special Olympics athletes. The students have the chance to support, socialize and build relationships with the athletes. The SLS students are paired up with a partner and they are assigned to two teams where they interact, coach good bowling skills and encourage sportsmanship with the athletes.

The bowlers are a great inspiration. Even though they may have a disability they deserve the same courtesy as anyone else. Junior Joshua Prado stated, "They were very social and gave us as much energy as we gave them." The bowlers' good humor and philosophy seemed to inspire the students, and the friendships they gained are valuable.

Through this ministry, SLS students work hard to encourage the athletes each week. There are students who take part in this ministry who are too shy to talk to the challenged individuals, but with each passing Friday, they get to know, learn and grow with the athletes. The bonds that are created between the students and the athletes is valuable. Junior Dominic Soto said, "It was not what we were expecting, and we met a lot of new people. My favorite part was actually talking and socializing with them."

Ministry is a chance for students to learn more about their community and Special Olympics is a rare opportunity for students to interact with people who are truly special. It teaches the SLS students to respect everyone.



Spooky Saturday

By: Khang Chau

It is impossible for the students at SLS to resist the fascination of Halloween, an annual holiday celebrated towards the end of SLS Spirit Week. The celebration has always been well-received by the students with the most savored event perhaps being trick-or-treating. It was absolutely hilarious to witness the students in the candy rush, roaming the hallways with their creative costumes. Junior Kenny Krause recounted the event with such fervor, "It was amazing to see my schoolmates in such funny costumes; some of them dressed as a group of M&M's." Spirit week concluded on Saturday with movies: *A Quiet Place*, *The Grudge*, and *Insidious Chapters 1-4* and Halloween-themed cartoons in the evening while students awaited the much anticipated haunted house.

Nevertheless, besides the great fun that the student body had with the Spirit Week activities, the Saturday activities, specifically the "Haunted House," clearly was the highlight of it all. As a long-preserved tradition, the senior class was in charge of constructing and operating the house. The theme was "Insane Asylum Escapees." In the event the school was being overrun by mentally-ill spirits, the 2018 Haunted House was constructed. Being incredibly original and well thought-out, the house was constructed in only two days. Senior Ricardo Rodriguez remarked, "Creating this haunted house with such a small class was a toilsome process, but with good time management and dedication, we succeeded." For many freshmen, the journey through the haunted house was daunting, yet exciting. Freshman Shihoon Lee commented afterwards, "My favorite part was the locker room – the sound of the chain slamming on the floor was scary." Just like any other Halloween ever held at SLS, this one was definitely impressive, and of course, as haunting as it could possibly be.

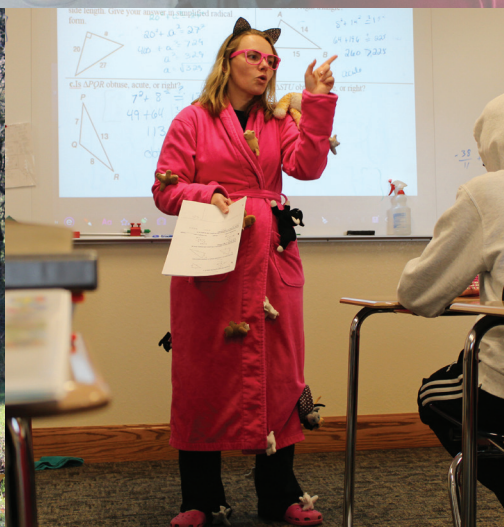


A Week of Fun and Fright

By: Andrew Tran

On October 24th, Spirit Week began at SLS. Throughout the week frats gathered for activities that would earn them points. The points were later tallied and the frat with the most points won a canteen coupon. Overall Frat 11 took first place. Students had a lot of fun with their frats and their classmates. Sophomore Ellison Juern said, "It was a great experience and a fun way to bond with my frat." Spirit Week saw the students come alive for Halloween.

All week after school, frats made pizzas and carved pumpkins in the refectory, they played games of Capture the Flag and flag football on the upper ball diamond and they played *Fifa* and *Mario Kart* in lower St. Anthony Hall and the Weisbrod conference room. There were also dress-up days that the students, faculty and staff participated in; Wednesday was your favorite sport jersey/attire, Thursday was "Chill" or pajama day and on Friday afternoon costume day. There were many varieties of costumes ranging from Carlos Nunez's Cookie Monster, the junior group of M&M's and Mrs. Tabbert, the "Crazy Cat Lady." When classes ended students went Trick-or-Treating on campus. On Friday night frats gathered for a pumpkin hunt. After the pumpkin hunt everyone gathered in the upper ball diamond for a bonfire, donuts and hot chocolate. On Saturday there was a haunted house set up by the seniors. The theme of the haunted house was Insane Asylum Escapees. Freshman Shue Yang commented, "It was exciting in the beginning and very scary, but fun throughout the whole thing." Spirit Week concluded with a social hosted by the juniors in the refectory. Spirit Week was awesome and gave many scares and much entertainment.



Mr. Krieg—History in the Making

By: Aaron Tarpinian

For all incoming freshmen and juniors, one of the first faces they encounter during the school day is Mr. Jeff Krieg. Graduating from St. Lawrence in 1981, Mr. Krieg returned six years later and started his teaching career at SLS. He started out teaching American Government and World History. Throughout his teaching career, Mr. Krieg taught Geography, Medieval History, Social Problems, Diplomatic History, and U.S. History. Now in his 31st year, Mr. Krieg is teaching World History to freshmen and U.S. History to juniors. Mr. Krieg stated, “I love teaching here, interacting with students, and my colleagues who are incredible. I can’t imagine teaching anywhere else. I love SLS.”

When Mr. Krieg first arrives in the morning, he prepares for his classes, answers emails, updates grades, and makes sure the correct flag is up on time. Mr. Krieg is in charge of the sophomores who put up an international flag every day for a significant celebration that is important for a certain nation. Examples of these celebrations could be an independence day or a saint’s feast day.

After the school day, Mr. Krieg goes to the publications office to work on the yearbook. Mr. Krieg has now been working on the yearbook since 1994. Mr. Krieg said about the yearbook, “The yearbook is a lot of unseen work. Students only see the finished product and not the hard work that goes into it, but the process can be fun and I’m continually impressed by the creativity and enthusiasm of the yearbook staff.” Mr. Krieg stated that last year’s yearbook photographers took over 18,000 pictures. The yearbook is not the only publication that Mr. Krieg has worked on, as for 21 years Mr. Krieg also worked on the *Hilltopics*. Mr. Krieg finally ends his day at school typically around 6:45.

Even with the continuous homework assignments, end of the chapter quizzes and tests, Mr. Krieg’s class is one of the most anticipated classes of the day. Once students leave his class, whether they are done with his course or where going on a break, they miss his sarcastic sayings such as, “Do you want a cookie” in his baby impression, or his continuously joking insults towards us. Many students described Mr. Krieg as humorous, intelligent, considerate, awesome, and most of all, a good role model. Junior Khang Chau stated, “Mr. Krieg has always been such a fascinating person to me; he made my history class so worthwhile and fun that it eventually became the period that I look forward to the most.” Mr. Krieg is and will always be remembered as a teacher who has such a strong ambition for making us better and his inspirational leadership qualities, which make him a role model to be sought after.



SLS's Latest Scholars

By: Aaron Villegas



Dominic Nguyen

Hometown: Garden Grove, California

Grade: Freshman

Age: 14

Hobbies: Playing board games, playing volleyball, and hanging out with friends.

Favorite food: Ramen noodles

What brought him to SLS?: "My parents encouraged me to come here."

Lucas Wieczorek

Hometown: La Crosse, Wisconsin

Grade: Junior

Age: 15

Hobbies: playing football and *Fortnite*, and weight lifting.

Favorite Food: Fried chicken

What Brought him to SLS?: "The strong academics of the school."



Phillip Nguyen

Hometown: Houston, Texas

Grade: Sophomore

Age: 15

Hobbies: Playing basketball, running, and eating oatmeal.

Favorite food: Oatmeal and peanut butter

What brought him to SLS?: "My mom's friend told my mom about it, then she told me, and I was interested."

Jacob Cao

Hometown: Sterling, Virginia

Grade: Sophomore

Age: 15

Hobbies: Playing the piano, playing basketball, and sleeping.

Favorite food: All types of soup

What brought him to SLS?: "The idea that this school would prepare me for my college years."



A Look into New Faculty Faces

Mr. Joshua Brath

What brought you to SLS?

"I found out about it from a website for school counselors called 'WECAN', but the atmosphere and the spirituality of the school is what really drew me in."

What do you like most about this school?

"I really like how everyone is positive and polite and I like too that students here really strive to learn."

How are you adapting to working here?

"I am adapting very well, especially since the staff and students are very nice and polite."



Mrs. Kristy Mathes

What brought you to SLS?

"I know one of the teachers, Mrs. Auch, and she always brags about how nice the community is, so I decided to give it a try."

What do you like most about this school?

"The campus is beautiful. The overall scenery of this place is amazing. Also the students are very welcoming."

How are you adapting to working here?

"I'm doing very good. Everyone here is just so welcoming and helpful."

Mrs. Karen Laska

What brought you to SLS?

"I was at a time in my life where I wanted a change and having lived and grown up in the 'Holyland' area, it was the perfect opportunity for me. Knowing of the mission of the Seminary, I was excited to become a part of that."

What do you like most about this school?

"The best part of the school is all of the staff and students. They make it seem more like a family than a work environment."

How are you adapting to working here?

"I adapted to my new job from the very start because of the warm reception I received from everyone. They have accepted me and made me feel welcome from my very first day!"



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From the Editors

ISAAC

So far, this year has been surely eventful and exciting. It seems to go by so quickly! For me, it still feels like September was just yesterday. I have definitely been having fun this school year, especially with school-wide



events like the haunted house and Spirit Week. My fraternity, Frat three, even took second place for Spirit Week! I enjoyed the fun activities, friendly competition, and getting to know my fraternity members even more. I hope you like our second issue of Hilltopics!

PETER

Is it really issue two already!? This year has been even busier than I expected. I find myself caught up in schoolwork, ministry experiences, and spending time with my classmates. I wouldn't trade this year

for anything though. Basketball season will start soon, so I'm excited for that, and we can already look forward to the Christmas Concert and break. The time is passing quickly, but I'm doing my best to make every second count. Thanks for reading!



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