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After-hours

Many students do not realize all of the cleaning that happens behind the scenes. In an interview with the director of facilities, Mr. Carl Grill elaborates on preparing the school each week. BY AVA AMOS

EVERY MORNING, students, faculty and staff walk into a freshly clean school, without a second thought of who really puts in the work to make it happen.

“We have eight people in janitorial and four employees in maintenance,” said director of facilities Mr. Carl

Grill in an email. The name of the company they work through is Executive Management Services and their janitorial schedule runs from 2:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Grill said that typically on the weekends, the school will request for janitorial or maintenance to be present depending on the events or games the school has that weekend. “The goal of working over the weekend is to be able to have the school reset before (the coming) Monday when students arrive,” he said.

Janitorial work is much more than just sweeping the floors and cleaning tables, though. “Janitorial at Cathedral handles everything from cleaning and maintaining restrooms, to waxing and buffing floors, cleaning windows, wiping down walls as well as prepping the cafeteria before and after lunch, removing all trash and recycling, as well as restocking dispensers such as paper towels and soap,” said Grill.

He added that recognition is important because money is only a small incentive and when the employees experience words of affirmation it gives them a purpose. Grill said, “A reason to go above and beyond the standard not only because it is recognized but because it is appreciated. It takes a team effort to maintain such a large campus and through recognition we truly feel like a part of a team. If there’s ever an issue feel free to point it out to a staff member. The more eyes we have on maintaining our campus the more successful and enjoyable it will be for everyone.”



Senior Highlight: Nick Hruskoci

Senior Nick Hruskoci was well aware that he had huge shoes to fill with Cole Hocker ‘19 graduating and moving on to Oregon.

“I believe I am ready to become the leader of this team. Cole set a great example and I am now ready to take the reigns,” said Hruskoci when asked if he was ready to assume a leadership role.

He has been running track and cross-country since he was in fourth grade, and now he is trying to decide where he will continue his athletic and academic career. His top options currently are the University of Wisconsin, Arizona

State University, Indiana University and Michigan State University.

Hruskoci has taken on the leadership role and became the team captain and Number-1 runner on the team this year.

He is decorated in his sport, being an all-State runner twice in cross-country and twice in track. He is a City champion in the mile two years in a row as well as a City champion in the 3,200.

He has also competed nationally and succeeded in being third place in the National DMR in 2018 and the National DMR champion in 2019.

Hruskoci has never sold himself short and sets high goals for his senior year, including walking away from high school a State champion.

Not only being an avid runner, Hruskoci is also a class officer, National Honor Society member, a peer mentor and a student ambassador.

He would also like everyone to know that if you ever need a good pizza or calzone that Puccini’s is the place to go. And he also rocks a mean mullet.

PSAT SCORES

On Oct. 16, sophomores and juniors showed up bright and early to take the PSAT. Mr. Andrew Smeathers explains how students can view their scores.

BY ANDREW DE LAS ALAS

After the buildup and long process of the PSAT, the anticipation can fizzle out in the long wait for test results. However, according to counselor Mr. Andrew Smeathers, students can plan on checking the College Board website between Dec. 9 and Dec. 11 to see how they did. Students will need to create an account if they have not already.

Smeathers said, “Don’t be discouraged by a bad score, it’s only for practice. Plus, more schools are working towards test optional.” Test optional means that SAT or ACT scores are no longer required for the admissions process. Schools such as the University of Chicago and Ball State have adopted this method.

Smeathers is overseeing the PSAT this year. He said, “For sophomores [the PSAT] can give a good idea where you are.” And for juniors “it’s a good indicator of how you’ll do on the SAT,” Smeathers said.

After students receive their scores they can go to Khan Academy and sync their PSAT scores to personalized practice. The free learning website also offers full practice tests for the SAT if students want a taste of the real thing before test day.



Vatican City's response to this past summer's events

Following events similar to the firing of former German teacher Mr. Joshua Payne-Elliott this summer, it was just recently announced that the Vatican has suspended the decision to completely bar Brebeuf Jesuit High School from holding sacraments and celebrating Mass on its campus.

Archbishop Charles C. Thompson had previously removed Brebeuf's Catholic status and its ability to perform sacraments due to the school's refusal to fire a teacher who was in a same-sex marriage. In response, Brebeuf appealed to the Vatican's Congregation for Catholic Education in Rome. While the appeal process is in motion, the Vatican decided to suspend the Archbishop's removal of Brebeuf's Catholic status.

Theology teacher Mr. Quanah Jeffries said that a suspension is typical when there is an appeal surrounding canon law. "When cases are in process, it's not unusual for them (the Vatican) to lighten up on stuff and make suspensions like this, and it doesn't mean anything at all in regards to how the case is looking."

This is not the first time that a member of Church leadership has taken away the Catholic name from an institution. Jeffries noted that a group by the name of RealCatholic.te, and now named churchmilitant.com, was stripped of its Catholic status by the Archbishop of Detroit because it did not represent the values of the Catholic church. He also mentioned a hospital in Arizona that had its own status removed due to performing an abortion. If Brebeuf were to lose its Catholic name, it would no longer be able to be associated with the Archdiocese, and the school could not perform any Masses or sacraments on campus.

This controversy continues to receive news coverage as Brebeuf was also banned from an All-Catholic cross-country meet earlier this fall. Although Brebeuf is dealing in terms of a relationship with the Archbishop, local media have reported that the school's president, Mr. Bill Verbryke, is hoping the issue will be resolved.

"Ultimately, our desire is to remain in full communion with the Catholic Church, without restrictions on our celebration of the Eucharist, and that our identity as a Catholic school be fully recognized and supported by the Archdiocese, as had been the case for our first 57 years," Verbryke said in an article printed in The Indianapolis Star. It is likely this debate will continue into the future as Cathedral's own Payne-Elliott has sued the Archdiocese claiming it unrightfully and illegally forced Cathedral High School to fire him due to his marriage to another man.

The Washington Post has reported that the Trump administration took a side in the lawsuit as it agreed with Archbishop Thompson in his decision to fire Payne-Elliott based on a Church's First Amendment right to make decisions surrounding its religious teachings without government interference.

Both Thompson's edict to fire Payne-Elliott and remove Brebeuf's Catholic status may seem contrary to the position of Pope Francis as reported by The New York Times: "(His Holiness Pope) Francis has by now made his agenda abundantly clear. Unlike his predecessors, who cracked down on dissent and promoted bishops and cardinals who emphasized fealty to Church doctrine, Francis wants an inclusive church that welcomes back into the fold Catholics who felt geographically, pastorally and ideologically alienated."

BY NIC NAPIER

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S MORE universities every year adopt the common application, it becomes easier and easier for high school students to apply to more schools. While the ability to explore and choose between all types of schools would most likely be looked on as a good thing, the seemingly boundless amount of choices can be a mental block for some students who have a difficult time deciding exactly what they want in a college.

College visits are one of the most highly recommended ways to explore a potential school, as a visit provides high schoolers the ability to get a glimpse of life on campus. Since a visit is typically time constrained, it is important to understand how to best make use of your time in order to answer the questions that you want asked.

Ms. Megan Dorton, the senior associate director for the Purdue Office of Admissions, listed the things that she said she believes are the keys to having a successful college visit. “Take notes, especially if you are visiting multiple schools, as they will start to blend in with one another,” she said. “Do something that isn’t part of the structured tour, such as reading a school newspaper or sitting in a coffee shop on campus. Get information from people on campus who aren’t paid by the admissions office.”

Talking to students during your visit provides an excellent way to get the perspective of someone who is in the exact same situation that you’ll find yourself in a year or two from now; they are also likely to be more honest about the things that they do or don’t enjoy about life at their university.

Another associate admissions director, Mr. Chris Perkins from Notre Dame, shared just how crucial college visits are to the choosing process. “I always encourage students to speak with current students, staff (and faculty). Randomly stopping undergraduate students on a quad and asking them why they chose that school is also a fun and creative way to get a good feel for a place,” he said. “Ultimately, a college visit will provide you with a good taste of the academic and non-academic experience that would potentially await you there in the future.”

Multiple college visits can start to get pricey, which makes it difficult to determine what colleges to visit and how to save money when doing so. Most universities offer in-depth online tours of their campuses, which allows students to take a virtual tour of a school for free, without having to leave their home.

Dorton encourages students and their families to look for parking off campus during visits, since most big universities will require you to pay for parking. “Also,” she said, “where you park isn’t going to be hugely detrimental to your campus experience (vs. trying to save money by skipping lunch in a dining court).”

Visiting schools close by is obviously going to be cheaper, so many college counselors recommend trying to visit a variety of different schools close to home, in order to gain an understanding of how the different types of colleges make students feel.

College admission directors provide insight on college visits

BY JACKSON HERN

Kyleigh Braun talks about KassieKares

BY EMMA KRESS

JUNIOR Kyleigh Braun is taking on great responsibility in service work through her involvement in the charity KassieKares, as it is personal to her.

Braun said, “Basically, KassieKares was started in honor of my sister Kassie (Braun ‘15) and throughout her life her basic goal was just to help other people. It didn’t even mean just donating clothes, donating this or donating that, it was actually getting involved with people, talking to them and learning about them.”

KassieKares performs service work in several different ways, all of which were important to Kassie. “One of the biggest things was that she went to a couple of places in Africa, specifically Ghana was one of her favorites where she went to a school with a bunch of little kids. She was just learning about them so that she could come back home and tell all of her friends and family about the kids there so that they could help.

“The whole charity is meant to promote student involvement in different kinds of service, specifically African outreach and then another smaller part of it is involvement with different service dog agencies. My sister loved dogs so much, so that was something we wanted to incorporate into the charity,” Braun said.

Another goal of KassieKares is helping to provide an education for students who demonstrate a desire to help and serve others. Braun said, “We also fund a scholarship at (Kassie’s) college, which was St. Edward’s University in Austin (Texas). It’s a study abroad scholarship where the student is able to go to another foreign country and participate in service. We currently have two students at Cathedral who are on a full tuition scholarship from KassieKares based on their qualities as a student.”

Braun said that one of the biggest accomplishments of the charity involves a school that the organization has started in Africa, whose first classes in September.. She said, “The school is in Nigeria, and it’s called the Kassie Braun Memorial School. It will hold preschool through 12th grade kids and will be a boarding school. Its main goal is to help get kids off the streets. Our family priest who is helping to build it there actually grew up in the streets like those kids and knows how hard it is to make a future for yourself there.”

Along with being a charity organization, KassieKares is now a school club in which students can participate. Braun said, “I just started a (KassieKares) Club (at Cathedral) pretty recently. We are hoping to do something with different service dog agencies where kids can go and help train the dogs or learn about the people who are receiving the dogs as their service animal.”

The club will also do work with the school that KassieKares established in Africa. Braun said, “We will hopefully through the club be connecting [Cathedral] students to the students in Nigeria. Whether that will be through letters or pen pals, just talking to other students and learning about them, about their culture, what their ideas are, hopefully will be able to create connections so students can understand how other people live in other countries.”

Not only will students connect through writing, but they will have the opportunity to visit the Nigerian students. Braun said, “I know we are currently planning to have a mission trip in the summer of 2020 for not just students in the club but for anyone who wants to sign up. We would send them to the school in Nigeria and have them do mission work there.”

To get involved with the club, students can contact Kyleigh Braun or the faculty moderator, science teacher Mr. Howard Fogel. To get involved with the charity as a whole, Braun said to visit kassiekares.org, where people can sign up to be placed on an email list to get notified about events and fundraisers.



Kassie Braun with children during one of her mission trips. Photo submitted by Kyleigh Braun.



Photo submitted by Kyleigh Braun.

Theme for multicultural assembly released

In order to celebrate the Holy Cross value of inclusiveness and diversity, several individuals are busy preparing for the annual multicultural assembly. The coordinators said they are excited to announce that this year's theme will focus on the cultural diversity of Latin America.

The event will showcase various presentations and performances designed to fully engage students and inform attendees on a culture that may differ from their own.

Senior Danielle Levingston, a member of Embrace Club, said that the multicultural assembly is "one of our most important (assemblies) because it is relevant directly to the students and showcases something that is a huge part of students' lives." She said she dreams of an end to ignorance and shares her hope that the multicultural assembly will provide an opportunity for students and faculty to gain a better understanding of different cultures in order to move toward a future where "we can see more acts of compassion."

Junior Miriam Santos, a member of Embrace Club and Latin Student Union, echoes these sentiments, saying, "Cultural awareness is important because when we have ignorant people making false assumptions regarding people's culture, that can create a problem in the long run."

While Mr. Ken Barlow '82, who serves as the vice president for community relations and diversity, and other student coordinators have not finalized the schedule, but the assembly will be sure to include at least two or three student presenters who will speak on their Latin-American cultural backgrounds, as well as an adult presenter.

Santos is one of those students speaking at the assembly who will provide information on Latino cultural awareness. While preparing her speech, Santos reflected on what being a Latina means to her. "I am proud to be a Latina because it is a way of living in which has been passed down to us by our parents for generations now. Being Latina has no limits. Together we are so much more than all the stereotypes that are held above us. Together we are one truly united as a family through our culture and our language," said Santos.

The assembly will also consist of the traditional showcase of the flags of various countries. Some of the countries that will be presented by students include Brazil, Cuba, Mexico, Honduras and the United States territory of Puerto Rico.

With so many cultures that it will highlight, the multicultural assembly promises to provide a display of cultural awareness. The assembly will take place on Monday in the Welch Activity Center and will be held during the scheduled flex period.

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BY KATIE DARRAGH

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Q & A

What is impeachment?

Matthews: Impeachment is a formal process set in place by Article II of the Constitution in which a President can be charged with "high crimes or misdemeanors" or treason. It was put in place to safeguard against the abuse of power by a single executive.

Twilleager: The House of Representatives have sole power of impeachment (Article 1, Section 2, Clause 5) The impeachment trial is held by House of Representatives and is much like an indictment by a grand jury. If two-thirds of the House finds the President guilty of a bribery, treason, high crime or misdemeanor (Article 2, Section 4), then the President has been impeached.

What does this mean will happen to the President?

Matthews: The President can be found guilty in the House of Representatives. In that case, the Senate may conduct a trial to determine if he or she should be removed from office. Both President Andrew Johnson and President Bill Clinton were impeached by the House, but neither was removed from office by the Senate.

Twilleager: If the President is impeached by the House of Representatives, but is acquitted in the conviction trial by the Senate, then he remains in office. This is what happened to Clinton and Andrew Johnson. If he is found guilty by a two-thirds vote in the Senate as well, then he is removed from office.

Is his reason for impeachment valid?

Matthews: As far as the reason for impeaching President Trump, it isn't clear yet. He hasn't been charged with a crime, but just about anything can be considered a high crime or misdemeanor. There really is no standard. So did the President violate his Constitutional oath by asking the president of Ukraine to check into Hunter Biden's business? It is unclear.

Twilleager: *I will not answer that as it could show political leaning.*

What do you think of the President's reaction on Twitter? .

Matthews: Twitter is an interesting thing. Certainly no President has ever used anything like it to communicate to the American people and the world. I often find the President's tweets irreverent, but he certainly has the right to write whatever he thinks. I wouldn't do it, but then again I'm not a billionaire president.

Twilleager: *I will not answer that as it could show political leaning.*

As President Donald J. Trump faces the threat of impeachment, U.S. history teacher Mr. Mark Matthews and U.S. government teacher Mrs. Jill Twilleager explain what impeachment is and how it could affect the President.





IT'S COLLEGE TIME

ALUMNI GIVE ADVICE TO STUDENTS ON THE COLLEGE SEARCH

BY TOBY BRADSHAW



College can be a daunting prospect for a student who, just four months prior, was a senior in high school.

For the first time in your life, you will have the freedom to choose your future, and that future includes what time to go to bed, when to get up and – for the most part without your parents’ help – making other both minor and major life decisions.

Thankfully, you are not alone in this college search and admissions process; friends who have graduated all can help you on this journey. According to Mary-Benning Cannon ‘19, freshman at New York University, “College counselors are (also) a great help.”

The most immediate concern for many high school seniors and some juniors currently is college applications. According to Blake Lowe ‘19, freshman at Purdue University, “(Students should) apply early and with the best possible application, have safeties and a couple reach schools.” Lowe said, “I really recommend limiting your number of applications and being realistic with yourself.”

However, one thing Lowe recommends is to not “beat yourself up about one decision or another.”

Selecting a college is different for everyone; however, the majority of the students interviewed agreed that incoming freshmen should choose a school that feels right to them.

According to Joshua Lay ‘19, a freshman at Rose Hulman University, “What I learned is that if you choose a college that feels right to you when you visit or tour the campus then you’ll probably be OK there.”

For some students such as Ava Sweeney ‘19, freshman at University of Alabama, she said she felt a calling to one school in particular. According to Sweeney, “Trust your gut. I had so much anxiety about making my decision, but then I stepped on the University of Alabama campus and I immediately felt like I was coming home.”

However, other students might not feel this connection. According to Montgomery Odle ‘19, a freshman at Notre Dame University, “There isn’t one perfect fit. I could’ve seen myself being successful at many of the schools I looked at.” She said, “I’m extremely happy with where I ended up, but don’t feel pressured to only have ‘the one.’”

In addition to what college you go to, choosing a major is another factor that helps determine your future. For Lay and many others, the key to choosing a major is to find “something that is challenging, but you enjoy learning about.”

In short, Odle said, “Do something that you love.”

According to Lowe, you’ll be happiest studying something at the intersection of your “passions and talents.”

Although it may seem obvious, Sweeney said, “Don’t major in something you hate.” She continued, “You’d be surprised how many people are majoring in something they hate because they think it will get them the career they want.”

Furthermore, college is completely different from any schooling many people have experienced before. Sweeney is taking only “16 (credit) hours, which is pretty standard,” which she said was about equivalent to her IB workload in high school.

However, having fewer hours of school each week doesn’t necessarily translate to less work. The homework for students changes depending on how many credits a student takes. According to Lay, his work “becomes hard and a lot to do in all one night” compared to his senior year of high school.

With all of this work, time management is crucial and Lowe highly recommends having a notebook of the next week’s assignments and work through them systematically by upcoming due date.

College freshmen also have to learn to balance making new friends and joining activities on top of their work. This is why, according to Odle, it is beneficial to do work “during the day when everyone else is in class. This allows me to be more social and have more free time for other activities such as clubs and hanging out with friends once classes have ended for the day.”

In addition to budgeting your time well, freshmen must learn how to handle their money as well.

Sweeney said, “Make a weekly budget. You do not want to blow through all of your money in the first month of college.” To help with this, Cannon uses an app to manage her finances.

In addition to college being so different from high school, in some cases your campus is also far from home. College locations such as the University of Alabama make seeing you family outside of summer and breaks a challenge. To deal with this, Sweeney said, “I text my mom almost every day and call her once a week.” However, other colleges like Rose Hulman or Purdue are closer to home, allowing for weekend visits to home if you choose.

But even though that first year of college may seem different from what many are used to, Lay said, “It’s kind of nice to be on my own and trying to figure out everything that comes along. But family is always there for you and it’s nice to see them from time to time.”

According to Cannon, “[College is] great. [There is] a lot more independence — but that also means a lot more responsibility.” Knowing this, it is important to be prepared for going to college, but also to have fun in this new chapter of your life.

According to Odle, “College gives you more of a chance to discover who you are. It offers a new freedom and allows you to develop a stronger sense of what it means to be you, and that is something I absolutely love.”

“College is great. There is a lot more independence – but that also means a lot more responsibility.”

– MARY-BENNING CANNON ‘19

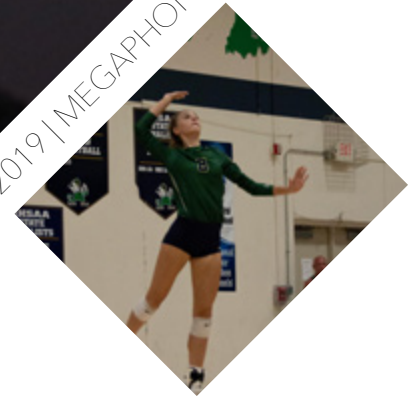
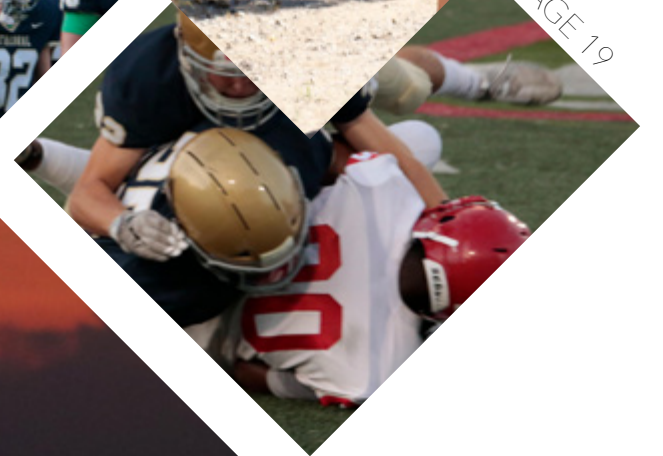
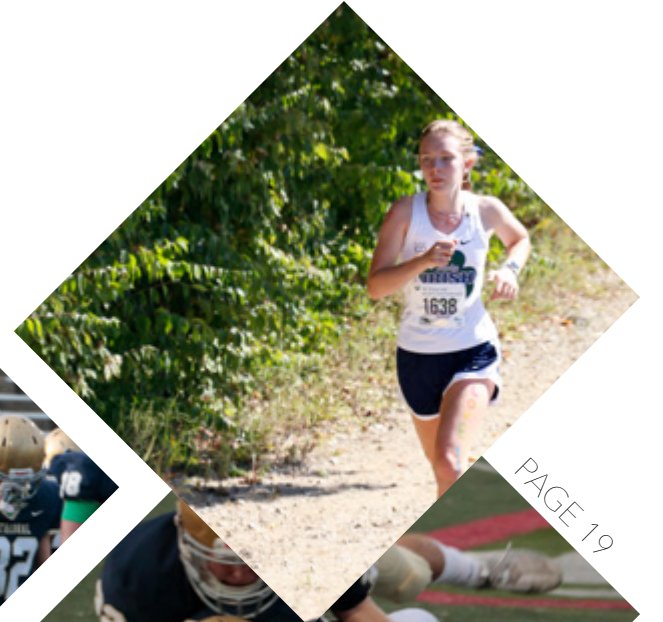
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THIS MONTH: FOOTBALL AND VOLLEYBALL

According to head football coach, Mr. Bill Peebles '88, senior leadership is not something the team is lacking. "If you've just looked at the way our games have evolved when we've played a tough road schedule against top nationally ranked teams where we've either won or come close. Our tough games here at home, like rivalry games against Center Grove and Bishop Chatard, we were behind at halftime and obviously nobody panicked. They stuck together, showed great leadership and we came out in each game and had great second halves," said Peebles. He said in order to have a nice run in the tournament, that same leadership needs to be present.



Playing a nationally ranked team can be challenging, but head girls volleyball coach, Mrs. Mary Hemer '09, is using some of the team's strengths to play to the team's advantage. "We are making sure the girls are lined up in our strengths versus their weaknesses, and they are put in positions to better us as a team. We are making sure, especially this week, that we fill every position with the player who is best at that spot to play to our strengths," said Hemer.



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EDITORIAL

The importance of diversity in our lives

BY NIC NAPIER

Last year's multicultural assembly was a stunning feat as it noted the importance of valuing those who may have a unique upbringing or heritage compared to the majority of us here on campus. This year's assembly is expected to be no different and will prove once again that promoting diversity is vital to not only our school but the entire world.

Without these reminders set by this assembly and other discussions present in clubs like Embrace and several of our student unions, students would not have the opportunity to truly encounter a world outside of their own besides the interactions they have within the classroom. The realization that diversity is something that needs to be not just acknowledged but accepted and understood in this country is a lesson we all could take a few pointers from.

As we continue to focus on the Holy Cross core value of family this year, we recall how our relationships have grown here on campus and how our differences have truly been the building block for a school culture that intends to encompass all races, all sexualities, and all backgrounds.

Once we build these relationships with others that may be different from us, we can truly see the beauty in all cultures, and we have the opportunity to step outside of our own culture for a short time..

Lately, with the madness that is occurring in the White House and elsewhere in the District of Columbia, it may seem that we sometimes forget to value the relationships between other cultures and even lose a sense of what it means to connect. The problem with this is that we can then begin to form divisions and walls (and not the ones that Mexico isn't paying for) that close us off from the reality of the world and the reality of other cultures.

This is not only dangerous for people of other cultures, but it is dangerous to our perception of the truth. We may begin to believe

that our culture is the only culture that matters, shutting down any chance of relations with cultural ideas distant from that of our own.

You might consider this to be not dangerous until you see the hatred that comes from forgetting about our neighbors, whether they be right next door or miles away.

It's not about converting to a new culture or turning away from your own, it's about accepting the new ideas that come from people who have different viewpoints and perspectives on the world. In this acceptance, we truly become an open-minded society, a society with the ability to see past differences and realize that we all are human beings.

This past summer, we saw the effects of turning someone away and losing a valued member of our community and our family. We heard the cries of others who looked down upon us for our decision, despite it being a forced one.

That decision, despite its negative consequences, taught us a valuable lesson about embracing others. The forced removal of one of our teachers reminded us that no one should be turned away because the instant that occurs, we call into question our values. When we begin to turn away from others, we begin to feel the heat of the fire and start to isolate ourselves from the beauty that all of our unique qualities and personalities provide.

We thank Mr. Ken Barlow '82 and all those involved with Monday's assembly for all their hard work putting together this year's program, which will focus on Latino culture.

We wish Mr. Joshua Payne-Elliott could be here, but it's in his name that we remember to fight for the equal treatment and recognition of all cultures and differences.



FACE OFF

IMPEACHMENT: YES OR NO?

YES: SENIOR NIC NAPIER

The moment has finally come for America to reclaim the principles and morals that it once used to hold. With the recent news brewing that President Donald J. Trump has made contact with foreign leaders in an effort to undermine the standing of his Democratic opponents, it seems that we finally have a chance to remove him from office.

The question is not really whether or not he should be removed but rather why it has taken up until this point for us to finally recognize the danger that Trump poses while he sits atop the throne he has built for himself within the Oval Office. His rhetoric has been rather detrimental to the functionality of our society, and his words have been divisive and formed what some have called hatred within the hearts of those who are afraid of others that are not exactly like them.

It is time for Trump to exit the White House so that we as Americans can finally breathe again and not be afraid of any next move our president may make. I am sad to say that I wish to see a president impeached; however, it is a necessity now more than ever that the American people receive new leadership within the White House as we work to fix the wrongdoings of the Trump administration.

Calling upon foreign leaders for dirt on political opponents, paying hush money to a certain individual, tweeting about a civil war-like fracture and reversing the agenda on climate change are just a few of the concerning things that Trump and his administration have been a part of that, in my opinion, earn them a one-way ticket out of the White House.

Now, of course, some of the things Trump has done are not necessarily impeachable, especially within a Republican controlled Senate that may not actually remove him from office, but it would do America a great service if he were to leave office so that we can move on from the belittling language, the arrogance and the divisive nature that has followed Trump since he first took a step into the political arena.

I, like many Americans, cannot be comfortable while he is in office. While he sits in one of the highest chairs our country has to offer, I fear for those at the border. I fear for those in the LGBTQIA+ community. I fear our climate may soon completely turn against us. I fear for America's future.



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Recently America has received the news of possible impeachment of our 45th president, Donald J. Trump. Personally, I find this news sickening, for I cannot see why anyone would want to impeach such an exceptional president.

The only campaign the Democrats have run is one against President Trump. While on this tirade they have failed to put America first, and the only victory they receive is when they succeeded to harm the reputation of President Trump and his colleagues.

I strongly believe this impeachment is wrong for two main reasons.

First, this whole entire process has been a debacle for many reasons. The speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, does in fact have the right to inquire for an impeachment; however, the process she went about did not follow typical protocol. She never called for a vote to begin impeachment proceeding. Therefore, there still needs to be a vote recorded by all 435 members of the House.

Impeachment of the President will only pass in the liberally controlled left; however, the conservative, Republican-controlled Senate will never agree to impeach the president.

Another issue is the whistleblower. He or she contacted Rep. Adam Schiff before making his or her complaint.

The final issue causing this immense debate is that Democrats are kicking Republicans out of closed door meetings; therefore, this is a partisan issue rather than a bipartisan issue.

My second reason why President Trump should not be impeached is why would you ever want to impeach an America first president? President Trump uses a systematical approach of making America strong first before we are able to intersect into other countries' feuds. He pulled out of NAFTA, which resulted in unfavorable trade policies toward the United States and reduced taxes for both companies and individuals.

He also created higher standards in our immigration policy, so those who lawfully came to the United States feel respected and valued. However, those who came illegally are not welcomed, since they technically pose a threat and have committed a crime.

I have never felt more comfortable with President Donald J. Trump as my chief executive and commander in chief, and I will continue to feel this way for the next five years.





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