



From the Editor:

When you read this you will be on Spring break. April was a quick month highlighted by three class trips. Spring sports have finally begun. AP classes are wrapping up with their exams the first two weeks in May. We will be back with our final issue of this our inaugural year in May. Enjoy you're the break. (You may bring your AP review books with you.)

QUICK QUIZ – JUST FOR FUN

1. Where can you find a field goal simulation machine? (p.1)
2. What sophomore got to touch a live sea ray? (p.2)
3. What was the most fun at Camp Chingachgook? (p.2)
4. What was the theme of the Junior retreat? (p.3)
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6. How long has Coach O’Grady been coaching Girls Softball? (p.4)
7. What award did alum Dan Curry receive at St. Rose? (p.3)
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9. What video game has been made into a movie this summer? (p.4)

FIELD TRIP DAY

Thursday, April 7th marked the beginning of a new tradition at CCHS – Field Trip Day. The Senior and Junior classes combined to travel to Foxboro Massachusetts for a tour of the home of the New England Patriots – Gillette Stadium. The Sophomores traveled to Boston to visit the acclaimed New England Aquarium. And the Freshman class were bussed to Camp Chingachgook on Lake George for outdoor fun.

Junior/Senior Field Trip

by Sarah Ingalsbe and Greg Stamas

On Thursday, April 7th, the junior class, along with some seniors, took a trip to Gillette Stadium, home of the New England Patriots football team. Many activities took place throughout the day to teach students about various aspects of the football team, and the Patriots brand.

First, the students were taken to a viewing box where various media representatives sit during games. We had a great view of the field while listening to a representative talk about the marketing aspect of the team. The guide also described different facilities of the stadium. Afterwards, the students were invited to take a tour of an interactive museum. Students were able to participate in activities such as kicking a field goal in a simulated machine, trying on Patriots gear, and watching a movie about the history of the Patriots.

Next, we had about an hour and a half of free time during which we were able to eat and shop. Gillette Stadium is unique among most stadiums in that it is not just a football stadium. There are numerous stores and restaurants in close proximity to the field like Charming Charlie, Olympia, Bath and Body Works, and many more. For lunch students were able to choose from a variety of restaurants at which to eat including Five Guys, Moe’s, Olive Garden, Red Robin, and many more.

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Despite the rainy weather, the trip was a big success. Students said that they had a great time and would “love to go again.” One student said it was “different than any other field trip [they] had been on in the past.” Many students commented on how they enjoyed seeing the stadium from a different



perspective and also having free time to explore. Special thanks to Mrs. Giuliano for all of the hard work she put into this trip!

Sophomore Trip – The New England Aquarium

by Abigail Kacensky and Steve Kataoka

The sophomores were all loaded onto the Yankee Trails bus and departed at 6:30 sharp. The first highlight of the trip was

the onboard games. Games of 7-Up and What are the Odds? worked the students into a perfect state of alertness. When they stepped off the bus at the New England Aquarium in Boston the tenth-graders were ready to explore.



Among the aquatic life the students got to see close-up were penguins, lobsters, harbor seals, sea lions, rays sea turtles, octopi, cuttlefish, sea dragons, and jelly fish. The biggest hit was the tidal pool where visitors could touch rays, starfish, and sea anemones. Erin Kelly's eyes lit up when she was asked what she will remember from the aquarium. "I touched a sea ray!", she replied. The feeding of the penguins and the gigantic sea turtle were also popular.

After a morning of strenuous creature-viewing, the sophomores were let loose on Quincy Market which boasts many varieties of truly delicious ethnic food. The most popular menus were the Greek, Thai, and the Mexican offerings. Melina Vasil said that all the dishes were very "authentic." Students also perused souvenir magnets, T-shirts, and other paraphernalia at numerous small shops.

This all took place close to Boston's Government Center, Faneuil Hall. While we were there a large group of new U.S. citizens was sworn in. Thanks to Mrs. Rizzo for making the arrangements for a fun trip. .

Freshman Trip To Camp Chingachgook

By Kara Eckhardt

As the fog cleared and the air became thicker, faces pressed up against the frosty glass of the bus to see the magnificent view of the crystal blue Lake George. The bright yellow vehicle contained eager and excited 9th Graders as it piled into Camp Chingachgook. Friendly counselors waved at us from the path of dark brown mulch as we loaded off of the bus. We made our way to the basketball court where our class made up a large circle and played a game. Madisyn Pausley stated, "The camp counselors put together a lot of fun activities for us to do and I enjoyed it!" We ran around the slippery court as we laughed and played games. This icebreaker was just the start of our fun-filled and action packed day.

The class was then split up into groups for different activities throughout the day. My group started the brisk morning with a gorgeous hike. Lauren Costello made a commented, "I thought it was fun and I really liked the hike because the view was

really nice once we got to the top." We passed beautiful rushing waterfalls as we saw our destination was near. The sun showed through the trees just enough to bring us a little light inside the secluded forest. When we finally reached the top, we could see where we had begun just a mere twenty minutes before as the beautiful photogenic Lake George was stretched before our eyes. My group stayed together and made sure that no one was lost or left behind as we hiked back down to the camp.

We had a few minutes to spare before lunch so we took a trip to a terraced area that had a breathtaking view of the lake. Rose Murphy said, "I thought it was very fun, especially the view from the dock." You could close your eyes and hear the waves down below crashing and the buzz of a boat in the far off distance. It was pure serenity as you used all of your senses to be close to the world around you.

After that, all of the groups met up again to eat lunch in the dining hall. When lunch was over we returned outside and walked to a clearing where we found three wooden balance beams in the shape of the triangle. With these beams, we had to organize ourselves alphabetically by last name without stepping off of the beam. Another communication game followed. Blindfolds were put on one student as the rest of the team had to guide them to the object with only verbal cues. Our next task was getting our whole group from one wood square to another using only long wood planks that could not touch the ground. We strategized a plan that successfully led all fifteen of us to the last small wooden plank!

But the best was yet to come. Groups traveled to a part of the forest where two wood blocks stood about ten feet apart with a rope in the middle being held up by its attachment to the trees above it. We grabbed the rope with a nearby tree branch and took turns as being Tarzan. You held on tight to the rope, lifted your foot off of the ground, and felt like you were flying for about five seconds until the people on the other side caught you and brought you back to reality.



At the end of the day, we went around comparing notes and deciding which activities were our favorites. It was unanimous that the rope swing was the best part. Overall, this was a great

field trip filled with fun, bonding, and great memories. Thanks go to Ms. Battaglia for organizing a wonderful trip.

JUNIOR AND SOPHOMORE CLASS RETREATS

by Mrs. Pawlik

The Junior Class was on retreat on Friday, April 15th. The focus of the retreat was "Making Good Decisions." Half of the class went up to Altamont, NY to take part in Choices 301. An impact panel spoke to our students including two people who were involved in accidents with drunk drivers and two people who had been through rehab for drunken driving. The other half of the class was at Saint Madeleine Sophie Parish, in Guilderland, participating in many activities that taught the steps to good decision making, roadblocks to making good decisions, and outside influences to good decision making. After lunch, the students switched locations so all Juniors got both experiences. At the end of each session, permits, licenses and car keys were blessed.

The Sophomore Class went on retreat on Wednesday, April 20th. This retreat focused on forming good relationships, what to look for in a possible significant other, dating abuse and self-respect. The retreat was held at Transfiguration Parish in Speigletown and small groups were facilitated by the CCHS Retreat Team. Nina Farrell, Diocesan Schools Social Worker presented a large group talk on dating abuse, "control" over a boyfriend/girlfriend and how to treat each other with respect and dignity.

ACADEMICS: LEARNING MULTICULTURAL LITERACY

Ms. Schmidt's 9th Grade English classes recently completed a project called the ABC's of Multicultural Literacy based on the research of Patricia Ruggiano Schmidt and Claudia Finkbeiner. Each student first wrote an autobiography examining the essential qualities of who they are while being aware of his/her own perspectives on the world and identifying his/her own connections to or disconnections from his/her cultural heritage. The next phase was to interview a "culturally different other" about her/his experiences and write a biography. The final phase was a cross cultural analysis in which each student looked at some of the similarities and differences in his/her experiences and the way they view the world around them compared to the culturally different other.

One student, Jared Jimenez, interviewed Sgt. Scott Leslie for the project. Sgt. Leslie is active in the National Guard and is a longtime friend of Jared's father. He asked Jared if we would be interested in having him come in and talk to the whole class. On Friday, April 15, Sgt. Leslie and Jared recreated their interview process for each section of 9th grade English. Jared concluded his interview by opening to questions from his classmates. Sgt. Leslie graciously answered all of their questions with great enthusiasm and gusto. He was a dynamic and outgoing presenter with very unique experiences and points of view and his visit was extremely well received.

NEWS SHORTS

Alumnus Remembered – Crusaders from the Class of 1962 attended a prayer service in the Catholic Central chapel for



classmate Fr. Rene Robert. Fr. Robert was tragically killed in Florida. We pray for our fellow Crusader and his family.

Italy Trip – Students in the honors junior and senior English classes at Catholic Central High School are touring Italy over the break chaperoned by Mrs. Cavanaugh, Mrs. Koster, and Ms. Petersen, and parents.

Award for Alumnus – Congratulations to Daniel Curry, class of 2011, for being awarded the "Outstanding Senior Award" by the History Department at the College of Saint Rose!

Junior Diocesan College Day – On March 31, high school Juniors from four Albany Diocese High Schools came together for Junior Day at Catholic Central High School. In the morning, students listened to different speakers from college admission offices about different aspects of college, how to write a good college essay, how to be safe on a college campus and what should be considered when choosing the right



college. In addition, they went to breakout sessions where they focused on possible majors such as business, medicine, engineering, military and more. At the end, all the students went to a college fair with representatives from many different colleges. Thank you to all those who came out to share their knowledge and careers.

SPORTS PAGES

SOFTBALL

by Jenny Piccarillo

Lady Crusader softball is at the beginning of what they hope to be a strong season. This year playing in the Colonial Council for the first time, they have had competitive showings early in the season against Ichabod Crane and Holy Names. Their team record is currently 3-2.

The Lady Crusaders beat Holy Names 4-3 and also displayed a perfect in-field with no errors in a tough loss to Ichabod Crane losing by only one run. The team is coached by long-time CCHS skipper John O'Grady. This is his 33rd year coaching. Coach O'Grady has a tradition of positivity and confidence on his teams.

The determination of the players is undeniable this year. The team is led by two experienced two seniors, Kyrstin Messier and Gillian Nadeau, and complemented by four juniors: Jenny Piccarillo, Madison Miller, Taylor Engster and Shayla McCarroll; five sophomores: Alex Ortiz, Erin Kelly, Jane Field, Angie Blaisdell, and Samantha Allen; and one freshman, Abby Drollette. The majority of the players have played together for years at CCHS and also compete in travel leagues year round.

Years of experience on the field have taught the Lady Crusaders they need to work together as teammates to be successful. For the past three years, the Lady Crusaders have won the Uncle Sam Tournament and are looking forward to competing in this year's as well. The Lady Crusaders cannot wait for the rest of the season to come and they hope to be successful during their games. Come support your Lady Crusaders Softball Team!

SPORTS SHORTS

JV GIRLS LACROSSE: beat Holy Names 14-9. Lili Van Vorst and Alyssa Roberts each scored four goals.



TRACK: Congrats to James Faraci on winning the 3200m; Tyler West on placing 2nd in the 110m hurdles; and the Girls 4x100m team of Sidra McBain, Maya Ellis, Lauren Costello, Rose Murphy on winning the 4x100m, all at the meet April 19.

REVIEWS

Summer Movies Preview

By Jackson Murphy

The Summer Movie Season is packed with superheroes and action blockbusters. But this is also the time when Animated Movies get to shine, and this summer in particular offers-up five promising features for families:

"The Angry Birds Movie" is based on the phenomenon app game franchise. When green pigs inhabit an island filled with various species of birds, they are (mostly) welcomed with open arms. But when the always-angry Red realizes the pigs are stealing their eggs, plans are put into place to get them back. May 20

"Finding Dory" is Disney/Pixar's highly-anticipated sequel to 2003's "Finding Nemo". Ellen DeGeneres is back as the voice of the fun-loving fish with amnesia, who sets-out with clownfish pals Marlin and Nemo to find her family. June 17

"The Secret Life of Pets" comes from the creators of "Despicable Me". A pair of NYC dogs named Max and Duke are taken by animal control, so a group of dogs, cats and birds must team-up to rescue them. Louis C.K. and Kevin Hart headline the voice ensemble. A new short starring The Minions will play before the film. July 8

"Ice Age: Collision Course" is the fifth installment in the 14-year-old series. Manny, Sid, Diego and company must find a new home after the acorn-obsessed Scrat - not surprisingly - causes havoc and endangers the entire planet. July 22

And "Kubo and the Two Strings" is a stop-motion adventure from the makers of "Coraline" and "The Boxtrolls". Set in ancient Japan, it's about a boy named Kubo who embarks on a quest to find a legendary warrior suit of armor. Charlize Theron and Matthew McConaughey lead the voice cast. August 19.

In the Next Issue...

Updates on all spring sports, college acceptances and messages from Seniors. Let us know what you would like to see covered by writing to us at CatholicCentralChronicle@gmail.com

Or even better join the Chronicles staff! Come to the meeting in May during Activity Period in Room 22. Exact date will be announced.

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