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Dear SI,

As the year draws to an end, and the doors of SI close for the summer, we are very sad to have to say goodbye as Editors-in-Chief, but are so grateful for the wonderful year we have had! We want to thank everyone at SI who has helped support and contribute to our paper, who have read our articles and pondered over the crosswords, and shared news and memes with their friends. This past year has been a blast, and we have learned so much from the SI community by getting to report on all the exciting events that happen both inside and outside of SI. We will miss being EICs - running Fight for Space meetings, enjoying candy in the moderators' room, and attending endless layout sessions after school, but we are so confident in next year's Editors-in-Chief team and everything they will bring to the paper next year. We look forward to all that is to come! Wishing the Class of 2024 a wonderful Graduation!



Your '23-'24 EICs:

♥ Naomi, Senna, Jeslyn, Megan, and Cayden

STANDARDIZED TESTING RETURNS FOR SEVERAL UNIVERSITIES

Lucas Liang '26

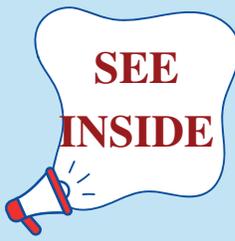
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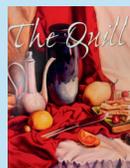
On February 6, Dartmouth College announced that it would once again require SAT or ACT scores for applicants to the Class of 2029, becoming the first Ivy League school to reinstate this requirement. Many other selective colleges soon followed; at the time of publication, colleges such as Harvard, Yale, Brown and Caltech have also since reinstated standardized testing for applicants.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many universities suspended standardized test requirements due to access concerns. However, some universities, including the

University of California system, permanently halted the use of standardized testing due to equity concerns. In a report released in 2021 by a committee of the UC Academic Senate, the committee found that "although standardized test scores... are presumed to signify an individual's academic skills and readiness for the university, these scores also reflect, to a varying degree, broader social and educational inequities in the school context." Aiden Guerrero '26 agreed, saying "standardized testing is never an accurate depiction of who a student is."

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THE QUILL HAS COME

Sierra Murphy '25

Editor-in-Chief

The Quill has officially arrived! After months of reading the countless Quill memes around the hallways and seeing banners hung in anticipation, *The Quill* has finally been released! This year there were so many talented pieces ranging from poetry and short stories to photography.

When talking with Penny Pyo '24, an Editor-in-Chief of *The Quill* board, she shared, "When you're putting together a literary magazine, there's a lot of moving parts: proofreading, layout, publicity, and so on. I'm so impressed and proud of our editorial board for embracing all of it with enthusiasm and diligence, and deeply grateful for our teachers and adults who supported this production." There is so much work throughout the year that goes behind the release of *The Quill* and we are so thankful for the board members' efforts.



Overall, this magazine would not be possible without each writer and artist who submitted their incredible work. "From poetry to oil pastels to photography, I'm absolutely blown away by the talent of our SI community! I hope people enjoy this year's edition of *The Quill* and are inspired to keep creating!" said Pyo.

The Quill is always one of the best times of the year and a great opportunity for all people to showcase their creative work to the whole community. We can't wait for this tradition to be carried on for many years to come!



c/o @lifeatSI

Sierra Murphy '25

COOKING UP WITH THE NEW CATS

Editor-in-Chief

On Monday April 15th, Big Cats hosted a BBQ at SI to welcome the future Wildcats, class of 2028. If you're not familiar with the Big Cat program, it is where a rising Senior is paired with three to four rising Freshmen. Usually the groups are made based on common interests at SI. This allows all Little Cats to have a more personal welcome to the SI community and so Big Cats can answer all questions to the best of their ability. Additionally, as their first ever SI event, this BBQ gave the Little Cats a chance to meet their Big Cat, future classmates, and see more of the SI campus!

To start off the evening, the Little Cats sat at their assigned table along with the rest of their group. At the table, Big Cats were able to answer initial questions and engage in icebreaker activities. Olivia Horan, a Little Cat, said, "I thought the BBQ was so much fun and a great way to meet some of my classmates. I loved doing the scavenger hunt and the food was delicious."

After getting to know each other, Big Cat groups broke off and competed in a friendly competition: a scavenger hunt around SI! The Scavenger Hunt included a selfie with the Saint Ignatius statue, choreographing a dance on the piazza, and even a

human pyramid on the tennis courts. After an evening full of laughs, groups all shared a meal and the Leadership Team announced the winner of the scavenger hunt. Overall, Horan said her experience "definitely made [her] more excited to attend SI!"

There was nothing but positive comments after the night. Although the rising Frosh still have four months until they start SI, the BBQ was definitely a great way to introduce and welcome them to the community. If you look back on your first day of high school, you can probably remember how nervous you felt walking in the halls for the first time and seeing nothing but unfamiliar faces. This BBQ definitely helped to take away some jitters, by helping the Little Cats get a feel of their next four years at SI!



Big Cat leaders stand in front of the tables of Little Cats.

PROM: A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Sierra Murphy '25, Sienna Cline '25

Editor-in-Chief, Contributing Editor

As prom night drew near, girls mentally prepared for the pain of high heels and the struggle of pinning the boutonniere on their date's suit without stabbing them. Meanwhile, guys spent hours searching for a tie that correctly matched that very specific shade of blue to go with her dress. Despite the pre prom jitters, it was a night full of excitement, anticipation, and lots of dancing!

When Spring Break winded down, prom started to become a new hot topic, and many people started scrambling for dates. As students refreshed their instagram feeds, they were entertained by the new promposals that were posted on the account. Promposals began two weeks prior to prom night and was one of the highlights of prom season.



*Seniors gather in front of the venue before prom.
c/o Slickpic*

On Saturday, April 27th, SI hosted a combined Junior and Senior prom at The Conservatory at One Sansome. Before the prom even began, friend groups hosted "pre-proms," and Caitlin Tran said, "My favorite part of the night was getting ready with my friends and taking cute pictures." Then, when groups arrived at the elegant venue, it was filled with delicious food, black jack tables, and a Photo Booth that allowed everyone to capture the best moments with their friends. From grilled cheese to garlic fries to sliders, there was food for all to enjoy. When sharing her favorite part of prom, Maggie Strain said, "I really enjoyed the DJ, he played lot's of cool music and he was from the Warriors." DJ D Sharp, the official DJ of the Golden State Warriors, energized the crowd at prom, which helped to make the night such a big success.

Prom is more than just a high school dance; it is a world wide tradition and mutual experience for all teenagers. For many of us, we have dreamed about prom since Freshman year, so there can be a lot of stigma around making prom night unforgettable. No matter if the night exceeded your expectations or left you underwhelmed, I am positive everyone had a great story to tell by the end of it!

As a result of the combined Junior and Senior prom, Juniors were not allowed to prompose during the school day. The school gave free prom tickets to the most creative promposal in the Junior and Senior class. This led several individuals within the community to think outside of the box, like Quinn Folk '25 who secured the first place spot in the Junior class for his Macarena promposal. In the Senior class, Jimmy McKeon '24 won first place for an exciting boxing promposal.

SENIOR HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES

Kate McFarland '24

Managing Editor

Roll out of bed at 11 A.M., grab some Starbucks for breakfast, and hit the sand. This is how the Monday, April 29 Senior Holiday or "Senior Skip" went for many of the twelfth grade students at SI. San Francisco celebrated the end of the school year with sunshine and a light breeze. From basking in the sun, to spikeball, to taking a rare dip in the SF Bay, these seniors had a blast. Dylan McCarthy '24 summarizes the day, saying "It was a great day to bond with other seniors before we all go off to college." Some seniors went out to lunch or dinner with their friends instead of or in addition to the beach, with In-N-Out and Mel's Diner being popular spots. This decades-old tradition left many tired seniors with sunburns and lifelong memories.



Seniors enjoying the day off



SI LIVE: THE LAUGH IS BACK

Lilly Eugster '25

Contributing Editor

After a break that felt like an eternity, the laughter resurfaced through the theater once more at Saint Ignatius' iconic SI Live. The show made its triumphant return on May 9th and 10th. As the curtains rose, students, faculty, and the community eagerly enjoyed the return of this comedic experience. For years, the comedy show has been a cherished tradition at Saint Ignatius, bringing together students from all around to showcase their comedic talents and share some laughs.

When interviewing one of the script writers for SI Live, Sarah Gassel '25, she said, "I can't give too much away, but I can say it is so exciting to be a part of this production which I have been attending since my freshman year. The team is so special and everyone brings such individual talent to the group. I am so inspired by each person and I am super excited for everyone to experience the show!"

Acts, including parodies of Jeopardy! and SNL's Weekend Update, satirized various things at SI, including how some students will have classes in portable classrooms next year.

One of the most special things about this tradition is the hard work and dedication that goes into the production. Behind every punchline lies hours of rehearsal, times of brainstorming, and a shared passion for making people laugh. So, let's come together as a community and celebrate the return of SI Live with open arms and raucous laughter.

SI Live Cast members perform a skit. c/o Ms. Boland



BRINGING ADVOCACY BACK TO SI

Evelyn Conboy '26, Shelby Evans '24

Associate Editor-in-Chief, Contributing Editor

The SI Grad at Grad calls students to be "committed to justice" and "called to leadership". In Sacramento, over the April 14, 2024 weekend, eleven SI students demonstrated Grad at Grad values by advocating for justice. These SI Students participated in Jesuit West's Advocacy Day. Jesuits West is a Jesuit network with ministries such as Homeboy Industries and organized an advocacy event tailored for California high schools.

The SI group met at the State Capitol with Assembly Member Phil Ting, Assembly Member Matt Haney, and Senator Scott Weiner to advocate for climate, migration, and housing bills. Alongside SI's meetings, other California Jesuit schools also met with their respective legislators.

To prepare for advocacy meetings, SI students met biweekly with Jesuits West to learn about the differences between Assembly Bills and Senate Bills and how to conduct advocacy meetings. For hesitant students interested in the trip, SI Student Representative Chance White '24 shared that he "highly recommends this trip" and loved "seeing how accessible our government is".

After returning from the advocacy trip, Advocacy Day students and the SI Arrupe Social Justice Council Club hosted a phone banking event where attendees called legislative offices to reaffirm SI's commitment to the bills.

Advocacy Day organizer, Annie Fox, reminds us that we do not need to be legislative and policy experts to advocate for relevant issues. The act of advocacy and policy-making can seem intimidating and complex, but youth voices have historically significantly influenced state legislatures. We implore the SI community to exercise their civil rights by calling their state representatives on issues they care about.

BILLS

- AB 846** Tenant Protections
- SB 1201** Corporate Housing Owner Transparency
- ACA 16** California Green Amendment
- Improve AB 285** Ecological Education in Schools
- AB 4** Healthcare 4 All
- AB 2031 REP** All Immigrants Act



SI Advocacy Day group poses for a photo in front of the Capital.

FOREIGN FLAVORS AT THE FOOD FAIRE

Jordan Liu '26

Associate Editor-in-Chief

On Saturday May 4th, SI celebrated its last International Food Faire in the Carlin Commons. The historic building was occupied by a wide variety of booths from cultures around the world. Students, parents, and faculty enjoyed delicious food in addition to live performances from the Polynesian Dance Club, a jazz band, and singers. The International Food Faire proves to be one of SI's most popular annual traditions that will continue to persist after SI's remodel.



The Polynesian Dance Club takes a picture after an incredible performance. (c/o slick pic)



Delicious food is served, highlighting various flavors of the world.



Friends smile while they enjoy their meal at the Food Faire.

CELEBRATING JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Jacob Bushler '25

Contributing Editor

May is Jewish American Heritage Month, an opportunity to celebrate the many contributions that Jews have made to the United States of America.

Since 1654, when the first Jewish refugees fleeing persecution in Europe arrived in modern-day New York, Jewish Americans have left an indelible mark on the United States. From Haym Salomon, who played an important role in fundraising for the American Revolution, to Emma Lazarus's stirring poem "The New Colossus," which is inscribed on the Statue of Liberty, Jews have helped shape the United States from the very beginning.

Albert Einstein is one of the most well known Jewish scientists. However, he is not alone! Despite representing 2% of the U.S. population, Jewish-American scientists have won 36% of the Nobel Peace Prizes.

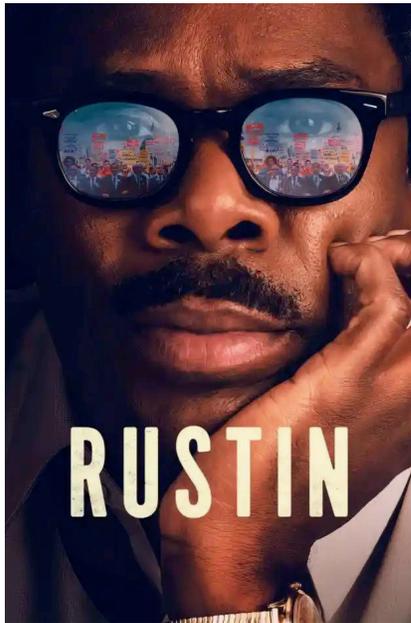
Jews also made important contributions toward achieving a more just and fair American society. Ernestine Rose was one of the leading figures in helping women win the right to vote. Jews marched alongside Martin Luther King Jr., speaking up for justice and equity and fought against segregation. Jews also advocated and marched for LGBTQ+ rights.

Many bedrocks of American culture are from Jewish-American contributors, including beloved Christmas songs such as "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" written by Jewish composers, Captain America created by comic writers Jack Kirby and Joe Simon, and, of course, bagels!

In addition, many famous American actors and directors that we have come to love are Jewish, including Adam Sandler, Ben Stiller, Steven Spielberg, Gal Gadot, Jonah Hill, Seth Rogan, Timothée Chalamet, Pete Davidson, Jerry Seinfeld, and even Scarlett Johansson! And, let's not forget the musicians! We have Adam Levine, Pink, Barbara Streisand, The Beastie Boys, David Lee Roth, and Neil Diamond!

What connects many of the inspirational Jews listed above is the value of Tikkun Olam, a Hebrew expression that means to "heal the world." As members of SI's Jewish Affinity Group, we also seek to "heal the world" by organizing service trips to make food for the unhoused and for the S.F. Women's shelter, living with integrity and contributing to our SI and the broader community.

RUSTIN MOVIE REVIEW



Rustin, starring Colman Domingo and directed by George C. Wolfe. Photo c/o Netflix.

On April 26th Magis, in collaboration with the LGBTQ+ Affinity Group, held a showing of the movie *Rustin*. *Rustin* is about Bayard Rustin, the civil rights activist who organized the March on Washington.

This film was a great look into intersectionality, this being the ways that multiple forms of inequality or disadvantage sometimes compound themselves and create obstacles that often are not understood among conventional ways of thinking. For example, a white woman has white privilege, but also faces inequality due to her gender. As a gay man, Rustin faced much discrimination from his own black community and was forced to resign from NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), where he did his advocacy work. Still, he persisted in his work and organized the March on Washington, this being the main portion of the movie.

Throughout all social movements in history, so many people are forgotten. The movie *Rustin* highlights Bayard Rustin's impact and how he was forced to stay in the shadows to accomplish his march. Furthermore, the underrepresented efforts of female civil rights advocates is emphasized as Ella Baker points out that no woman is mentioned on the pamphlets for the march.

Overall, the movie educates on the nuances and discourse within the Civil Rights movement and how it functioned in the lens of intersectionality. What perfectly summarizes the movie and why everyone should watch it is when Bayard Rustin says, "On the day that I was born Black I was also born a homosexual. They either believe in freedom and justice for all, or they do not." Nobody can control who they are, whether these identities are visible or not and for change to occur we must work for equity for all.

AANHPI HERITAGE MONTH

May marks the beginning of Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Heritage month. Members of the Asian Students' Coalition and the Pacific Islander Association celebrated the month by hanging posters around the school of their AANHPI Heroes. These heroes come from diverse backgrounds, ranging from actors to athletes to grandparents. The posters serve as a way for students to express their pride in their heritage to the wider SI community.



ASIAN AMERICAN AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

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ASIAN AMERICAN AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

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GEMMA CHAN



ASIAN AMERICAN AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

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CELEBRATING ARAB AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

Alexander Salentine '25

Managing Editor

It may surprise the average person to know that there are over 3.8 million Americans who claim Middle Eastern/North African ancestry and that April is dedicated to this diverse and resilient community. Arab Americans have positively contributed to American society, inventing and developing such common items as waffle cones, iPods, iPads, internet security, and—more recently—emotion recognition technology. It is for this reason that President Biden declared April to be Arab American History Month in 2022. But, this community has also had to persevere through hardship, especially in the wake of the attacks on September 11th and the subsequent war on terror, which demonized and stereotyped Arab Americans.

The Arab American community is an incredibly diverse one, representing over 27 countries and many different faiths, cultures, and languages; therefore, it cannot be labeled in just one way. At SI, Arab/Middle Eastern students are represented in the Arab Middle Eastern Association (AMA). Even if one does not claim this identity, one can be an ally to our community and engage with our rich heritage and culture, which is a great way to celebrate Arab Americans not just in April, but throughout the year.



Arab American Rana el Kaliouby, CEO and co-founder of Affectiva, an emotion recognition technology company. Photo c/o Forbes.

LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH

Cass Mroz Snodgrass '25

Contributing Editor

As we inch toward the end of the year there is another celebration on the horizon, LGBTQ+ pride month. One may be asking why we have this celebration. It may seem that the queer community has appeared out of nowhere in the past 50 years. This is not true. There is actually a long history of queer people all over the world dating back to the Neolithic period.

Same sex couples were accepted in many different cultures like in Mesopotamia where union blessings for both same sex and opposite sex couples were found. Third-gender and transgender individuals are also found in ancient history. India's law codes reference a third-gender known as the Kinnar or Hijra. Many Native American tribes have the designation of Two-Spirit which describes a person who was transformed from a man to a woman by a deity. Two-Spirit's could return to their community and take up the role of a woman. Finally, the Langi people in Northern Uganda had "mudoko dako," also called "effeminate males" who were treated as women and could marry men.

Unfortunately a lot of these rich traditions were lost when Christianity became the dominant religion around the world. Same sex relations were banned in many new colonies of Europe, including the US, most of Africa, and parts of Asia. Often "sodomy" was punishable by death.

Eventually most of these laws were repealed. France was the first country to do so in 1791, during the French Revolution. However, the United States took much longer to progress. Illinois was the first state to decriminalize same-sex relations in 1962. Motivated by the Civil Rights movement, the queer community became fed up with continuous mistreatment. Police would raid known gay bars and arrest those inside. One such establishment was The Stonewall Inn in NYC. On June 28, 1969 Stonewall was raided by the police, but this time the patrons fought back. The rebellion lasted 6 days and was a turning point in the gay rights movement.

A year later the first Pride parades took place in New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Chicago to commemorate the Stonewall Uprising. In June, San Francisco's Pride celebration will take place on Sunday, June 30th and will include music, entertainment, food, family activities and, of course, the San Francisco Pride Parade in downtown San Francisco.



MAGIS SENIOR CELEBRATION

Anthony Jin '24

Managing Editor

On Wednesday, May 8th, the Magis Senior Celebration and Awards Ceremony lauded the graduating students of the Magis Program and Affinity Groups not only for their achievements but for their journey, as both individuals and as a class. Ms. Hernandez emphasized the significance of holding this event, stating, “This year’s Magis and Affinity Groups Senior Celebration and Awards Ceremony was a special one for several reasons. The Class of 2024 has faced its share of challenges due to COVID-19 and its impact on schooling; this class truly deserve[s] recognition for their adaptability and achievements through it all.”

This year is the second year that every affinity group has been able to wear an affinity sash to graduation, with many more things to look forward to, from congratulating graduating seniors on their future colleges to welcoming next year’s affinity group leadership.

Regarding the future of affinity groups, Ms. Hernandez stated she hopes “for the affinity groups to continue working together to learn from each other, understand their collective power, and be empowered towards action and justice at SI.” She went on to articulate her hope “that members of the affinity groups are truly seen, heard, and supported by the SI community at large.” She called both affinity groups and the broader SI community to action, envisioning “courageous dialogue on the issues that are important and relevant to the students,” and pushing everyone to “dig deep into the mission of Jesuit education, learn from each other, and challenge entrenched ideas and beliefs that perpetuate division among humanity.”

To finish off the event, there were rounds of thanks, given especially to two individuals who have left a considerable mark on the SI community: Mr. Matt Belano and Mr. Patrick Lynch. Ms. Hernandez honored their contributions at the ceremony: “We also took time to remember the late Mr. Matt Balano, who was SI’s first Director of Equity and Inclusion and a remarkable advocate for students in the Magis Program and Affinity Groups and their families; we also express our deep appreciation for Mr. Patrick Lynch, who’s been an incredible leader, friend, and ally during his impressive 19 years at SI and who will be moving on to teach at Cristo Rey Atlanta.”

This event was a phenomenal showcase and celebration of the both the Magis Program and Affinity Groups, not only for the past four years, but looking forward to the future!



The Magis seniors take a group photo. Photo c/o Slickpic.



*BSU and PIA students give big smiles for the photos!
Photos c/o Slickpic.*



ASC Senior students at the ceremony! Photo c/o Slickpic.

MR. LYNCH & HIS JESUIT LEGACY

Kate Quach '25, Emma Chan '24

Editor-in-Chief, Managing Editor

With less than a month left in this academic year, the hallways bubble with feelings of anticipation for the summer. Yet through this excitement, there's a different energy that

lingers in classrooms— an enchantment rooted in the simple act of imparting knowledge and wisdom to others. For almost two decades, this undeniable magic has been gifted to students by Mr. Patrick Lynch.

For 19 years, his gift of teaching has not only enriched the minds of the SI student body, but also inspired all those who have crossed paths with him through shared stories of challenge, grit, and an underlying sense of humor and spirituality. From freshman-level classes centered around Saint Ignatius to upper-



Mr. Lynch's contributions of 19 years at SI has impacted spaces from Magis to Affinity Groups. Photo c/o Slickpic.

Mr. Lynch's course has been transformative in teaching me what it means to be with and for others!" said Alyssa Wong '25, a Junior taking his Contextual Ethics course. "Through his

class, I've gained perspective on topics such as migration with hands-on experience through the border pilgrimage."

This year, Mr. Lynch continued the tradition of taking a handful of his Contextual Ethics students to a border pilgrimage to Tijuana, Mexico. There, he encourages Juniors to immerse themselves in the stories and perspectives of individuals facing the process of immigrating to the United States. Engaging with local organizations that assist immigrants in their

“ Sometimes I stop taking notes for a minute so I can really absorb all the insightful things he says. Mr. Lynch has lived many lives and I'll miss learning about them all.

Sofia Filice '25

classmen courses on Contextual Ethics, Mr. Lynch has undoubtedly blazed a trail in the religious studies department, driving positive change in the curriculum. "I'm very grateful to have taught a class called Ignatian Prayer where I introduced students to Ignatian spirituality. We spent a lot of time praying in class and it was great to watch their emotional development and see them grow in their faith as the course progressed," he reflected. "It was wonderful to have been able to share a spirituality that's been foundational for me in my life."

Fostering the Jesuit principles of kinship and solidarity, Mr. Lynch's work extends beyond the confines of the classroom. As an advocate for promoting the voices of marginalized groups, Mr. Lynch believed that his favorite moments emerged while working with Magis and varying affinity groups. He said, "It's been great to see the transformation move from cultural clubs to affinity spaces where students can work on identity formation, grapple with how to be their best selves in the world, build relationships with allies, and support others continuously." With a bittersweet tone, he thought back to one of the first Magis So-Cal trips that SI organized. After working with many of the college-bound Magis students since they were in middle school, seeing them getting ready to embark on their next educational journey felt fulfilling as an educator and mentor.

journey, students like Alyssa cherish the opportunity to learn through service at Tijuana with Mr. Lynch.

In the summer, Mr. Lynch will be moving to Atlanta, Georgia, where he looks forward to teaching at Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School. Called to Cristo Rey, he hopes to connect with the student body, which consists completely of first-generation college bound students who reflect "Magis profiles." He holds enthusiasm for the next chapter of his teaching career as he will help students of color receive "internships and exposure to different types of workspaces over the course of four years."

During one of the final prayer services of the year, students and faculty listened intently to Mr. Lynch as he shared a heartfelt message of growth and progression. "Letting go is going forward to letting God," he said. In the final few minutes of his reflection, he announced to the SI community about his upcoming steps in his path as an educator. He followed the steps of "I love you, I'm sorry, and thank you," harboring appreciation for his years of experiences at SI, apologizing for his haste, and expressing gratitude for the journey taken in the hallways and classrooms on campus. "The time of letting go is the chance to lean into new relationships," he advised.

Before he transitioned to a new beginning in his life, Mr. Lynch hoped to impart seven new words of guidance to the SI community: "Self, serve and be with others always."

SI immensely thanks Mr. Lynch for his years of service and wisdom and sends the best of luck to him as he plants more footsteps of solidarity in Georgia.

Sierra Murphy '25

YOU ROCK, MR. HICKOX

Editor-in-Chief

Walking into Track and Field tryouts for the first time, I immediately felt the nerves lifted off my chest when I was welcomed by Hickox. In his past 47 years as a very valuable member of the Saint Ignatius community, Hickox has always made students feel included. Now the time has come to say our final farewell to the one and only, Mr. Hickox.

Hickox began his journey at Saint Ignatius when he was a student himself. When asked about his time as a student at SI, he shared, "it was a great place then and I got the job by being at the right place at the right time." Upon graduating SI, Hickox realized how special his time was as part of the community. He went on to attend California State University, Chico and received an M.A. in Education from San Francisco State University.



During his time at SI, Hickox has been the Head Coach of the boys and girls track and field team, an administrator of the CATS center, Head Coach of boy's soccer for 30 years and a wellness teacher. Hickox was even selected as the Central Coast Section Honor Coach of the year in 1994.

When asked about his favorite memory at SI, Hickox highlighted winning the soccer CCS Championship for the first time. This was a moment that stuck with him as he continued as a crucial leader in the athletic department at SI. Throughout his time at SI, Hickox has had a very large impact on so many people around the community. The legacy Mr. Hickox had on SI will always stay with the community and we are forever grateful for all his contributions!

“It's been wonderful, I've never looked at my job as going to work.”

~Mr. Hickox



Cayden Tu '25

BUNCHES OF THANKS TO MS. BOTTNER

Editor-in-Chief

Athletic Trainer. Assistant Athletic Director. Instructor. Mentor. Friend. Since joining the SI sports family in 1988 as the Athletic Trainer, Ms. Marla Bottner has continually poured her heart and soul into the school. Though she worked in a clinic before SI, Ms. Bottner has found real joy in working with high school students. Over the years she has had the opportunity to mentor and support students as they work diligently to recover from injuries, aiding them on the path to recovery so that they can heal and resume their sports seasons, an experience she refers to as "like no other."

During her thirty-six-year tenure as an Athletic Trainer, Ms. Bottner has witnessed SI sports undergo numerous changes. When the school became co-ed, she witnessed Bruce Mahoney adopt girls into the Wildcat Athletic tradition. As the number of women's teams grew, so did the Athletic Training program. Eventually, so many students were involved in the Athletic Training program, Ms. Bottner started PE 615, a Sports Medicine course at SI.



When Ms. Bottner retires from SI this year, she will take many memories of the school's athletic tradition with her, including the Bruce Mahoney basketball game at the Cow Palace, the Mahoney baseball game at Oracle Park, Mahoney women's volleyball at Kezar, and the CCS Football game at Oracle. In more than three decades as a

Wildcat, Ms. Bottner has made many friends and acquaintances. When asked about some of her best memories from working at the school, she said, "Being here as long as I have, I can say that... the best part of my time here [is] having lifelong friends that I know I will always have."

She had a few parting words for future SI students as well: "SI is such a special place and has so much to offer...everyone just needs to be open to, and accepting of, all the lessons and connections that SI has. I meet people everywhere... that have gone to SI and they always tell me about all their great memories and what SI has done for them." The students of SI are, of course, thankful for all Ms. Bottner has done for us also and we wish her a most enjoyable, well-earned retirement!

THANKS A MILLION TO MS. MCFARLAND

Jeslyn Oum '24

Editor-in-Chief



While SI students and faculty walk in and out of campus daily, they see an integral part of the safety measures that keep SI secure, the security desk. And, behind that desk is the office of Ms. McFarland, the person who has ensured the protection and security of SI as the school's Director of Security.

Many students are familiar with her infamous presentations at the beginning of each school year as she has shared the new safety measures and bits about her past work as a ranger in the National Parks. When asked about her position at SI, Ms. McFarland described it as "Security Compliance through Education." Her 31 years of experience in law enforcement have fueled her dedication to keeping everyone at SI safe whether it be through rules, policies, or procedures. She shared, "I find students, parents, faculty, and staff have more buy-in regarding the safety and security safeguards and systems in place, which are there for a reason and not just because we want to tell them what to do."

Before beginning her work at SI, Ms. McFarland worked for the National Parks and Historic Landmarks; she

shared, "I applied these same principles when creating a safe and secure atmosphere here at SI. I wanted to make our school a place where our students and teachers were safe and free to learn and play!" While it is no secret that students are keen on having fun and building community within campus walls, components of safety are also vital for upkeep.

Beyond her time inside the security office, Ms. McFarland has extended her time to develop closer relationships with students as well. She became the moderator for the Gender, Equity, and Rights Club (GEAR), has chaperoned for field trips for Mr. Stiegeler's criminal justice classes, and supported Ms. Wolf's trips to various museums. She has also spent considerable time supporting FSA whether it be driving students home by van, facilitating field trips in the Marin Headlands, or summer school trips to Alcatraz.

As the very first Director of Security in SI's 169 year history, she has built foundations for a long lasting legacy focused on keeping the campus a safe learning environment and place to have fun. SI Principal Ms. Levine exclaimed, "I've never met a person who is more devoted to community safety and security! I truly believe that her dedication to SI over the last 10 1/2 years has set us on the right path and assisted our entire community to feel as safe as possible on an everyday basis."

FAREWELL TO MS. QUESADA

Naomi Ko '24

Editor-in-Chief

It was fall semester of senior year, and I was absolutely panicking. I had been supposed to sign up for the SAT, but in a frenzy, I had forgotten to sign up in time and it was too late. Nearly in tears, I desperately emailed Ms. Quesada, begging her for the chance to possibly take the SAT. Within a few days, she made it work, and I was able to take the dreaded test. It is because of her that I even had the opportunity to register in the first place.

Ms. Jeannie Quesada, SI's Academic Coordinator, has been working at SI for 20 years in the Academic Office and has worked with three Assistant Principals for Academics

over her tenure: Ms. Kodros ('04-'09), Ms. Nickolai ('09-'19), and Ms. Devencenzi ('19-'24). She is the woman behind the scenes, supporting teachers and taking care of students who miss deadlines and need to register for important tests. Ms. Devencenzi described her as "the most reliable and loyal person at the school, always the first one to arrive and the last to go. She is thoughtful and organized, has a great sense of humor and loves celebrating life's special moments such as the faculty birthdays, the Super Bowl, weddings, and more." Since she is departing SI this year, I sat down to ask her a few questions.

What is your best memory at SI?

My best memory at SI is the Visual and Performing Arts program. I loved viewing the beautiful artwork and attending plays, musicals, and concerts of talented students. Also, working at SI while my children attended SI - Violet '03, Valerie '05, and Eric '09.



What were your feelings working at SI, and how do you feel about leaving?

SI has been a pleasant workplace. I have always enjoyed working with the faculty and staff. I look forward to spending more time with my family, especially my grandchildren - Emma (7), Noah (4), and Jack (5 mos.) and traveling with my husband, Richard.

Any advice for incoming faculty?

My advice for incoming faculty is to participate in school activities and events with colleagues and students. The experience is rewarding.

What will you miss most about SI?

The most I will miss about SI is seeing the faculty and staff I have worked with for so many years. It's time for me to move on to a new chapter of my life. SI will always have a place in my heart.

LOTS OF LOVE TO LANNAN

Jeslyn Oum '24

Editor-in-Chief

After 14 years, Religious Studies Department Chair and Ethics teacher, Mr. Lannan, is preparing to leave SI's halls. Many students would recognize Mr. Lannan by the sound of boisterous laughter from his 2nd floor classroom or his hearty, everyday smile. Having been part of the SI community for over a decade now, Mr. Lannan has integrated himself into various sectors of the school whether it be speaking at prayer services, enthusiastically sharing stories to his students, or going on Immersion in the Summer.

When asked about his favorite parts of his time at SI, Mr. Lannan shared, "some of my favorite memories involve working with students engaged with service at Sauer Academy, DeMarillac Academy, Pomeroy Recreation and Rehabilitation Center, Gubbio Project, and St. Anthony's Foundation. So many of our students readily embrace a spirit of generous service characteristic of Ignatian Spirituality."



Mr. Lannan's dedication to service and uplifting his students has not gone unnoticed by the SI community and faculty. His energetic nature shines through his lectures to class, enthusiastic discussions on *Tattoos on the Heart* by Fr. Greg Boyle, presentations, and more.

Mr. Lynch, a close colleague and friend shared, "Patrick Lannan has invested himself in

every aspect of SI: academics, co-curriculars, and Spiritual formation. He regularly offers to help out and is often in attendance for his students' events.

In parting, Mr. Lannan said, "It has been an honor to work with so many passionate students over the years. I hope for all the best for SI students, faculty, staff, and alumni in the years ahead."

THE FACETS OF MRS. QUATTRIN'S CAREER

Shay Moriarty '25

Editor-in-Chief

Mrs. Quattrin, a teacher for 33 years in the math department at SI, has truly made her mark on our community. Through her many years at SI, Mrs. Quattrin has experienced it all through attending almost all performing arts productions,

moderating the club "Music for Others," and keeping a lively classroom even through a global pandemic. It saddened me to hear that this is her final year teaching at SI, but I know that this retirement 100% deserved and will be lived out to the fullest.

Mrs. Quattrin shares a love for the SI community as we all do, sharing that "even when I would walk into school grumpy from a stressful morning or trouble finding a parking spot, it all melted away instantly at the sight of my colleagues and



Mrs. Quattrin (right) brought joy to the Math Department for 33 years.

tried her best to never miss one. Additionally, Mrs. Quattrin was the moderator for the club "Music for Others" for over 10 years and was always happy to see them share their gifts of music through their trips to nursing homes. On top of visiting homes with her club members, Mrs. Quattrin loves spending her time at the Peninsula Humane Society in Burlingame with her daughter where she spends her time helping people through the process of adopting kittens.

When asking Mrs. Quattrin what gift SI has brought her that she is grateful for, she mentioned her relationship with a former staff member Brother Lee. In her early years teaching at SI, Brother Lee worked in the bookshop and helped out by giving every teacher in their designated mail. Mrs. Quattrin grew close to Brother Lee in his final years

students." Being a student of Mrs. Quattrin, I am immensely grateful for the time I spent in her class learning Geometry and in her comforting presence. Although I wasn't in the specific class that got up on chairs to sing the "Quadratic Formula Song", as she shared with me, it isn't hard to believe that her students wanted to show their appreciation for her. Mrs. Quattrin always went beyond expectations to keep her students engaged, playing a positive video or music at the beginning of every class during the pandemic. Mrs. Quattrin efforts did not stop in her math classes, however; she adored seeing her students outside of class in performing arts productions and

at SI and now visits him at his Jesuit retirement home.

Mrs. Quattrin expressed her appreciation for the relationships that SI has given her, first her husband Mr. Quattrin and then others like Brother Lee. She recognizes the community that SI has built with love and care and even though Mrs. Quattrin might not realize it, a lot of the credit to give for this all-loving community is due to her kindness and commitment that she carries with her through the halls. She has truly impacted the heart of SI and will be greatly missed by our community.

SAYING GOODBYE TO STIEGELER

Senna Nijagal '24

Editor-in-Chief

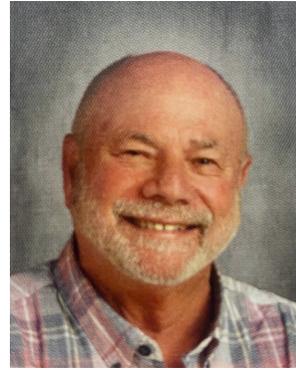
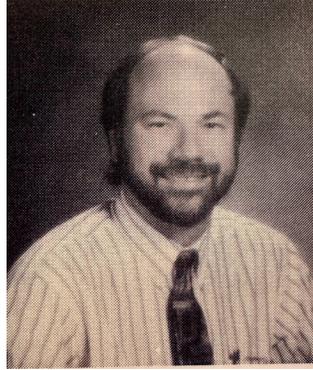
From the courtrooms to the sidelines on J.B. Murphy and from textbooks to novels to Armenian Club meetings, Mr. John Stiegeler has contributed to the SI community over the last 39 years in almost every way possible, and SI is very sad to now have to say "Farewell."

Mr. Stiegeler has been working at SI since 1984, and in his time here, he has done everything from teaching English and World History, to coaching Freshman Football and Varsity Soccer, to moderating Service Club, Cheerleading, and the Armenian Club, to even being on the Faculty Tenure Board.

As he says, "Wow, that seems like a lot looking back on it!" Mr. Stiegeler has made a profound impact on the community through each of his contributions, and it is not lost on his coworkers or his students.

Mr. Hickox, another appreciated member of the SI community, has known and worked with Mr. Stiegeler for many years. From coaching SI boys soccer together from 1994 to 2009 to their children growing up together, Mr. Hickox and Mr. Stiegeler have a close friendship. When asked what he appreciates most about Mr. Stiegeler, Mr. Hickox said, "He does the little things - he doesn't short anything. He is good with details, and I know he is like that in the classroom as well."

A student of Mr. Stiegeler's, Coco Quill '24 appreciates the little things that Mr. Stiegeler does in the class-room. "Mr. Stiegeler is a teacher who truly just cared, whether it was sharing an article he had read in the newspaper that



Mr. Steigler in 1996 (left) and 2024 (right).

morning or checking in on a student who was quiet, he is an awesome presence in our school community and will be missed." No matter what group Mr. Stiegeler is in, he brings a caring and generous presence to every space he enters, and that is what has made him an incredible teacher, coach, mentor, coworker, and friend. Colleague Ms. Mannion said she appreci-

ated "witnessing his relationship with his students. He cares so much. He is the number one person to attend school games to support students, and he has inspired me to want to do that more as well."

In this next chapter of his life, Mr. Stiegeler will be moving to Oahu, Hawaii to join his wife's family. Whether it will be spending time fly fishing or practicing golf, Mr. Stiegeler is looking forward to the chance to learn new things, read more books, and travel as much as he can. He said, "I've always emphasized two things with my students. First, traveling is the best education you can have. And second, being a lifelong learner. Hopefully, in retirement I can be a good model of those values."



SI SAYS BONA FORTUNA AND 谢谢 TO MS. HUYNH AND MS. CHANG

Megan Stecher & Jeslyn Oum '24



Editors-in-Chief

From the moment she arrived at SI, Ms. Huynh brought high energy, an eagerness to teach, and a refreshing perspective to both the language department and the classroom. Though she has only called SI home for two years, she has revitalized the Latin program with creative art projects like building aqueducts and engaging activities like reading the first Harry Potter book in Latin.

Outside of the classroom, Ms. Huynh ran JCL alongside her fellow Latin teacher, Ms. Curcio, where she dedicated countless hours to playing Certamen, organizing club events, and hosting the convention Ludi at SI in the fall of 2022. "Ms. Huynh just came in and dove fully in," fellow Latin teacher Ms. Curcio said. When asked about what she will miss after leaving SI, Ms. Huynh replied, "Do I have to choose just one thing?" She described how much she will miss the group of colleagues that have become friends, and the polite and hard-working students who she hasn't encountered anywhere else. Ms. Huynh is excited for the future, stating, "We're embracing the unknown!"

Ms. Chang has guided students through their Mandarin journeys as she teaches both Mandarin I for freshman and

AP Chinese. The heart of the Mandarin program, she encourages students to challenge themselves with the complexity of the Chinese language through cultural presentations, skits, and recordings.

Her extensive experience as a former grader for the AP Chinese Language exam has provided her students with valuable insight and knowledge in their coursework. Alongside her classroom work, Ms. Chang has shown her support for cultural affinity as a Co-Moderator for the Chinese Culture Club. Her constant guidance has helped the club in producing events for the SI community like Mid-Autumn Festival celebrations, tea socials, and dumpling making.

Fellow SI Mandarin teacher Ms. Pappas said, "After her first retirement, I persuaded [Ms. Chang] to work with me, and told her to teach only one class. Then she taught two classes, three classes, joined student's retreats, and much more! I can not say enough appreciation to her support, wisdom, commitment, contributions, and inspirations to me, our students and SI community."

SI will miss Ms. Huynh and Ms. Chang dearly!

A GREAT ADDITION TO SI: MR. GREALISH

Megan Stecher '24

Editor-in-Chief

Laughter emanates from Room 223 on a daily basis, accompanied by Mr. Grealish's cheerful and booming voice. If you've never had Mr. Grealish as a teacher, you've certainly seen him in the hallway outside his classroom during passing periods as he chases students down to ask about their days and call out to people from across the hall. That's exactly who Mr. Grealish is--one of the friendliest and most welcoming people you'll ever find at SI.

Mr. John Grealish began his teaching career at SI thirty-eight years ago, just a few years after he graduated from SI in the Class of 1979. He has held numerous positions at SI since he began his career here, including serving as the Assistant Principal of Student Activities, the math department chair, the Director of Admission, the head baseball coach, and of course, the math teacher that so many students have known and loved for nearly four decades.

Senior Theresa Moore, who had Mr. Grealish as her math teacher for both her freshman and junior year, remarked, "He's taught my dad, my uncles, my sister, my cousins, and now me. He's at the core of SI. That's Mr. Grealish."

One of the most remarkable things about Mr. Grealish is how much he truly cares about his students. He only teaches a couple of classes this year, but still comes in every day when he doesn't have to do so, because he loves spending time with his students and the SI community. He loves to laugh and make his students laugh as well, even when it occasionally distracts them from learning math.

"I love a happy classroom," Mr. Grealish said, "If you ask me what my favorite moments at SI have been, it's when I'm standing in front of a room, kids are laughing, and we're in the middle of a lesson."

He teaches many of the standard math classes at SI, where oftentimes students are not as passionate about learning math. Utilizing self-deprecating humor and math jokes, Mr. Grealish possesses the innate ability to draw students into a subject that many don't find the most interesting.

"His classroom is somewhere where kids feel comfortable and safe, and for people where math isn't necessarily at the top of their list, is at least is something they can enjoy and be



Mr. Grealish in his happy place: his classroom.

successful at," Mr. Stanley, the current math department chair, noted about Mr. Grealish's teaching abilities.

This level of care not only extends to his students, but also to his fellow faculty members. He has jumped from position to position at SI, but Mr. Grealish has always been the first to jump in to mentor new teachers and make them feel welcome in the SI community.

Mr. Maychrowitz said, "He's just so funny and down-to-earth and real in a way that is sometimes unusual from a leadership position."

Mr. Grealish has loved the level of camaraderie he has developed with teachers in the math department and all across SI over the years. Some of his fondest memories stem from the years where he taught alongside Bill Isham, Chuck Murphy, and Matt Barmore, and when he saw his own daughter walk across the stage when she graduated from SI.

Now that retirement is looming for him on the horizon after thirty-eight years at SI, Mr. Grealish is "leaving very happy and grateful." He's excited about the possibility of creating his own schedule every day and continuing to be an Uber driver on the side. Though he's retiring from his official teaching position, Mr. Grealish has no plans to leave SI behind anytime soon. "I could see myself working in CATS, I could see myself just coming by and helping if there's a need."

That's exactly the kind of person that Mr. Grealish is – someone who is there when help is needed, and jumps in with a loving attitude no matter what the situation is. The impact he has had on SI is lasting and incredible.

"At school events, people come to him because to them he is SI," Mr. Stanley said, "He is their experience of SI. And even twenty years later, they still seek him out to catch up. He's been a face of SI, and not all of us can say that about ourselves."

Mr. Grealish may be retiring, but his impact on SI and his students will linger forever. We thank him for his tireless dedication to the SI community and wish him the very best in his retirement!



AN EXPLOSIVE THANK YOU TO MR. LUCCHESI

Sierra Murphy '25

Editor-in-Chief

St. Ignatius says farewell to Mr. Robby Lucchesi who has worked in the College Counseling Department over the past few years. Mr. Lucchesi has done a wonderful job providing support for students going through the college application process. In addition, his humorous video clips on SITV about college representative visits have been both entertaining and informative. Students going through AP exams this last month have appreciated his awesome organization and his enthusiastic proctoring that has made these stressful times fly by.

SI will miss Mr. Lucchesi's great humor and terrific enthusiasm. We wish him the best as he takes his college counseling skills to International School of San Francisco.



Mr. Lucchesi tells us this weeks colleges poppin in (c/o SITV)

OUTSIDE SI

PRO-PALESTINE PROTESTS ENGULF COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Lucas Liang '26, Tai Morganson '26

Associate Editor-in-Chief, Contributing Editor

As the war in Gaza enters its eighth month, domestic tensions in America are rising. Pro-Palestinian activists have continued to protest since October. However, these demonstrations have recently centralized on college campuses, where many activists and students have set up tent encampments to call for their school's divestment from Israel.

On April 17, over fifty tents were set up outside Columbia University's main library in what protestors called the "Gaza Solidarity Encampment." Demonstrators demanded that Columbia University divest from and cut ties with companies that do business in Israel.

After the encampment was removed by the police, protestors set up the encampment again and forcibly entered and occupied Hamilton Hall, a school building. This led to a second NYPD raid, the arrest of over 100 protestors, and the dismantling of the encampment. This was the first time Columbia had called police on to their campus to remove protestors since demonstrations in 1968 against the Vietnam War and segregation. Columbia has canceled its graduation ceremonies due to this unrest.

The Columbia protests inspired many activists and



Columbia University. Photo c/o RollingStone.

students across the country to set up their own encampments. On the campus of the University of Texas at Austin, hundreds of demonstrators rallied and attempted to set up a tent encampment. UT's administration and police rapidly cracked down on the protests, leading to dozens of arrests. Reilly Moriarty '23, a student at UT Austin and an SI alum, said, "It was crazy to see the sheer amount of people, both UT students and Austin residents, that gathered around...the campus to protest, as well as the amount of law enforcement that came as a result."

Here at SI, no protests about the war in Gaza have taken place. However, a recent Gaza GOYB planned by the Arab Middle Eastern Association was postponed by the SI administration to provide time to review how best to address this complicated issue.

The discussions surrounding protests are multifaceted. While some claim that encampments and protests are disruptive and dangerous, others argue that these demonstrations are largely peaceful and necessary to raise awareness. Although the war in Gaza is thousands of miles away, these demonstrations across America have stirred further political polarization and will almost certainly create ripple effects for years to come.



UT Austin . Photo c/o Fight Back!News.

STANDARDIZED TESTING RETURNS FOR SEVERAL UNIVERSITIES

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Associate Editor-in-Chief

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Due to these equity concerns, for the 2022-2023 admissions cycle, over 80% of colleges didn't require standardized test scores according to FairTest, an anti-testing organization. However, the tide may now be moving in the other direction. When explaining its decision to reinstate mandatory standardized testing, Harvard cited new research by Opportunity Insights showing that standardized tests were less biased toward wealthier applicants than essays, extracurriculars, and recommendation letters. Similar sentiments were expressed at Dartmouth and Brown, where admissions administrators argued that standardized tests were fairer to disadvantaged applicants than other metrics. Griffin Legg '25 agreed with these colleges and said, "College testing is not as skewed towards certain people as it is made out to be and can be a helpful yet minor determinant in admissions."

These changes highlight the recent turmoil in college admissions. Last June, the Supreme Court reversed decades of precedent and struck down affirmative action in college admissions. This ruling, which was widely panned by advocates for more diversity on college campuses, means that race itself can no longer be used as an admissions

factor by colleges.

In response, legacy admissions—a practice that favors the children of alumni and donors—has come under increased scrutiny. According to the National Bureau of Economic Research, legacy applicants at Harvard are almost 70% white and are six times more likely to be admitted than non-legacy applicants. The Department of Education is now investigating allegations that legacy admissions at Harvard and the University of Pennsylvania are racially discriminatory. Additionally, bills banning legacy admissions are now being considered by state legislatures nationwide, including Virginia, California, New York, and Connecticut. Furthermore, Duke University recently announced that they would no longer be assigning a numerical score to applicant's essays due to the use of AI and college essay coaches.

Through bills, rulings, and new technology, college admissions has emerged as a hot-button issue concerning equity, merit, and fairness. However, for the high school students directly facing these applications, the upheavals in college admissions may simply add another layer of worry and stress.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE SPORTS EXODUS FROM OAKLAND

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Managing Editor

The drummers in the left-field bleachers of the Oakland Coliseum will soon cease to play. The relocation of the Oakland A's marks the fourth and final exit of professional sports teams from the city. The professional baseball team will play on a Sacramento minor-league field while they wait for the construction of their new stadium in Nevada to be completed. In concept, the move is advantageous from an economic standpoint, since it is a move from one of the "most dangerous cities in California," to "the gambling capital of the world." However, the decision reflects a larger, nationwide clash between interests of money and the culture of locals.

Like other threats to the cultural wellbeing of Oakland, this sports exodus was not random and out-of-nowhere. Mr. Darius White, an English teacher at St. Ignatius, has lived in Oakland for about twelve years. He recalls that discussions about the relocation of Oakland sports teams were occurring even when he first moved in. Mr. White gave an account of urban renovation, which he says is a euphemism for economic gentrification.

In addition to noticing more and more apartments surrounding his home being purchased by an individual company, he also detailed how companies have offered families money to move out of their East Oakland houses. This is done through a process called urban renovation, where companies attempt to build profitable housing and modern infrastructure on top of existing neighborhoods. Mr. White doubts that the future residents in the new homes built will be the same people who lived in the neighborhood before.

He has noticed that "Mom-and-Pops" shops and corner stores are being increasingly replaced by newer, more expensive shops, which cater to a different audience. Connecting this to a new health shop that opened up in his neighborhood, Mr. White said, "It's not saying that working class people don't like vegan food, but vegan food attracts a different clientele."



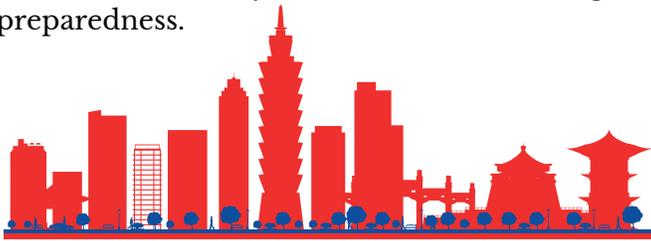
TAIWAN SHAKEN BY 7.2 EARTHQUAKE

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Taiwan was rattled by its strongest earthquake in 25 years in the early morning of April 3, 2024, killing nine and injuring over 1,000 people. The 7.4 magnitude quake's epicenter was located in Hualien, a mountainous region situated on the country's eastern coast. The strong jolt was felt by residents across the island, and even by some in parts of neighboring China and Japan. Landslides were triggered and several buildings in eastern Taiwan collapsed, including the Uranus building in Hualien, a ten-story tower that is leaning to its side. Rescue teams were dispatched to search for possible victims, and 74 of the 75 people present in the building had been evacuated safely.

Since the 1999 Chi-Chi (Jiji) Earthquake which took more than 2,000 lives, Taiwan has tightened building codes and standards as well as mandating practice evacuation drills for residents. The country attributes its relatively low death toll to its high level of preparedness.



In our SI community, Angeline Hsueh '27 is finding a way to bring aid to those entangled in the aftermath. She said, "I have family back in Taiwan, so when I heard the news, I knew I had to step up and raise awareness to what is happening. My brother, Jonathan, and I organized a donut fundraiser to raise money to bring relief to those affected." Many organizations like Taiwan's Red Cross are providing resources for victims affected by this natural disaster as well. The resilient Taiwan residents are working towards even stronger preparations for its next major earthquake.



A collapsed building in Taiwan. Photo c/o Getty Images



A building in Hualien, Taiwan following the earthquake. Photo c/o Getty Images

Alexander Salentine '26

OZEMPIC: OFF THE TABLE?

Managing Editor

"O-O-O-Ozempic!" This familiar jingle, ascending in a major scale, has captivated the minds and bodies of Americans who find it difficult to lose weight.

CNBC reports that this revolutionary weight loss product has garnered over 9 million users, a 300% increase from 2020 and a quadrupling of prescriptions from 2023. This is extraordinary, considering that Ozempic has no chronic or blaring immediate side effects, which has resulted in its soaring popularity. Additionally, its ability to help curb diabetes is a cause for celebration. Celebrities like Elon Musk and influencers all over the Internet have praised and encouraged their viewers to use Ozempic for quick weight loss, with "#Ozempic" being viewed over 273 million times.

Although the drug is only approved for diabetes, Wegovy, a drug with an increased dose of ozempic's active ingredient, has been approved for weight loss. However, Ozempic has recently come into controversy over its long-term effects.

These include that Ozempic could alter how food tastes as well as affect the pleasure derived from eating food, which could damage the mental relationships between its users and food in the long term. Additionally, concerns arise that Ozempic is just a quick fix, which is a threat to virtues like discipline, and many in the health field question if daily injectables are healthy in the long term.

These concerns prompt one to consider and weigh the impacts of Ozempic and if it is a prudent, sustainable, long-term decision.



A dose of Ozempic, a revolutionary weight-loss drug. Photo c/o Getty Images

O.J. SIMPSON—NFL STAR AND ALLEGED MURDERER—DEAD AT 76

Bobby Mullin '26

Contributing Editor

On Wednesday April 10th, O.J. Simpson, one of the most infamous men in modern American history, passed away due to prostate cancer. Simpson was a star running back for the Buffalo Bills, but he is best known for his notorious 1990s murder trials.

Shortly after midnight on June 13th, 1994, Simpson's wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Robert Goldman were found dead outside her condo in Los Angeles. Despite agreeing to turn himself in to police, Simpson fled arrest. The infamous chase was broadcast on every major network and was viewed by nearly a hundred million people.

“The Trial of the Century” began in January, 1995, after Simpson had assembled the “Dream Team” of defense lawyers. During the 8-month trial, the prosecution presented overwhelming DNA evidence signifying Simpson’s guilt. Additionally, a glove was found at the murder scene matching one in Simpson’s house, but when Simpson tried on the glove, it did not fit, his lawyer infamously stating, “if the glove don’t fit,

you must acquit.” Additionally, questions about police procedures and evidence tampering emerged. Notably, the trial took place during a time of great dissatisfaction with the Los Angeles judicial system due to its mistreatment of Black people. The Simpson case reflected racial divisions across America, with an overwhelming majority of white Americans convinced of his guilt while the vast majority of Black Americans believed Simpson innocent. Eventually, a jury composed of ten Black jurors and two white jurors ultimately voted to acquit Simpson on both murder counts.

Simpson remains one of the most divisive public figures in recent memory, his death eliciting a range of reactions. His case has continued to spark questions about the American judicial system and race in America. SI student Tai Morganson said, “I hope the conversations about our criminal justice system will not end with his passing.”

SPOTLIGHT

COACH PAT: ATHLETICS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Sebastian Fisher '25

Contributing Editor

As Bay Area residents, we are all aware of the struggles that the San Francisco business community has faced in bouncing back during the difficult post-COVID period. To learn more about these challenges, I spoke with Patrick Maguire, a small business owner in the Sunset and an SI graduate of the Class of 1985.

CAN YOU DESCRIBE YOUR CURRENT BUSINESS AND HOW YOU GOT YOUR START?

I own two coffee shops, Java Beach on Judah and Java Beach on Sloat. I started the first one 31 years ago, when I was 25. I founded and built Java Beach myself. I was quite the lover of coffee and I always thought there should be a coffee shop in the Sunset but in those days there wasn't one. So at the age of 25, I went over and rang the doorbell of the guy who originally owned the property, Mr. Chan, and asked him if I could open a coffee shop. To his credit, he let me do it. Then I went in and just built the whole place and learned how to make coffee along the way.



Coach Pat on the soccer field. Photo c/o Nick Luongo '25.

WHAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT THE SUNSET AS A PLACE TO RUN YOUR BUSINESS?

Well for one, it is unique to me in the sense that I grew up there. I went to Holy Name and SI afterwards. Being able to start a business in the place where I grew up and went to school is pretty cool. Also the Sunset has a wide variety of people, from SF natives to people of every race, religion, and ethnicity. It's kind of like the true San Francisco.

AS A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER AND AN SI GRADUATE, WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE STUDENTS INTERESTED IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP?

I would say it is most important to follow your passion. Instead of focusing on money, focus on something that you are passionate about. For me, my passions are coffee and hanging out at the beach. I wanted to figure out a job where I could have both of those things, and I did figure it out. As a byproduct it happened to make money and give me a lifestyle and career. The reason why my advice is to follow your passion is because if you're doing something that you really aren't into or working in a place that you really don't like, your life is going to be less happy and fulfilling.

MS. CARRILLO: THE HEART THAT KEEPS SI BEATING

Caroline McFadden '24

Managing Editor

No matter what day of the week it is, when you walk into Campus Ministry, you will always be greeted by a smiling face and a friendly “Hello!” Those who have taken a second to say hello back or ask a question know that the smiling face on the front lines of Campus Ministry belongs to Ms. Carrillo. Before finding her current home at SI, Ms. Carrillo worked in the real estate industry.

When the job for Campus Ministry Administrative Assistant opened up, the timing lined up in her favor for her to take on this new adventure. While she attended high school at Cathedral College Preparatory (which eventually merged with Sacred Heart) the spirited Wildcat community caught her attention. In fact it was during a Bruce Mahoney game that Ms. Carrillo really “saw the Wildcat energy... and the way they [SI students] carried themselves with class.” Since calling SI her home, she has taken on multiple roles, always lending a hand where she is needed. Beyond her main role as campus ministry administrative assistant, she also works as an event coordinator for the kitchen, jumps in to help serve guests at smaller SI events, works in the Magis Office,

E-SPACE Coordinator (organizes the calendar and events for the school community), and as our Christmas elf who always decorates the campus before students come back from Thanksgiving break.

She loves working with students because they always keep her “on [her] toes.” Her favorite memory over all years in the SI community is a difficult question to answer, but if she had to choose she said, “[Her] real favorite time was when [her] son Cristian Sandoval '21 graduated from SI.”

While she may not be teaching in a classroom, or coaching on a field, everyone can learn something from her; she has created a lasting impact not only on every student who passes her desk, but also on the entire SI community. Her hope for the future of SI is exactly what attracted her to the school community in the first place; she hopes that “the community stays together and supports each other through the years... and that it just stays close and grows bigger and bigger.”



Exchange a hello with Ms. Carrillo at Campus Min! Photo c/o Kate Quach '25.



STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR 24-25

We are excited to announce next year’s Student Council! Congratulations to all of the elected members for next year, and we are excited to have you all representing each class!

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- Quinlan Stallings
- Quinn Folk

SPRING SPORTS UPDATE

Nick Luongo '25

Managing Editor

It's one of the busiest times of the year for sports fans! As the busy Spring Sports season is coming to an end at SI, head out to support your fellow Wildcats as they make playoff runs.

BASEBALL

The Varsity Baseball team heads into WCAL and CCS playoffs with a strong 17-8 record.



SOFTBALL

With a record of 10-9, the Varsity Softball team looks to close out the regular season strong and head into the playoffs with momentum.



MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CREW

The Men's and Women's Crew teams raced in the Southwest Youth Championships on the weekend of May 3-5, pictured below.



MEN'S GOLF

The Varsity Men's Golf team finished their season with an undefeated 15-0 record.



SAILING

The Sailing Team raced in the HS Pacific Coast Championship on the weekend of May 4-5



MEN'S AND WOMEN'S LACROSSE

The Varsity Women's Lacrosse team looks to make a playoff run after a strong regular season.



The Varsity Men's Lacrosse team heads into CCS playoffs after winning the WCAL championship.



MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIM & DIVE

The Men's and Women's Swim & Dive Teams competed in the WCAL finals on April 27.



MEN'S TENNIS

The Varsity Men's Tennis team finished their season with a winning record of 12-10.



MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

The Track and Field program is coming off a strong showing in the WCAL finals and looks forward to CCS and state finals in the coming weeks.



MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The Varsity Men's volleyball team ended with a record of 14-22,



EXPOSING THE TRUE COST OF PROM

Maggie Strain '25

Contributing Editor

Am I the only one who thinks that prom is ridiculously overpriced? I mean come on, I get that it is supposed to be “the best night of high school,” but in the long run, is the hefty cost of prom really worth it?

A few months back, I began following the prom dress instagram page. This page allows students of the Junior and Senior class to “claim” their prom dresses. I was astonished by the fact that many of these dresses cost up to \$150-\$200 dollars. Yes, there were some under \$100, and even some under \$75, but it still surprised me how much some spend on dresses worn one night. In addition to a dress, girls tend to still buy shoes, get their manicures and their pedicures, new makeup, jewelry, and even some will get their hair done and a fresh spray tan. Now I should not be one to talk, since I am guilty of indulging in most of these pre-prom “necessities,” however it is absurd to think of how much these things cost combined. Not to mention, this does not even include the actual prom ticket!

Obscene numbers and steep prices cause many to spend hundreds of dollars on just one night of their high school experience. Maybe in the future we could hold a prom dress exchange or provide some more inclusive discounts so that all SI upperclassmen can get a deal on prom-necessities. We only have two prom nights in our entire life, so I completely understand the reason for excess spending, but I also believe it is important to find alternatives for those who don't want to spend this much.

I know that so many students and teachers put so much work and effort into making prom a memorable experience, and for that I am so grateful. However, my main concern is the hefty price of all the prom additions, and if they are really necessary? Is there a solution to making prom more financially accessible for all?



Seniors celebrate at prom. Photo c/o Slickpic.

THING I WILL MISS AND WON'T MISS AT SI

Maya Altman '24

Managing Editor

When I sat down to write this article, my final article for *Inside SI*, I thought it would be fitting to share some of my favorite aspects of this school that I think I will miss as I graduate and head to college this fall... along with some things I'm glad to say goodbye to.

Starting off strong with something I will dearly miss: all of the traditions we have here at SI, especially the Bruce-Mahoney. Having such a huge rivalry makes our school feel so much more spirited and the games are always a blast as well. And, it's a lot easier when you win every year!

On the other hand, I will most certainly not miss the overcrowded hallways and stairwells. Trying to get to the Student Center from the Commons against the flow of the crowd during break is nearly impossible. I look forward to a much bigger college campus where hopefully I don't encounter this problem.



The Bruce-Mahoney, a long-standing SI tradition. Photo c/o Slickpic.

I am also glad to let go of the insanely loud library. Everytime I have tried to do work in there, I just get way too distracted and cannot focus whatsoever. At college, you already know I will be trekking to that top floor of the library where it's literally dead silent.

Finally, I am sad to leave arguably the most valuable part of SI: the people. When they say, “the people make the place,” it really is true. I have been fortunate enough to have met so many wonderful people throughout my four years here, from close friends to teachers. I definitely appreciated how I was able to build close relationships with my teachers due to the relatively small class sizes - something I may not have in college.

Overall, my experience at SI has been one full of both challenges and graces. As I enter into this next chapter of my life, I am grateful for all the experiences SI has provided me with.



THE DIRT ON VEGETARIANISM

Tai Morganson '26

Contributing Editor

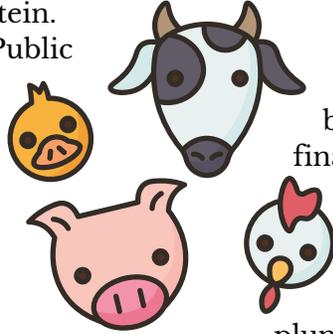
Although the consumption of meat is ubiquitous, it may not be as justified as you think.

The benefits of eating meat cannot be evaluated just by a high protein content. Of course, it is true that meat tastes great to some and is very rich in protein. However, in 2023, the Harvard School of Public Health proved a link between red meat consumption and susceptibility to heart disease, type-2 diabetes, obesity and other fatal diseases. Manufacturers have also injected carbon monoxide to increase the shelf-life of some meat. For these reasons, the health benefits of meat consumption require a more nuanced analysis.

It is not practical to assert that farm animals are equal to humans, but it is important to consider the proven fact that animals are capable of feeling pain and fear. Their ability to do so muddles moral justification for the hundreds of millions of animals killed daily. Every minute, at least 100 thousand animals are slaughtered in the US. Although a single animal's ability to feel pain may be considered insignificant, U.S. factory farms cause the deaths of 55 billion animals each year.

Equally common is the belief that the meat in the grocery store was acquired sustainably. For the environment and for the farmers, the meat industry is unsustainable. To speak nothing of the carbon emissions from cows, US farmland has been overtilled to feed livestock. Former family farms, especially in the American south, must band with large meat corporations to stay afloat financially, which require unreachable quotas and requirements. Additionally, as the modern equipment required to sustain the farming of millions of animals becomes increasingly more expensive, American animal farmers are plunged further into debt.

Because of these qualities of the meat industry, I've maintained a moderately athletic lifestyle on a vegetarian diet for five years now, which has allowed me to feel more energized and more ethical. It is unreasonable to expect every person to live without meat products; often people have to eat meat for medical reasons, which is a valid justification. But even for those who have other protein options, a vegan lifestyle is likely impossible. Therefore, consider eliminating one meat product from one meal a day, like leaving the chicken out of your caesar or the bacon out of your club sandwich. Only through such displays of activism will we progress toward a more ethical future.



SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT VEGETARIANISM

Mr. Evans: "I enrolled in a program with my college roommate that called us to live more simply, so my roommate and I decided that a way we could live out our program's goals was to stop eating meat for the Lent of 1994. Since then, I haven't had meat for 30 years. Living in the Bay Area, I have found that it isn't challenging to be vegetarian as it was in other cities that I have lived in like Austin. I love being vegetarian and knowing that I am helping our common home!"

Kate Quach '25: "After learning about the negative contribution that the meat industry has on climate change in my Frosh Biology class, I went vegetarian for the summer. I enjoyed the time I was vegetarian and knowing that I was helping our planet. I was able to discover my love for tofu and it has resulted in less consumption of meat in my life!"

Olivia Petri '25: "I found, for the time in my life where I was vegetarian, that there were a lot of substitutes for meat in my diet that made the time I was vegetarian go so much more smoothly than I anticipated."



Evie Chen '26

SPRING POPS & GREAT AMERICA

Contributing Editor

SI has numerous performing arts programs and is well known for their musical excellence. Recently, the SI Orchestra, Jazz Band, and Choirs performed in the Spring Pops Concert, then a week later, in Great America's "Music in the Parks" competition. What was it like to see these performances?

First, let's talk about the Spring Pops Concert. This performance combined the St. Ignatius orchestra, jazz band, and choirs into one. The audience enjoyed songs ranging from the orchestra's performance of "Clocks" by Coldplay to a bright and nostalgic choir piece, "Sundowns," composed and conducted by Lana Villegas '24 to a New Orleans big band inspired Jazz Band song.

After the Orchestra's second-to-last song, the lights went off and the audience sat in pitch black darkness. It seemed like something had gone wrong. But then the lights came back on to reveal every orchestra member donning a pair of silver aviator sunglasses. They then immediately began playing the "Mission: Impossible" theme song, sunglasses and all, as an orchestra grand finale. Those shades were such a fun and unexpected twist.

The choirs were also amazing. There are three different choirs: mixed chorus, chamber singers, and treble singers. Treble singers is a new addition to the choirs that started in the Fall of 2023. It's composed of twelve singers (including yours truly) with Soprano, Mezzo, and Alto parts. One audience favorite from the treble songs was "Lineage," a strong piece that gradually progresses. The percussionists for that song were Kate Ozaeta '26, Julian Ozaeta '25, and Karina Li '25, who added a lot of flair and depth to the song.

At the end of the Spring Pops Concert, seniors from Jazz Band, Orchestra, and Choir made the most heartwarming speeches about why they loved their respective programs and how much they'd miss the people and experiences they shared.

There is definitely a strong bond that forms from practicing and performing music together. Maliah Howard '26 said, "My favorite part about the Spring Pops Concert was to spend time with my friends and Ms. Gomes!", showing that it's really the community that makes the SI performing arts experience special. The Spring Pops Concert came to a conclusion with bittersweet tears and lots of sadness for the seniors' last performance.

But luckily, the following week they would get to perform, or rather, compete one more time together. At Great America's "Music in the Parks" competition, Orchestra, Jazz Band, and Treble Singers all won first place in their respective categories. Then the hosts announced two soloists from across all of the schools who stood out to the judges. One was SI's very own Joshua Nangle '25, awarded for his trumpet solo in jazz band. SI also won first place overall in the whole competition. Our students' and teachers' courteousness stood out to the judges, so they chose SI to receive the Esprit de Corps Award. And with that, the 2023-2024 SI performing arts season has come to an end.



Members of the orchestra and choir celebrate at Great America!



The orchestra performs at the Spring Pops concern. Photo c/o Slickpic.



The choir sings at the Spring Pops concert. Photo c/o Slickpic.

Ava Murphy '25

OUTRAGE OVER OUTSIDE LANDS

Managing Editor

As the days grow longer and the weather becomes warmer—or in the case of summer in San Francisco, becomes colder—all the typical Bay Area traditions come to the forefront. With the entrance of events like music festivals and marathons, the city seems to come alive once more. One of the most prominent and popular San Francisco summer traditions is Outside Lands. Thousands flock to the festival yearly from all corners of the country and the world. Moreover, thousands from all across the Bay Area dress in their festival finery to enter the metal gates to musical paradise.

The whole point of a music festival is, of course, the music. Why else would so many make the pilgrimage yearly? Many waited with bated breath for months for the Outside Lands lineup to be released and many were disappointed once it was. Headliners for this year's festival include: Tyler, The Creator, The Killers, Sturgill Simpson, The Postal Service, Grace Jones, Kaytranada, Jungle, Chris Lake, and Gryffin. Included with the headliners are many other incredible performers - Chappell Roan, Reneé Rapp - but still people felt the lineup fell flat. Furthermore, some believe this lineup is far more underwhelming compared to last year. Josie Fineberg stated, "It is the worst lineup I have ever seen!" Olivia Galligan responded saying, "I am not even excited for the festival this year."

As of now, tickets across all categories are still available while in past years they have been sold out within the first couple of days or the first week. So far, this festival season is proving to be a rocky one for Outside Lands which poses the question of if Outside Lands is even worth it anymore. Many have started to argue in favor of Bottlerock and their lineup showcasing performances from Pearl Jam, Ed Sheeran, Stevie Nicks, and Maná.

So SI, what will you choose this summer?



Above: Tyler the Creator. Below: The Killers. (Photos c/o Spotify)



Naomi Ko '24

SENIOR DANCE SHOWCASE

Editor-in-Chief

On April 26, this year's seniors performed their last ever SI dance show. Choreographed by seniors, the show was a beautiful blend of lights, contemporary songs, costumes, and performance.



Left: Mia Messinger '24's choreography to Sam Smith's "Fire on Fire." Middle: Isabella Gamarra '24 and Ayasofya Leopold '24 gracefully lean on each other. Right: Ashley H. Chung '24, Mikayla Acosta '24, and Ashley S. Chung '24 performing a Chinese fan dance.

"Being able to perform with all my friends one final time in the senior showcase was one of the most rewarding experiences I've had at SI. I was super nervous to choreograph an entire piece on my own, but with the support of my friends and the beautiful dancers in the piece my vision came to life on the stage!"

-Mia Messinger '24

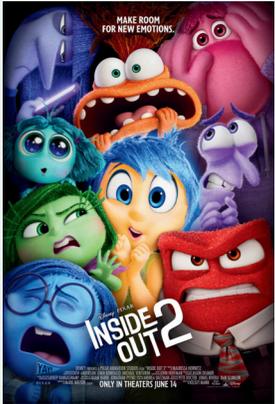


Annabel Danson '25

ON THE SCREEN THIS SUMMER

Contributing Editor

Summer is right around the corner. It's a time to tan, travel, hangout with friends - and watch some movies! Lucky for you, there are many incredible movies set for release this summer. Here are a few summer blockbusters that you shouldn't miss!

INSIDE OUT 2

Inside Out 2 is almost here! The sequel to a childhood favorite is hitting theaters June 14. The original *Inside Out* followed main character Riley's move from Minnesota to San Francisco and dealt with the challenges of being a tween and trying to find one's identity in a brand new place. Now, Riley's in high school and dealing with a whole new set of issues - just like us. Along with the return of Joy, Sadness, Anger, Fear, and Disgust, there are two new (and not very welcome) emotional additions: Embarrassment and Anxiety.

If you want a good laugh (and more than likely, a good cry), *Inside Out 2* is sure to be an absolute must see. Just like Riley, we're all growing up and dealing with an array of emotional issues of our own. Our emotions can sometimes get the better of us, but when looking at them through a fun and recognizable lens, they're easier to understand, and laugh at, in all of their familiar forms. So take a look if you're feeling nostalgic and want to have the emotions in your head push your buttons, too.

DEADPOOL AND WOLVERINE

Your favorite not-so-good guys are back. The highly anticipated Marvel blockbuster, *Deadpool and Wolverine*, is set to be released July 26th. Although both characters are a part of the same fictional universe, this movie will actually be the first time these fan favorites are on the big screen together.

While most of the plot details are still pretty unknown, it's predicted that the film is going to be an excellent mix of Wolverine's intensity and fierceness and Deadpool's humor and sarcasm. The action sequences are almost guaranteed to light up the big screen because of the characters' incredibly entertaining fighting styles. And let's face it, Marvel rarely misses with their action sequences. This movie is long awaited for many Marvel fans especially because Deadpool is finally entering the MCU. This movie is definitely a must see for any superhero movie fanatic.

***It Ends with Us***

Book fans get excited! The wait is almost over as the screen-adapted version of Colleen Hoover's bestselling novel "It Ends With Us," hits theaters this summer on August 9th. The romantic drama follows Lily Bloom, a young woman living in Boston who is trying to juggle her past, present, and future. Trying to end the cycle of abuse that has been upending her life, Lily struggles to make many life-changing decisions while trying to keep her life on course.

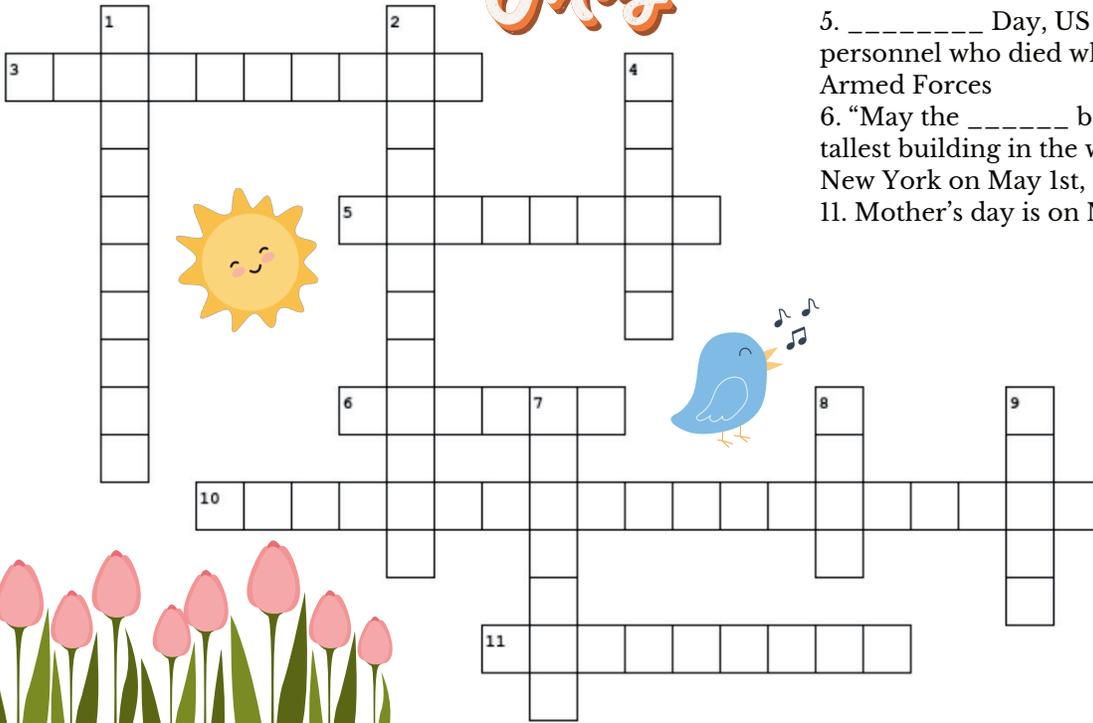
Just like the best selling novel, the film explores themes of complex relationships, love, and inner strength. If you're looking for a summer movie with twists, turns, ups and downs, "It Ends With Us," should be at the top of your list.

MAY CROSSWORD

Ethan Lo '24, Andrew Wong '24

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May



Across

- 3. An international song competition held every May
- 5. _____ Day, US Federal holiday honoring military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces
- 6. "May the _____ be with you"
- 10. Once known as the tallest building in the world, this skyscraper opened in New York on May 1st, 1931
- 11. Mother's day is on May _____.

Down

- 1. The event where students receive their diplomas
- 2. The organization behind APs and SATs.
- 4. Mandatory tests covering a semester's worth of content, the bane of all SI students' existence
- 7. This famous ship sank on May 15, 1912
- 8. The month of May is named after this Greek goddess
- 9. _____ de Mayo, Celebration of the Mexican victory over the French

CONNECTIONS

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NEW BUILDING MEMES

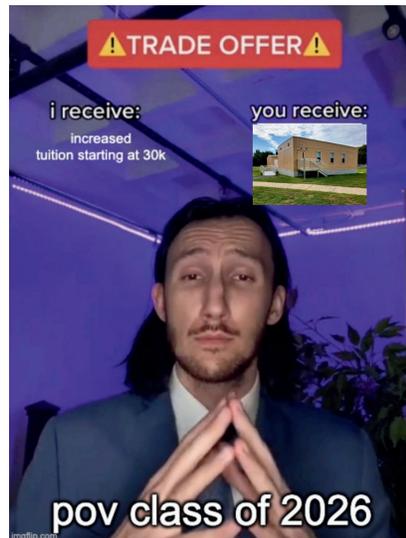
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FIND GROUPS OF 4 ITEMS THAT HAVE A COMMONALITY

SENIOR SKIP DAY	AFFINITY SASH	UNWRITTEN	HONORS
WE ARE YOUNG	EASTER	CAP AND GOWN	MOTHER'S DAY
STAR WARS DAY	GRADUATION	SEE YOU AGAIN	PROM
CSF PIN	CINCO DE MAYO	FINALS	GRADUATION (FRIENDS FOREVER)



ANSWERS:
 END OF YEAR EVENTS: SENIOR SKIP DAY, PROM, GRADUATION, FINALS
 GRADUATION SONGS: GRADUATION (FRIENDS FOREVER), WE ARE YOUNG, UNWRITTEN, SEE YOU AGAIN
 GRADUATION WITH: CSF PIN, HONORS, AFFINITY SASHES, CAP AND GOWN
 MAY HOLIDAYS: STAR WARS DAY, CINCO DE MAYO, MOTHER'S DAY, EASTER



**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER AND WE'LL
SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!**



The Inside SI Staff wishes you luck on your finals and a fantastic summer!



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