



FEATURE

September 11, 2001: 15 years looking back

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St. Louis U. High's current senior class had hardly started preschool. The juniors were just beginning to walk, and most sophomores and freshmen had yet to be born. And yet, every single student knows about that day, September 11, 2001. Millions glued to their televisions, confused and frightened, watched as two of the tallest buildings in the country were struck by hijacked passenger airliners and collapsed, enveloping New York City in a billow of smoke and rubble. It thrust the United States into a new era, an era of terrorism and Middle Eastern relations.

That Tuesday morning, clear-skied, was as normal as any other. Students and teachers came to school throughout the morning, with the biggest obstacle of their days being tests or class. What they didn't expect to hear was news of the deadliest domestic attack in the United States since Pearl Harbor.

"We used to have a radio in the foreign language office and we would have the news on in the morning," said Spanish teacher Charles Merriott. "They were saying that a plane had crashed into the World Trade Center. ... Of course everyone thinks some little thing, a small dysfunctional plane."

Merriott wasn't alone;

there was no sense of danger, no anxiety, no reason to panic—after all, the World Trade Center was two massive, strong steel buildings, structures a single plane would be no threat to.

"It didn't look terribly dangerous because it was a small plume of fire and this massive building," said Assistant Principal for Mission Jim Linhares.

Within minutes, every student and teacher who wasn't in class was watching the news feed, gathered in classrooms that used to house box TVs in the corners. Helicopters circled the burning North Tower.

"I went into the language lab and turned on the TV, and saw one of the towers burning," said Merriott. "Well, that didn't look like some little airplane."

Less than 20 minutes after the first, hundreds of thousands watched, mortified, as a second Boeing 767 flew into the South Tower. In a mere moment, the entire perception of the day had changed. This wasn't an accident; the United States was under attack. Within an hour, video of a third plane crashing into the Pentagon joined the images of the burning South Tower. Later, a fourth plane that was headed for the White House would crash down in a Pennsylvania field after passengers

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ACTIVITIES FAIR: Students gathered in the Danis Field House at activity period on Thursday to visit booths showcasing the over 50 clubs available to join at SLUH.
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Environmental Science class and Tech Club launch weather balloon to study atmosphere

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Seventy thousand, nine hundred twelve feet. Minus sixty-one degrees Celsius. Four one-hundredths atmospheres. The Introduction to Environmental Science class, along with the Technology Club, launched SLUH's first-ever weather balloon last Tuesday, Aug. 29, from the upper field, and these are just a few of the conditions it had to withstand.

After failing to launch the balloon in the first attempt because there was not enough helium to overcome the gravi-

tational force, the group then overcompensated and added too much, causing the string that was anchoring the balloon to get ripped out of the students' hands.

"We had to rethink the calculations, but that's life," said science teacher Bill Anderson. "That's what science is all about. You try it, you try it again, and you try it again."

The balloon's ascent into the stratosphere took a little over two hours; after popping under the pressure of the atmosphere, it then descended back to earth in about half an hour. For reference, an

airplane usually flies around 36,000 to 40,000 feet. Thus, at 70,912 feet, SLUH's weather balloon flew nearly twice as high as the average commercial jet.

The balloon landed in a tree in O'Fallon, Ill. on a farmer's land. Anderson, Director of Education Technology Andrea Nunziant, and Director of Information Technology Jon Dickmann used the telemetry system on the balloon to track exactly where it landed and promptly picked it up. However, because the balloon landed in a tree, they were forced to come back the next

day with the necessary materials to remove it from the tree.

"We had no control over where it landed. It all has to do with the wind," said Anderson. "All we could do was hope and pray. It could have landed on the interstate or in a river."

Inside the weather balloon was a styrofoam container containing computers measuring telemetry, a GPS, and a GoPro. However, the GoPro failed and thus all the pictures are from a computer.

"When we started the project, I was asked to find a way to be able to track the balloon

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SLUH FALLS TO CHAMI: Read about SLUH's 30-28 game against Chaminade last Friday on page 6. Pictured is senior Tony Adams catching a touchdown in the second quarter.

New Learning Resource Center built in library

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The newly renovated Learning Resource Center is now fully functional for all the students.

Following the end of the '15-'16 year, a crew of workers, coordinated by Director of Facilities Joe Rankin, tore out the old bookshelves, redesigned lighting fixtures, and added new carpet and drywall to the area. They also added a new, office, where ASC volunteer Erica Nemechek is working full time.

"It's really the same space

used last year, but (with) an added office in the corner," said Rankin.

Bob Poirier, S.J., who played an active role in the Learning Center last year, thinks it will provide a quieter environment with more privacy.

"I think some of (the students using the center) like the fact that they're not in the middle of the whole library any longer," said Poirier.

Nemechek also sees the advantage in the area.

"From what I've heard

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Linhares speaks to senior theology classes

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The senior Christian Life Choices (CLC) classes took a break from the usual schedule on Tuesday, canceling scheduled classes and congregating in the theatre during activity period to listen to Assistant Principal for Mission Jim Linhares speak about Ignatian discernment and vocations.

"It was more a combination of reflection and a presentation," said Linhares.

The presentation was

from a personal standpoint, incorporating anecdotes from Linhares' life, and how that has affected his choice of vocation, but the term vocation wasn't meant as just deciding to be a priest or not. It was a much more inclusive term.

"The Christian Life Choices class begins with vocation in the general sense, meaning where am I going, and on top of that is the idea of discernment," said Linhares.

"I thought he was clear that this was stuff we need to

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Sheridan, S.J. returns to SLUH for fundraising



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Paul Sheridan, S.J., has returned to the SLUH community. As president of Saint Louis U. High for nine years, Sheridan left in 2005 to become president of another Jesuit school, Bellarmine College Prep in San Jose, Calif.

“He was very gracious and (president David Laughlin) said ‘we would love to have you back,’ so I came back. I started in the beginning of August and here I am,” said Sheridan.

Since the beginning of August, Sheridan has been working with Laughlin on several special projects. The work that Sheridan has been doing will shape the future of the school.

“I’m working with Mr.

Laughlin on winning assets for the school and plotting the future of the school,” said Sheridan.

Above all, Sheridan looks forward to interacting with students and getting to know as many students personally as he can. Since he is working up on the third floor, Sheridan has very little contact with students on a regular basis. He would like to get more involved with the students in any way possible.

“I would like to be working a little bit in pastoral as well with the young men,” said Sheridan.

Sheridan is living in Jesuit Hall at Saint Louis University, and will be helping strategize for various charities throughout the area.

“I’m excited to be back,” said Sheridan.

From Puerto Rico to SLUH: Fr. Joseph Hill, S.J. joins the St. Louis U. High community as administrator, theology teacher, club moderator

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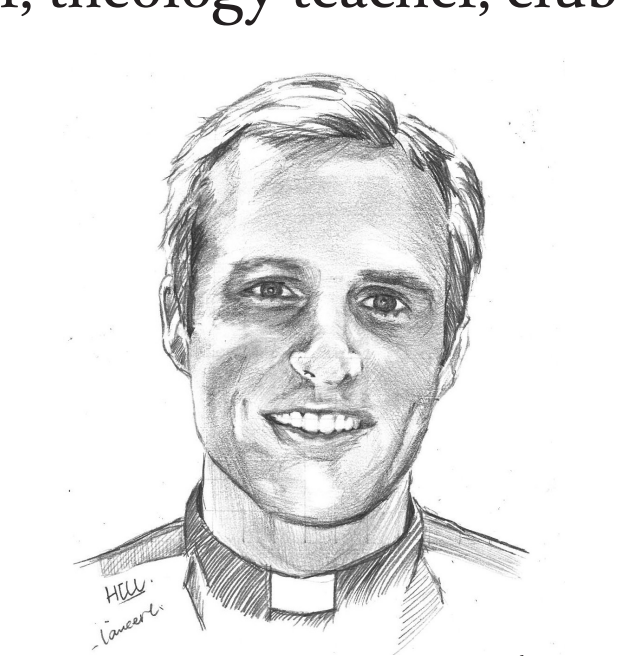
Fresh out of serving a year in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Fr. Joseph Hill has joined the St. Louis U. High community as an administrator and a theology teacher.

Hill is teaching two junior theology sections this semester as well as a section of senior World Religions next semester. He will also be serving as an administrator, helping out with things such as teacher evaluations and student activities.

“We have a five year cycle, where every five years we take a teacher evaluation for tenure,” said Assistant Principal for Mission Jim Linhares. “He also sits in on all of the administration team meetings.”

Hill’s first interaction with the SLUH community came over the summer, when he presided over the Direction Day mass in June.

“I remember his homily being great and how many people commented to me afterwards that it seemed like he had been a part of this community for a long time,” said Campus Minister Meg Beugg. “At the dinner that followed, Fr. Hill was walking from table to table, talking to people, and then he sat down with one specific family and just got to know them. I loved seeing that.”



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Hill will also be moderating the Cannonball club, a vocation discernment club with the mission of helping members discern what path God is calling them to and how to follow that path.

“I see him around Campus Ministry and we already had a meeting for Cannonball club to discuss what our plans are going to be for the year,” said senior club leader Jacob Price.

Hill was born in Phoenix, Ariz., but moved to England when he was only nine years old and spent the rest of his adolescent years there. Hill moved back to the United States to join the Jesuits when he was 22 years old.

During his formation, Hill studied philosophy for three years at Fordham University. Later, he taught theology, worked in Campus Ministry, and coached rugby at a Jesuit high school in New Orleans for three years. He then served two years in Brazil and was ordained in June 2015.

For his first year as a priest, Hill worked in a parish in San Juan, Puerto Rico and helped out at the parish elementary school.

“Puerto Rico is very different in many ways and I wasn’t working in a high school, so my work was very different,” said Hill. “I had a lot more sacramental commitments down there—Masses,

confessions, anointing of the sick. Here it’s prepping, grading, school work.”

Theology teacher Rob Garavaglia has been Hill’s mentor since he came to SLUH, assisting in Hill’s transition. Hill also credits the other theology teachers, the department chairs, and the administrative side for helping Hill become better acclimated to SLUH.

“The transition has been pretty smooth, but I’m still trying to learn a lot,” said Hill. “I’m still trying to figure out where I fit in and what I can achieve.”

In terms of a sort of self-examination, Hill asks himself the question of, “What value am I adding to this institution, and where can I add the most value? Where can I be the biggest benefit?”

“We’re very excited to have Fr. Hill joining the SLUH community in general, but specifically in terms of his sacramental availability,” said Beugg. “He’s happy and willing to help wherever we need him.”

“He seems to be very intelligent and knowledgeable, so I’m excited to have someone who has that take on the faith to be joining us,” said Price. “Especially so he can bring those talents to celebrations of the Mass and just Campus Ministry in general.”

After spending time in Mexico with migrants, Br. Wooters, S.J., joins Campus Ministry

BY JACK SCHWEIZER
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After working with migrants in Mexico for the past seven months, Br. Matt Wooters, S.J. will be joining the St. Louis U. High staff, working in the counseling department and Campus Ministry.

First introduced to the Jesuits at Georgetown Prep, a Jesuit high school in Washington D.C., Wooters never expected he would join the Jesuits, let alone go on to attend a Jesuit university.

“I did not want to go to a Jesuit school. Well then I end up at a Jesuit university,” said Wooters, referring to John Carroll University. “And in college, I was on the crew team, so I worked for a year, more Campus Ministry, service-type stuff.”

After college, Wooters went to Belize for two years as a volunteer in the Jesuit Volunteer Corp, an international service program that “engages passionate young people in vital service within poor communities, fostering the growth of leaders committed to faith in action,” according to their website.

While there, Wooters started feeling the call to a Jesuit vocation.

“People feel called to the Jesuits for different reasons initially. And for me it was definitely working with the poor that brought me to the Jesuits. It gave me a great sense of fulfillment and I liked who I was when I was with them, so I wanted more of that,” Wooters said.

From Belize, Wooters lived with Jesuits at the University of Detroit Jesuit High School, and decided to enter the novitiate in 2012 after spending a year there.

As a Jesuit novice, Wooters decided to then become a Brother, rather than a priest, because he wanted to work directly with people and reflect God’s love as a brother. He received his first vows in 2014.

“So I have an image that a priest is kind of in front of us, leading us to right where we should be going, and a brother kind of walks beside you, and walks with you. And I like that image a lot,” said Wooters. “And the other thing is, I relate to the image of Jesus our brother. The Jesus who relates to us and laughs with us

and plays with us as a brother, and I want to reflect that particular image of God’s love.”

After asking permission from his Jesuit provincial, Wooters went to Mexico, working along the migrant corridor in Guadalajara, Mexico. Handing out food and supplies to migrant workers fleeing poverty and violence, Wooters met with thousands of people every day as they hopped on and off the train tracks heading North.

In July, Wooters arrived back in St. Louis and will be obtaining his Master’s degree in social work this year at St. Louis University, while also working at SLUH every day except Wednesdays. Wooters will also be helping with freshman service, and working in the counseling department.

“It’s nice to have a young Jesuit presence here at SLUH. He’s completely extroverted so he kind of just be-bops around the building and talks to people, which is so nice,” said Campus Minister Simone Anzalone. “And to have him here, to be able to talk to and create conversation with students is really great.”

Chipley joins advancement team

BY JACK WINSCHER
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The administrative offices of St. Louis University High are mysterious places that are seldom visited by the students of SLUH. Hidden away above the art rooms and theology wing is a wide corridor filled with the offices of people that make SLUH work.

We students are often quite distanced from this aspect of SLUH, and many of us may not even have known these offices existed, but if you make the trek up that intimidating staircase, you’ll be greeted by the faces of people that keep us able to study here.

Whether it’s Kim Walsh making sure President Dave Laughlin is on task or coordinating the President’s Ambassadors, Melissa Jones making sure SLUH is on the right track forward, Joe Patke keeping in touch and working with the thousands of alums, or any other of the great people that work for our benefit in keeping SLUH running, you’ll find a new facet of SLUH that most of us have yet to really discover or appreciate.

The newest face among these, however, is Beth Chipley. Chipley is the new Campaign Coordinator for SLUH. She works with a team headed by Jones that runs our capital campaigns to increase SLUH’s funds for expansion and financial aid. Chipley was previously a freelance writer for 22 years out of her home.

“I was usually helping small business owners do things they didn’t feel they could do well themselves as far as writing and marketing and that kind of thing,” said Chipley.

Chipley is the mother of three kids, two of whom, Evan ’12 and Spencer ’15, graduated from SLUH within recent years. With her sons in college, her daughter starting high school, and a recent move, Chipley felt it was time to head her career in another direction, and use the skills she had acquired over the years. After sending her two sons here and serving as a committee chair on Cashbah for seven years, she had a smooth transition here at the beginning of the school year after accepting the job.

“It was a wonderful transition, knowing people here,” said Chipley on her move to SLUH. “So it wasn’t too much of a shock going from me by myself in my home to kind of a nine to five job, so it’s perfect.”

Chipley wrote for a newspaper stationed in Jefferson County early in her career as a writer. Since then she has been a freelance writer, and is excited to be working with a team again here at SLUH.

“I love being valuable to other people and being part of



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a team, I’ve never really had that,” said Chipley.

“I hired Chipley as the campaign coordinator and I really like her background for that position because she is an excellent writer and part of what she needs to do is communicate with some of our benefactors and committee members for the ‘Go Forth’ campaign,” said Jones when asked about the decision to hire Chipley as campaign coordinator. “So I wanted someone who has an excellent ability to communicate and write well. She brings about 21 years of writing experience as a freelancer, so she’s had to learn lots of different messages, voices if you will, and how, then, to promote and articulate that message on behalf of an organization. So she’s quite good at that and that’s a strength she brings to us.”

—Galen Bacharier contributed reporting.

Terror, confusion, unity: 15 years after the United States’ deadliest attack



Greg Fister, '11's drawing of "Tribute of Light" from Prep News Volume 76. artwork | Greg Fister, '11

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attempted to retake the plane from the hijackers.

“Things really started to go fast forward and crazy,” said Linhares. “You began seeing shots from the street, you began seeing increasing panic, you heard about the plane hitting the Pentagon, you heard about Pennsylvania; were there going to be more planes?”

The calm became calamity, and SLUH’s air was dominated by panic and anxiety as the country experienced the most significant pain since World War II. How many other planes had been hijacked? Where else were they targeting? Was St. Louis safe?

“We didn’t really think we were (in danger), but St. Louis is a key city for a number of companies and industries, so if we were in one of those key places, we could’ve been,” said Merriott. “Right here at SLUH, probably not, but downtown? Yeah.”

The school had fallen silent except for the updates and panning images of the towers and the occasional teacher still trying to muster strength to teach. Few were.

“I can’t imagine getting much taught that day, given the gravity of the incident, and all of the uncertainty around it,” said Ralph Houlihan, S.J., a theology teacher at the time.

It was a tragedy that the country was unable to look away from. Students and faculty alike stayed transfixed on the TVs all day, still unable to completely process what they were watching.

“Everything stopped,” said Linhares. “People in class were trying to hang in there,

but if you weren’t in class, everything was stopped.

Even teachers in class stayed tuned, aware of the impact it would have on students.

“I watched with my students pretty much all day,” said Merriott. “I told them that it was important because it was certainly something that was going to affect their lives forever. We’re living through a moment of history that we never have to live through again, but I thought it was that important.”

If the Titanic was the unsinkable ship, then the World Trade Center would have been the indestructible towers. They were built to withstand massive impacts from natural and unnatural causes alike, until the thousands lining New York’s congested streets and the millions of others watching from their TVs saw the North Tower collapse.

“It was just horrifying, seeing it come down so fast,” said Merriott.

Linhares, who had experience with the World Trade Center in the past, was especially struck by its downfall.

“I had worked in the Twin Towers because I went to graduate school in New York and had made deliveries there as a kind of errand boy for a computer company,” he said. “So I knew the buildings, and seeing it like that it was scary to think about. It was super strange that they didn’t exist anymore, that the city had been so radically altered.”

To those hearing about the event through word of mouth or radio, the idea of any significant destruction was nothing short of absurdity.

Seeing and hearing the tower fall in on itself was nothing short of petrifying.

“My wife was talking to me about what she was seeing on TV,” said principal Craig Hannick. “I remember teasing her at the time because she was saying ‘those buildings are going to fall down.’ I said to her, ‘there is no way those buildings are coming down.’ I couldn’t see what she could see.”

For many people, seeing one of the World Trade Center’s towers, a highlight of the definitively American New York skyline, toppling down in an earthquake of debris, was the moment they realized this would never be forgotten, an earmark in human history.

“I happened to be standing in the office watching when the first tower collapsed. It was one of those moments where you feel like there will be ‘before this event’ and ‘after this event.’ History has changed, the country has changed, the way we think about things has changed, this is one of those markers that redefines everything,” said Linhares.

The second tower’s collapse, while shocking, was overshadowed by the first. Still trying to understand the gravity of the situation, people were speechless as the South Tower was reduced to smoldering rubble in less than a minute.

“Watching the first tower fall was just horrifying, seeing it come down so fast. When the second tower went down, my first thought was ‘why are they doing an instant replay of the first tower?’ And then I realized,” said Merriott.

The terror attacks were over, leaving an alien sense of vacancy where the towers used to be. The halls of SLUH stayed silent between classes. Rather than canceling classes and sending students home, the school chose to continue as scheduled, with a prayer service after school that filled the chapel to the brim.

“The chapel filled up really quickly for the prayer service,” said history teacher Tom McCarthy. “There were people in the doorways that were spilling into the hallways. There were faculty, students, parents.”

“There had to be at least 400 people there,” said Houlihan. “It was special.”

Several prayer services of a similar vein were held over the next weeks, commemorating the victims killed in the Twin Towers and the lives of first responders, firefighters, and law enforcement officers who were lost rescuing civilians.

“School went on, announcements were made, and prayers were said,” said Linhares.

Although some students were picked up by parents or left for home directly after school, Linhares, a cross country coach at the time, distinctly remembers meeting with the team after the prayer service and classes had ended.

“I let them know that the best thing we could do was to continue with our endeavors with integrity, with some sense of purpose and mission,” he said. “Those words felt kind of hollow, but that’s what I said.”

Throughout the day but especially after classes, as students and teachers traversed the campus either attending activities or beginning to head home, they all noticed the deafening silence in the sky with all planes grounded.

“There’s normally a lot of air traffic around here with Cardinal Glennon helicopters and Lambert,” said history teacher Tom Wilson. “For a couple days, when there was something in the air, it was a low flying military helicopter or plane.”

While the uncertainty and confusion persisted, and the country seemed to stand still for days after, some noticed a certain unity that the attacks brought about; a sense of togetherness as citizens

from every corner of the nation came together to mourn and strengthen each other. New York became the epicenter of an American camaraderie.

“Sometimes we think of New York as being uppity, snooty and all that, but all of a sudden New York was everybody’s city,” said Merriott. “What are they doing to our New York? What are they doing to us?”

For days and even weeks after, SLUH’s atmosphere among students and faculty alike was one of silent sorrow, a constant sobering reminder of the nearly 3,000 deaths as more details were released about the attackers. Wilson entered his room, M114, on the 12th to find another reminder.

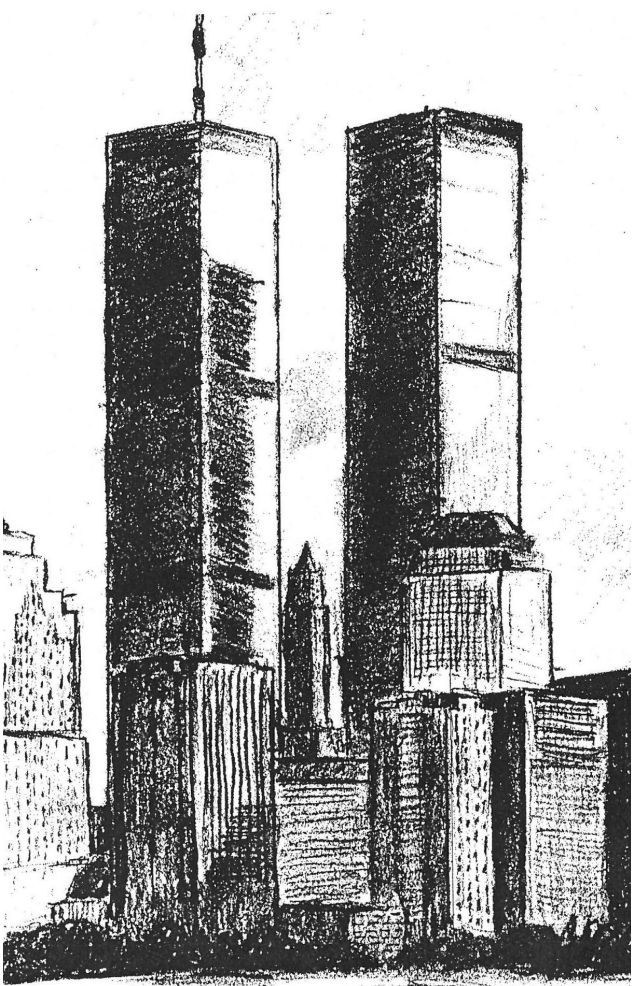
“I came in the room the following day and someone had put a flag up. This year I said ‘Ok, this is the 15th anniversary, it’s time to put a new one up.’”

But among the anger, confusion, mourning, and thirst for revenge of the worst attack in American history, some saw inspiration, a chance to rebuild.

“There wasn’t just this sort of revenge-only kind

of feeling,” said Linhares. “George Bush climbed the wreckage and said ‘we’re going to find the people who did this’, ‘they’re gonna hear from us’ ... but next to that, there was this inspiration the first responders who had given their lives, the firefighters’ rescue of people, the people working against all odds to deal with the debris and restore New York to some sort of order. There was a great swelling of admiration for heroes, and a celebration of the American spirit that was in the air in that month after, which maybe you wouldn’t expect. It wasn’t just doom, gloom, hatred, revenge... Human beings need to meet these kinds of moments with the best that’s in them, and there was something about that that was special. In fact, if there’s something redemptive that came from this tragedy, it would be that. ... I think over time, that event has loomed larger and larger and larger in some profoundly negative ways. That early optimism and creativity that I saw, I really regret that it hasn’t blossomed as I might have hoped.”

—Matthew Book contributed reporting.



Clayton Petras, '11's drawing for Prep News Volume 75, Issue 29. artwork | Clayton Petras, '11

Linhares presentation highlights vocation, St. Ignatius

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start looking at now, this vocation stuff,” said senior Salvatore Vitellaro.

Linhares spoke of his own spiritual journey through meeting Sister Emerita at Sacred Heart Church and School; she gave him A Prayer Book of Catholic Devotions—Praying the Seasons and Feast of the Church Year, which helped him meditate of the suffering of Jesus and the relevance that held to his life.

Linhares also took the seniors through a Lifetime Examen, calling on the students to think about moments in their lives that stood out.

“I thought that his talk was honestly inspiring. I think it’s important to understand our roots, and where we come from to understand where we’re going,” senior Tim Moritz said.

Another part of the presentation included movies and books, how every choice has an edge and there isn’t just one choice to rule them all. There are ups and downs to decisions and you have to think about the upsides and downsides of all.

Throughout the presentation he drew St. Ignatius into each part, bringing in stories of Ignatius in the caves

and his own experience of scruples and discernment, as well as The Spiritual Exercises.

Linhares also mentioned a conversation with Ralph Houlihan S.J. where he asked him what was at the heart of Ignatian Spirituality, to which Houlihan answered, “inner freedom.”

“I liked how he incorporated St. Ignatius into the whole thing. I think it’s good to kind of go back to our roots as a Jesuit institution, and how the spirituality began,” said senior Jacob Price.

Linhares also made the statement that the world continues to spin on, and no mat-

ter what there will always be good and evil in this world. He drew a comparison to the horrible events that are currently happening in the Middle East, and those that are happening here at SLUH. This comparison was coupled with the question, “How can the world fail so fundamentally?” to which he explained that there was no simple answer.

The CLC changes began in January when the teachers got together to talk about the course and what could be improved.

“The CLC teachers decided it would be energizing and good to have a piece of

new content in the class, that hadn’t been done before, and they came to me and asked me to give this presentation,” said Linhares.

The choice to have Linhares speak was one that the CLC teachers came upon easily.

“Jim Linhares used to teach CLC full time, that was his gig, and we all know he is a great public speaker, so we asked Mr. Linhares,” said Navarro.

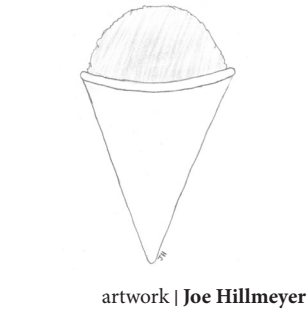
After choosing Linhares, the department had to decide where in the curriculum it should be put. Since it included the entirety of the

senior class, it would have to happen on a day that all teachers could agree upon, and they landed on the vocation unit.

The idea to cancel normal classes and meet all at once in the theatre was drawn from the struggle of getting every senior together at once.

“We didn’t want to ask more than 45 minutes of Mr. Linhares, and are extremely grateful that we had that time, I felt like it went great, and the feedback I got from students was all wonderful,” said Navarro.

Snow Cone Club sells for charity



artwork | Joe Hillmeyer

BY NILES BERNABE
REPORTER

The new Snow Cone Club was formed with the mission statement of spreading the love through snow cones.

All proceeds from selling \$1 snow cones have gone to the Jesuit charity organization Fe y Alegría, which helps fund the building of public schools in Central America. The club has donated specifically to Fe y Alegría's Haiti fund. However, the Snow Cone Club's good will did not end there, as they also handed out free snow cones at KEEN, a charity for disabled kids.

"We're spreading the love

literally to people when we're handing out snow cones, but we're also donating the money so we're spreading the love that way as well," said senior and co-founder Blake Johnson.

Johnson came into contact with Fe y Alegría last year through the Ignatian Family Teach-in for Justice in Washington D.C., where Fe y Alegría had representatives doing a breakout session about the charity.

"Last year we were thinking about a way for fundraising for this charity we had been in contact with, but we couldn't find a concrete way of fundraising," said Johnson. "Then Mike Rueckert and I came up with this Snow Cone Club idea and then we needed a charity to raise money for so I thought why not combine the two, and it's a great organization so it worked out perfectly."

So far, the Snow Cone Club has had a lot of suc-

cess, raising over \$350 with successful events at SLUH's Back To School Mixer, KEEN, and two Fridays after school. However, the club met some difficulties at BTSM after being shut down because the line to buy snow cones was too long.

"Some big upcoming events for us will be the activities fair and the Running of the Bills," said senior co-founder Rueckert. "We hope it will be the great achievement, and a great night to sell snow cones."

As long as the weather keeps up, Snow Cone Club plans on selling snow cones on Fridays after school and maintaining a presence at KEEN. However, with the coming winter weather, snow cone sales will inevitably have to go on hiatus until the spring arrives.

"We are talking about maybe moving to hot chocolate for the winter," said Rueckert.

Juniors begin Young Conservatives Club, plan to host debates

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There are many clubs at St. Louis U. High, and another one will be added. The Young Conservatives, created by juniors Drew Kirchoff and Trent Adelman, is a club that wants to unite a group of similar conservative thinkers. The club's plan is to get together once a week and discuss political ideas, watch political documentaries, and host debates.

"I'm not sure if we're going to do anything else, but that's the general game plan," said Adelman.

Conservative is in the name of the club, but any students with liberal views are allowed to come and debate on topics going on in our world.

"Personally, it's just that I really like politics because I want to be able to have an opinion that's rooted in truth and has evidence," said Adelman. "The biggest thing I want to show is conservatism is not a bad thing. It's not racist, it's not Islamophobic, and I would want people to listen to all that stuff and not just reject it."

Kirchoff and Adelman have started this club because

they claim to be tired of the narratives they believe are portrayed in the media and are talked about too much.

With the election coming up, this is a very heated political year. The Young Conservatives will talk about political issues, problems in America, and political philosophy.

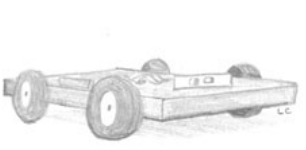
"I feel that there are a lot of liberal clubs at this school, for instance ACES, and there is a lot of social mentality, too," said Adelman.

Social Studies teacher Thomas Kickham, who considers himself to lean a little more to the left, will be the moderator of the club.

"I feel that our adult school community is more liberal, and it is good for the students to find similar voices if not in their student body. I don't think conservative voices are being reflected from the adults back to the school community, so at least they can find each other," said Kickham. "I don't have a goal for this because it wasn't something that originated with me, but I'm just glad that this club is forming."

Anyone interested in joining the club can contact Adelman via email.

Tech Club



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BY JOSEPH HARTUNG
REPORTER

The St. Louis U. High Tech Club was started last year, and remains a great way for students who want to get involved in technology to get together and have fun.

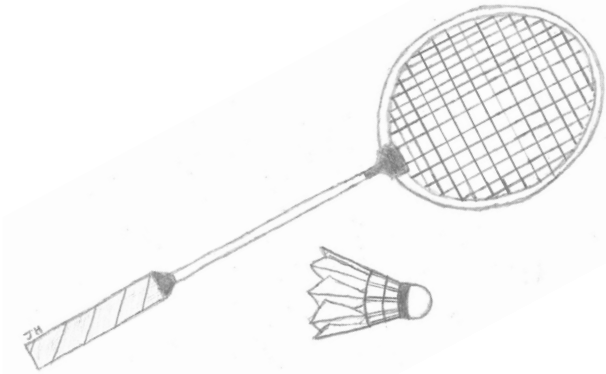
The Tech Club's goal is to provide an open environment for people interested in technology with all levels of knowledge to learn about and develop new skills related to computer science. Members get to learn some basic programming, which they later put into practice in the form of projects ranging from setting up simple electronics to computer programs to a weather balloon (which the club helped launch last week).

"We're starting to take on some bigger projects, and we really want to do some good at SLUH," said senior co-president Kevin Gerstner. "You don't need any prior knowledge. If you're interested you should definitely go for it because you're going to learn a lot and get exposed to a lot of the things related to computer science."

In addition to these technical skills, Tech Club members are also taught, through their various projects, the value of patience and collaboration. Because creating computer programs is such a precise process, it takes a degree of attention to precision. In order for a project to run smoothly, each person has to be able to communicate effectively and work well together.

"If it were just one guy doing all the coding, it wouldn't be any fun for him," said senior co-president Daniel Sitek. "When a bunch of guys get together and share their ideas, it becomes a lot more fun when you have that kind of teamwork going into the project."

Badminton Club ready to hit it up



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BY LIAM CONNOLLY
CORE STAFF

Several seniors recently formed Saint Louis U. High's Badminton Club for students who are looking to play the sport on campus for both sport and pleasure.

"I played badminton over the summer and I thought it would be great to get some guys together and form a club," said senior club leader

Nate Henty.

The club, headed by seniors Henty, Joe Boyce, Nathan Inserra, Chris Thornberry, and Drew Wagner, started with only a few people, but grew to over one hundred members during the Activities Fair yesterday as students were offered candy as incentive to join.

"Badminton is an extremely open game for ev-

eryone," said Boyce. "We are looking for as many players as possible."

The group is relatively laid-back because anyone is welcome to join and play on the upper field during activity period meetings throughout the week.

"What we lack in skill level, we make up in spirit," said senior club member Carson Berry.

The students called upon math teacher Stephen Deves to be club moderator because he plays racquetball. Deves says that he does, however, have a history with badminton. In grade school he won a doubles badminton tournament in P.E.

Although the club hasn't scheduled any official meetings within the next week, they plan on meeting regularly to play throughout the school year.

Weather balloon tests atmosphere

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loon and get data," said tech club moderator Nunziante. "I proposed a couple of electronic ways to do it using Arduino and Raspberry Pi."

Nunziante approached seniors Kevin Gerstner and Daniel Sitek about potentially coding one of the computers—the Arduino—and they happily obliged. Gerstner and Sitek came in two days a week for the three weeks before school started for a few hours each day, coding the Arduino computer that would be inside the balloon.

"It was one of the most fun projects I've done," said Sitek. "There aren't a lot of times when you spend hours over the summer with a teacher, but working with Mr. Nunziante was some of the most fun I've had at SLUH."

The Arduino that the seniors programmed tracked telemetry and GPS for the weather balloon. The Raspberry Pi had a camera and GPS as a back up for the Arduino. However, the computer failed after only three minutes and thus all of the telemetry information came from the Arduino. A small camera mounted to the frame of the payload took pictures while the weather balloon was in flight.

The idea for the project first began last year when Anderson proposed a new introduction to Environmental Science class for juniors and seniors.

"The idea of the class was to be as much hands on, project based as possible," said Anderson. "So, our first project was to create a weather balloon so we could investigate the atmosphere. You can find the data all over the place, but it's very different when you actually gather the data yourself."

The Environmental Science students were given a chance to construct and design the payload, choosing what sensors they wanted and what data they want to take, while working within the parameters of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), which included a four pounds maximum weight.



Members of the Introduction to Environmental Science class preparing for the weather balloon launch.

photo | Max Prospero

"We didn't believe him (when he told us we were launching a weather balloon), but then he gave us a bunch of specific details and we were like, 'Wow, this is actually happening,'" said senior Robbie McKendry. "It ended up being really fun."

After a week of designing and constructing, the students decided the variables they wanted to test were: altitude, temperature, pressure, relative humidity, percent oxygen, radiation, UVA, UVB, and irradiation.

"We're basically looking at how everything varies with altitude," said Anderson. "We've got all the raw data and we're just crunching numbers now."

While this is the very first time SLUH has ever done a weather balloon experiment, it will not be the last. Anderson plans to do the experiment again next semester with his new environmental class, since the class is only one semester.

"We hope to launch twice a year, once in August and once in February," said Anderson. "That way, we can look at not just how the altitude varies, but we can also look at it by season, because there should be some distinct seasonal differences. Over a long number of years, we may even be able to see some trends."

They will also be able to improve the procedure, since they will have the knowledge of having already done the experiment once.

After the experiment was completed, Anderson and his

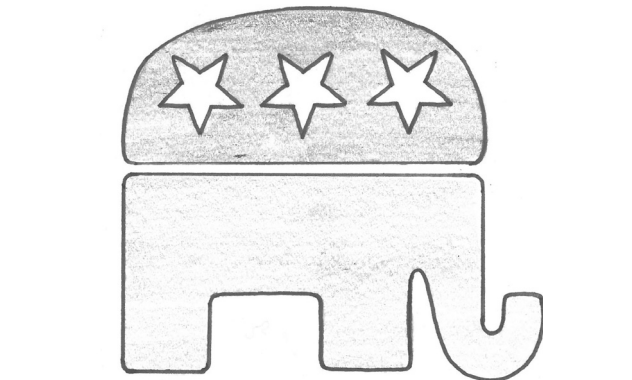
class realized that the computers were set at different sampling rates, making calculations much more complicated. They also learned about the Labquest 2 data collectors from Vernier that were used in the balloon and now will be able to use them much more effectively. Anderson said that the students will try to build their own cameras in the future.

Anderson also believes that by using the correct amount of helium, they can get another 20,000 feet of altitude, reaching a potential maximum distance of 95,000 feet.

"This is a true of example of two different departments coming together to put together a science experiment," said Nunziante. "The tech part and computer science, where the kids are learning C++, and the science department, which needed something to track a device."

"We worked a lot on the wood frame with theatre tech. Mr. Schoonover was really helpful in some of the wood-working skills, so we spent a day down there," said Anderson. "Mr. Chura and SLUH-Tube also got video footage here. It's good to see that type of collaboration, especially on something that was this fun and exciting."

"It's one of the most exciting things I've done here, said Anderson. "We sent something up into the stratosphere. Not many people period get that opportunity, much less a bunch of high school students. That's way cool!"



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Murphy Troy, '07, wins team volleyball bronze in Rio Olympics

BY ZACH HENNES AND JACK WINSCHEL REPORTERS

Every four years, thousands of the world’s best athletes come together to fight for gold in the Olympic games. This dream of competing to become a champion was realized this past Olympics by one of our own, Murphy Troy, ’07. Troy competed in Rio, where he earned a bronze medal with the USA men’s volleyball team.

Troy’s journey to the Olympics began long before he got on a plane for Rio. His volleyball career began freshman year at St. Louis U. High.

He played football, basketball, and volleyball at SLUH, beginning his high school career as a well-rounded athlete. He excelled as a volleyball player and strove to see how far the sport could get him.

“We won State my senior year,” says Troy. “At that point, I was ready to let volleyball take me as far as it could. I had no idea where that was at that point, I was just looking to go play in college somewhere. From there I just kept going, seeing if I could get to the next level, and eventually got to the Olympics.”

Troy joined the national team five years ago. Even

though the work was tough, with most days requiring four to six hours in the gym, Troy found motivation in his new teammates.

“Probably my favorite time playing volleyball has been with the national team, because you get to play at such a high level and with such great players every day,” said Troy. “These last couple of years, as the Olympics got closer, we were working together towards our biggest goal ever: to go to the Olympics and win a gold medal. The amount of work we put in is kind of what makes the

whole experience special.”

Because there is no professional volleyball league in the United States, and since the majority of their tournaments are in the summer, Troy had to make sacrifices to remain playing at such a high level of volleyball.

“You can’t make a living just training and playing with the national team; you have to go play professionally to try to keep getting better as a volleyball player and to sustain this lifestyle,” Troy said. “For the last five years, I’ve spent seven to eight months a year going to play in Europe. I played in France, Italy, and Poland. That has probably been the hardest part, just spending so much time away from home and my family. Those were great experiences that I had and I’m definitely happy that I did those things and I made a lot of great friends, but at the same time, I’m getting married in a couple of months and spending five years in a long distance relationship with my fiancée for months at a time was not a lot of fun.”

Troy found that all of his hard work and sacrifices paid off when he made it to Rio for the Olympics.

“Being in Rio was incredible. It’s definitely a once in a lifetime experience that not

that many people get. Obviously some people go to multiple Olympics, but just being able to go to one was amazing,” Troy said. “You are surrounded by the best athletes in the world. It’s kind of surreal at times. I was walking right next to Michael Phelps and took a picture with him, then got to watch him crush people and get all those gold medals.”

Not only did Troy get to the Olympics, but he found success, though hard-earned, on the Brazilian courts. The team got off to a rough start in Rio, and Troy, along with the rest of his team, felt the sting.

“We had a very up and down tournament. We lost the first two matches, and especially the first one of those was one that we should not have lost. It was a huge disappointment,” said Troy. “You put all this work and time into this and you get there and don’t play well.”

Despite the rocky beginning, the team of 12 was able to pull together an impressive record, beating some of the greatest teams in the world.

“We had some amazing matches and we beat probably the two best teams in the world, which were Brazil and France, back to back and we earned our way back into the

playoff round,” Troy said. “The semifinal match was probably the most heartbreaking loss that any of us had ever had because we were so close to winning it. We were up 22-19 and they came back and won. It was pretty gut wrenching. Then we had to come back less than 48 hours later and play for the bronze medal against Russia who is a really good team, where we were down 0-2, and then came back and won. I’ll never forget that moment. Being so close to fourth place and going home empty-handed, then coming back and winning it was just incredible.”

This comeback led to a bronze medal, an astounding feat and one that increased the team’s hunger for gold in the future.

When commenting on whether he will return to the Olympics in 2020 at Tokyo, Troy was a little uncertain, but with continued success and good fortune, we will hopefully see our fellow Jr. Bill on the Olympic courts once again.

“I’m going to take things just one year at a time,” said Troy. “I think Tokyo is a great goal and I obviously think it would be an amazing experience, but if I don’t end up there I loved everything about Rio.”



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Tattoos at SLUH: seniors discuss and share their meanings

BY BRAD GALE REPORTER

Art is expressed a lot of different ways at Saint Louis U. High. From playing instruments in the band to creating artworks in and out of class, artistic expression is an important part of SLUH. For a select group of seniors, their personal artistic expression is a little more, well, personal: through their permanent tattoos.

“I have a few tattoos,” said senior Tino Covelli. “I have a family crest of sorts. I have a sparrow, which is a very common tattoo. I have four musical symbols (of bands I like) all in one picture,” said Covelli.

Covelli had to go through an extensive process to get his tattoos, since he was only 17 years old, and the standard age for getting one without special notaries is 18.

“I had to fill out a consent form, because I was only 17,” said Covelli. “I had to travel to St. Charles to meet a notary to get it notarized. My parents had to put their signatures on there.”

Covelli is one of a small group of students at SLUH who take pride in their tattoos.

Not everyone likes them, though.

“Sometimes I get negative responses to my tattoos, but it’s so important to me that I don’t care,” said Covelli. “I think people are afraid to change their skin, but I think the skin is just a blank canvas for things that are meaningful. I got a lot of responses of ‘what if you don’t have the



Clockwise from top left: Tino Covelli’s family crest; Tino Covelli’s favorite bands; an American Traditional Sparrow; Henry Herzberg’s cousin’s initials.

photos | courtesy of Tino Covelli and Henry Herzberg

same influences you have later in life’ to my tattoos. For me it’s about the feeling I get from my influences and their impact in my life.”

Senior Jack Bailey personally designed one of Covelli’s tattoos.

“Tino gave me the idea and told me the tattoo he wanted. I just put in on paper for him,” said Bailey. “It was really meaningful. I put a lot of time into it because I knew it would be on him for life. It was a pleasure. I wouldn’t get a tattoo myself but I think they’re pretty cool if they have a meaning behind it.”

This also isn’t the last tat-

too venture between Covelli and Bailey, as Bailey is designing another tattoo for Covelli.

“It’s a hand with the Saint Louis skyline inside of it,” said Bailey.

Covelli isn’t the only SLUH senior who has tattoos. Senior Henry Herzberg has also gotten permanently inked in the past.

“I have a tattoo on my right arm, it’s of my cousin’s initials,” said Herzberg

For Herzberg, the meaning behind this tattoo is one of great importance that speaks volume to an important event in his life.

“My cousin, our sopho-

more year, was shot and killed in an attempted carjacking,” said Herzberg. “We were pretty close; he was like an older brother to me. I like to have the tattoo because it reminds me that he’s always with me. I like to be able to look down and see it. Every time I score in rugby I touch it and touch my heart.”

Herzberg has faced little backlash at SLUH about his tattoo.

“People say ‘oh I would never get a tattoo’ but they understand a tattoo with a meaning,” said Herzberg. “The administration has never said anything about it.”

Tattoos are a vibrant section of SLUH senior culture, but it’s not something limited just to SLUH students.

“I know a few English teachers and other faculty have tattoos,” said English teacher John Kavanaugh.

Kavanaugh is one teacher who opened up about having a tattoo and the story behind it.

“I knew I wanted an Irish wolfhound, but one in the stylized knotwork design,” said Kavanaugh. “I brought an idea to the tattoo artist in Dublin, Ireland. She liked the idea and she did her own sketch which I really liked, so that’s what I got.”

Kavanaugh, a longtime English teacher, has picked up a lot on tattoo culture at SLUH and at high schools in general.

“I used to teach a writing class at Cor Jesu, and an argumentative essay option I would give to my students was

about tattoos. It was interesting to see the strong opinions on tattoos,” said Kavanaugh. “I remember a SLUH basketball player who was a senior a few years back who actually had a tattoo of the SLUH logo on his shoulder.”

Kavanaugh noted that there is a long history of adornment of the body in different ways.

“I do think it’s an expression of oneself. I think it can be a great expression if done properly, such as beautiful tributes to family and the deceased,” said Kavanaugh.

While they are technically not approved to be displayed during school hours, tattoos are an expression that permeates SLUH culture. Some people may find them to be boneheaded decisions or inappropriate, they have proven to be a beautiful expression of personality for some.

Learning Center welcomes students

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from last year, it was hard finding (consultants) because they didn’t have a designated space,” said Nemechek. Now, each consultant has his/her own office in one location.

Students like the space as well, even if they aren’t working with the learning consultants.

“It really helps me get in a studying mood, and that lets me complete work,” said a student who uses the space. “The Center is available to students needing its services at zero hour and during the school

day, and it is a great asset for students to study or get other work done. I use the space for my free time to study and catch up on any work I may have missed.”

Overall, while the Resource Center has a new look, it still serves the same purpose it has in years past; a place for students to go if they need to borrow a book, get help studying, or receive any other academic assistance. But with the added privacy, hopefully it will be easier than before.



Two points away, Jr. Bills drop close game to Red Devils



Senior Andrew Clair fights off two Chaminade players in last week's game. photo | Brendan Voigt

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REPORTERS

After back-to-back victories to begin the season, the St. Louis U. High football team rolled into its first Metro Catholic Conference matchup at Chaminade last Friday night to face a powerful Red Devils team. The Red Devils, ranked first among Class 5 teams, had displayed an explosive offense in their first two games, while shutting down opposing offenses by attacking the offensive line and stopping running backs. The combination proved just too much, as the Jr. Bills lost a close one, 30-28.

The powerful offense was prominent from the first seconds of the game, as standout running back Damon Bonds returned the opening kickoff 97 yards to put the Red Devils ahead 7-0 in just 14 seconds.

"It's a long game. I just wanted everyone to know that going down early just means that we have to go take it right back," said senior captain and quarterback Mitch Batschelett.

He did exactly that, leading a long, methodical march down the field, mixing up passes and runs very well to keep the defense off balance. After several Chaminade penalties, junior running back Jared Scott capped off the drive with a one-yard touchdown run to even the score.

But the next Chaminade drive took just over a minute. Bonds once again burned the defense, this time with a 62-yard run to set up a passing touchdown.

Finally, the two defenses began to settle in and draw each drive out longer. The SLUH defense began holding the Chaminade run game

back, thanks in large part to hard work by the defensive line.

"They like to push everything inside," said senior defensive end Davion Nash. "We had to work to contain their running game so that the linebackers could clean it up."

The SLUH offense capitalized on the opportunity. After a long drive, junior running back Daniel Terry took a short pass from Batschelett and broke several tackles to dash 34 yards into the end zone.

The Jr. Bills then decided to dip a little deeper into the playbook. Junior quarterback Austin Hannah caught the snap for the extra point, but as senior kicker Joe Rogan ran up to kick, Hannah suddenly hopped up and rolled to the right, finding senior Ryan Hebenstreit wide open in the back of the end zone for two points.

"We felt like we could take advantage of (their defense)," said head coach Gary Kornfeld. "I was very proud that all of our guys picked up on the call, and we were successful on it."

Just minutes later, a seven-yard pass from Batschelett to senior wide receiver Tony Adams capped off another drive, and put the Jr. Bills ahead 22-14 with just a few minutes left in the first half.

But the Red Devils refused to go into the locker room trailing. With just four minutes on the clock, they quickly pushed down the field and capped off an explosive drive with a five-yard pass into the end zone as time expired. They chose to go for two points, but the Jr. Bills' defense stood tall, stopping the short run and maintaining

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Soccer, unable to capitalize on chances, loses first game to De Smet

JACK WATERS
REPORTER

The St. Louis U. High varsity soccer team is undefeated no more, after a loss to De Smet on Tuesday. The team also won one and tied one last week to start the season at 5-1-1.

The Jr. Bills played Glendale High School (Springfield) last Friday. In one of the team's best performances yet, SLUH created many scoring chances and domination on both ends of the field.

The scoring started when senior Donovan Ditto zipped a cross into the 18-yard box right on to the foot of junior Peter Kickham, who tapped it in for a 1-0 lead. Shortly after, junior Will Rudder took a shot on goal, which was saved and popped up by the keeper. On its way down, sophomore Alex Lehmann headed it into the net, putting SLUH up 2-0.

Not even three minutes into the second half, Lehmann

found his way to the ball and scored for his second goal of the match.

"I thought our offense really came together, and we started to get something going," said Ditto. "Once we put one in, it's tougher for them to score, so we just kept coming and scoring more goals."

The scoring chances continued as junior Kurt Schumacher played a beautiful ball to junior Scott Janasik, who blasted the shot into the bottom corner for a dominant 4-0 lead, and SLUH had its fifth win of the season in one of the offense's best games.

After a night's rest, the squad faced a tougher opponent, St. Xavier (Louisville).

The Jr. Billikens found ways to create offense early, resulting in chances for junior Ray Goedeker and Lehmann, but the squad couldn't capitalize, resulting in a 0-0 tie at the end of the first half.

"They were a very big

team, most of them were above six foot. They were big boys," said junior goalkeeper Alec Meissner.

Meissner noted the team's struggle for scoring goals in games against teams with more height.

"Against big teams, I think that's when we struggle. Not necessarily against fast teams, but against big teams," said Meissner.

The Jr. Billikens continued to struggle offensively, as the St. Xavier defense and goalkeeper stifled SLUH's chances, most notably a shot on goal from junior Cam Verzino off of a free kick with eight minutes left in the match that was saved by the St. Xavier keeper.

With less than a minute left, a St. Xavier defender committed a foul about 25 yards out, receiving a yellow card and giving SLUH one last chance for a miracle goal.

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Sophomore Alex Lehmann after a hard loss against De Smet last Tuesday. photo | Brendan Voigt

Varsity Soccer Night Beat

The varsity soccer team dropped last night's game to Vianney 1-0. The Jr. Bills had trouble with ball possession, as Vianney maintained control of the game. Vianney scored halfway through the first half on a run from an opposing forward, resulting in an animated reaction from the SLUH bench, who wanted an offside call. SLUH is 5-2-1 on the season. The Jr. Bills will play tomorrow night against CBC, at CBC, at 7 p.m.

XC has strong start, led by Burka, Laughlin, Hetlage, and Kelly

ANDREW MODDER
SPORTS EDITOR

The St. Louis U. High cross country team dashed into action this past weekend at the Granite City Invitational, where they took third place overall and had many impressive individual races as well.

SLUH had never traveled to Granite City for this meet before, so they only knew broad information about the course and its features.

"With a lot of Illinois schools that we don't compete against very often and it being early in the season, we really didn't know what to expect," said head coach Joe Porter. "We knew very little about the course."

The Granite City course was unique in the fact that runners could not wear spikes in the race because the race was run on asphalt. Typically,

cross country courses are on grass with several hills where runners can grip the grass with spikes rather than their training shoes.

"We didn't really know what to expect, so we just went in knowing our training and we had a race plan, and we executed and ended up doing well, so we were really happy with that," said senior captain Joe Laughlin, who medaled with a 21st place finish and a personal record (PR) of 15:54, the second best time run by the Jr. Bills.

Junior Paul Burka recorded the best time for SLUH, finishing just ahead of Laughlin at 15:53 to medal in 20th place with a PR.

"I was just trying to run a good time," said Burka. "I have a lot of confidence, I think I can run faster though just because my second mile wasn't too good."

The Jr. Bills came into the meet with much uncertainty, but they knew they had to compete with De Smet, one of their fiercest competitors throughout the season.

"Going into the meet our game plan was to have pretty much the whole varsity hop on De Smet's number two Tyler O'Connor and kind of have him pace us for the first couple miles," said sophomore Patrick Hetlage, who placed 25th and ran a PR of 15:59.

The team executed this plan perfectly, as they passed up O'Connor just after the first mile and then went head-to-head with Joey Reed, De Smet's number one.

"We definitely wanted to beat De Smet and wanted to show that we could contest with them show them that even though we graduated a few of our good guys, we can still go out there and win,"

said Burka.

In addition to the top three times of Burka, Laughlin, and Hetlage, four other varsity runners ran PRs.

Senior William Kelly placed 27th and medaled with a time of 16:04, relying on a strong first mile to be the last SLUH medalist. Senior Roman Lipinski finished in 60th place with a 16:48 to come in as the fifth Jr. Bill.

"I got pinched off at the beginning," said Lipinski, who beat his best time by 33 seconds. "I had to use a lot of energy to get back to the pack and then I was just buried (in the middle)."

Senior Thomas Leeker annihilated his previous best time, finishing in 66th place with a time of 16:57. Junior Matt Gunn rounded out the Jr. Bills with a 91st place finish and a PR of 17:28.

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Sophomores Paul Burka (left) and Patrick Hetlage (right) in last Saturday's meet.

photo | Mrs. Linda Hetlage

Swim captains dive into leadership role



Seniors (left to right) Kyle Irvine, Andrew Gammon, Luke Smith, and Thomas Nordmann.
photo | Mr. Charles Jellinek

KYLE IRVINE
REPORTER

The 2016 swim and dive team is led by four senior captains this year: Andrew Gammon, Kyle Irvine, Luke Smith, and Thomas Nordmann. Over the course of the week the *Prep News* got the chance to talk with two of these fine young men about how they are leading the team this year and their journey through swimming.

Smith came out for the team freshman year.

“I just wanted to do a sport,” said Smith. “I’ve been swimming for a long time, I guess that’s why I signed up.”

Smith started his freshman year on the junior varsity team before getting bumped up to varsity for his sophomore year. Head coach Lindsey Ehret contributed this move to Smith’s impeccable work ethic.

“Luke’s very quiet,” said Ehret. “But that doesn’t stop him from showing everyone what a good worker he is. He’s a lead-by-example type of person.”

During his time on the team, Smith has grown as a swimmer and a person.

“Between freshman and sophomore year my strokes and technique shifted,” said

Smith. “I went from focusing on short distance to focusing on long.”

Looking ahead to this year, Smith hopes to be able to qualify for state in the 200-yard freestyle and 500 freestyle. He also hopes the team will once again be able to finish first at MCCs.

Nordmann has a similar story of starting his SLUH swim career on the JV team.

“I came out for the team freshman year because I thought it would make my mom happy,” said Nordmann. “To be honest I wasn’t really a fan and had trouble motivating myself to work at practice.”

But Nordmann’s negative attitude was short-lived as he soon shifted into a grind of hard work.

“Thomas has come a long way,” said Ehret. “He started with more of a JV mindset, but managed to get it together and end his junior season on a high note.”

Nordmann hopes to be able to lead the team to a top 15 finish in state this year. Personal goals for Nordmann include finishing top five at MCCs in his 200 individual medley.

The team will take on De Smet after school today at home. The meet starts at 4:30.

BEN DATTILO AND TOMMY
ROGAN
REPORTERS

The St. Louis U. High JV soccer team played a hard fought 3-3 draw against Rockwood Summit on Tuesday.

SLUH put a lot of pressure on Rockwood right away. The Jr. Bills struck first when junior forward Daniel Dewan crossed the ball into the middle, allowing junior forward Jacob Gremaud to one-time it into the goal.

“I felt exuberant. Our team got off to a good start by scoring early,” Gremaud said.

SLUH continued the pressure on Rockwood and kept the ball on Rockwood’s side for most of the first half. Junior forward Gavin Gassner carried the ball to the Rock-

wood endline which eventually led the ball to be deflected off a Rockwood player for a SLUH corner.

Dewan took the corner and placed it just in front of the goalie. The ball bounced around the six-yard box until it was poked out in front of the 18-yard box, where junior midfielder Teddy Ragsdale was there to clean up the mess. Ragsdale ripped a shot from the top of the box and the ball flew into the bottom left corner, putting SLUH up 2-0.

“It felt fantastic,” Ragsdale said. “I was satisfied to take our first ever 2-0 lead.”

SLUH stayed strong while Rockwood slowed down. Junior forward Buck Chevalier received a pass, beat

a defender, and penetrated the 18-yard box. Chevalier shook off another defender and went bar down just outside the six-yard box.

“It felt good, I thought that goal would seal the deal for SLUH,” said Chevalier. “If I was to describe how I felt in three words it’d be ... hard-working, alpha male, jack-hammer.”

SLUH was getting the majority of the scoring opportunities and keeping possession of the ball until about 30 seconds after Chevalier’s goal. Just after kickoff, Rockwood pushed the ball forward and got their first goal of the game. SLUH didn’t let their guard down and continued to press on, but Rockwood had a lucky volley and scored again.

SLUH let down their guard yet again and Rockwood slipped behind their defense and scored again, ending the first half tied 3-3.

The second half kicked off and SLUH went right back to attacking. Junior Danny Favazza was taken down in the box but there was no call made. Favazza again had the ball in the box and he found Chevalier in the middle of the box. Chevalier took a shot but he missed wide to the right, and the game ended in a 3-3 tie.

On Tuesday, the team is participating in the Hillsboro tournament, taking on Washington in the first game at 3:45 p.m.

C football looks for resilience after 0-2 start

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REPORTER

The C football team is off to an 0-2 start after losses to Ladue and Chaminade.

The team started off the season with a game against Ladue at home. It was a close game the entire way, and the Jr. Bills fought hard. On the special teams side of the ball, there were two blocked punts in favor of the Jr. Bills. Offensively, there was a huge touch-down run that was called back that would have given SLUH the lead. The game came down to the last two seconds, but Ladue hung on to win 20-19.

The next game was against MCC rival Chaminade. At the end of the first quarter, the Bills were down 7-0 with the ball deep in Chaminade territory. The final score was 49-7, as the Red Devils routed the Jr. Bills the

rest of the game.

There is definitely some room to grow and all signs point towards the team being headed in the right direction. Assistant coach Adam Cruz just wants his team to keep working hard. One of the big things in the Chaminade and Ladue games were silly mistakes that could have been avoided.

“They have to realize that bad things are going to happen, but we can’t let that stop us,” said Cruz. “We have to keep going.”

One aspect that most people will fail to see is the problem of not having a full team, with some of the better players being moved up to the JV and varsity teams. Joey Lansing, one of the offensive linemen, has recently been brought up to JV and running back Teriyon “Mookie” Cooper was moved up to varsity. To make matters worse, one

of the team’s most important offensive linemen suffered a concussion in the game against Ladue.

“Injury and sickness are going to happen, we just need guys to step up,” said Cruz.

A few of the notable players on the C team include captains Anthony Bohannon, Luke Sherman, and Brendan Hannah.

Cruz and head coach Tom Wilson agree that they have a talented team. The important thing is getting them to play a complete game and focus on improving every

game.

“The overall goal is to get guys ready for varsity,” says Cruz.

Running back Kellen Porter thinks that the team is headed in the right direction.

“Some of our team played their first football game ever the Ladue game. Some guys were scared but we never gave up. We made a few changes that I think will help prepare us for the rest of the year.”

The C football team takes on De Smet at home on Monday at 4:30 p.m.

XC excited for Festival on Saturday

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The Jr. Bills finished with a total team score of 142, holding on to third place out of 42 teams in the meet. Chatham-Glenwood High School took second with 126 points and O’Fallon dominated the field with a total of only 91 points.

“First one out the gate we’re feeling really good about where we’re at,” said Porter.

The Jr. Bills are now looking forward to the Forest Park XC Festival. One hundred and twenty-six high schools will be represented from eight different states. Porter is anticipating there to be 4,000 athletes and over 10,000 people in total.

“We can’t get too caught up in how big of a meet it is, we just have to focus on our race and we have to focus on being prepared for the race,” said Laughlin “It will be a crowded field but when it comes down to it, it’s still a race.”

The Jr. Bills are preparing by running the course for practice every day this week. The nine varsity runners are Burka, Hetlage, Laughlin, Kelly, Lipinski, Leeker, Gunn, sophomore Reed Milnor, and senior Matt Northcott.

“There’s going to be so many people, I think there’s going to be a lot of fast guys there,” said Burka. “If we can stay with the lead pack, that would be really good and I definitely think we could PR again if that happens.”

There are college races on Friday night, and the high school races begin at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. The Jr. Bills varsity team races at 1:20 p.m.

B soccer has bumpy ride to start season

JACK PERRY
REPORTER

The SLUH B soccer team has had a rough go at things these first three weeks of the season. The team’s two wins came in the first week against MICDS and Jefferson City. Since then, the team has lost to Parkway South and then De Smet and Oakville in the MCC tournament. To make matters worse, lackluster play has resulted in an ever-changing lineup.

The Jr. Bills took on their Jesuit rival De Smet Spartans at Chaminade on Monday in the MCC Tournament. The first half was very evenly matched with each team generating offensive chances and coming up with big defensive stands. De Smet managed to squeak a goal past freshmen goalie Jake McCullars ten minutes into the first half.

SLUH answered, though, with a big goal by sophomore Alfie Arun on a penalty kick after he was tackled by the De Smet keeper. At the half, the score remained a 1-1 stalemate.

After the half, De Smet jumped ahead once again. The Jr. Bills fought back, taking control of the offensive

game and peppering the De Smet keeper with shots.

The Jr. Bills’ best chance of the second half came with around five minutes left to play. Sophomore Michael Drabelle beautifully crossed the ball into the box. As sophomore Jon Broun settled the ball, the De Smet goalie slipped, leaving the net wide open. Broun passed the ball to another Jr. Bill, who tapped the ball towards the net. But as the ball was about to cross the goal line, a De Smet defender made a heroic toe save and then booted the ball out to his midfielders.

This proved to be a pivotal point in the game, as the Jr. Bills were never able to put together another cohesive run, and dropped the game 2-1.

The next evening, the Jr. Bills got ready to face Oakville on their home turf. The Jr. Bills fell behind early, allowing Oakville to score two goals in the first half. The defense was pushed to its limits, as Oakville dominated in time of possession and shots on goal.

As the first half wound down, the Jr. Bills looked as if they were turning things around, putting pressure on the

Oakville defense. Broun converted on his second tally of the year off of a cross from Arun.

The Jr. Bills took their momentum into the second half, flipping the script on Oakville. Despite their efforts and numerous chances in the second half, the Jr. Bills could not overcome the two-goal deficit and dropped to 2-4 on the season.

When asked what prevented the team from victory Tuesday, starting center midfielder Jack Schoen said, “We didn’t start the game off with enough urgency and energy towards scoring first and played on our heels the first half. They put up two on us and it was pretty hard to come back from that.”

Schoen went on to remark that “our energy was better in the second half and I believe this team can use that as a starting point for the games to come. I really think we are going to click on all aspects of our game.”

The Jr. Bills look ahead to their games this week, versus Webster Groves on Tuesday at Webster and against Vianney on Thursday.



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Around the Hallways

Trophy Case Hoax

Recently, a nail was added to the trophy case on the first floor. The description says the nail was “driven through Jesus Christ’s right hand,” in the year “33 AD.” The nail supposedly hovers inside its cage and glow in a yellow light at night. It also says that theology teacher Matt Sciuto is the only one to see this miracle, and that he was in fact the one who brought the nail back after his quest to the Holy Land in search of the Holy Grail. Sciuto has confirmed, however, that he has not been on a quest for the Holy Grail, and he is not responsible for placing the nail in the case. Sciuto is a fan of the prank however, as it’s simply a small SLUH

prank where no one was hurt and everyone can get a good laugh.

Staycation to visit the “Greatest Hits of Downtown”
Staycation Club has a trip planned for Friday, Sept. 16 to go see the hits of downtown. Staycation plans to go to the Wainwright building and the Citygarden, where they will possibly have a picnic.

M201 renovated for water damage
This past week, some students were relocated to various rooms while room M201 was getting renovated. There had been apparent water damage to one of the walls, but thanks to the maintenance crew, the

damage has been repaired.

Juniors retreat sign-ups

Juniors had the opportunity to sign up for retreats during Wednesday’s activity period in Campus Ministry. The campus ministers offered chips to anyone who signed up for a retreat. There were five different retreats for juniors to sign up for: Kairos, Traditional Junior (White House), Service Learning, Art, and Philia. Campus Ministers were available for questions and to help students sign up on x2vol.

Senior Advisors prepare for Running of the Bills
This week, Senior Advisors met with their freshmen in small groups for the first time. They talked about the upcoming Activities Fair, getting in-

olved, and how the first couple of weeks have gone. Also, they talked about Freshman Fun Day and the Running of the Bills.

Activities Fair hosts over 50 Clubs
The Activities Fair had the Field House filled on Thursday with students flocking to the various stands around the floor. Some of the highlights included Tea Club moderator Rob Garavaglia’s cinnamon tea, circus performances, robots skittering around the floor, not-so-cooked burgers from the Tailgate Club, and plenty of sno-cones.

—Charlie McGroarty, Thomas Curdt, Jake Hennes, and Matt Coplen.

Plagued by cramps and injuries, SLUH takes loss to Chaminade

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-ing the 22-20 lead going into halftime.

The Jr. Bill’s offense faltered coming into the second half, however. Plagued by cramps and injuries, the offense was forced to punt several times, while the Red Devils’ offense continued to push. They took the lead on a 24-yard field goal in the third quarter, then quickly added to it with a 58-yard touchdown run to go up 30-22.

Batschelett and the offense once again needed to take the game back. They began a long drive from their own territory, completing several third and fourth down plays to keep the drive alive. Finally, senior running back Andrew Clair punched through the Chaminade defensive line from 11 yards out to close the score to 30-28. Needing the two-point conversion, Batschelett took the snap from the Chaminade two-yard line. He was forced to roll left and, finally spotting senior Brent Smith open in the back of the end zone, made an off-balance throw that was just out of Smith’s reach.

With just a few minutes left, the SLUH defense was unable to get the ball back as

Chaminade ran out the clock to hand the Jr. Bills their first loss of the year by a score of 30-28.

“I was pleased with the total game,” said Kornfeld. “We played hard, tough, physical, and smart. The only thing I didn’t like was that we were on the short end of the scoreboard.”

Several SLUH players put up outstanding performances to contribute to the team effort. Batschelett finished the game with 18 completions for 194 yards and two touchdowns. He completed all but one of his passes in the first half.

“I just felt really good that night,” said Batschelett. “We really prepared hard, and I had my faith in my receivers. (Chaminade) liked to play one-on-one defense, and our guys were just better than theirs.”

“I’m not sure that wasn’t (Batschelett’s) best game all around,” said Kornfeld. “I was very pleased.”

These passes also found the hands of nine different receivers as Batschelett kept the defense off balance.

“It just made my job a lot easier,” said Batschelett of the strong play out of the SLUH

wide receivers. “And now this will help a lot this season because defenses can’t just play against one or two receivers. They have to take everyone into account.”

Clair, despite having to fight through constant leg cramps, finished with 95 rushing yards and a touchdown.

Meanwhile, Scott and senior linebacker Henry Herzberg filled the stat sheet on the defensive side, finishing with 19 combined tackles. They were both a large part of slowing down the Chaminade run game.

“I was just trying to play downhill,” said Scott. “They like to run the ball, so I was just looking to play fast, play hard, and make all my tackles.”

“I think our linebacker play is overlooked, to some degree,” said Kornfeld. “We’re getting some great plays from Scott, Herzberg, and Andrew Grassi. I’ve been very impressed with their play.”

Nash also had an impressive performance on defense, finishing with six total tackles and the only sack of the game. In his first year starting at defensive end, Nash often finds himself faced with bigger opponents on the offensive line.

“I never back down from a challenge, even though it’s always a challenge going up against someone who’s 300 pounds,” said Nash. “But I know I can use my speed to get those sacks. I just have to do what I can to get to (the quarterback) as quick as possible.”

Despite a large rushing game for the Red Devils, the SLUH cornerbacks and safeties did a fantastic job of limiting Chaminade standout quarterback Michael McGovern to just 90 passing yards, his lowest total of the year.

Tonight, the Jr. Bills look to get back to their winning ways against the De Smet Spartans, in the annual Running of the Bills game. The Spartans are unranked, but are 2-1 this season after winning their last two games.

“De Smet likes to throw a lot,” said Nash. “The defensive line is going to have to be on alert.”

“We think we can get better from last week to this week,” said Kornfeld. “If we continue to play with the heart and determination that we had (last) Friday night, we’re going to be okay this week and as we go through the season.”

looking for is a couple more midfielders to contribute, and certainly our three forwards. That’s wide open for us,” said Martel. “We’re going to be subbing a lot and they need to just go in and do their best when they’re called upon to do so.”

Although the team has struggled to finish off plays and score goals, the players remain hopeful that they can improve.

“I think we have to control the ball more at the midfield and have the forwards make good runs because we should be faster and more conditioned than most teams,” said Ditto.

The Jr. Bills play again in the CBC tournament tomorrow night against conference rival, CBC at 7 p.m.

Friday, September 9		Schedule R
AP	Sophomore Class Mass	
	Loyola University Maryland	M118
	Miami University, Oxford	M114
	St. Lawrence University	M112
	St. Olaf College	M110
	Missouri S&T	M108
	Wake Forest University	M106
	Snack—Bosco Sticks	
LUNCH	Special—Shrimp and Fries	
	Vegetarian—Grilled Cheese	
4:00PM	Swimming vs. DeSmet	
7:00PM	V Football vs. DeSmet @ SLUH (Running of the Bills)	

Saturday, September 10	
ACT	
9:00AM	V/JV/C Cross Country @ Forest Park XC Festival
10:00AM	C Soccer vs. DeSmet @ SLUH
7:00PM	V Soccer vs. CBC @ CBC Tournament
Sunday, September 11	
9:30AM	Family Mass

Monday, September 12		Schedule R
AP	Boston College	
	Cornell College	
	Loyola Marymount University	
	University of Miami	
	Occidental College	
	Samford University	
	Admissions Committee Planning	
	Snack—Cinnamon Rolls	
LUNCH	Birmingham-Southern College	
	Centre College	
	Illinois Wesleyan University	
	University of Missouri Kansas City	
	Williams College	
	Special—Chik-fil-A	
	Vegetarian—Grilled Cheese	
4:30PM	C Football vs. DeSmet @ SLUH	
6:15PM	JV Football vs. St. Mary’s	
7:00PM	University of California – Berkeley	
	Dartmouth College	
	Northwestern University	
	Princeton University	
	Vanderbilt University	

Tuesday, September 13		Schedule Block
AP	Snack—Chicken Rings	
LUNCH	Boston College	
	Hillsdale College	
	Bellarmino University	
	Lake Forest College	
	Southern Illinois University, Carbondale	
	Special—Taco Bar	
	Vegetarian—Olive Oil Pasta	
3:45PM	JV Soccer vs. Washington @ Hillsboro Tournament	
4:00PM	B Soccer vs. Webster Groves @ SLUH	
6:00PM	V Soccer vs. Webster Groves @ SLUH	
6:30PM	Boston College	

Wednesday, September 14		Schedule Block
AP	Snack—Bosco Sticks	
LUNCH	Furman University	
	The University of Iowa	
	Loyola University Chicago	
	Special—Pasta Bar	
	Vegetarian—Black Bean Burger	
3:45PM	JV Soccer vs. DeSoto @ Hillsboro Tournament	
4:30PM	C Soccer vs. Bayless	
7:00PM	Boston University	
	Emory University	
	John Hopkins University	
	University of Notre Dame	
	University of Virginia	

Thursday, September 15		Schedule R
AP	University of Missouri Columbia	
	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	
	St. Ambrose University	
	University of Tulsa	
	Villanova University	
	Snack—Chicken Bites	
LUNCH	Special—Pizza	
	Vegetarian—Sweet Potatoes	
3:45PM	JV Soccer vs. Festus @ Hillsboro Tournament	
4:00PM	B Soccer vs. Vianney @ SLUH	
4:15PM	Swimming @ Parkway West	
6:00PM	V Soccer vs. Vianney @ SLUH	

Friday, September 16		Schedule R
AP	Case Western Reserve University	
	University of Kentucky	
	Northeastern University	
	Providence College	
	University of San Diego	
	Snack—Mini Tacos	
LUNCH	Special—Toasted Ravioli	
	Vegetarian—Garden Burger	
7:00PM	V Soccer vs. Jefferson City @ SLUH	