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## *Shea feels encouraged*

*By Max Rein '11*

Prep's Varsity football season ended on a good note this year, especially for the seniors as they worked hard to make their last year the greatest. Despite their record of 3-7, Prep football stayed positive as they certainly improved from last year's season.

"Football is back, baby...football is back!" coach Shea had commented at the Prep Pep Rally earlier this month. He certainly proved this right as they worked valiantly to defeat Griswold, Hamden, and Jonathan Law.

Although Prep Football didn't place in the ranks that they had hoped, with Head Coach Shea and a powerful Prep Spirit in the juniors, sophomores, and freshmen, next year's football season will prove to be an even more successful one.



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## *Christmas Concert shines*

*By Nick Martinez '13*

At 7:30 p.m. on November 30<sup>th</sup>, the lights of the Regina A. Quick Center's Kelley Theatre dimmed, bringing over the audience hushed tones of excitement and anticipation as they set their eyes upon the well-lit stage before them.

It was then that the Encords, Prep's extracurricular choir, strolled onto the stage, all smiles and Santa hats, and joyously tore into their rendition of Jazzy Old Saint Nicholas, kicking off what proved to be a truly memorable Christmas concert. The boys and girls of the Encords shone throughout their set, singing, dancing, and clapping with aplomb, much to the delight of the sizable audience.

Their set was followed by an impressive performance by Prep's Select and Concert Choirs, the high points of (cont. on page 12)

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## Christmas is Prep tradition

Dear Readers,

This Christmas will mark Fairfield Prep's sixty-eighth holiday season. While much change has occurred since its first September, the one true constant has been Prep's tradition of Christmas. The masses, the Advent wreaths, the Christmas tree lighting and the winter concerts have brought us together as a community and as a family. This Christmas season I ask that you reflect on and respect the traditions of Fairfield Prep; traditions that have and continue to form our Prep brotherhood.

It seems to me that every issue we put out includes a new section with a new collection of editors. I'm pleased to announce we have just added a section called "An International Opinion" with two new editors watching over it. It's great to see that we have the versatility to not just cover Prep, but to analyze and take a stance on global problems. This issue fills twenty strong pages.

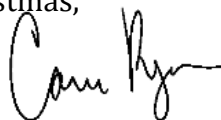
This issue also features a very detailed sports section. The sports editors examine how the fall sports finished, and transition into their expectations for winter sports this year.

As always, this issue features interesting news articles and thoughtful reflections. The staff also reviews some new albums and the "Critic's Space" features a movie review that may surprise you. Lastly, I'd like to thank Benson Wan '13, an exchange student who has come to Prep, for writing a wonderful piece about how is home - life culture compares with that of Fairfield Prep.

As this year comes to a close, I hope you get a chance to read through these pages and truly appreciate what Prep students have done over the past year. There is much victory and hard work to be celebrated.

Enjoy your vacation and may you and your family have a happy and healthy holiday season.

Merry Christmas,



## SENIOR LOT THIEF: STILL AT LARGE

**By Connor Ryan '11**

It was a quiet morning last Friday, December 3 until sometime between 11:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. when a person entered the senior parking lot and stole various items from students' cars.

A source inside Prep says that they are still unsure of the identity of the thief, but are confident that the perpetrator entered the back of the parking lot through Grauert Field.

Once inside the lot, the person went through the back row of cars burglarized several unlocked cars. After the back row, the perpetrator then moved to the front row and found three cars with doors unlocked.

In the end, approximately seven students reported missing iPods, wallets, credit cards and GPS systems. Fairfield Prep is currently working with Fairfield University's Public Safety office (who first responded) and the Fairfield Police. Robberies similar to this one have been reported recently at several locations on Fairfield University's campus.

Sources have said that because the perpetrator was most likely on foot it's a difficult crime to track.

Administrators are asking students to lock their car doors as they continue to investigate.



***Please lock your cars to prevent any more robberies. Contact the administration if you have any more information about this story.***

## ***Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Draws Large Crowd***

**By Jake Cogullo '12**

There was literally music in the air last Sunday night at the Fairfield Prep annual Christmas Tree Lighting, as crowds of happy carolers gathered in the Quad to belt out their favorite holiday songs. The event began with a very nice celebratory Mass in Egan Chapel led by Father Ryan, SJ and Father Hanwell, SJ, discussing the opening of the Advent season and followed with the lighting of the Prep tree, right after a blessing made by Father Ryan. And even though the chilly night air nipped at everyone's noses the entire time, all enjoyed the ceremonies, and the cookies and hot chocolate afterwards! Another few crowd-pleasing performances by the Jazzuits and Encords, directed by Ms. Dominguez, wrapped the night up, and left all in the holiday spirit. All in all, the night was a big success.



# Junior class is reminded of Prep

*By Daniel Sanchez '12*

Prep juniors sat in the Eagan Chapel on Wednesday, December 1, as they anticipated the receiving of their class rings. The mass, led by Father Hanwell, SJ with the homily by Father Ryan, SJ was focused on the concept of rings and their symbol. Father Ryan, SJ talked of the importance of the class ring and why you receive the ring as a junior as opposed to freshman or sophomore year; memories. We get the class ring junior year because then it has so much more sentimental value. When you see your ring you should think of all the great past experiences that have taken place in the hallways of Prep. Juniors happily took their rings from Father Hanwell, SJ after a handshake and walked back toward their seats gazing into their rings as if they were newly discovered treasure. Following the Ring Mass, the Ring Dance took place that very Friday, December 3rd. The dance floor was flooded with dancing and multi colored flashing rings. Junior class president Patrick Barthelmy ignited the spirit with assorted dances to various songs. In all, the Mass and the dance were a complete success and I am proud to say that I have been wearing my ring since the Mass on Wednesday.

## Attn: Senior Parents

It has become a tradition since the 1998 Hearthstone to offer senior parents a section in the yearbook to place a baby picture of your son with a personal message. This year we have 10 pages set aside for that purpose. We have extended our deadline to January 7, 2011.

If you wish to reserve a spot in the Baby Picture section of Hearthstone, please submit a picture of your son and a check for \$40.00 made out to Fairfield Prep. Also include a short message of no more than 20 words and mail it to Prep, attention Yearbook Committee.

As an option, you may email a photo of no more than 2MB and text to [dtema@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:dtema@fairfieldprep.org) and send the check by mail. Photos will not be returned. —Fairfield Prep website

## Squires Lead Drive

The Squires Club sponsored Prep's annual Thanksgiving Food Drive, which successfully collected hundreds of bags of much-needed food. As a community, we filled more than three vans with boxes of food for Action for Bridgeport Community Development, Inc! The staff members from ABCD were grateful and surprised at the incredible amount of food that waited to be picked up in our Arrupe hallway. ABCD worked to provide Thanksgiving dinner for 2,000 families. Thank you for your extremely generous support of our Thanksgiving Food Drive. Your donations undoubtedly have made someone's holiday season that much better this year. —Fairfield Prep website



Mr. Stockdale, SJ works with students to collect donated food.

# ***A Foreign-Exchange Student Examines Fairfield Prep's Culture***

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***By Benson Wan '13***

Last year I was a grade nine student in China. This year I have come to America to be an exchange student. I feel there are lots of differences between my grade nine in China and my grade ten in America. In China we have one classroom and our teachers come to our classroom and teach so we don't need to change rooms for every class. I think it is more difficult in China.

In China, we can't choose our classes. When we are in grade nine we take Chinese, Math, English, Physical Education, Physics, Chemistry and History. In China, I went to a boarding school where school starts at 8am and ends at 10:30pm. We have five classes in the morning, three classes in the afternoon and three classes at night. In these evening classes, we can do our homework. There was so much homework it was impossible for me to finish it at night so I would work on it during break times.

In America I feel it is very relaxed. I like that school begins at 8:40a.m. and ends at 2:30p.m. Having just seven classes is amazing. I don't have a lot of homework here and I am finding the math and physics is very easy. The teachers are very nice here. I have made lots of friends here! I love it here so much!

## **S.E.E.D. Program Unites Students**

***By Max Rein '11***

S.E.E.D. is an outstanding and distinctive program at Fairfield Prep. The S.E.E.D. program stands for "Students for Educational Excellence through Diversity." The program itself is open to all students at Fairfield Prep, but many do not have an understanding of what the program is or what it intends to do for the student population. It is a multi-racial and multi-cultural, multi-class, and multi-religious organization created in efforts to connect students through educational excellence, and bridge the gap between students whose experiences are different than others. The main function of S.E.E.D. is to foster diversity through cultural, racial, and social interaction.

One great event held by the S.E.E.D. program every year is the Peer Tutor sessions right before midterms. Those students who have excelled in academics at Prep volunteer their afternoons during the week before midterms, and they try very hard to teach subjects to those students struggling.

In addition, the S.E.E.D. program provides students with many opportunities including college tours, academic enrichment, and even service programs to help better the lives of those who are less fortunate.

I am positive that with the hardworking upperclassmen this year, those students who are in need of midterm tutoring will find it with ease as the S.E.E.D. program does an excellent job every year with their organization and their teaching. Every member is truly a student who provides educational excellence through diversity, and Prep is very proud of the outcomes of this program.

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## ***How Fall Sports Teams Finished***

### **Freshman Football**

Record: 8-2

Key wins: Wins over West Haven and Notre Dame-West Haven captured the attention of many.

Stand outs: Quentin Harris, Andrew Ostrosky, Nick Crowle, Anthony Johnson, the 4 captains, are likely to make a big splash in varsity in a few years.

Pros: High-powered offense was always dependable to score points. Defense forced turnovers, held most teams to under 20 points in victories.

Cons: Two tough losses to Xavier and Shelton were the only drawbacks to the frosh's season.

Prediction: Many of these players will move on to JV and be successful there.

### **JV Football**

Record: 6-4

Key wins: Shelton, Hamden, and Amity were close, important wins for the Jesuits.

Stand outs: Joe McBride, Evan Field, Strecker Backe are likely to head to varsity next season.

Pros: McBride led the way with Backe at the offensive side of the ball. The defense was also solid when it needed to be.

Cons: Tough losses to Xavier, Daniel Hand, and ND West Haven were cons to the JV team this season.

Prediction: These guys are the successors to the Varsity seniors, while with the freshmen team coming in for JV next season, the JV football team should have another solid season.

### **Varsity Football**

Record: 3-7

Key Wins: Griswold, Hamden

Leaving Seniors: Brian Golger, CJ Donohue, Hayden Collins, Kyle Vignone

Stand out underclassmen: Joe McBride

Prediction: The loss of 20 seniors will hurt, but the JV team exists for a reason. The successors of these seniors will have a fine career in Varsity.

## Crew:

Leaving Seniors: Dan Kerrisk, Brendan Doran, Ben Lowden

Stand out underclassmen: Walker Haynes, Brian Austin, and Tim Mapley

Highlight of the Year: GMS Regatta September 2010

## Freshman Soccer

Record: 5-3-6

Overall Season Outline: This season proved to be a successful introduction as talented freshmen began their soccer career at Fairfield Prep. After talking to many of the players, it is clear that some of them will try out for the JV team at the beginning of next fall.

## JV Soccer

Record: 6-4

Key Wins: Hamden, West Haven, Shelton

Prediction: The JV team has made great strides in the last few seasons and onlookers predict that this pattern will only continue. There were many students who are sure to be moving up to the Varsity team next season.

## Varsity Soccer

Record: 12-3-4

Leaving Seniors: Matt D'Ambrisi, James Shea, Parker Delmolino, Tyler Lomnitzer, Rob Napolitano, Michael Gould, Jamal Powell, Frankie Marotta, James O'Brien, Kristian Moor and Matt King

Stand out underclassmen: Will Steiner and Davie Bruton

Prediction: The loss of 20 seniors will hurt, but the JV team exists for a reason. The successors of these seniors will have a fine career in varsity.



Patrick Connolly keeps the ball away from a defender.  
Photo: CT Post



# Basketball “drives” to excellence... with new coach

***By Timmy Attolino '12***

The 2010 Fairfield Prep Basketball team is destined for greatness this season. First year head coach Leo Redgate will focus on defense as well as offense this year. Senior point guard Robby Bier looks to lead the Jesuits this season to a record over .500. Last season, Prep basketball had a record of 9-11.

They return a majority of their team from last season, including seniors Robby Bier and Matt Daley and Junior Terry Tarpey. The team this year will be very quick, especially Bier and sophomore Joe McBride. As well as their quickness, the Jesuits will be tremendously explosive to the hole, led by 3-year varsity player Terry Tarpey. Prep will be very versatile, shown by their quickness, explosiveness and size in the post.

Keep your eyes out on senior Kevin Potter and sophomore Tim Butala, as they will definitely get big minutes this year at key moments in games. The Bomb Squad will be there rooting on the Jesuits as they “drive” toward greatness this year.

## ***Hockey looks to pick up where it left off***

Record last season: 15-3 (Lost in state final)

Opening home game: Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, vs. Trinity Catholic @ Bridgeport Wonderland of Ice

Schedule Analysis: Prep hockey has a state-championship worthy schedule, with home dates against Trinity Catholic, St. Augustine Prep (NJ), Hamden, Seton Hall Prep, Ridgefield, etc. Also on the schedule are away matchups against Hamden, West Haven, Mount St. Charles, and ND West Haven.

Prediction: Fairfield Prep will have some hurdles, but don't be surprised to see them at the Yale Whale in early spring for the state championship.

—***Ethan Doerger '13***

## ***Rog to lead indoor track to success***

Last season the indoor track team won a Quinnipiac Division Championship Relay, turning heads and surprising many.

The team has 4 meets this year, the Dartmouth and Yale Invitational included.

Prediction: With the best runner in the state in Connor Rog, indoor track won't have any shortage of success this winter.

—***Ethan Doerger '13***





## ***Swimming: Young talent must step up***

***By James Terry '11***

Last season the Fairfield Prep Swimming and Diving team won their sixth straight SCC Championship, setting a new league record. This season, they need a young team lead by captains Matthew Knapik and Michael Noone to step up if they want to remain at the top of the SCC and the state.

Last year's team graduated All-Americans Ed Becker, Andrew Golankiewicz, Tyler Pramer and Kristof Toth as well as Sean Greer, Ryan Cahalane and Justin Alves. "We have potential to be a great team," Noone said. "But people are going to need to step up, and every place is going to count. If we can do that, we will definitely still remain one of the best teams in the state."

Expected to help fill the void left by the strong senior class are current seniors: Paul Sikora and Andrew Passarelli, juniors Bryan Dougherty, Matthew Connelly and Jamie Power and sophomores Brad Helt and Cody Bond.

### **KEY MEETS**

01/07/2011- Home  
vs. Weston (4:00)

01/29/2011- Home  
vs. Greenwich (2:30)

02/11/2011- Home  
vs. Glastonbury (7:00)

02/22/2011- Away  
vs. Xavier (7:30)

## **Cross Country's amazing season makes history**

***By James Terry '11***

The Fairfield Prep cross country team enjoyed one of the most successful seasons in school history. The 2010 squad brought back six of its top seven from the year before, and knew they had a chance to be one of the best in the state. The year ended in memorable fashion when the team placed 4<sup>th</sup> at the New England Championships, with no team from the state of Connecticut ahead of them.

The Jesuits defeated SCC rival Shelton to open the season, and did not stop winning after that. Prep posted a 9-0 record, allowing Coach Bob Ford to surpass the 200 win mark in his coaching career. In fact, Coach Bob Ford Jr. was just recently named by the Connecticut Post "Cross Country Coach of the Year". They also ended Xavier's six year reign of the SCC Quinnipiac Division title, winning it for the first time since 2003. "Winning the division was huge," captain Brian Bennett quoted. "Xavier is our biggest rival and I have wanted to beat them since freshman year. It will be my best memory for the season." The team edged out Darien to win the Bethel Invitational and beat out many of the state's top teams to win the Wickham Invitational. During the championship portion of the season, Prep was third at the SCC Championship and placed fourth at both the Class LL and State Open meets.

Junior Connor Rog was Prep's top runner, setting a number of course records over the year including Prep's home course. He finished first at both the SCC and Class LL Championships while also placing third at the New England Championship. Connor Rog was recently named Cross Country MVP at both the Connecticut Post as well as at the New Haven Register. After Rog came a strong core of varsity runners including captains Brian Bennett and Tyler Agostino, senior Greg Davis and juniors Michael Whelan, Billy Schloth and Patrick Corona. "It was important [to have fast runners behind me] because I had the confidence in every race that my team was running well," Rog remarked on his teammates. "Every race I'd be up front and know that guys like Tyler Agostino and Billy Schloth would be in the right places."

There are also many seniors who added to the trio of Agostino, Bennett and Davis. They are Patrick Benedosso, Brian Calcutt, Tim Culligan, Tim Ferguson, John Guzzi, Tommy Seiler and James Terry. The team has put together a 33-7 record over their time at Fairfield Prep.

Next year, Fairfield Prep will return four of their top seven. "The top four juniors are killer," Bennett said. "Without injury, next year's team should be a national class team." New England Championship alternates Robert Salandra and Brendan Terry will battle for the three open spots left open by Agostino, Bennett and Davis. Also contending for the open spots are Scott Ball, Conor Callahan and freshman standouts Christian Alvarado and James Murphy.

## Soundings staff reviews hottest albums



***All Day***  
***by Girl Talk (Gregg Michal Gillis)***

On November 15<sup>th</sup>, the popular mash-up artist Girl Talk (Gregg Michael Gillis) released his latest album, *All Day*, on the internet – without any kind of heads-up. There were no interviews, no release dates, and hardly even any rumors. He literally dropped the album on his producer's website absolutely free of charge and let his fanatical followers quickly catch on and stumble to the download screen, creating a kind of traffic comparable to Black Friday. We have all heard remixes and mash-ups of our favorite songs, but this album stands out among others, it not only samples the best parts of some of the most praised songs from the past three decades, but also seamlessly synthesizes them into a singular, hour-and-ten-minute-long track.

If you consider yourself any kind of music fan then there is most likely a few pieces that you will immediately recognize among the '80's pop, '90's alternatives, and the new millennium's hip-hop records. Every last rap note and piano key meld together impeccably, which can, at times, become monotonous, but will ultimately rekindle your love for some of the older songs. Half the fun is gathering your friends to help identify some of the long-forgotten favorites, but the melodies – not to mention lyrics – used in the recreation are fresh sounding and hardly recognizable.

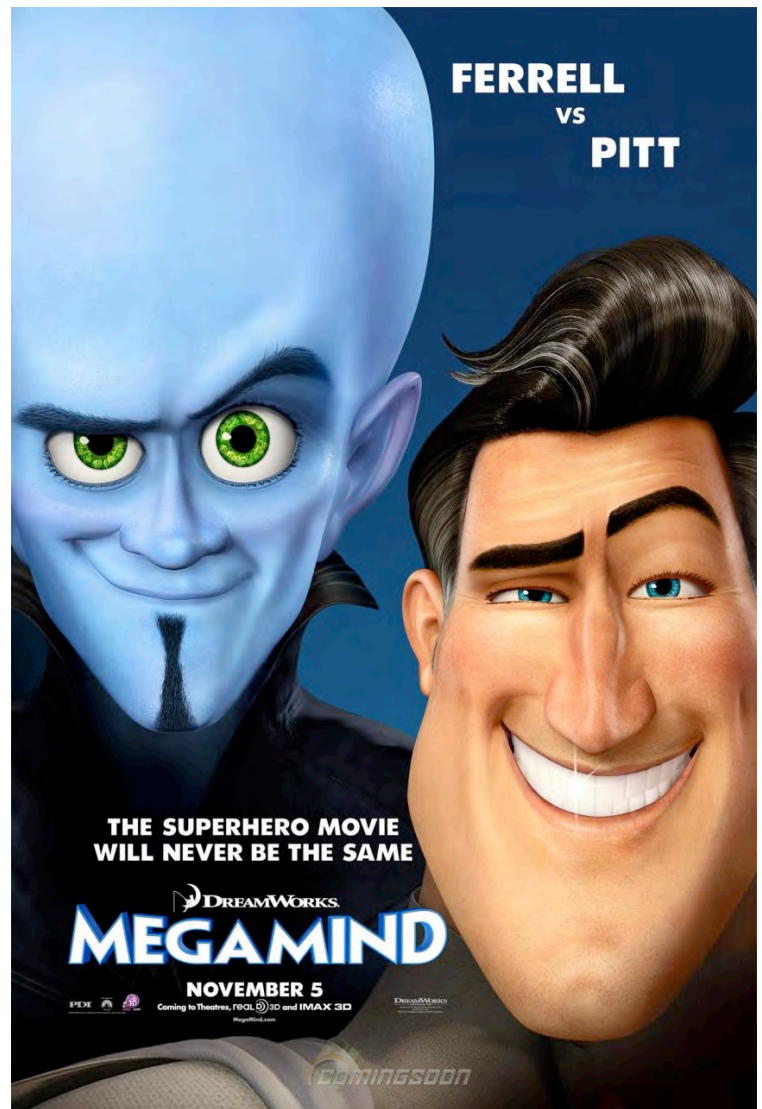
This album, much like his previous work, *Feed the Animals*, *Night Ripper*, etc., is party music, so unless you plan on dancing for over an hour, the constant fast-paced rhythm can become repetitive. Also, keep in mind that the lyrics contain explicit material, but nothing extending into the realm of obscene or disturbing. Overall, if you're looking for something different that you can lose yourself in, I couldn't recommend anything better. Once again, it's free, so what is there to lose? —**Matt Contino '12**



### ***My Dark Twisted Fantasy*** **by Kanye West**

With each of its 12 tracks overflowing with rich samples, live instrumentation, and countless high-profile guest appearances, Kanye West's magnum opus, "My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy," is truly a thrilling and captivating listen. Creatively using every tool at his disposal, from distorted vocal effects to live orchestras and Elton John piano interludes, Mr. West paints an emotional portrait of his life for his listeners, and in the process crafts a work that sounds both brilliantly overblown and intensely personal. High points include the soulful Rick Ross collaboration "Devil In A New Dress," the celebratory "All of the Lights," which features over 26 guest artists, including Drake, Elton John, and La Roux's Elly Jackson, and the starkly personal "Blame Game," a duet with longtime Kanye-cohort John Legend.

—**Nick Martinez '12**



## **CRITIC'S SPACE**

**ALEX GIOBBI '11**



The superhero movie is a dying genre. There are no new stars, old heroes have to be continuously recycled, and die-hard fanatics have even started to desert their former idols. I, personally, am not a fan of the superhero genre, having never gotten into the comic book craze – so it may seem a bit strange that I chose to write my next review on Dreamworks, *Megamind*. *Megamind* is about a blue, bald, big-headed evil genius (voiced by Will Ferrell) who achieves what every super-villain desires by defeating his nemesis, a muscular Superman rip-off, Metro Man (voiced by Brad Pitt). Megamind soon takes over Metro City and enjoys his new found freedom, but after a few days realizes that he misses the fighting that made his rivalry with Metro Man so glorious. With help from his fish-like sidekick, Minion (David Cross), creates a new superhero out of a geek named Hal (Jonah Hill), but when the new hero turns against the city, he and Metro Man's old girlfriend, Roxanne (Tina Fey), must find a way to stop him before it's too late. Overall, in terms of Dreamworks animation, this was a great feature. There were certain aspects of the movie that made it a near classic, like the voice cast. Along with the main vocal cast, there were a few surprises like: Ben Stiller, Justin Long (Prep alum!) and Amy Poehler. The soundtrack was laced with several old hits, particularly from Guns 'N Roses, George Thorogood, AC/DC, and Michael Jackson. As with all Dreamworks films, there contained just enough adult humor and themes to satisfy everyone's interests. There wasn't too much to criticize about the movie, the plot was fine, save for one or two minor hiccups, and the transition was fluid. *Megamind* did strike a chord with its moral message: You are destined to become who you choose to be, whether it is someone great or an evil villain. On account of its cast, music, humor and overall message.



# *Christmas concert shines*

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which included a gracefully moving rendition of the Christmas classic “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” and a thrilling medley of British Carols titled “Here We Come A-Caroling.”

The audience was then let into the lobby for a brief intermission, during which they enjoyed many delicious refreshments, including an interesting batch of sugar cookies that had been baked into the shape of musical notes and coated with red and green powdered sugar. After having their fill of the delicious holiday-themed treats, the audience returned to their seats for the second half of the night’s entertainment—the Prep band performances.

The Concert Band led off this second stretch with a wonderful performance of Gustav Holst’s “On this Day Earth Shall Ring.” This year’s Concert Band performed particularly well, sounding crisp and balanced throughout their performance, playing at a level not seen before in Prep’s Concert Bands.

The Symphonic Band’s performance continued in the vein of excellence put forth by the choirs and the Concert Band, kicking off with a lively and energetic rendition of “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”, complete with bombastic drum solos. The Symphonic Band performed variations on several timeworn Christmas carols, bringing to each a new perspective and a breath of new life. Closing out the night were the Jazzuits, Prep’s extracurricular jazz band, who performed renditions of “Silent Night” and “Baby, It’s Cold Outside” as a preview for their upcoming Jazz Coffee Shop on January 14th.

If you happened to have missed Tuesday night’s spectacular Christmas concert, I strongly encourage you to make it a point to attend the Spring Concert. The boys of Prep’s music program, under the direction of Ms. Dominguez, provided an incredible show. I’m confident the Spring Concert will be just as impressive!



Both band and chorus members light up the stage at Christmas concert.

# Profiles

## Who are these new teachers?

*New faculty (part II) revealed*

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Mr. Jaques

*(Geometry and Algebra II Teacher)*

**Where did you grow up?**

I grew up just outside Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

**What school are you coming from?**

Previously I taught math at Cathedral High School in Springfield, Massachusetts.

**What made you choose Prep?**

Prep has a great tradition and having attended both a Jesuit high school and college I was very familiar with the school.

**What classes do you teach?**

I teach Geometry and Algebra 2 for sophomores and juniors.

**Where did you go to college?**

I went to Boston College for my undergraduate degree and Providence College for my masters degree. Go Eagles! (and Friars)

**Do you have any personal interests or passions?**

I enjoy reading, golfing, hanging out with my friends, going to sporting events and traveling, when I get some free time

**Are there any fun facts about yourself that you'd like to share?**

One fun fact I like to share would be that I once got to play golf at St. Andrews in Scotland when I was studying in England during my time in college. It was awesome! —*John Boergriner '12*



Mr. Cashman

*(Freshman/Junior Theology Teacher)*

**Where did you grow up?**

I was born and raised in Fort Wayne, Indiana. I'm a Hoosier by birth!

**Where, or what school, are you coming from?**

Most recently, I was Principal of East Catholic High School in Manchester, Connecticut, where I also used to teach and direct Campus Ministry.

**What made you choose Prep?**

I missed the classroom experience and pledged to myself that if I ever returned to teaching it would be in a Jesuit School.

**What are your 3 favorite, and 3 least favorite, things about Prep, and its students as a whole?**

Favorite: Ignatian charism & philosophy, warmth of the students & staff, my new found friends in the Theology & Campus Ministry departments

Least Favorite: my 55 mile commute, our lack of a fine arts performance space in our building, my 55 mile commute

**Where did you go to college?**

I was ruined forever by the Jesuits of Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Do you have any personal interests or passions?**

I am passionate about my family, reading, music and a well-lived spiritual life.

**Are there any interesting fun facts about yourself?**

In addition to being a product of Jesuit education, I also travelled for two years during middle school with the American Boychoir where I learned to sing, play piano and seek excellence in all things! —*John Boergriner '12*

# Students Reflect



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## *What is your New Year's resolution for 2011?*

My New Year's resolution is to be less forgetful in the year 2011. I have always been forgetful, which causes me to forget random items that I often really seem to need. Whether it's a school book or my football jersey — I'm always forgetting something!

Although it might sound small, it causes me great inconveniences, especially when it comes to getting points off a late assignment. Because it has been such an annoyance, I vow this year in 2011 to always make a mental note before school about what I will need.

Another resolution I'm making this year is to become more involved in extracurricular activities at Prep. I plan to try out for the baseball team in the spring, but I am not going to try out for any sport over the winter — allowing myself a chance to get involved in clubs.

Now that football is over, I'm thinking about getting involved in the Stock Market Club as it would provide me a chance to stay current with economics, but also allow me to meet new friends.

These two things are my New Year's resolutions and I intend to see them through. —**Justin Lebek '14**



New Year's is a time for fireworks, parties until the early morning hours, and a time for self-evaluation. Millions of Americans ask the same question every year, how can I make my life better? Well, I have answered that question once and for all, and yet again it's in the task of weight loss.

Since I came to Prep, I have most likely gained some weight. This is probably because of my poor food choices. Until now, I went to public school and with the government cracking down on childhood obesity, the food served in my middle school cafeteria was a lot healthier than the food being served here. Never had there been soda in my school; all we had was water, milk and a varied assortment of juices. So, excited for the new food options for the first two months of school, I'm pretty sure I had a Coke everyday at lunch. I am happy to say though that now everyday I have water instead of Coke.

Now, the food is a lot different too. Never has there been fries, bacon cheeseburgers or cookies sold in triple packs, until I began at Prep. On top of all this, there's Angelo's Pizza and the Fairfield University Campus Center. So healthy eating is even harder!

I play three sports: lacrosse, golf and skiing. In every one of those sports it is proven that if you lose weight, you will see big improvements in your performance and you will become a much better player. This could benefit me very much, because I am hoping to make the

Prep freshman lacrosse team.

I am a goalie, so being able to run fast isn't really something I need to be good at, but I need good agility skills. So if I lost weight, it would be easier to move myself around, and I probably wouldn't get tired as fast. I am also hoping to make the Prep ski team. In skiing it all happens in the lower body when making turns and controlling your body. If I lost weight, I would be able to get more on my edge, making it so I could go faster down the mountain. If I lost weight, it would make my life in golf a lot easier because my swing would be improved, and my stance would be less staggered.

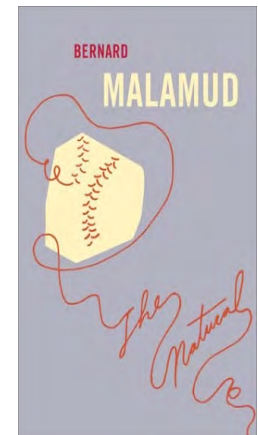
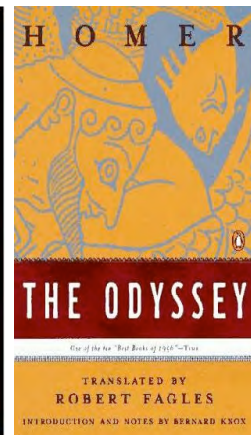
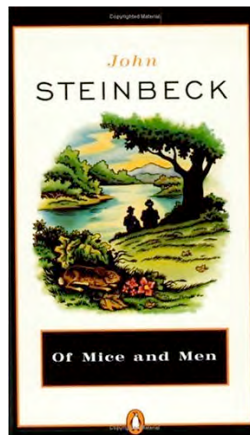
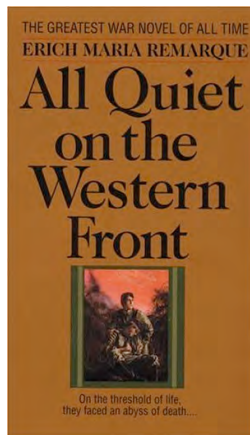
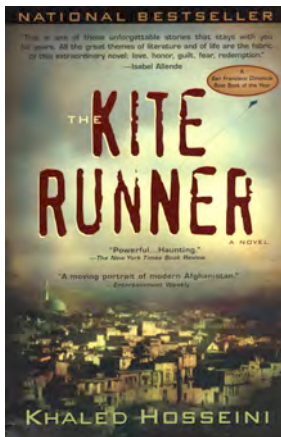
My waist is growing faster than my body is, and that is the problem. I am coming to the stage where my waist size is that of an adult's, but my body is of a regular fourteen year old boy. This is now an issue with pants as I am constantly needing them to be hemmed. If I lost weight all these problems would be solved.

As you can see, my life would be a lot better if I lost some weight. So this is why it is my New Year's resolution. I want to lose weight so I can become a better athlete, fit into normal-sized clothing and overall be happier. —**Allan Linke '14**



## Book Talk

*Sophomores: So far, what is your favorite book you've read at Prep?*



I enjoyed *Of Mice and Men* because it showed how people who you love may aggravate you sometimes and how powerful friendship can be.

—**Julian Taborda**

My favorite piece of literature I have read so far is *The Kite Runner*. It is a story of weakness and sacrifice of a boy and his best friend and how sheer loyalty can destroy someone who has wronged you.

—**Nikolas Cirillo**

My favorite book that I have read at Prep is *All Quiet on the Western Front*. It was a very compelling novel that had a lot of very well written imagery. I could clearly see in my head what was happening at any given time in the novel.

—**Markus Santiago**

I enjoyed *The Natural*. Bernard Malamud did a terrific job at creating a relatable character that had the readers pulling for him all the way to the end.

—**Liam Coyle**

*All Quiet on the Western Front* was my favorite book so far. I enjoyed it because it explored war and all of the foolish causes for it.

—**James Monroe**

*Mythology* and *The Odyssey* were my favorite pieces I've read so far because there was an obvious hero or heroine and the action was very appealing.

—**Alex Detres**

## Veteran teachers and admins honored at assembly

*By James Terry '11*

On November 23<sup>rd</sup>, the students of Fairfield Prep filed from their homerooms on Prep's main campus to Alumni Hall for the school's annual Thanksgiving celebration. When everyone found their seats the choir lead the students through the Alma Mater and the ceremony began. Prep students were treated to prayers from different cultures and reflections from fellow classmates and Mrs. Beyerly spoke about service to the community. One Student Government member from each class spoke about what their own class is thankful for while the rest of the Student Government members brought a prayer cards, written by every Prep student, to the altar.

The assembly ended with Father Hanwell, SJ honoring those faculty members who have shown strong dedication to the school over a particular number of years. Reaching their 'milestone' years were Mr. Frank Bramble (20 years), Fr. William Eagan, SJ (27 years), Ms. Lois Csedrik (30 years), Mrs. Colleen Keltos (30 years), Mr. Barry Wallace (30 years) and Mr. Edward Giegengack (35 years).



### Want to write for Soundings?

The Soundings staff is always looking to welcome new members! If interested in joining, stop by Mr. Bramble's room on a Thursday afternoon! New writers, photographers, editors are always needed.



## **APP OF THE MONTH**

By Matt Kingsbury '13

### **Angry Birds**

Angry Birds is a \$0.99 cent game for the iPod Touch and other devices. It is an addictive bird slinging game where you pull a bird back and let it fly through the air trying to knock down the objects protecting the other birds and beating them. This game has many levels to it and provides for endless hours of fun when you are bored or have nothing else to do and is a truly addictive app. The app is rated 5 stars on the iTunes app directory and is one of the recommended games to download. It is also the number 1 paid iPhone app according to the iTunes website and if you try the Lite version or buy the full game you can see why.

## ***Black Ops has everything you'd want in a game***

After receiving Call of Duty Black Ops, I started playing it almost immediately and enjoyed it. I started off with playing the campaign game mode which follows up from the Call of Duty World at War campaign where you see Viktor Reznov, one of the main characters of the Russian based story. Reznov and your character Alex Mason must escape from a Russian prison camp, you make it free while Reznov sacrifices himself for you. You later find out why he did it; you had been brainwashed by the Russians and Reznov used it against them so that you would eventually save all of America.

Call of Duty Black Ops also includes other very good game modes and features such as the theater mode where you can finally view replays of your past games and take screenshots and short videos. Another addition to the multiplayer experience is the addition of the capability for two people to play on the same console online now at the same time. Along with this came a AI based game mode called combat training where you play computer characters on the multiplayer maps to increase your skill level. On top of these additions were new game modes such as wager matches which includes: Sticks and Stones, One in the Chamber, and Gun Game. With the addition of the wager matches the developers of the game include the ability to rank up and unlock new guns, but you also must purchase them with COD points, which are used to wager in matches, purchase gun attachments and accessories, or other character and weapon based features.

—Matt Kingsbury '13



# Food

Normally, my recipes are all about having a healthy relationship with food. This month we're going to take a break and have some fun with sweets! Since it's the holidays I have decided to share one of my personal dessert recipes, Cinnamon Mocha Cupcakes. In order to lessen your burden this holiday season, I created an effortless version that only requires a store bought cake mix, frosting, and a few extra ingredients to cut down time in the kitchen. So instead of having that hot cocoa, try eating one of these delicious mouth-watering cupcakes by the fireplace!

Happy Baking,  
Sebastien Laforest '11

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## Cinnamon Mocha Cupcakes

### Ingredients:

- 1 box chocolate cake mix
- 3 eggs
- ½ cup canola oil
- 1 cup water
- ¼ cup brewed coffee
- 1 pkg white frosting
- ½ tsp almond extract
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon

### Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F.
2. In a large mixing bowl combine the cake mix, eggs, oil, water, and coffee.
3. Fill two muffin pans 2/3 of the way, and bake for 20-22 minutes.
4. While cupcakes are baking add the almond extract to the icing and stir for about one minute.
5. When cupcakes are done baking allow them to cool completely. Frost the cupcakes with the almond frosting.
6. Garnish each cupcake with a sprinkle of ground cinnamon.

## *GE buys electric cars*

**By Anthony SanFilippo**

In a bold and daring move toward the push of "Going green" General Electric has bought 25,000 electric cars (many of them the new Chevrolet Volt) and added them to the company fleet. This is a very important step toward the process of significantly reducing our reliance as a country on gasoline and reduces the carbon emissions to our world. According to their CEO Jeffery Immelt, "By electrifying our own fleet, we will accelerate the adoption curve, drive scale, and move electric vehicles from anticipation to action." GE is hoping that its planned purchase will help drive down costs by increasing production volumes and assuring carmakers that they will have at least one big buyer which will in turn allow the carmakers to have faith in the American public and other resources will buy their cars.

To me this is a great move by one of the top companies in the world. A major company has listened to everyone's cries about "Going green" and has really put it into action. This will be a major push for ordinary people to go and buy more electric cars which will only benefit our world. I hope that this leads to big changes in the future.



## The Crisis in Korea

**By F. Kirk Mahoney '11**

Around 10:00 AM (Korea Standard Time) on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, South Korean artillery stationed on the island of Yeonpyeong fired into the Yellow Sea in waters off of North Korea during a military exercise. North Korea responded by bombarding the entire island with over 150 shells. After several volleys were exchanged by both parties, 23 South Koreans were wounded or killed, including 5 civilians. The number of North Koreans casualties has yet to be disclosed.

Following the attack, South Korean President Lee Myung-Bak met with the military leaders of the nation and issued a warning to North Korea that if it continued provoking South Korea, then South Korea would respond by launching an attack on the nearby North Korean missile bases.

North Korea and South Korea have been in a state of heightened tension since the Korean War ended in 1953. The war ended in an armistice which has led to both sides having disagreements with and grievances against the other. One such disagreement was over the location of the demarcation line between each nation's territorial waters. According to South Korea (as well as most of the United Nations) the water used during the aforementioned military exercise was within their side of the line. This is the fifth time in little over a decade that North Korea has attacked South Korea due to maritime border disputes.

The United States, as well as most of the nations of NATO, responded to the incident by denouncing the actions of North Korea. The *George Washington*, a supercarrier deployed in the South Sea, was ordered to begin military exercises with the South Korean navy. In an act reminiscent of the Cold War era policy of Mutual Assured Destruction (M.A.D. for short), North Korea reportedly began arming its missile base with surface to air missiles to ward off the possible attack. It is believed that North Korea may have the ability to launch a nuclear warhead, though it is questionable whether they have the capacity to launch an intercontinental strike. Rather, North Korea would launch its nuclear bomb at South Korea's capital of Seoul, which is home to over 10 million people.

The People's Republic of China, perhaps North Korea's only major ally, complained that the United States had no right to operate its navy that close to the Chinese coast. They also failed to denounce the actions of North Korea specifically and instead issued statements saying they were interested only in defusing

# *Crisis*

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As usual, China ignored international calls to use its economic and political sway over North Korea and instead called for 6 party talks between the two Korean republics, Japan, China, Russia, and the United States.

While it may seem reasonable for the United States and South Korea to agree to talk to North Korea, it is far from simple. Many analysts speculate that if the United States were to agree to talks they would be incentivizing future North Korean attacks. What's more, the North Koreans may be planning to use the talks as a means of demanding oil and food shipments or even their own Uranium enrichment program.

As of yet it is not clear whether this is the beginning of the long awaited doomsday or just another footnote in a seemingly endless conflict. Perhaps what is most perplexing about the whole crisis is how anachronistic it seems. The cold war is over, capitalism won and yet Kim Jong Il's half of Korea limps on, a relic of a bygone era. One has to wonder when, if ever, will North Korea join the rest of the world?

# *Airport Security: Crossing the line?*

**By Tony Abbazia '14**

Early November, a California man (software engineer John Tyner) rejected both of the airport security procedures, saying that they violated his personal privacy.

In truth, the specialized machines used for the X-ray scans aren't less than revealing. The other option, the pat-down is also unfavorable. Tyner said that after he declined the body scan, a TSA agent told him he could have a pat-down instead. Once the procedure was described, Tyner said he responded, "If you touch my junk, I'll have you arrested."

The cell phone video Tyner recorded of his arguments with security screeners over the scan and pat-down they proposed had garnered more than 200,000 hits on YouTube two days later and the number continues to rise rapidly.

The dispute that followed, Tyner said, included police escorting him from the screening area and a supervisor saying he could face a civil lawsuit for leaving the airport before security had finished screening him. In fact, Tyner could face a civil penalty as high as \$11,000, according to Michael Aguilar, the TSA's federal security director in San Diego, who defended the behavior of his officers during the confrontation.

In response to the video of John Tyner's dispute with airport security officials, the Transportation Security Administration said on the 15<sup>th</sup> that it tries to be sensitive to individuals, but everyone getting on a flight must be screened.

According to the agency images from the scans cannot be saved or printed. Also facial features are blurred. And agents who directly interact with passengers do not see the scans. This is fast and efficient for the airport, yet many people are still apprehensive about the images.

The airport security procedures are necessary to avoid terrorist attacks or other major problems, but is the invasion of privacy so necessary?

