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## Movement not moment: Jr. Bills move through Midtown protesting against gun violence



Alongside Ryan DeCarlo, Courtney Lucas holds up a sign. photo | Jack Figge

**JACK FIGGE**  
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On Oct. 17, 2021, a mere eight miles from the campus of St. Louis U. High, 19-year-old Cardinal Ritter alumnus Isis Maher was tragically shot, another victim of senseless gun violence. A month and a half later, on Dec. 1, 38 Jr. Bills gathered with other area high school students to march against gun violence.

Following the death of Mahr, Cardinal Ritter students and administrators decided that they needed to do something to raise awareness about gun violence in St. Louis. This was the second Cardinal Ritter alum to die from gun violence within the 2021

year. Students and administrators decided that the best way to raise awareness and draw attention was to host an event that emphasized high school student and youth involvement. They planned a march and programming to help educate students about this issue.

“No movement has ever

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## Jr. Bills crash Wall Street; take a bite out of the Big Apple

**BY LOUIS CORNETT**  
CORE STAFF

Ten Jr. Bills and two Assistant Principals woke up well before the sun had risen on Nov. 18 to board a 6:00 a.m. flight to New York. Embarking on the Jr. Bills on Wall Street trip, the travelers shrugged off their sleepiness and prepared for three days of nonstop adventure in the Big Apple. The purpose of the trip is to provide SLUH students with an opportunity to meet alumni in New York and learn about various careers in the financial

world, as well as experiencing the city as a tourist. In its seventh year, the trip opens the doors of Wall Street and allows students to gain a behind the scenes look at the finance world.

“The biggest benefit is to see what life is like, learn the importance of networking and to have a real immersive experience of the lingo and sort-of life on Wall Street,” said Assistant Principal for Academics Kevin Foy.

Along with the sights of Morgan Stanley and the NYSE, the students saw a few

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Students at the Raging Bull of Wall Street. photo | Courtesy of Louis Cornett

## Seniors make headway on Grande Projects as their plans are finalized

**BY BEN CROAT AND DECLAN RICHARDS**  
REPORTERS

As St. Louis U. High nears its Winter Break, the senior class continues its preparation for their personal Grande Projects. On Monday, there was a meeting for the seniors to discuss their projects, specifically relating to their topics and the point of view that they would have in their mediums.

“For students who had chosen their topic prior to the meeting, we talked to them about how to drill down and pinpoint what angle they want to take,” said campus minister Simone Anzalone. “They’ll write up a single point of view and then consider the counterpoint of view in their argument.”

Over the coming weeks, the seniors will hear from different speakers about the themes of advocacy, charity, and making a change in their communities. This will continue into January with individual resources given to seniors on their topics that will help them guide their research.

“In the month of January, we will provide them with one really solid person that will speak to them directly about their topic and that has a lot of inside knowledge about said topic,” said Anzalone. “Next meeting we hope to have an advocacy one on one where we’re hoping to have some advocacy speakers from the community come in.”

As of now, the January schedule for the Grande Project has been finalized. This schedule underwent significant development from last year’s in the hope to allow for more time and flexibility for the senior class.

“The seniors will have 10 days, with the addition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day,

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## Love Will Hold Us Together: Retreat helps freshman grow



Max Tieber enjoying dodgeball. photo | Nick Sanders

**BY MARK WAPPLER AND MICAH DOHERTY**  
STAFF, REPORTER

Though most freshmen were a bit groggy at 8 a.m. on the morning of Monday, Nov. 22, when they were greeted by the smell of pancakes courtesy of Chris Cakes, the Monday blues

immediately vanished. Students happily grabbed a paper plate and prepared to catch the buttery pancakes being flipped into the air and then devour them with friends moments later. For the rest of the day, until 7:30 p.m. that evening, the freshmen would be led through a series of

### Covid Numbers\*

**STUDENT CASES:**  
0

**STUDENT QUARANTINES:**  
0

**FACULTY CASES**  
0

**FACULTY QUARANTINES:**  
0

\*NUMBERS AS OF DECEMBER 2, 2021

## Thanksgiving break features Retreat Week

**BY JACKSON COOPER AND BILL ALBUS**  
CORE STAFF, REPORTER

Campus Ministry offered a variety of retreats during the Thanksgiving retreat week, giving students the chance to reflect on their faith and grow in brotherhood with each other.

In addition to freshman retreat, which took place last Monday for the entire freshman class, Fall Retreat Week featured a total of four retreats for juniors and seniors: two Junior Retreats, a Philia Retreat, and the Service Learning Retreat. All four retreats fulfilled the junior year retreat requirement, which stipulates that juniors must complete one Campus Ministry retreat by the end of their junior year.

Though each retreat featured different themes, the uniting principle used to guide the planning process was to help students enhance their relationship with God.

“The whole purpose of why our school exists is to help people recognize God in the world, and then to make the choice for God in the world,” said Director of Campus Ministry Matthew Stewart, SJ. “Retreats are ways of pulling back from the business of going to school, which at times can be more than a full-time job. Students take the opportunity to take a break for a couple of days and get a chance to reflect on the many gifts in their lives.”

The Philia Retreat, which took place on Tuesday and

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# After one-year Covid pause, band sends its best students to districts



District Band qualifiers. photo | Courtesy of Andrew Moffett

BY LUCAS HAYDEN AND ANDREW HUNT REPORTERS

SLUH sent its star band students to play alongside the best of the best in the All-District Band on Saturday, Nov. 21. After Covid interrupted the district band experience last year, things got back on track this year.

District Band is a program hosted by the Missouri State High School Activity Association in conjunction with the Missouri Music Educators Conference. The band is assembled by means of a blind judging and voting of every band student across the district. Because of Covid, these auditions were not held in person, but rather, instrumentalists sent in recorded auditions of études, scales, and songs for evaluation.

“(The judges) don’t know who the student is; it’s a random number,” said Band Director Jeff Pottinger. “They score those students, and then the winning students get placed into the District Honor Band, the Honor Orchestra, the Honor Concert Band or the Honor Jazz Band.”

Overall, 12 SLUH students made it into the All-District bands, including

top placers such as senior Lauer Stix (second place, cello), junior Evan Mullins (third place, alto sax), junior JT Emke (third place, drum set), senior Nathan Rich (fourth place, tenor sax), and senior Alex Wentz (fourth place, drum set).

“I haven’t been playing for a super long time ... so it was pretty exciting to actually get a musical achievement,” said Wentz.

Unlike last year, this year’s accepted students were able to get together with their district bands to play. Students attended a rehearsal on Thursday, Nov. 18, a rehearsal on Saturday, and then the concert was hosted on Sunday, Nov. 21. This meant that the district bands had only about eight hours of practice time to perfect a brand-new repertoire of songs for a performance.

“This was a great way to connect and to meet people from different schools and their band programs,” said sophomore trombonist Andrew Moffett.

Finally, it all came together with the concert. The district concert, jazz, and symphonic bands each performed four or five pieces of music, showing off their talents as the best in the area.

“We’re only practicing like two or three days together as opposed to like a month, but for the level of the music I think we played it at a pretty high level,” said Moffett.

The bands are led by guest conductors. These conductors are some of the best in the country, giving participants an exciting opportunity.

“They have guest conductors come in that are usually pretty well known,” said Pottinger. “So the kids get to then go work with these master teachers.”

“It’s always cool to have a different conductor than the one you’re used to,” added Moffett. “He brings new elements and new style to the music ... he’s great to work with so that was a lot of fun.”

Students who qualify for District Band can go on to audition for State Band or Orchestra, which is a step higher. Tomorrow, SLUH band members look forward to taking a bus to the State auditions in Columbia as the next big step in their musical endeavors.

“It’s always fun to be playing with better musicians,” said Moffett. “You challenge yourself to become better, to play harder music. It was an honor.”

# Advent kicks off with Confession and Adopt-A-Family Drive

BY MICHAEL BAUDENDISTEL AND THEO AGNIEL STAFF, REPORTER

The four weeks leading up to Christmas are among the most stressful times for students. But within the Catholic Church, these four weeks, Advent, are intended to be a time of meditation and reflection. St. Louis U. High’s campus ministry team is working on helping students to embrace the time of Advent even amidst their stressful schedules.

First, Campus Ministry is returning with three notable Advent events from years past: the all-school Mass of the Immaculate Conception next week, confession during theology classes, and the Adopt-A-Family Drive.

“It is going really well,” said Fr. Matthew Stewart, SJ of the Adopt-A-Family Drive. “It is exciting to be able to donate to families who are struggling around the holidays.”

In addition to these larger celebrations of the Advent season, students and faculty will also be reminded of the start of the new liturgical year by the wreaths and banners scattered around the chapel, main office, and elsewhere on cam-

pus. Students can also expect their morning prayer services and morning prayer in general to have an Advent theme. In addition, Stewart and the Campus Ministry staff are planning a special party—the Gaudete party—for the faculty and staff.

“It is a thank you to the faculty and staff for all the work they do to help Campus Ministry programs throughout the year,” said Stewart. “We do it here in the office, and there’s food and music and things like that.”

While many students celebrate the season of Advent in their own parishes, Stewart thinks that it is important to celebrate it as a school as well.

“St. Ignatius wants us to be companions of Jesus,” said Stewart. “And anyone that follows Ignatius and his way to God is going to do so alongside Jesus, so Advent is the season of preparation for the arrival of Christ. Throughout Advent, all the preparation that we do helps us as a school focus our spiritual energy on the arrival of Christ.”

According to Stewart, Advent is a time for us to grow in prayer and spirituality, and realize that Christ comes here and now.

Stewart asks, “As a school, how can we train (ourselves) to recognize Christ when He comes so that we can run to greet him?”

Along with the Adopt-A-Family drive, students have been experiencing Advent-themed prayer throughout their day. In addition, students have had the opportunity to go to the sacrament of confession during their theology class.

“It just felt really refreshing to me, I felt like a completely different person when I walked out of Fr. Stewart’s confessional,” said freshman Michael Patrick. “The confession helped me to be closer to God, which in turn helped me to feel more passionate about my studies.”

These confessions have helped the students to realize that they are not alone in this time of studying for exams, and overall, the confessions and theology classes have helped boost the mood during this stressful season.

“In Genesis, Jacob makes a lot of mistakes,” says freshman Noah Butler. “The inspiring thing is that God is always with him through all of his endeavors, which lets me know that He’s always there to help me.”



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# Strategic Summit update: Schedule and Calendar committee

BY ALEX PREUSSER AND PETER JAMES CORE STAFF, STAFF

*Editor’s Note: This is the fourth installment in a series about the school’s Strategic Summit initiative. The Strategic Summit is focused on five areas of the school and seeks to understand how that area can improve. This week’s article concerns the Schedule and Calendar charter.*

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the administration instituted a block schedule for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years. This schedule change was made to promote safety and make the hyflex and quarantines run more smoothly. Now, two years into the pandemic, the school is looking

to settle on a schedule for the longer term. The Schedule and Calendar committee’s job is to explore what that schedule might be.

The Schedule and Calendar committee is led by co-chairs Kate Toussaint (Department of Modern and Classical Languages) and Paul Baudendistel (Science), and includes Theology Department chair Jon Ott, school counselor Nina See, and math teacher Tracy Lyons.

“Our committee’s role really is to get feedback from the faculty, to research some other schools and what they’re doing, and to try to develop both a schedule and a calendar that best enables us to fulfill our other goals,” said Ott.

The Schedule and Calendar committee meets biweekly, and they are currently tasked with proposing a schedule for the 2022-2023 school year.

“Our task is to try to put together the best daily schedule and calendar that we can for next year,” said Baudendistel. “We know we have some inefficiencies in the schedule, which were born out of a pandemic, so it’s totally understandable.”

The committee is focused on providing a framework for the various academic and extracurricular pursuits that take place on a daily basis, and even outside of school hours.

“I’m excited because I think there’s a lot of really fun things we can do for our

schedule,” said Toussaint. “To add space to breathe, to do cool things to deepen our understanding of our subjects. To have time to work on our clubs and activities, those things are so central to SLUH. There’s so many interesting, integral parts of our curriculum, and our schedule is kind of like it’s holding it all together.”

In order to begin gathering information to form a cohesive, helpful schedule, the committee has been conducting listening sessions for teachers and students to offer their perspectives.

“We’ve offered probably a dozen opportunities for faculty to come and share their thoughts about the schedule in the calendar,” said Lyons. “They can come in, and we

take notes of what they’re saying, things that they like about our current block schedule, things they liked about our old seven-period schedule, things they don’t like about one thing or the other.”

This range of differing opinions will be taken into account to provide the school with a schedule and calendar that has the support of the broader SLUH community.

“Hopefully we’re casting a wide enough net that every voice is heard,” said Baudendistel. “We know that not everybody’s going to be 100 percent happy with what we come up with. So again, my take on it is a utilitarian sort of model. Let’s come up with the best schedule for the most people.”

“So there might be some compromises on things just because we’re doing what we think is best for the fact that this is a schedule for academic classes to happen in,” said Lyons.

As listening sessions continue, the calendar and schedule will start to take shape.

“We’re hopeful to finish these listening sessions over Christmas break to early January. We hope to come up with two or three schedules, see what faculty and students and administrators think about them,” said Baudendistel. “Then we know we’re not going to have a perfect schedule, but the goal is, again, the best schedule we can have for the next academic year.”



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# Schöne Grüße! SLUH welcomes Jesuits arriving from Germany with open arms



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BY AUSTIN WALD AND CHARLES TURNELL REPORTERS

St. Louis U. High has welcomed two Jesuit guests from the German province to live in the Jesuit residence while they complete pursuits in St. Louis. The two visitors are Fr. Godehard Bruentrup, SJ and Fr. Cristof Wolf, SJ. Bruentrup is an internationally acclaimed philosophy professor who has come to St. Louis to present projects to Saint Louis University and explore a possible teaching job at the university. “I’m thinking of teaching part time, one semester in Munich and one semester here for the next few years,” said Bruentrup.

“I’m currently here to talk to people at the university, and the Jesuits so that in the future, beginning next year, I will be teaching the fall semesters.” An integral aspect of Bruentrup’s philosophy and study is jazz music. He believes jazz can represent the process of life in its adaptability and open process. “I think that jazz expresses my worldview in the most elegant and beautiful way, that the entire world is a process into an open future, which depends on certain underlying rules,” said Bruentrup. “The world is an open process, a lot of risk taking. The outcome is not yet sure, but the fun of it is.” Wolf uses his talents in

filmmaking. “So I was here back in 2018 for two months doing some research on a film project I’m working on and I’m writing a script,” said Wolf. “In order to continue with my script, I’m coming here for a month, and I’m writing in English, so it’s good to have an environment in English.” Wolf and Bruentrup have chosen to work in America because of its creative freedom compared to Germany. They feel that most Americans have a mindset that provides the opportunity of more creative and meaningful work. “For me, the United States is like coming home, especially in the creative field,” said Wolf.

“Germans tend to be extremely negative, so if you propose an idea or whatever it is, it’s not an appreciative culture. If you have a non-standard idea, a creative idea, the American attitude is much more often, ‘let’s do it, let’s try.’” While they won’t be participating much at SLUH, their presence is very much valued by the other Jesuits who live at the on campus residence. “One of the coolest things about being a Jesuit is the worldwide network, we have Jesuit communities on every continent except Antarctica,” said Director of Campus Ministry Fr. Matthew Stewart SJ. “Getting to meet Jesuits from all over the world, and not just sort of like at a conference where you shake a hand but get to live with somebody for an extended time, is really awesome.” “Being a part of the Jesuits, it’s a very international organization and you realize that very quickly when you become a Jesuit,” said SLUH principal Fr. Ian Gibbons SJ. “So it’s very cool to have Jesuits from other places and to welcome them and to hear their stories and to show them in our school.” They arrived in St. Louis two weeks ago, but Bruentrup will be concluding his stay on Dec. 6 while Wolf will stay until Christmas.

# Prep News’ 2021 Spotify Wrapped

## Top Artists:

- #1 JAnthony
- #2 Beethoven
- #3 Jenna Rae
- #4 Mr. Stickley’s Band
- #5 Dr. McKenna: The Mandolin Man
- ...
- #299 Taylor Swift

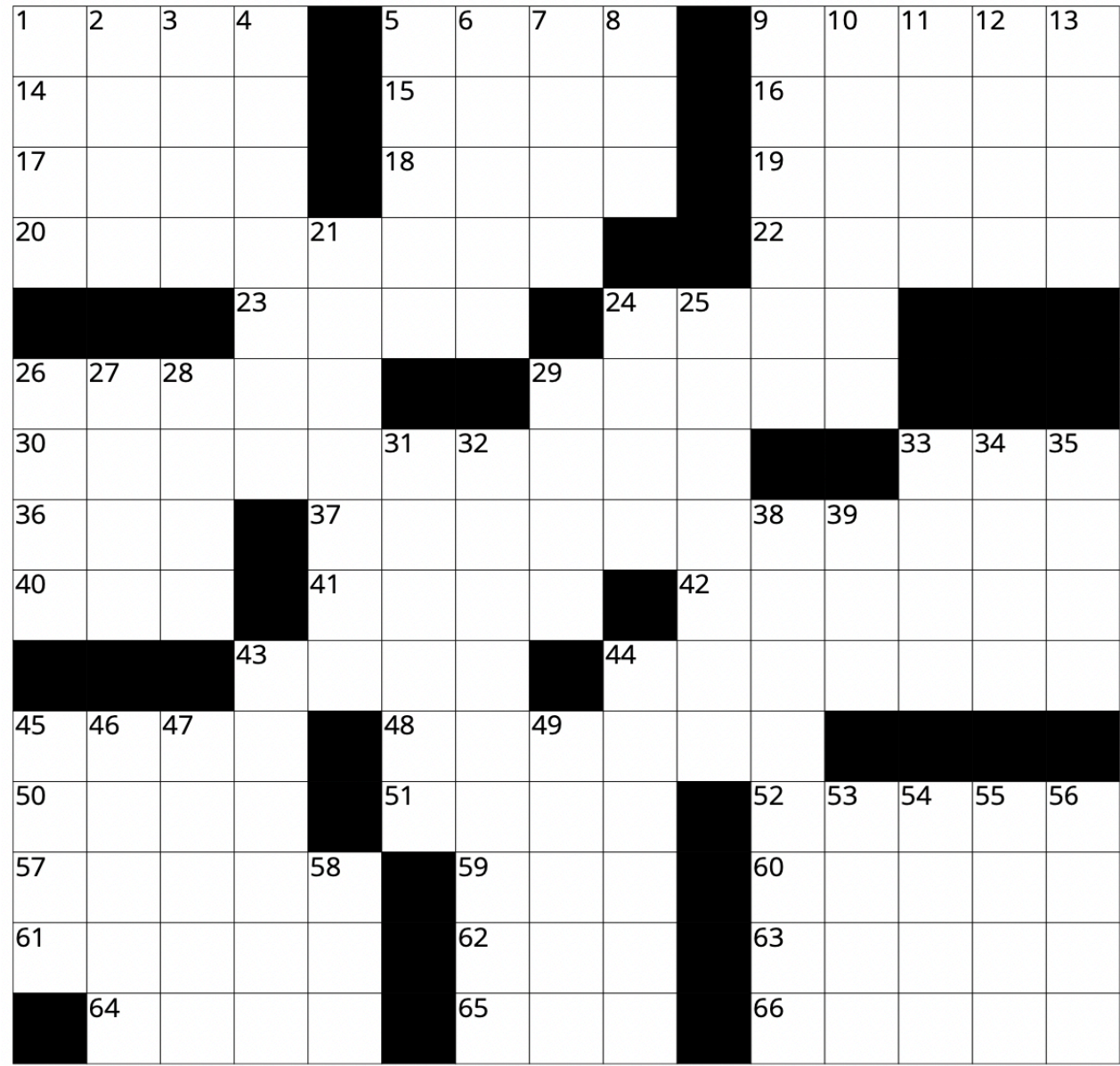
## Top Songs:

- #1 Mr. Kickham’s Comedy Albums
- #2 Sweet Caroline
- #3 “O’ When the Saints Go Marching in”
- #4 Fr. Gibbons Piano Solo
- #5 Nathan Rick’s Sax Solo

Minutes listened: 86,013

Favorite Genre: Anything but Country

# PN Crossword: “Blank Check”



Crossword | Paul Baudendistel

- ACROSS**

  - \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Slick trick
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Certain celebration
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Heavenly
  - 14. Land in the ocean
  - 15. German border river
  - 16. Some museum sculptures
  - 17. Star Wars Princess
  - 18. Storage containers
  - 19. Does the crawl or fly
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 20. 3 AM and Unwell band
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 22. Impossible situation
  - 23. Like 53-Down for The Tonight Show, 1992-2014
  - 24. Actor Epps or short-stop Vizquel
  - 26. French for apple, or potato with “de terre”
  - 29. Make \_\_\_\_\_ in (reduce a bit)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 30. Common street sign
  - 33. Corp. money man-
- DOWN**

  - 1. Star Wars, e.g.
  - 2. On the ocean
  - 3. Paper cut, e.g.
  - 4. “I want to learn!”
  - 5. The Natural Roy
  - 6. Dimwit
  - 7. Grp. after boomers
  - 8. Bill Simmons estimated that 5-Down hit 44 in 115 games (abbr.)
  - 9. MRI alternative
  - 10. Much of pop culture
  - 11. “Either it is \_\_\_\_\_ isn’t.”
  - 12. :Semper Fi” org.
  - 13. Plate or bowl
  - 21. Square dance
  - 24. Lyrical, as poetry
  - 25. Breaking Bad step
  - 26. Exam for jrs.
  - 27. Hit the other way
  - 28. When repeated, Road Runner’s call
  - 29. Where east is right
  - 31. Golfer Ochoa or housewife Bobbitt
  - 32. Arranged intentionally
  - 33. Feature of a hammer or lobster
  - 34. Nike competitor
  - 35. Part of YOLO
  - 38. Scheme to acquire, as a compliment
  - 39. Initialism for a direct marketing company or famous California road
  - 43. Smells to high heaven
  - 44. Wellness
  - 45. Marc of Walking in Memphis
  - 46. \_\_\_\_\_ a million
  - 47. Canon competitor
  - 49. About 3 million Brits
  - 53. See 23-Across
  - 54. “In \_\_\_\_\_ of flowers, ...”
  - 55. \_\_\_\_\_ You Babe, Sonny & Cher hit
  - 56. Feminine suffix
  - 58. Italian for aunt, namesake of a restaurant on The Hill



## SLUH students join other area high school students to march against gun violence



Students marching out of the Wohl center.

photo | Jack Figge

started without involving the youth,” said Cardinal Ritter president Tamiko Armstead as she addressed the marchers. “We need to involve you more and this is the beginning of that.”

A couple of weeks ago, event organizers reached out to principals of area high schools, inviting them to gather a group of students to participate in the march. SLUH principal Fr. Ian Gibbons S.J. passed the information on to Director of Equity and Inclusion Frank Kovarik. Upon seeing the information, Kovarik knew that this would be the perfect opportunity for SLUH students to branch out from the halls of SLUH and work for change in the greater St. Louis community.

“Well, I think it’s a great way for us to live out our Catholic identity, to show our value for life, our belief in Catholic social teaching,” said Kovarik. “But it was also great to be a part of our St. Louis community and participate in a larger event.”

SLUH students from a variety of different backgrounds came together to march on Wednesday, but they all had a common purpose: to raise awareness about gun violence within the St. Louis community.

“Our contingent came from a whole bunch of different student groups: ACES, the BSU, Ignatian family teach-in, Ongoing Conversations and others,” said Kovarik. “So I think it speaks to the robust student participation that we have in the movement

for justice.”

After homeroom, the march participants gathered together in the Commons, walked out to Oakland Avenue and boarded a bus to begin their short pilgrimage. The bus brought them to the nearby Wohl Community Center, where the SLUH students were immediately immersed into a sea of fellow high school students from across the St. Louis region.

Once all the students had gathered in the Wohl center, Cardinal Ritter leaders and Mahr’s father, Atif Mahr, explained to students why they would be marching and shared personal testimonies about how gun violence has affected them.

For many SLUH students, they found the testimonies especially moving as they were relatable. Many SLUH students that were marching had lost family members to gun violence, allowing them to relate to the presenters.

“I lost two of my cousins to gun violence in 2020, so I have first hand knowledge of the pain and suffering that guns can cause,” said freshman Matthew Taylor. “I came out to show my support for the people who have lost a loved one due to gun violence like I have.”

Following the brief introduction, students progressed to Kingshighway, where they began their journey to Cardinal Ritter high school, a 2.8 mile walk.

Students had many different motives for coming to the event: some because they knew

first hand the effects of gun violence, and others because they simply wanted to support their friends and classmates who have been affected.

“There are people in our community that are hurting from gun violence and it is something that affects a lot of people I know in a very personal way,” said senior Luke Pierson. “I would like to see it come to an end and the way you get change to happen is through demanding it.”

“I wanted to do something to help stop the violence in the city of St. Louis,” said sophomore VirShaun Mosley. “We have one of the highest murder rates in the city so it is time to put a stop to it.”

Throughout the march, the marchers’ rallying cry of “movement not moment” rang out above the marchers. The meaning behind the phrase: to remind students that this march was only the beginning and that they must not let it become one single moment, but the start of a movement.

“We have to keep doing stuff like this,” said senior Andre Tucker. “We must keep pushing, like they said this is movement not a moment, it isn’t just a single thing that happens in a week, we have to keep going and have to keep making progress.”

At the end of the march, the students filed into Cardinal Ritter’s football stadium. Here, the marchers heard from a variety of presenters about the effects of gun violence on communities,

including Atif Mahr, who spoke about how none of the effects of guns, or guns in general are cool, he then offered his support to the students, telling them that he stands with them.

Following the presentations from community leaders, Ritter wanted to give students a chance to share their experiences with gun violence and pose potential solutions to curbing gun violence. Each high school that marched sent a representative up to speak; senior Pierston Sanders was SLUH’s delegate.

“Gun violence really hit home for me because just this summer, my older cousin passed away due to it. I wanted to share my story and my point of view to help others,” said Sanders. “Any voice that can get their point across can really make a difference to those minds that are listening.”

For many, these student presentations were the most moving part of the day, as it gave faculty members and students the opportunity to hear from their pupils and peers about their experiences with gun violence.

“The most powerful part for me was listening to students who’ve been personally impacted by gun violence and who have it taking place in the neighborhoods, day after day,” said Kovarik. “It was truly a moving experience.”

“I was struck by how everybody was affected in similar ways,” said sophomore Ken Kaid. “The parts calling us to all come together and how being an individual isn’t going to affect anybody.”

As the leaders at the event said though, this event was not one singular moment, but the beginning of a movement, and they asked the high schools present to choose at least two representatives to be a part of a planning committee for future advocacy events.

“I think that this committee will be a great opportunity for ACES and other student groups at SLUH to contribute and collaborate with the broader St. Louis community,” said Kovarik. “Like they said, today was not a moment, but the beginning of the movement and we will work hard to help be a part of that.”

## Philia, junior, and service learning retreats take place over Thanksgiving Break

Wednesday at the Pallotine Renewal Center in Florissant, gave sophomores, juniors, and seniors a chance to examine issues of diversity and social justice through a spiritual lens. In order to qualify for the retreat, students were expected to be involved in ACES or to have had some other connection to the diversity programs while at SLUH.

True to the definition of “Philia”—Greek for “brotherly love”—the retreat was largely focused on fostering brotherhood between retreatants, allowing them to bond over their shared interests in social justice. Faculty chaperones included English teacher and ACES moderator Adam Cruz, college counselor Daniel Shields, English teachers Frank Kovarik and Chandler Love, and receptionist Anglea Sexton-Warner

The Philia retreat zeroes in on possible racial equity problems at SLUH and how such problems would be solved through efforts such as counseling and student action. The retreat also gave seniors the chance to interact with younger students, and help to deepen their perspectives

ning over three days and two nights from Monday to Wednesday.

One of the two Junior Retreats took place at the White House Retreat Center and was led by theology teacher Chris Keeven; science teachers Mary Russo and Chris Stahl, math teacher Frank Corley, and school counselor Mary Michalski also chaperoned.

As in previous Junior Retreats, the program for this session was focused on helping students to deepen their faith lives through a mixture of small group discussions, quiet time and prayer, Mass, and an opportunity to experience the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Throughout the experience, retreatants were also able to find a sense of relaxation, allowing them to take a break from the day-to-day stress that comes with being a SLUH student.

“I enjoyed going on the retreat, and specifically getting to know some other guys in my class not only in a spiritual way but also in a personal way,” said junior Michael Baudendistel. “I liked being able to talk with them in small groups and at meals



The Philia retreat.

photo | Courtesy of SLUH ACES Twitter

on social justice at SLUH.

“As a senior, I’ve kind of gotten the gist of how everything functions in the building,” said senior Ismael Karim. “But it was good to develop a deeper relationship with the underclassmen and to be able to talk to them about my experiences at SLUH and how I’ve tried to get things done regarding social justice and cultural awareness. For the underclassmen and juniors, I think they really had an opportunity to voice their opinions on an array of topics, and I think it got them fired up to do good work here.”

One of the most unique retreats offered by SLUH is the Service Learning Retreat, which offers juniors and seniors an opportunity to experience what it is like to be homeless in the City of St. Louis. While on the retreat, which took place on Monday and Tuesday of last week, students learned more about poverty and how their faith could lead to action.

The two Junior Retreats lasted the longest of any of the retreats this week, span-

without having the pressure of the business of the school day. I would also say that I grew in my faith most significantly during our confession on Tuesday.”

With the fall set of retreats having gone off without a problem, Campus Ministry’s focus now shifts towards planning the year’s remaining retreats, which include five Kairos retreats for juniors and seniors, Sophomore Retreat (mandatory for all sophomores), and the Wilderness Retreat, all of which are set to take place across three weeks and weekends in the second semester.

## Seniors continue to work on their own Grande Project as the deadline looms ahead

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directly dedicated to their project,” said campus minister Brian Gilmore. “So there’s also time, in the midst of this, for about a third of the class to go on a retreat. We didn’t want that retreat time to interrupt any of the project programming time.”

There have been concerns raised by the student body over the structure of the project and whether it is a fitting replacement for the senior project of old. While the project does give way for major forms of advocacy, it’s hard to replace the in person experience that the senior project was known for.

“I am worried about how the time in January will be spent because the project

seems closer to a small paper or project you get for homework than a weeks-long focused effort, and I don’t see how all the time we’re given will be put to use effectively,” said senior Francis Alford. “But I understand the constraints that the pandemic has put on this kind of thing.”

The main focus of the Grande Project is advocacy, whether it be in communities here in St. Louis or throughout the country. The senior class has a variety of different experiences and talents when it comes to advocacy and so tapping into those experiences and passions is key to the whole process.

“I think that it’s very important for us as young lead-

ers to have experience in advocacy and I for one am very excited to have the opportunity to work on something that I’m passionate about, which is restorative justice,” said senior Taggart Arens.

At the meeting on Monday, a group of seniors that attended the Ignatian Family Teach-In trip presented to their classmates on the topic of advocacy. Each member gave a short presentation discussing how to make a good and effective advocacy project.

Overall, the Grande Project is moving along in a more structured and orderly way this year. By using feedback from last year’s seniors, Campus Ministry hopes that the Grande Project allows stu-

dents to make real, substantial changes within their communities.

“Campus Ministry has been working really hard to make sure we get the guidance we need for this and I think the theme of advocacy offers everyone a lot of options for topic choice and opportunities to tap into their passions,” said Alford.

“I think that the high degree of flexibility and the focus on research will allow students at SLUH to get out of the project what they put into it,” said Arens. “I think this will allow us to finally act upon our concerns with this world and take on the responsibility of citizenship in our city, state, country, and world.”





# The first retreat for the Class of '25 helps to create brotherhood of SLUH

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talks and small group activities by their senior advisors and multiple faculty members. It proved to be a great start to the Thanksgiving break and to the freshmen's spiritual journey at SLUH.

"One of my favorite activities was when we had pancakes in the morning," said freshman Ethan Bognar. "I liked how I got to meet up with all my friends before the day started. We were all unsure what the day would bring, and the breakfast put me a bit at ease."

The retreat, however, started for the senior advisors long before the freshmen walked through the Danis Theatre Lobby doors Monday morning. On Nov. 8, they spent their day off up at SLUH reflecting on the task at hand of leading the freshmen on their very first retreat at SLUH. Determined to make a deep and positive impact on the freshmen, each senior advisor chose a personal topic for the talks he would deliver to his group. Some, such as senior Daniel Munie, were chosen to give a larger talk to the whole class on the freshmen's future at SLUH.

"It was an honor to be in that kind of position, standing up in front of the entire freshman class," said Munie. "I remember looking up to the seniors who led that same talk when I was a freshman three years ago. That being said, I'm glad that I was able to play a part in helping them grow closer as a class and start building that brotherhood."

The next and final step in preparing for the retreat involved the seniors decorating the homerooms that their groups were assigned to by bringing in furniture and decor to help the freshmen feel welcomed and comfortable. While many of the seniors stuck to bringing in some lawn chairs or bean bags with Christmas lights to illuminate the room for their group, other seniors went the extra mile, such as senior Gus Tettamble, who seemingly transported his group of freshmen to the North Pole by setting up an inflatable igloo in his room.

"I was digging through my basement for some old Christmas decorations with my mom when we stumbled onto this inflatable igloo," said Tettamble. "She told me that it would be perfect for letting Christ come down and touch the souls of my freshman. I knew my mom was onto something, so I wiped the dust off, packed it up, and brought it to my classroom."



Freshman in their small group classroom.

photo | Nick Sanders

The senior advisors made sure to arrive at school early Monday morning to be able to greet the freshmen and to join with them in feasting on Chris' Cakes slapjacks. After an array of speeches and feature appearances of CLERPIS, the monster looming in the halls (also known as Director of the Learning Center Tim Curdt), the freshmen, along with their senior advisors, ventured into their homeroom for small groups for some icebreakers and team building exercises, such as everyone trying to throw Q-tips into a SOLO cup. The freshmen and senior advisors also each received a section of a jigsaw puzzle and customized it to make it their own to finally complete the puzzle.

Subsequent to the introductions, the Class of '25 gathered in the chapel to listen to a multitude of speeches from senior advisors about how they started to finally fit into the brotherhood of St. Louis U. High and their own personal experiences on reaching this place.

"I think it gave a good perspective from the older students on how we should build a brotherhood as a class," said freshman Danny McAuliffe. "Our teachers talk about it all the time, but when we see the seniors talk about their brotherhood, we realize that it takes time and it inspires us to get more involved in actually developing it."

One of the most loved activities of the Freshmen Retreat then ensued with recess taking place in the Danis Field House. Freshmen worked out their energy in games of dodgeball, agility in Four-Square, speed in Steal the Bacon, and smarts in both chess, Jenga, and UNO! battles taking place all throughout the gymnasium. This was a time where everyone could mingle with other groups as well as form friendships with classmates.

Freshman Andrew Mortiz said, "The recess was a lot of fun and a great chance to get to know some of my classmates I had never really talked to so far this school year. The dodgeball and Four-Square games were a great way to bond with a lot of people in our class and interact with others."

After a lunch consisting of delicious cheeseburgers, chips, and sugar cookies, freshmen gathered in small groups once again to write their own Letters-To-Self. These letters reflect on what life is like now for the freshmen and how they want to improve upon in the future at SLUH. It is a longtime tradition that the students will

open these letters the following year on their Sophomore Retreat, which is usually held in the spring. On top of this, the freshmen also wrote a letter to their school counselors about how their experience at SLUH is going so far as they wrap up their first semester.

Following this quiet reflection time, students with their senior advisors had a teacher come in to talk about how they found faith in God throughout their own unique experiences and how they see Him in day-to-day life. These personal talks added to the connections being built by the retreat from the unity and trust being built.

"It was really helpful to hear experiences from your teachers who have taught here for a while and your senior advisors to see where they find God in their daily lives here," said freshman Rowan Lemp.

One of the most loved parts of the Freshmen Retreat was when nearing the end of the retreat, a guided prayer took place. After a long and exhausting day, it was what the freshmen needed to help relax and reflect on the day that they had.

"My favorite part of the day was definitely the guided prayer. I'd never prayed that way before and it felt very peaceful especially after all the things that we had done," said freshman Alex Bendaña.

After finishing the guided prayer, the group walked down to the Commons to enjoy a final meal together for the day: Papa John's Pizza. As the boys feasted on pizza, some students couldn't help but stare in awe at the beautiful sunset to the West while looking out the windows of the Commons. The transcendental beauty of the vista helped conclude the fruitful day the freshmen had spent in prayer and in unity with their classmates.

Rejuvenated by the delicious Papa John's, the boys went on to conclude their day with Mass in the chapel led by Fr. Ralph Houlihan. To celebrate the success of the retreat, and a semester of leading freshmen, the senior advisors joined together in a heartfelt moment to sing, in unison, "Love Will Hold Us Together" in the front of the chapel.

"As a bunch of guys, I feel like we don't talk about loving each other a whole lot," said senior Ben Harmon. "So to be able to get together and spend the whole day just simply focusing on loving each other as brothers is just an awesome thing and makes everyone on the retreat feel united like no other retreat here at SLUH."

# Jr. Bills visit the concrete jungle and experience the chaos of Wall Street



Students with Jonathan Holden '06 in New York.

photo | Courtesy of Louis Cornett

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of the main tourist attractions in Manhattan, including Broadway and the 9/11 memorial. Filling both the camera rolls and the conversations of students, New York proved to be a more than gracious host over the course of the three days.

Landing early Thursday, the group, after a brief delay waiting for their van, traveled to Alua Capital, to meet with Tom Purcell '89 and Jonathan Holden '06. Purcell, who started his own hedge fund, provided insights on the benefit of hard work and risk while Holden gave a helpful presentation on private equity.

"I really enjoyed getting off the plane and going straight to Mr. Purcell," said senior John Loretta. "It gave me a great feel of life in New York and a great experience."

Following their first meeting, the Jr. Bills ate lunch on the go before arriving at Morgan Stanley, the second stop of the trip. Meeting with Jeff Hoffmeister '88 and Pat Haskell '90, the group was given an insider look at one of the largest banks in America. Hoffmeister talked to the students about financial technology before taking a number of questions about the path he took from SLUH. After the meeting with Hoffmeister, the Jr. Bills went right into a meeting with Haskell, a Managing Director who is in charge of the bond division at Morgan Stanley. Learning about his years of playing tackle for SLUH football to his run-ins with a three-star admiral, the group from SLUH soaked in Haskell's history as well as his career path.

"Meeting with Haskell was a good experience because he was probably more personable than anyone else we met with," said sophomore Tim Browdy. "He spoke less about the finance world and more about the character requirements to be on Wall Street. I enjoyed listening to how his experiences at SLUH have helped him in the finance world."

Following his informal Q&A, Haskell provided the Jr. Bills with one of the most eye-opening experiences of the trip. He took the 10 students out onto the bond trad-

ing floor of Morgan Stanley where groups of two students were paired off with a bond trader. An inside look into the day to day activity of traders was a phenomenal experience only available to these students through their meeting with Haskell.

"The bond trading floor was straight out of a movie," said Browdy. "It was pretty funny to watch and would take me years to figure out what goes on in that room."

Finished with all the meetings for Thursday, the Jr. Bills took a quick break at the hotel before heading to Little Italy for a dinner of pizza. From there, the students went to Broadway to see Wicked.

"I was really impressed with Wicked," said junior Ryan Kellogg. "The music was phenomenal and although it was very long, I was engaged the whole time."

The following day would prove to be just slightly more relaxing than Thursday. For the first half of the day, the Jr. Bills stayed at the hotel and met with Michael McDonough '90 of Santander Bank, a bank based in Spain. McDonough offered a perspective on running a business day to day.

"I thought it was really interesting getting the perspective of someone who works not only in the United States, but who works around the world," said Kellogg. "For the first half of the trip, we really talked to people who were working in either private equity or investment banking so to hear someone in banking was completely different."

After the meeting, the students had a quick break and decided to travel to Central Park to take in the views. From here, the Jr. Bills then went to Willow Tree to meet with Tim Lower '95, who provided lunch of pizza again for the students and an overview of his life in finance.

"He was in mezzanine financing and it was really cool to see how he built this huge business but he still seemed to be a very down to earth guy," said Loretta. "It was cool to see what you can do after SLUH and the opportunities it can give you."

The group had one more meeting, with Brian Fitzsim-

mons '96 who works for J.P. Morgan. Following the last meeting, the Jr. Bills made a brief stop in M&M's World before heading to Xavier High School in Chelsea for a Young Alumni Reception. With a dinner of pizza again, the students met with Michael Mudd, Mitch Klug, and Truman Stephens, who gave advice on the various topics of the banking world, law school, and old football traditions.

"It was interesting to see kids close to our age find their way on Wall Street," said Loretta. "It was a great connection and great to hear their stories which helped give us an idea on how to find our footing."

The reception has been a part of the trip all seven years and allows students to connect with various alumni in New York, ranging from law students to finance workers.

After another day filled with meetings, the Jr. Bills were rewarded with a tourist day on Saturday. Traveling to the 9/11 memorial, the Raging Bull on Wall Street, and Chinatown, the students took in all the sites the city had to offer. Having to guide themselves to each destination, the Jr. Bills took a few wrong turns along the way and had to be directed back on path by Foy.

"I think it is really important for people to take ownership," said Foy. "To be in New York making decisions about where to go, you'll remember it better. And honestly, getting around in a city such as New York, is a skill. Plus, it's hilarious to watch everyone try to figure it out."

Minus the few missed turns, the day was a great way to end the trip in New York.

"I never saw the 9/11 memorial. That was pretty powerful," said Loretta. "And I really liked going to Chinatown. I bought a fake Rolex which was pretty fun."

The students were grateful for the chaperones who made the trip possible.

"I was really grateful for the fact that Dr. Foy and Mr. Linhares were always with us at the meetings, making sure we knew where we were going and they sacrificed two and a half days to be with us, which was really cool," said Kellogg.





Senior Nick Kramer sinks a basket against Cardinal Ritter.

photo | Nathan Rich

# SPORTS

## Seniors lead No. 5 basketball to win over powerhouse Fr. Tolton in season opener, puts up valiant fight against Ritter; high hopes for season

BY COBY SPRATTE  
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CORE STAFF, REPORTER

The basketball team tipped off its season last Friday with a 57-53 win against Father Tolton out of Columbia, Mo., and followed this early action with a tight 50-46 loss against Cardinal Ritter on Tuesday.

The Jr. Bills have high hopes for this season, the culmination of several seniors' high school careers. Seniors Nick Kramer, Luke Johnston, Jaden McClain, and Kevin Hogan have been on the varsity roster since they were freshman, but have had little consistent success. The team has a combined record of 25-45 in the past three seasons, and this year they will look to break the

.500 mark for the first time since 2016.

This season brings higher hopes for the Billikens, as SLUH comes in at No. 5 in the Large School St. Louis area rankings.

They will be led by St. Louis University commit Kramer, who averaged a team-leading 19.2 points per game, a 62.9 percent field goal percentage, 6.7 rebounds per game, and 1.18 blocks per game last season. Kramer will look to build off of these numbers and lead the team on and off the court.

"I'm just going to try to be the best player and teammate I can be," Kramer said. "If I can bring energy and focus every-day to practice, then the young guys will follow."

The Jr. Billikens will roster 15 players this season, the most

since 2018. They will be led by seniors Kramer, McClain, Johnston, and Hogan, with more leadership from seniors Nick Witcher, Jack Christianell, and Charlie Stewart.

Junior guard AJ Walker Jr. and junior forward Zach Ortwerth will be big contributors this season, and the roster will be further bolstered by juniors Cal Kreuter, Dwayne Chatman, Cayman Butler, and Trey Phillips III, along with sophomores Charlie Isom-McCall and Jalen Jones.

Behind this deep roster, the Jr. Bills started the season on the right foot, defeating a talented Father Tolton team 57-53 in the Cross Conference Challenge.

Tolton made the State Semifinals last season, and touts an impressive record of

143-42 over the last seven seasons. The Blazers' top player, Jevon Porter—a 6-foot-11 forward committed to Pepperdine University who is the younger brother of NBA standout Michael Porter Jr.—dazzled in the Jr. Bills' opener, but his efforts weren't enough to carry his team to victory.

SLUH was led by Walker, who stood out with 21 points, and Ortwerth who added another 11.

The Jr. Bills were able to subdue Father Tolton's offensive attack and held them 13 points below their season average en route to an opening win.

The Jr. Billikens faced another tough opponent in Cardinal Ritter for the second contest of the season, but unfortunately could not come out

on top.

SLUH played a tight game with Ritter, the No. 3 Small Schools team in the St. Louis area. The game was tied late, but foul trouble and an inability to make critical shots deterred the Bills and they dropped the game 50-46.

With 25, Kramer scored more than half the team's points, but his impressive efforts were not enough to catapult the Jr. Billikens back into the win column for the second straight game. Despite the loss, the team's spirits are still high, though.

"I'm happy with our start to the season," Kramer said. "All we can really ask for at the beginning of the season is for everyone to play hard and we have. By mid season, everyone will be caught up and they'll be

making shots."

The Jr. Bills are in the midst of a ten day hiatus before they travel to Kansas City, where they will play in the Blue Springs Tournament. SLUH begins tournament play on Dec. 9 at 8:30 p.m. against Rockhurst in the first round.

The Jr. Bills will open up conference play on Dec. 17 against rival CBC, but the team has higher aspirations for this season than just regular season play.

"District champs, then Final Four," Kramer said, when reflecting upon the outlook of the season. "We've got a very winnable district and we are the best team in it. Then it's one game and we're in the Final Four."



# Hockey wins 7th consecutive Jesuit Cup, steamrolls Kirkwood

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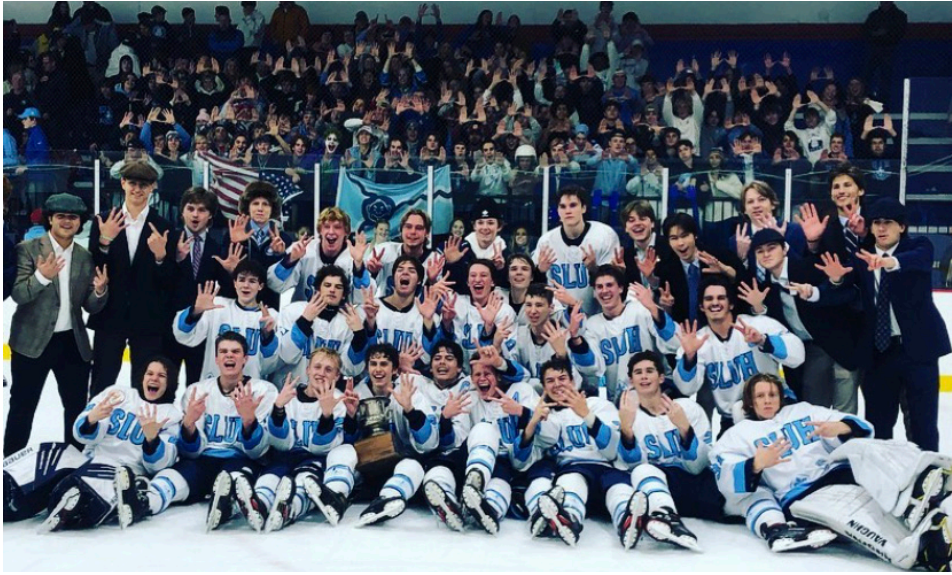
A momentous roar erupted from the St. Louis U. High student section as the final seconds ticked down in the annual Jesuit Cup game last Friday. For the seventh straight year, the hockey team brought the Jesuit Cup back to Oakland.

The Jesuit Cup is a long-standing hockey tradition between the two St. Louis Jesuit High schools, De Smet, and SLUH. For the past seven years, SLUH has won the trophy in resounding victory, adding even more fuel to the competition.

“The whole team was extremely excited for the game,” said senior captain Max Sextro. “It’s the J-Cup, we all know it’s huge.”

Beyond the rivalry, the J-Cup stands for much more. Since 2013, SLUH and De Smet have used the game to remember Clare Blase, a former Nerinx cheerleader who died of cancer on Dec. 14, 2012. The schools band together to raise money for the Clare Blase Historical Scholarship fund, which aids girls who have struggled with cancer in their life. A great cause, the J-Cup is more than just a rivalry game.

The game started tightly contested, as both sides fought for control of the puck. However,



Players celebrate the Jesuit Cup win.

photo | SLUH Hockey

er, late in the first period, senior Mario DiMaggio made a pass to senior Ben Winkelmann, who skated up the rink before passing off to Sextro, who buried the puck for SLUH’s first goal of the night.

“It was a huge moment for us,” said Sextro. “We all started to believe that we were going to win the cup and bring it back home.”

Throughout the second period, the Jr. Bills fought hard to start something offensively, but time and time again, the tough De Smet defense halted the Jr. Bills’ efforts. Despite the lack of offense in the second, SLUH’s defense stayed strong and held off a rowdy De Smet offense trying to tie the game back up.

After countless attacks on

the goal throughout the second period and into the third, SLUH struck again. With five minutes to go, Sextro made a swift pass to freshman Patrick Vogl, who maneuvered it past De Smet’s goalie for the second SLUH goal, his first with the team.

“I was on my line with Sextro and Winkelmann. I went back door and got a cross ice pass from Sextro and put it in,” said Vogl. “It was surreal. I heard my crowd going crazy and De Smet’s crowd booing. It was so loud.”

With a great crowd behind them, SLUH felt the energy of their fans which helped propel them to victory.

“The crowd is a huge factor,” said Walters. “The SLUH

atmosphere of the student body cheering for their buddies on the ice is heartfelt and the players know it. When we have that big of a fan base, the other team is at a disadvantage. There is a SLUH comradery among the players and the fans that other teams can’t understand.”

The late second goal made it seem like the game was decided. SLUH could have dropped back to protect their own goal, but they had different plans. With a minute left in the third, senior Nick Lyons broke free from the De Smet defenders and passed to fellow senior Ryan Spinner, who sealed the game with an empty net goal.

“It was a great moment,” said Vogl. “Hopefully, we can bring (the cup) back my next

three years as well.”

Despite three momentous offensive plays, the true victory for the team was in the defense. SLUH shut out a formidable De Smet offense, who had previously been crushing all other opponents. Walters cited both a strong defensive line and junior goalie Max Bely for SLUH’s outstanding performance in the Jesuit Cup.

“The team believes in our goaltending,” said Walters. “He started out the game really strong and our message going into that game was to be smart in the defensive areas and the scoring chances will come. Our defense made De Smet pay if they came into the middle of the ice.”

Following the resounding defeat of their Jesuit rivals, the Jr. Bills carried their momentum with them into Saturday’s game against Kirkwood.

“Against Kirkwood, we came out with a great intensity,” said Walters. “We came out fast and played a really good game after the J-Cup.”

Winning convincingly 5-1, SLUH dispatched the Pioneers before looking ahead to a decent but feisty Lafayette team. This past Monday, the team hoped to showcase the same stellar defense that was on display against De Smet and extend their win streak to four games.

The Jr. Bills struck fast.

Winkelmann scored 30 seconds into the first period. However, Lafayette quickly tied the game on a breakaway goal at the 12 minute mark. This was only the beginning of a game marked by back and forth play.

With two minutes remaining in the second period, junior Henry Serafin broke the stalemate with a goal. However, Lafayette again tied it up in the first three minutes of the third period, and then quickly struck again, tipping the puck past Bely to go up by 3-2 with nine minutes to play.

The moment of darkness was quickly dissipated when Spinner, with six minutes left, snuck a shot past the Lafayette goalie to tie the game back up. Neither team could score again and the game ended in a tie.

“On paper, it said that SLUH would win the game,” said Walters. “I think our kids thought we had the game in hand, and I’ll take nothing away from Lafayette. When we were not as hungry as we should have been, Lafayette took advantage and they always play a great game against us.”

After the huge Jesuit Cup victory and the Lafayette tie, the Jr. Bills’ record stands at 3-1-1. They will look to defeat Rockwood tonight, with the puck dropping at 8:10 p.m. at the Afton Ice Hockey Rink.

# Racquetball wins against CBC and Kirkwood, eyes Nationals yet again

BY CHARLIE VONDERHEID  
REPORTER

After a long fall season of ladder tournaments and challenge matches, the varsity racquetball team is ready to make a push at its 11th straight National Championship. Plus, after last season’s Nationals were canceled due to the pandemic, the varsity team is especially anxious to reclaim its title in 2022. They started off on the right foot two weeks ago when they went 6-1 against a talented CBC team.

Starting off at the top seed was senior Will Shorey, who beat CBC’s top seed, Jake Schmidt, 15-5, 15-8. Shorey was very happy with the way he played.

“I was really proud I beat Jake. He ranks pretty high in my league,” said Shorey. “For our team as a whole, and for me, serves were really huge.”

An element in practice this season has been focusing on player’s serves, a free shot against opponents that can lead to easy points in games. Senior Jared Thornberry, playing at No. 3, also spoke on the importance of the serve in his 15-12, 15-7 win over CBC’s Spencer Keith.

“I think we really need to keep focusing on our serves, so that we’re strong when we do get those easy opportunities to win points,” said Thornberry. “We were able to get up on our opponents early, which allowed us to make mistakes but then get back on top.”

Senior Danny Phillips, at No. 4, had similar results.

Phillips won in two games, 15-6, 15-4. The lefty will look to continue his dominant performance in his next match against Kirkwood.

Senior Max Telken suffered the only defeat of the day for the varsity squad in the No. 2 singles match. He lost an up and down game to Gabe Collins in a tiebreaker, 15-9, 3-15, 2-11. Telken, a second year varsity player, will have to draw on some of that past experience to pull out a win in his next match.

While the top half of the varsity team is led by second year seniors, the bottom half of varsity is filled with almost all first year juniors. Leading the way at No. 5 is junior Nick Heinlein, who won in two games against Emerson Foote 15-10, 15-1. Heinlein’s strong variety in his serves and solid foundation in his mechanics leads to him dominating the second game, only allowing one point.

The only senior on the bottom half of varsity, Clark Martin, won his match against Nick Giannotti in three games 10-15, 15-7, 11-1. Martin’s raw power and strong serve should allow him to win lots of games this coming season.

Rounding out the varsity squad is the doubles team of juniors Luke Dannegger and Max Adelman. They won their doubles match in complete domination 15-3, 15-0. Dannegger’s ability to put shots down and Adelman’s patience in long rallies makes for the perfect pair on the court.

The first set of matches was

a great starting point to build off of for the rest of the season.

“I like that we started with a really tough team (in CBC), one of our toughest competitions was the first match off the bat,” said Stephen Deves, head of the racquetball program. “It shows that our guys are really going to have to work to be successful this year”

The varsity team has done nothing but work so far this season at practices, and even though SLUH has won ten straight national titles, they aren’t crowned champions automatically because of the “SLUH” label.

“It’s a lot to live up to, a lot of pressure,” Shorey said. “But Coach Hoffman sat us down and said, ‘It’s going to be tough, you guys gotta come up big’”

While there might be lots of pressure involved in claiming that title, there is also some positivity brought out of SLUH’s reputation.

“There’s also a lot of enjoyment in knowing that we are a dominant force in the league and that people look to us as a dominant force,” stated Deves. “It comes with some confidence which I think is good.”

After another dominant 6-0 win against Kirkwood on Wednesday night, the team, as always, has some significant momentum heading into its next matches. After an important Winter Rollout Tournament this weekend, the Jr. Bills will face Parkway West next Thursday.

# Commit’s Corner

*In the coming weeks, the Prep News will be highlighting several members of the Class of 2022 who have signed to play sports in college in our Commit’s Corner. As the number of commits increases, we encourage seniors to email the Prep News with signing updates or player suggestions.*

## DuMont commits to join SLU baseball program next year

BY NATHAN RICH  
SPORTS EDITOR

Senior Jack DuMont will be taking his baseball talents to St. Louis University next year, after announcing his signing with the Billikens last month. He represents one of the first members of the talented Class of 2022 to officially sign on to play athletics in college.

For DuMont, though, the announcement has been a long time coming. Ever since he was a kid, baseball was the only thing on his mind.

“I knew baseball was my favorite sport since I was 10 and I knew I wanted to eventually only play that sport,” he reflected.

DuMont, a 6-foot-3

left-handed pitcher, will get the chance to do just that at a college that offers the best of two worlds.

“The combination of their strong athletic and baseball programs as well as their strong academics (made me want to pick SLU). I also want to study medicine and their medical program made it an appealing school,” DuMont said.

He will join a Billikens team that struggled last season, winning only 17 of their 48 games. Still, DuMont is confident in the program and ready to help them succeed. He expressed excitement for starting his college career and for playing for coaches that noticed him from the start.

“The coaches were pretty interested in me,” noted DuMont. “A lot of the other schools that I was talking to, they were interested but it seemed like SLU took more of an interest and really invested in me.”

Now that the decision has been made, though, DuMont does feel a weight lifted off him. He’s ready to compete this spring with the Jr. Billikens.

“A lot of the summer season and playing before I decided was geared towards impressing scouts but now the pressure is taken off and now it’s more about just competing and playing, which is how it should be,” said DuMont.





Around the Hallways

Adopt a Family Drive

Campus Ministry’s annual Adopt-A-Family Drive has begun with excitement from the student body. For this drive, SLUH is partnering with St. Francis Community Services Southside to provide a merry Christmas for families in need.

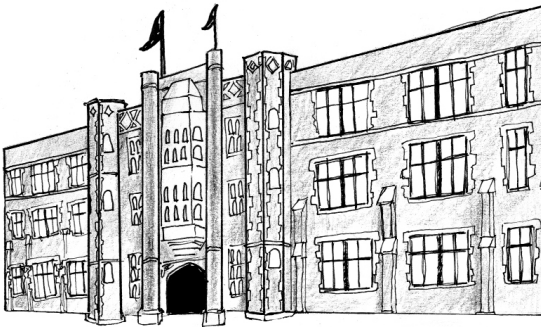
STUCO 12 days of Christmas

The start of December marks the kickoff of Stuco’s 12 Days of Christmas celebrations. They started off strong with the heartwarming give-

away of Christmas cookies on the first and a hearty breakfast of Chris’ Cakes on the second. Be on the lookout for upcoming festive phenomena.

Loyola Christmas Party

Last night SLUH president Alan Carruthers and his Presidential Ambassadors hosted the annual Christmas Party for the students of Loyola Academy. The event was organized and attended by the student ambassadors, who spent the evening playing games and



enjoying pizza and Christmas cookies with the Loyola students.

—Compiled by Alex Preusser, Core Staff

Right: Junior Luke Dannegger prepares to catch a pancake at STUCO’s 12 days of Christmas event.

Middle left: The old switchboard decked out for Christmas.

Middle right: Seniors Michael Urbanski (left) and Thomas Nguyen enjoying pancakes.

Bottom: Mothers and Mr. Schulte advertise the Adopt-a-Family drive.

photos | Jack Figge



Calendar

Friday, December 3

A Day

Adopt-a-Family Drive  
Advent Confessions  
C Team (White) Basketball  
Timberland Tournament  
Loyola Santa Shop  
Mix-it-up Lunch  
LUNCH Special—Battered Cod Fillet  
Vegetarian—Grilled Vegetable with Brown Rice  
7:50AM SLUH Community First Friday Mass  
8:10PM Varsity Ice Hockey vs Rockwood Summit

Saturday, December 4

Adopt-a-Family Drive  
9:00AM Westminster Wrestling Invitational (V)  
2:30PM B Basketball @ Gateway STEM Tournament (vs CBC)

Sunday, December 5

Adopt-a-Family Drive

Monday, December 6

B Day - Late Start

Late Start Schedule  
Adopt-a-Family Drive  
Band Rehearsal  
Faculty Meeting  
LUNCH Special—Lasagna Italiano  
Vegetarian—Pasta Con Broccoli  
4:30PM B Team Northwest Basketball Tournament vs Marquette  
4:30PM C Team (White) Basketball vs Oakville

Tuesday, December 7

A Day

Adopt-a-Family Drive  
LUNCH Special—Beef Chimichanga  
Vegetarian—Jumbo Stuffed Shells  
4:30PM B Team Northwest Basketball Tournament  
7:00PM Band Concert

Wednesday, December 8

B Day

Assembly Schedule  
Adopt-a-Family Drive  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception-Mass-Formal Attire  
AP NHS Faculty Karaoke  
Snack—Bosco Stick  
LUNCH Special—Beef Pot Roast  
Vegetarian—Cous Cous  
3:30PM Choir Tech Reh

Thursday, December 9

A Day

Adopt-a-Family Drive  
Blue Springs Varsity Basketball Tournament  
LUNCH Special—Roman Style Pork Loin  
Vegetarian—Brown Rice & Vegetables  
3:30PM Varsity 1 Racquetball vs Parkway West  
4:30PM B Team Northwest Basketball Tournament  
4:30PM Windsor Wrestling Tournament (JV)  
4:30PM C Team (Blue) Basketball vs Hazelwood Central

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