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Bundles of Joy

Last year in school, everyone got a visit from Bundles of Joy founder, Ms. Adrienne Harper. Ms. Harper talked to all of the students about the work that Bundles of Joy does. I interviewed our very own Grace Levasseur, an eighth grade student who is involved with Bundles of Joy, to find out more about this wonderful organization.

Q: What is Bundles of Joy?

Grace: Bundles of Joy is a nonprofit organization that donates clothes and other essentials to babies and mothers.

Q: How does Bundles of Joy help other people?

Grace: Bundles of Joy helps low-income parents provide the right products for their children.

Q: How does Bundles of Joy get donations to people in need?

Grace: They deliver their donations either through shelters, hospitals, or directly to the families.

Q: Specifically, how do you help out at Bundles of Joy?

Grace: I organize, count inventory, and make “bundles” of books, toys, bathing items, and clothes.

Q: How long have you been assisting this organization?

Grace: I have been helping out at Bundles of Joy for around 2 or 3 years.

Q: What can other people do to help out if they are interested?

Grace: You can help out by becoming a “joy maker”. If you go to the Bundles of Joy website, you can find out how. Also you can donate new or lightly-used items to the storefront in Bronxville.

Q: Why are donations so important?

Grace: The donations are important because so many families are in need of baby supplies and are even forced to use dish soap on their newborns.

Thank you to Grace Levasseur for taking time to share with us what the organization Bundles of Joy is doing to help people in need. Grace is doing amazing work with Bundles of Joy. If you would like to help Grace and Bundles of Joy, you can find out more information by visiting their website at <http://www.bundlesofjoyny.org>. You can support this Bronxville non-profit by donating lightly used items and other essentials for babies.

Kara Spillane '21



Best in Class Improvements

Upon the return to school this fall, students were able to witness firsthand the substantial improvements made by the Best in Class initiative.

First of all, the science lab was completely remodeled. It was cleared out and all new tables, chairs, and cabinets were installed. A white board had also been added. It is currently serving as the 7th grade homeroom.

Secondly, the computer lab and previous 5th and 6th grade math rooms were combined, creating a state-of-the-art Technology, Reading and Art Center (“TRAC”) that currently houses the 8th grade. Both the new science lab and the TRAC room have interior windows facing into the hallway, allowing for a more open feel on the lower level of the school.

Finally, the former library was transformed into the kindergarten classroom, with new furniture and a smartboard. The former kindergarten space is now home to the new Pre-K program, which has proven to be a great success!

Overall, the improvements have made the building look much better. We thank everyone who helped make our school look great!

Andrew Giordano '22



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First Holy Communion

September is not usually a time that comes to mind when people think about First Communion. 2020 was a bit different for many things.

This year's First Communion for the Saint Joseph's third grade students was different from past Communions due to Covid-19. Extra precautions had to be taken to keep everybody safe. Communion was delayed from May to September because May was not a safe time. September, though, turned out to be a nice time for First Communion.

Some extra precautions that had to be taken were the following: no procession, not sitting with class, only five people per family (including First Communicant), masks, and social distancing. All of these were to keep each other safe, and stop the spread of germs.

The Communion was very orderly. Attendees were directed straight to their seats upon arrival. Each family went row-by-row to receive Holy Communion. Luckily, the Church was live-streaming the Mass, so if family couldn't be there, they could watch from their homes.

Even though First Communion was different this year, everyone is thankful that the Communicants were still able to receive. "Communion was different, but I still got to receive it. I also liked that I was able to receive Communion with my family," said Sarah Murphy, a third grader. Precautions had to be taken to keep everyone safe while still enjoying their day. This year, Communion still turned out to be great.

Grace Murphy '24



Mrs. Fragozo and her dog, Francesca

Getting to Know Mrs. Fragozo

Have you ever wondered what teachers are like beyond the classroom? I was fortunate enough to get to interview Ms. Fragozo, who teaches science here at SJS.

Q: When did you decide you wanted to be a teacher? Why?

Mrs. Fragozo: I decided I wanted to be a teacher about 25 years ago. I always felt like a teacher in some way. I was my daughter's Girl Scout Troop Leader for 10 years. I was her softball coach from age 5 to 16 years of age. So most of my life I have been guiding and leading young people. It feels good to make a difference in someone's life. As a mom and a teacher, I connect them personally so I feel I can contribute to not only my students but to my students' families as well.

Q: Did you ever want to change your career?

Mrs. Fragozo: Teaching is actually my second career. I first went to college for Fashion Marketing and Management...that career seemed very glamorous to me at the time. I loved the fashion world but as I started to raise a family it truly was not a practical career. I was a stay home mom for a long time and I would not change that for all the money in the world. I returned back to college as an adult and got my degree in education. Then I truly found my calling/vocation in Catholic schools.

Q: Who inspires you the most?

Mrs. Fragozo: The person that truly inspires me is my mom. She has been my best friend my whole life. I know that no-matter what I am going through, she is by my side.

Q: Where did you grow up?

Mrs. Fragozo: I was born in City Island and we moved to Yonkers when I was 3 years old.

Q: Where did you go to school?

Mrs. Fragozo: I attended Yonkers Public School, the Berkeley College in Westchester, and the College of New Rochelle.

Q: Did you play any sports?

Mrs. Fragozo: I love all sports, I played softball my whole life, even as a young adult.

Q: Do you have a big family?

Mrs. Fragozo: I have two grown children, my daughter Samantha who is 32, and my son Paul who is 29. I have two beautiful grandsons whom I adore more than anything in this world. Lucas, who is 2 and Cristian, who is almost 9 weeks old. I am the baby in my family. My brother and sister are both older than me. I have nieces and nephews, and I also have a great niece who is 4 months old.

Q: When is your birthday?

Mrs. Fragozo: My birthday is May 17.

Q: What is your favorite color?

Mrs. Fragozo: My favorite color is yellow. It makes me smile. I love the beach so I guess it reminds me of the sun.

Q: What are your favorite foods?

Mrs. Fragozo: I absolutely love pasta and pizza.

Q: Do you have any pets?

Mrs. Fragozo: I have a little Morkie. Her name is Francesca. She brings complete joy to my heart every day.

Q: Are you enjoying being part of the SJS family?

Mrs. Fragozo: I am so honored to be part of the SJS family. However, I did cry my eyes out the first two weeks of school adjusting to my new environment. It's not easy being the new kid on the block. That being said, Mrs. Sanchez, the faculty, and of course all of my students made me feel like I am home. I truly feel blessed to be part of such an amazing community. I thank God every day for all He has given and has provided me with the gift of teaching.

Thank you Ms. Fragozo for letting me interview you! I truly enjoyed learning about you, and we all welcome you to the SJS family!

Marilyn Samuelian '21



The Pre-K Program

Everyone is excited about the new Pre-K program at St. Joseph School! It is the first year for 3 and 4 year olds to join our school. We also have welcomed new Pre-K teachers into our community as well. The teachers in charge of the four year olds are Mrs. Feldmeth and Ms. Elissa.

The teachers for the three year olds are Ms. DiSanto and Ms. Morales. We decided to interview the teachers to see what it is like for them at our school so far.

Q: Do you like it here at SJS?

Mrs. Feldmeth: I love it here!

Q: How do you like Pre-K?

Mrs. Feldmeth: It's my favorite grade to teach!

Q: How do you like working with Ms. Elissa?

Mrs. Feldmeth: Yes, we work well together and we try to make the class a fun place for the children.

Q: Do you do different things throughout the day?

Mrs. Feldmeth: Yes, at each point of the day we do different activities with the children. Pre-K does the same thing at the same time to keep the routine!

Q: How do you like teaching the Pre-K?

Ms. DiSanto: I love teaching the Pre-K 3s because it's their first year in a school, and they are eager to learn.

Q: Do you like teaching with Ms. Morales?

Ms. DiSanto: Yes, Ms. Morales helps me keep the children in order.

In conclusion, the Pre-K has amazing teachers and we hope that they have fun this year!

Madison Chartier '24 and Meghan McDonagh '24



A Socially-Distanced Halloween at SJS

With Covid-19, we are not able to do some of the things that we are used to doing, like going to the supermarket or sharing a snack with a friend. Some people wondered, "What will Halloween be like this year?" Well, Halloween was definitely different than usual, but SJS still made it fun!

We were all excited to celebrate Halloween. While everyone normally looks forward to the annual SJS Halloween parade, we did not have it this year. We could all dress up in our Halloween costumes for school, though, and the upper grades were able to dress up on Zoom. At the end of the day, we were able to have Halloween parties in class.

Lots of people still went trick or treating, but they had to wear a mask and social distance. Some parents wanted to wipe down the candy after their kids got it. Some kids could only hang out with their closest friends, and were not allowed to trick or treat. They stayed home and watched scary movies or played games.

No matter what we did on Halloween, we all had a great time anyway.

Scarlett Giannettino '23 and Natalie Hundt '23

Interview with Two New SJS Sixth Graders

There are many new students in the St. Joseph School community this year. I interviewed Johida Mehaj (6B) and Jesse Farina-Mosca (6A). They are two of the new students in 6th Grade.

Q: What school did you go to before St. Joseph?

Johida Mehaj: I went to St. Paul's.

Jesse Farina-Mosca: MSC, Manhattan School for Children

Q: How do you like our school so far?

Johida Mehaj: It's a really fun school.

Jesse Farina-Mosca: Good, but way too much homework.

Q: What subject are you most interested in?

Johida Mehaj: I am most interested in Social Studies.

Jesse Farina-Mosca: I like History/Social Studies.

Q: Do you play any sports?

Johida Mehaj: I play basketball.

Q: Do you have any brothers or sisters in the school?

Johida Mehaj: No, I have a sister in college and two brothers in high school.

Jesse Farina-Mosca: No, I do not have any brothers or sisters in the school.

Q: Did you know anybody before you came to St. Joseph?

Johida Mehaj: No, I did not.

Jesse Farina-Mosca: No, I did not.

We welcome all of our new students to the SJS family and look forward to getting to know each of you!

Caitlin McDonagh '23



Delicious Fall Recipes

Autumn is a season full of fun themed activities such as playing in the leaves, arts and crafts, and of course baking! Personally, I love fall baking because of all of the fun flavors and spices that are used. Some of my favorites are apple pie, pumpkin bread, and apple muffins. However, there are a few other less popular treats that are easy and fun! Some of these include pumpkin-spice donuts, apple fritters, and pumpkin-spice cupcakes. My favorite recipe for pumpkin-spice donuts is from Amandas-cookin.com. These delicious donuts are sweet and moist. Another recipe that I love is an apple fritter recipe on the website Servedfromscratch.com. These apple fritters are easy and simple. They have a great golden brown crust and taste so good! My final favorite recipe is one for pumpkin-spice cupcakes from Allrecipes.com. These cupcakes are tasty with a soft cream cheese frosting.

These are some of my favorite dessert recipes for the fall time. I hope you enjoy them with your family. Happy Thanksgiving!

Ryan Spillane '22

New Ice Cream and Cookie Store Opens in Bronxville

Cookies N' Cream is a new ice cream store that has been open in Bronxville since the summer. Even though the store is small, it is bright and has seating inside and outside.

There is a lot to choose from on the menu; they have all different flavors of ice cream and cookies. The ice cream is creamy and sweet. The cookies are big and warm. They are crunchy on the outside and soft on the inside. The cookies can be served with the ice cream.

Cookies N' Cream has toppings you would find in any shop, but they also have all kinds of cereal you can mix in with ice cream. You can also order just cereal with milk. They also sell milkshakes, sundaes and other drinks like chocolate milk and water. One unique thing about Cookies N' Cream is that they offer a vegan option for both cookies and ice cream.

I would recommend trying Cookies N' Cream because it offers some items that the other ice cream stores don't have.

Ryan Smith '23

Thanksgiving in COVID-19

Families across America celebrate Thanksgiving in many ways. This year due to the coronavirus pandemic, families will have to alter the way they celebrate Thanksgiving in order to stay safe.

One example of this is to share different recipes ahead of time and host a virtual gathering. People don't need to worry about COVID and germs with this method because you're not leaving your house. You can still enjoy the company of your family and friends just differently.

Another way to celebrate Thanksgiving during COVID-19 is by going outside and hosting a barbecue. You can change your celebration from dinner to lunch so you can enjoy the daylight. By going outside the air is circulating around you which causes less exposure to germs and COVID-19. Keep your fingers crossed for nice weather and plan some socially distant games to go along with the fun!

My final suggestion and a really out-of-the-box way to celebrate Thanksgiving in COVID-19 is for the family that loves watching tv to put on an outdoor play! While watching the play, everyone would bring their own food and chairs so there is no cross-contamination.

No matter what you end up doing, here's one last suggestion to stay safe. If you end up at a dinner or lunch table passing dishes around, try to have one person as the server instead of a buffet style meal. This will cut down on the contamination and cut down on the number of people handling food and utensils.

I hope you and your families can use some of these ways to celebrate Thanksgiving.

Timothy Pandekakes '22

What Happened to Thanksgiving 2020?

This year, due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Christmas season seems to be starting earlier than normal. Some radio stations started to play Christmas music as early as late September, and many more started during the first week in November. In stores, Christmas displays were put out even before Halloween, and restaurants like Starbucks and Dunkin' Donuts started selling ornaments and making peppermint-flavored coffee drinks by the first week in November. Toy catalogs were sent out in October by many stores, and Christmas trees were already being sold in early November. Some people have posted on social media that their Christmas decorations are already up. Since celebrating Christmas makes most people happy, they are trying to get into the spirit earlier this year to help with all of the stress of what is going on in the world. It is true that almost everybody loves Christmas, but what happened to Thanksgiving?

Thanksgiving also has a lot of good things to bring into our lives. You can have a lot of happy and memorable moments with family on Thanksgiving. This year, Thanksgiving may not be as big as in prior years because of social distancing. However, there are some great Thanksgiving-themed shows like, "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving" that you can watch with your family, and you can eat some delicious foods that you only get to eat on Thanksgiving. There are also great football games to watch. Plus, thinking about what we are thankful for will also put us all in good moods.

Although Christmas is very fun, let's not forget that Thanksgiving is a great holiday, too!

Timothy McQuade '23

Broadway Blackout

In effect since March 31, 2020, the live performance of Broadway musicals had been suspended due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. It is now early November, and live performances are still not available to the public. Of course this means no live theater, but how has this affected the public? And, how has the theater community improvised and found new ways to provide to the public their highly coveted, live theatrical performances?

Those who are passionate for musical theater have found ways to give the people what they want through programs such as Zoom, Google Teams, and social media platforms. Masterclasses can be taken online, and actors may get together on a Zoom call and perform a few numbers. This may not be equivalent to live performances, but everyone is just joyous that they can experience any performances from their favorite musical theater actors.

Although we have acclimated for now, theater will never be the same. When Broadway reopens, there will be extra precautions that will have to be taken. Seats may be further apart, a mask will be mandatory, and intermissions may have limited movement to limit the spread of germs. Although theater may be different in the future, the Broadway community will still be able to enjoy the arts in some way.

Aurora Cierro '22

Evolution of Video Gaming

Video gaming has changed and evolved over the years with millions of games created since the first actual video game Spacewar! was made in 1962. Spacewar! is a space combat video game that was played on the PDP-1 (Programmed Data Processor-1) computer. Most of the video games were in the arcade back then, where arcade goers had to use quarters in order to play the game. Once arcade games got so popular, home video game consoles were made. The first console made was the Magnavox Odyssey also known as "The Brown Box." The console included 12 games like table tennis, baseball, Simon Says, and cat and mouse among others. Magnavox discontinued production of the Odyssey in the fall of 1975.

Atari's arcade machine PONG was so popular that they decided to market the game as a home console, allowing people to enjoy new, revolutionizing ways to play, and it led to a worldwide sensation. The Atari 2600 was an invention produced by Atari in 1977. In addition to PONG, Atari had very popular games like Space Invaders, Asteroids, Pac-Man and more. In the 1990s, Nintendo and Sega were in a war to be the best-selling home console. Nintendo had Mario while Sega had Sonic the Hedgehog as each video game home system's chief ambassadors. Rivalries in gaming consoles continue today!

Today we have lots of games and game consoles like Xbox, Playstation, Nintendo Switch and more! I like to play video games because they are entertaining, fun and you could play with friends. There are many fun games you could play on console, computers, smart phones, and other devices. I play on Xbox One, a console that has good games like Minecraft, Call of Duty, and others. Video games are fun because they give players opportunities to problem solve, strategize with others, create avatars, and choose your own adventure. Some video games are programmed to give the players infinite possibilities in game play.

Evan Utano '23

Election 2020

Many kids may wonder how the popular vote differs from the electoral vote in U.S. elections. Here is an explanation to help understand the concept.

The electoral college is a group of people called electors who determine the president and vice president every four years. The amount of electoral votes is based on each state's population.

The electoral vote can be different from the popular vote because a presidential candidate can win a lot of small states, but the number of electoral votes would be small. If the candidate wins one state with a lot of people, he or she would get more electoral votes.

For example, Joe Biden has won fewer states than President Trump, but he is winning the election so far. This is because the states that Joe Biden has won have more electoral votes than the states Donald Trump has won.

Presidential Election Day takes place every four years on the first Tuesday of November. Whichever presidential candidate wins at least 270 of 538 electoral votes wins the election.

Joe Biden is winning the 2020 Presidential Election, but there are allegations of voter fraud in some states that are close. If the alleged scandal is true, there could be recounts of the votes in five states. The number of electoral votes could then change.

The popular vote is where citizens vote for their choice for president. A popular vote election takes all ballots that are cast, counts them, and declares the winner based on who received the most votes. The popular vote doesn't require a committee, college or any other group. It is also not required to establish voting districts within a community.

The only election in the United States which is not governed by the popular vote is the presidential election. Mayors, governors and senators are all elected by a simple majority.

Some reasons why voters don't always vote is because they feel like their vote doesn't count. Their vote only counts at the local level, not the national level, because of the electoral votes. If we change this maybe more people would come out to vote for their favorite candidate.

In U.S history only five presidential winners didn't secure both the electoral college and popular vote.

Jack Cappelleri '23 and Luca Rivera '23

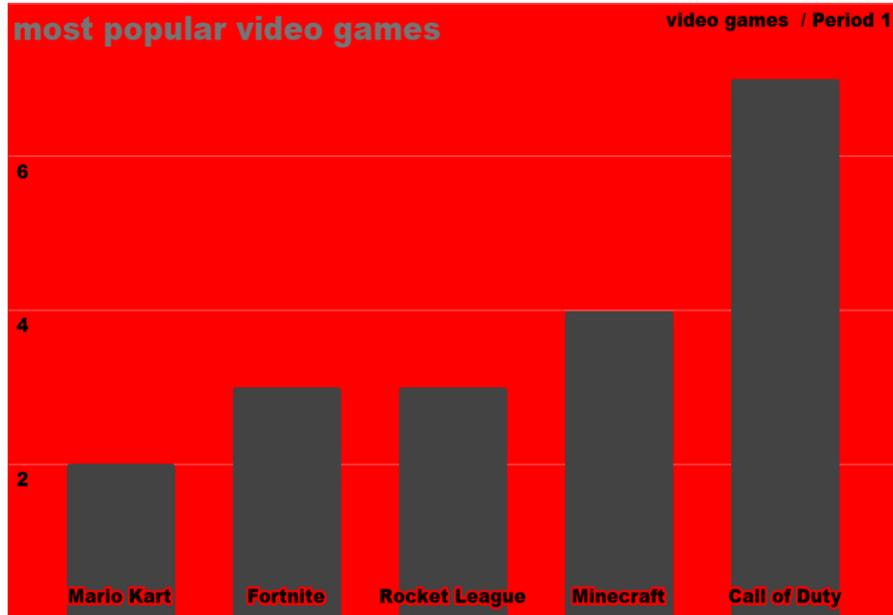




Most Popular Video Games for Sixth Graders

I wanted to do this survey because I wanted to know what video games people liked, and also because it was a good excuse to play them! I conducted this survey by making a card with one question: what is your favorite video game? Then I collected the cards and counted the answers, but I did not include any games that only got 1 vote. As you can see on the graph, most people voted for Call of Duty. I voted for Minecraft Dungeons because I play it a lot.

Jesse Farina-Mosca '23

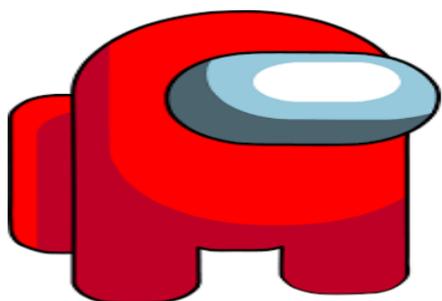


Among Us Review

Released on June 15, 2018, by game developer Inner Sloth, "Among Us" is yet another example of a video game that has gained a lot of popularity during the Covid pandemic. The game is played with anywhere between 4 and 10 players. One to three of those players are randomly selected to take on the role of "imposter." At the beginning of the game, each player, or crewmate, is given a set of tasks to complete before being destroyed by a designated imposter. The imposter's goal is to destroy all of the other players without drawing any suspicion to themselves. The first imposter to do this will win. Crewmates can win in one of two ways; they can complete their tasks before being destroyed by one of the imposters, or if they have a correct suspicion about who the imposter is, they can vote the imposter out.

I really enjoy the game because it is a great mix of horror and mystery, but also fun with its cartoon images. The cartoons take it from scary to fun, and I feel good about recommending it to players of a wide range of ages. The game also underscores the concept of teamwork, since players need to work together to try to figure out the identity of the imposter. Originally rated for 16 year olds and up, the game has now been rated 9+, which greatly expands the number of people who can enjoy playing.

Dalton Danza '21



Sports in the Time of Covid-19

Who doesn't love sports? They provide the opportunity for people to have a great time while keeping themselves healthy. It gives them a chance to compete. However, this year isn't like any other year. The Covid-19 pandemic has dramatically affected the way people play sports. Some were cancelled altogether, including the 2020 Olympics that were scheduled to take place in Tokyo. Many sports that could be played required social distancing and the wearing of face masks.

Professional teams used various techniques so that players can continue to play their sports. For example, the NBA and the NHL created a "bubble" so that players were allowed to play without masks but could not leave a specific area or come in contact with anyone outside the "bubble". In the MLB, teams had shortened seasons and were tested regularly. Although there were setbacks with this approach, the season successfully concluded with the World Series. The NFL season is underway with safety measures that include regular testing and reduced fan capacity at the games.

We don't know when Covid-19 will finally end. But what we do know is that people will come up with inventive ways so that sports can still be played.

Thomas Giordano '22



College Football Roundup

College football has been quite different this year. There is so much to talk about so let's get right into it!!

Covid-19 has greatly impacted this season of college football. Neither the Big 10 nor Pac 12, two of the biggest conferences in college football, were supposed to play this season. Later, they decided to play, but with a shortened season. All Power 5 Conferences are only allowing in-conference games this year. There have also been multiple games canceled this year as well due to Covid-19 infections, including the Alabama vs LSU SEC Classic. The College Football Playoff Committee has made sure limited fans are allowed in the stadiums, and that everyone is wearing a mask at all times. Players on the sideline need to have their helmet or a mask on at all times. A few coaches who have not followed the rules have been fined and suspended. The playoffs will continue this year, as always, with four teams in. All bowl games will continue and if a Covid infection occurs, they will be rescheduled, not canceled. The top four teams will play for the National Championship.

Here are my predictions for the remainder of the season:
 SEC Championship - I think it will be Alabama vs. Florida. Florida has been very good all year, and Kyle Trask and Kyle Pitts are dominant and Heisman contenders. Florida crushed Georgia in the SEC East Championship, and they look really good. But, if you think Florida is good, try watching Alabama. The best offense in the country by far going against a weak Florida defense. I predict that Alabama wins 60-48!

Big 10 Championship- I think it will be Wisconsin vs Ohio State. While Wisconsin has a great defense and can run the ball, the Buckeyes will have a similar game plan. In the end it will come down to who throws the ball better. I trust the best QB in the country to do just that. In my opinion, Ohio State will win 24 -16.

ACC - I predict Clemson vs. Notre Dame-yet another classic. The dominant Notre Dame defense will come up clutch, and the lines will control the game. Notre Dame will run the ball, but Clemson will stick around because of their long passes. I predict 30-28- Notre Dame will win!

CFP Semifinal - Number 1 Alabama vs. Number 4 BYU- This should be a massacre early. The Cougars would just be happy to be here. Alabama will take a commanding 41-0 lead into the half, and then bench their starters. I think it will be 41-17 Alabama in the end.

Number 3 Ohio State vs. Number 2 Notre Dame. While Notre Dame will have played amazing and really hard versus Clemson to even get here, Ohio State would be physically more prepared than the Irish. ND will play their hearts out but tire out at the end. Ohio State will pull it out 27-17.

National Championship - Alabama vs. Ohio State-The Tide at full-strength vs. Ohio State fresh off of a close game. The Ohio State defense would literally fall apart against this incredible offense, and the Tide will roll to a 52-40 win! Alabama will win!

Despite Covid-19, this will prove to be an exciting and fun season no matter what the final scores!

Daniel McQuade '22



Interview with a Major League Player!

This year we were lucky enough to interview the starting center fielder for the St. Louis Cardinals, Harrison Bader. He is known for making spectacular catches in center field, and also for being one of the fastest players in the MLB. Harrison was raised in Bronxville and is our neighbor. We have gotten to know him well over the past 4 years, and he has always been so generous. We were excited when he agreed to answer a few questions for the SJS Beagle. Below is our (socially distanced) interview with Harrison Bader.

JF/BF: What was it like growing up in Bronxville playing baseball? When did you know you wanted to become a professional player?

HB: I wanted to become a professional baseball player at the age of five because I just wanted to be like Derek Jeter when I grew up. Bronxville was really fun because it allowed me to be a Yankees fan and emulate one of the best players of all time. There were plenty of fields around the house. My dad could throw to me, and we could practice every night.

JF/BF: How did you have to adapt to play baseball during the Covid-19 pandemic? Was it more difficult than you expected?

HB: During the COVID-19 pandemic we had to adapt very quickly, especially if we wanted to succeed. The reason being is because we needed to be socially distant at all times to protect ourselves and fellow teammates from spreading the virus. This was a challenge in and of itself, because in our normal routine we did not have to worry about time restrictions or social distancing. This year we had timed and scheduled sessions throughout the day to prepare, so everything needed to be properly planned out before a game.

JF/BF: When you were a kid, who was your favorite baseball team and favorite player?

HB: When I was a kid growing up my favorite baseball team was the New York Yankees, and my favorite player was Derek Jeter. I was also a huge Bernie Williams fan.

JF/BF: What advice would you give to the St Joe's students who are passionate about a sport and dream of playing in high school and beyond?

HB: The advice I would give to Saint Joe's students is very simple: go out and have fun, play as many sports as possible, and do everything you can to stay active and stay outside. As an athlete, I have learned if you rest you rust! So, don't stop moving, having fun and enjoying every sport until you finally pick one to focus on.

We wish you a great season, Harrison!

Brian Flynn '23 and J.J. Flynn '21

World Series 2020

Even though it was delayed this year due to coronavirus, the World Series was a very exciting event. The Tampa Bay Rays were the surprising winner of the American League. The Yankees were supposed to be very dominant and were predicted to have a very good chance of winning the World Series. Unfortunately, they had a bad season resulting in a second-round loss. The Dodgers were the winning team from the National League. They had a relatively easy path to win until the NLDS. They were down 3-1 in the series and then made an amazing comeback. They have two very good players in Cody Bellinger and Mookie Betts. The Dodgers were the favorite team to win the series, but we rooted for the Rays.

We waited a few weeks for the World Series to end. We got a big surprise from Randy Arozarena, as he hit 10 homeruns in the postseason for the Tampa Bay Rays. Although it was a great effort by Randy, the Rays lost in 6 games to the Dodgers. Many people were shocked when Cory Seager won the World Series MVP, because the Dodgers had both Cody Bellinger, the 2019 MVP, and Mookie Betts. Many people were expecting the Dodgers to win. It would have been cool if the Rays pulled an upset, as they did with the Yankees.

Here are some stats from the World Series:

Randy Arozarena -.364 AVG, 1.234 OPS, 3 HR

Cory Seager -.400 AVG, 1.256 OPS, 2 HR

Mookie Betts -.269 AVG, .898 OPS, 2 HR

This was an exciting conclusion to the unprecedented 2020 baseball season.

J.J. Flynn '21, Kyle Terri '21 and Joseph Troiano '22

2020 Stanley Cup Playoffs

The 2020 Stanley Cup Playoffs was the playoff tournament of the National Hockey League (NHL). The playoffs began on August 1, 2020, and ended on September 28, 2020. The playoffs were originally scheduled to begin in April, a few days after the 2019–20 NHL season, and end in June. However, on March 12, the regular season was suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On May 26, the league announced it was going to use a 24-team playoff format to finish the season, conducted in two host cities or "hubs" with players placed under strict health protocols, quarantined from the general public, and all games played with no fans; this became known as "the bubble." The Eastern Conference played its games at Scotiabank Arena in Toronto, while the Western Conference, as well as the Conference Finals and Stanley Cup Finals, were played at Rogers Place in Edmonton. This was the first Stanley Cup playoffs to be played entirely in Canada since 1925.

Two local teams, the New York Rangers and the New York Islanders, were both a part of the 24 teams that made the playoffs, but the Rangers lost in the initial qualifying round to the Carolina Hurricanes. The Islanders had more success winning the first three rounds of their playoffs before losing in the Eastern Conference finals to the Tampa Bay Lightning.

The Tampa Bay Lightning went on to capture their second championship in franchise history by prevailing over the Dallas Stars in the 2020 Stanley Cup Final. It was an exciting series and the Lightning ended up outshooting the Stars 29-22 in Game 6, which really was the difference. Tampa Bay simply lived in the offensive zone. The two teams went back and forth until 12:23 of the first period when Lightning forward Brayden Point threw a shot on goal on the power-play and got his own rebound to put the Lightning up 1-0. That goal was Point's 14th of the postseason, the most of anyone in the playoffs, and proved to be the game-winner. Then in the second period, Blake Coleman of Tampa Bay sent a slap shot past Stars goalie Anton Khudobin to give the Lightning a 2-0 cushion heading into the third. The Stars did all they could in the third period to generate chances, but Lightning goalie Andrei Vasilevsky was up to the task. Vasilevsky was brilliant as he has been all postseason long, turning aside 22 of 22 shots, 13 of which came in the third period. 2-0 Lightning was the final score. Although we had to wait until August, the NHL Playoffs did not disappoint!

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