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WELCOME BACK, SI!

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Editors-in-Chief

Welcome back! It's officially the time of year where everyone's schedule starts to get busy, but with a brand new school year comes a brand new volume of *Inside SI*. As one of the largest communities at SI, *Inside SI* welcomes all perspectives. We are so excited to serve as your Editors-in-Chief and ensure that the paper represents the diversity and characteristics of our student body.

With upcoming events in our school, city, and nation urging advocacy and civil responsibility, we recognize how important our voices as teens and young adults are for the future. So, as student journalists, we are always asking questions. Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How are the questions that

whirl around us, and we hope you will see many answers land on our printed pages this year. Despite the simplicity of these questions, we feel that numerous adventures await as we voyage to answer them.

Our quest for stories cannot be completed alone — we are ecstatic to welcome Ms. Lundy as a new moderator to our team with benevolent censors Ms. Nickolai and Ms. Boland. As we set off into this year's issues, we ask that you join us for *Inside SI's* journey ahead!

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SHOWING THE WAY TO GOD

Sierra Murphy '25

Editor-in-Chief

Last year, the SI community put environmental concerns first with the theme, "Care for our Common Home"; however, this year, we are focusing on faith with the theme "Showing the Way to God." This theme invites us to lead with love and give others the gift of a real presence.

The full name of this theme is "Showing the Way to God through Spiritual Exercises." It is important to introduce to people a faith that is grounded in St. Ignatius' spiritual exercises. This highlights that faith takes a lot of personal reflection, which the SI community practices through Examen each week. Faith also requires imaginative prayer.

Imagination can help guide us to where God wants us to journey. "Showing the Way to God" is possible through self reflection, imagination, and paying attention.

Our school administration hopes that this year's theme will help us find ways to see and become closer to God in all our activities at SI.



Learn more about this year's theme at jesuits.global

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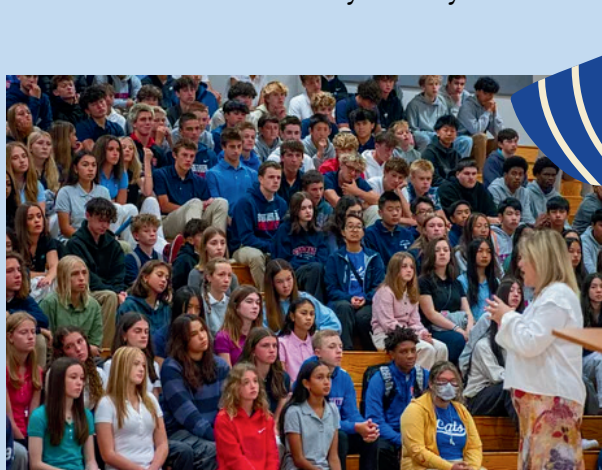
Starting a new school can be an overwhelming and daunting experience for Freshmen. I can certainly say that I was more than overwhelmed when I walked into SI for the first time as a student, but with the help of Big Cats and leaders at the school, the process goes so much more smoothly than I ever imagined for myself. From the Cat Camp in mid-July to the fun-filled Giants game event on August 13th, SI has been able to create fun activities that the Freshmen can experience in order to bond with each other. So, even though it might be a little scary, by the time it got to Freshmen Orientation, the incoming class was ready for upcoming events.

The incoming Freshmen class of 2028 eagerly entered the doors of SI on Aug. 14th at 9am, something that they should get used to, for their orientation. They were greeted with open arms by Wildcats from Student Council as well as many faculty members, getting the

infamous speeches from the Deans, Ms. Levine, and many more.

Through the help of the faculty, Big Cats, and Student Council, SI has been able to foster a welcoming environment for the Freshmen and show them what SI is truly about. The first week of school can be a chaotic time for everyone, so being able to be at SI without the stress of getting to the next class is so important. With all the resources there are at SI, I have no doubt that the Class of 2028 will grow to love the community that we offer and represent SI in spectacular ways. We can't wait to see what incredible achievements that the Class of 2028 accomplish, and as Mr. Glosser would say to highlight the enthusiasm that Student Council is planning on radiating this year, "Welcome to the Party!"

**“WELCOME
TO THE PARTY”**



Ms. Levine, Mr. Escobar, and Ms. Sanchez give their speeches to the Frosh. (Photos c/o slickpic)

SENIORS' LAST SI ORIENTATION



The Class of 2025 gathered in McCullough Gymnasium and Bannan Theater to hear announcements for their first day of Senior year.

Photos c/o slickpic

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BIG CATS ARE BACK

Editor-in-Chief

On July 15th and 16th, incoming freshmen filled the building for games, food, and fun! It was a two day camp hosted by the Big Cat program, which is a senior-freshman mentoring program to assist new students' transition into high school. Cat Camp was a great chance for the freshman to meet and bond with their future classmates.

At Cat Camp, there were numerous field games like corn hole, spikeball, and tug-of-war. Additionally, there were stations set up in the gym like dodgeball and volleyball.

"My favorite station was the tie dye or tug-of-war," shared freshman Josie White.

With so many different stations, there was an activity for everyone to participate in. Also, seniors were encouraged to participate in the activities, which made for a day full of laughs.

"I thought Cat Camp ran very smoothly. It was great to see so many freshmen and seniors show up in the middle of summer!" said senior Maggie Strain.

This is not the first activity the Big Cat program set up for Class of 2028. In April, the Big Cat program held a Welcome BBQ where the seniors and freshmen shared a meal and participated in an exciting scavenger hunt around the school. Most recently, on August 13th, there was a Giants Game for the Little and Big Cats to attend.

It is never easy to enter the halls of high school and start a new chapter, but hopefully Cat Camp helped make this experience a little easier for Class of 2028.



Frosh take on the Giants game.



Little Cats play tug-a-war at Cat Camp.

A group of Frosh lay on the field.



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FROSH CLOSEUP

Editor-in-Chief

CALLING ALL WILDCATS OF THE CLASS OF 2028!

Inside SI invites YOU and the Frosh class to share your leadership and school pride as a featured student of a special section known as the FROSH CLOSEUP!

You have the incredible chance to showcase your 9th grade adventures in all of *Inside SI's* issues!

Connect with students of all grade levels as you voice your experiences, passions, and aspirations as you set out on your exploration across this year.

Scan the QR code to apply to become one of the members in this year's group. (It only takes a few minutes!):



OUTSIDE LANDS

Shay Moriarty '25

Editor-in-Chief

The San Francisco national holiday, Outside Lands, has come to a close. Outside Lands, a three-day music festival that takes place every year around the early weeks of August, includes live entertainment that ensures that everyone, even with different music tastes, can have an awesome weekend.

I have gone to Outside Lands for three years in a row now, starting my sophomore year and continuing the tradition through my senior year. I never fail to have a great time at this Golden Gate Park event with such incredible music every day. Some notable artists that I got the chance to see were The Killers, Chris Lake, Chappell Roan, Post Malone, and Kaytrananda.



Post Malone performed a country set at Outside Lands. (Photo c/o Billboard)



Photo c/o Sierra Murphy

SENIOR SUNSET

Sierra Murphy '25

Editor-in-Chief

The Class of 2025 gathered at Ocean Beach to hang out and watch the sunset at the annual senior welcome back event held this year on August 15th.

Photos c/o Sierra Murphy



NEW TEACHERS ON CAMPUS

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Religious Studies

Jared Bisbikis- FSA

Siteng Pang- Mandarin
Teacher

Jay Feist- Religious Studies

Sara Hoverstad- Religious
Studies

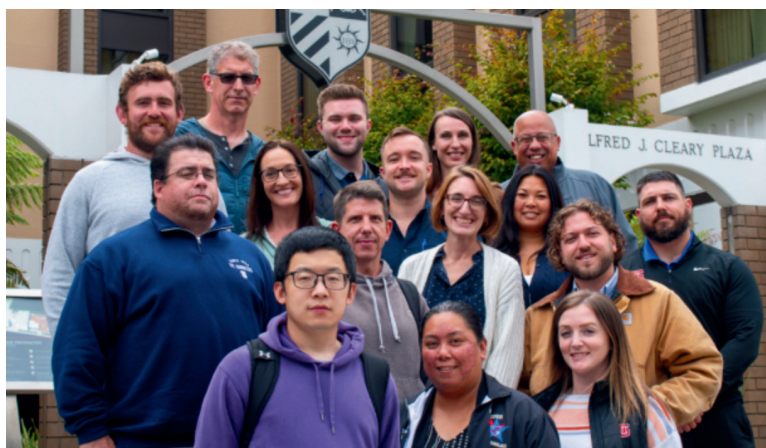
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Bianca Hill- Social Science

Kimmy Matthews- Athletics

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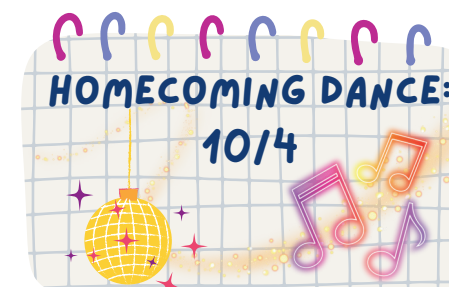
WELCOME NEW STAFF!



BRING ON THE FUN: SAVE THE DATE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

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IMMERSION: SUMMER 2024

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The start of school marks the end of a summer full of immersion trips for the Class of 2025. This year, 8 trips were offered and 93 students and their adult leaders participated in the immersion program. The trips were L'Arche Tacoma; Las Cruces, New Mexico; Agua Prieta, Mexico; Tenderloin; El Salvador; Wheeling, West Virginia; Jerusalem Farm, Kansas City; and Chicago.

Each trip provided students with a unique experience and chance to learn about a new culture. Through the immersion trips, students received the opportunity to expand their understanding of the world around them through stories, prayer, reflection, and visiting historically marginalized communities.

After spending two weeks in Las Cruces, New Mexico, Bridget Stecher '25 stated, "My immersion experience was very eye opening, and I learned many new things about immigration. My favorite experience was visiting a migrant shelter in Juarez, Mexico where we got to sit down with migrants and learn their stories."

Additionally in the El Salvador immersion students visited the school called Amun Sheá and met local students.

This shows that immersion was a chance for students to experience issues occurring in our world today, compared to just hearing about these topics on the news.

Although immersion is a time for self reflection, it is also a great opportunity to bond with peers. In the immersion program, leaders try their best to form groups of people that are not close prior to the trip, giving students the chance to branch out.

When asked about her experience on her domestic trip to Chicago, Julia Ting '25 shared, "My experience at immersion was really fun. My group made the experience even better!"

"I would definitely recommend immersion to the rising Junior class because my experience was very unique," concluded Bridget Stecher after reflecting on her appreciation for the immersion experience.

The Immersion experience is sure to be a memorable one and is an opportunity of a lifetime. Embracing and taking on unfamiliar routes will widen one's perspective of our surrounding world and the different populations that fill it.



Agua Prieta, Mexico



*Wheeling,
West Virginia*



Tenderloin



L'Arche Tacoma



Chicago



*Jerusalem Farm,
Kansas City*



El Salvador



*Las Cruces, New
Mexico*

THE CLASS OF 2024 IN CAPS AND GOWNS

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The Class of 2024 celebrated their experiences and contributions to SI on May 25, 2024. Congratulations to our graduates and award winners!



Andre Ignoffo '24 earned the Fr. Sauer General Excellence Award.



Valedictorian Thomas Zang '24 shared an inspiring message to his fellow graduates in SI's first video-broadcasted Valedictorian speech.



Hannah Bassi '24 received the Loyalty Award.



Jilliyn Acosta '24 was honored with the Ignatian Award.



Salutatorians Aarav Penumarthy '24 (left) and Matt Blake '24 (right) delivered lively speeches in McCullough Gymnasium.



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THE VILLAGE MULTIVERSE

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Editor-in-Chief



*Editor-in-Chief Kate Quach '25 trades an emerald for some time at the **MINECRAFT VILLAGE.***



*Editor-in-Chief Shay Moriarty '25 takes the gold while visiting the **OLYMPIC VILLAGE.***



*Editor-in-Chief Sierra Murphy '25 takes a trip to the **SMURF VILLAGE.***



*Inside SI's Editors-in-Chief welcome all to the **SI VILLAGE!***

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