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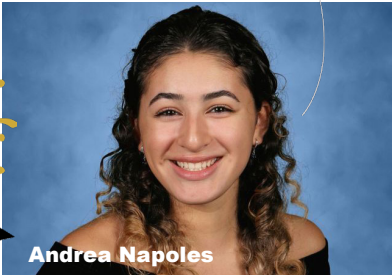
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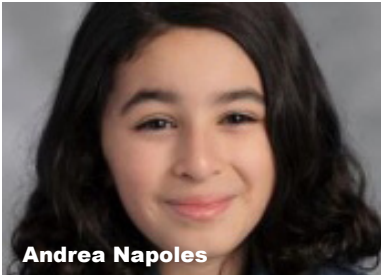
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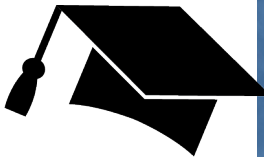
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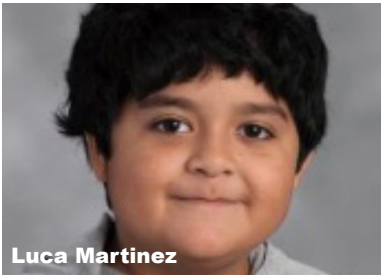
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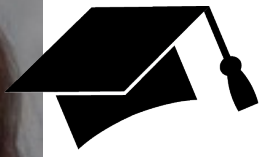
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WHAT WE'VE LEARNED...

BY INLET EDITORS LEONARDO DOUGHERTY & SOPHIE CLARK

The end of a school year is all about reflections. So, in this issue, we decided to co-write an editorial about some of the things we have learned in high school thusfar. We might not be experts, but hey, we're still here.

LEONARDO:

I learned that caffeine is not a replacement for sleep, although if you haven't slept you should probably get some caffeine. I think I unlearned how to study for tests. I learned that junior year is the time to push yourself academically and prepare for the future ahead. I learned "Carpe Diem," unfortunately, I do not practice it (yet). I learned how to DJ. I learned that time really is invaluable, after hearing so

many people say so. I learned how to take time to appreciate the natural beauty of where we live. I learned I love cold plunges. I learned I hate the internet, and find it harder than ever not to live in the past. I learned that responsibility is something to look forward to, not something to be reluctant about. I learned to roll down the windows and turn the music up. I learned quality is always better than quantity, take this into account especially when buying clothes. I learned to forgive and forget,

and that someday you'll be laughing at whatever you were mad about. I learned you should always say yes when given an opportunity, even if it seems daunting because it's only the things that push you out of your comfort zone that are truly valuable. I learned a night in can be just as good as a night out, especially if you have a good movie on. I learned that it's possible to get out of the social shelter of Shelter Island. I learned it's never too late to try something new, or to continue something old. I learned

that a sense of accomplishment in your work is much more valuable than a high grade. I learned that if you're going to be a rebel, now's the time to do it. I learned that as soon as you receive any sort of task, you should set a reminder on your phone for it so you don't forget. I learned to question the things we are taught and not take everything as fact. I learned that there is so much more to learn.

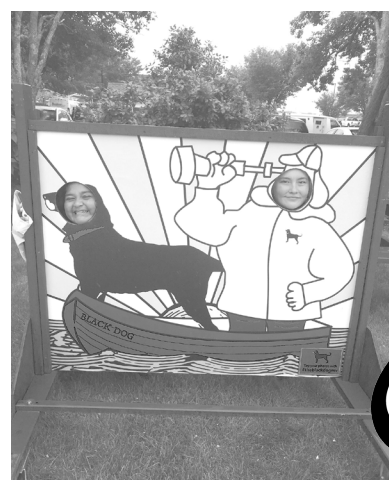
SOPHIE:

I learned that no matter how much or little you write for an APUSH essay in class, everyone will still get a decent grade. I learned that you don't have to be that good at math to do ok. I learned that no amount of caffeine can truly get you through the day. I learned that arriving early to an event or sport is actually better and the coaches or whoever is in charge will actually appreciate you being early. I learned

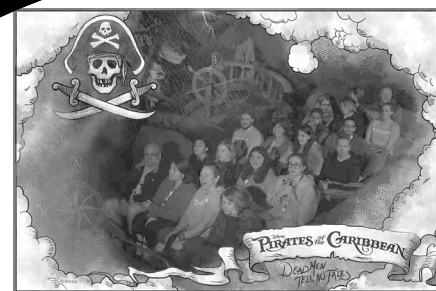
that only having a couple of friends is better than trying to have a giant friend group. And, don't forget your family are your friends and don't let anyone tell you differently. I learned that procrastination is never the answer. I learned that you don't actually have to speak Spanish in Spain. I learned that perfectionism is hard to achieve, but effort is something that is easy and a must to achieve. I learned that you need to try something that you are passionate about, even if it is something out of your comfort zone,

you might find out it is something you are really good at and you might make some really good friends. I learned that if people are spreading rumors about you, they are just jealous, so just let them slide off your back, because they don't mean anything. I learned that the most valuable lessons are often taught by your parents, even if you think they are wrong. Most of the time your parents are (unfortunately) right about things. I learned that it is important to take breaks while studying

or doing homework unless you want to be mentally drained. Also, make sure to have fun, things aren't that serious and there are times you can do your work later. I learned to spend every moment outside and take all the island's natural beauty in, because we don't know how much longer we will have it. I learned that when you fall, to always get back up again no matter what, even if it might hurt.



CLASS OF 2023 Seniors



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SENIORS SAY THANK YOU

BY CHARLIE MURRAY

As the class of 2023 gets ready to graduate, they wanted to take a minute to share their thanks with teachers, friends, family, and others who have helped them get to this point.

Alex Burns “Shout out to Mrs. Treharne for teaching me how to read a big book in a small time frame and to Mr. Brigham for being the math teacher that's been able to teach me a subject and for me to understand it completely.”

Madison Springer: “Thank you to Nurse Mary who has always been there for me. I always feel comfortable talking to you about anything. Thank you for being in my life. I love you :)”

Elijah Davidson: “Thank you Mr Miedema for being a great coach and teacher, you're unlike any other I've had and created a great environment to work in. Thank you Mrs. Treharne for being one of the kindest teachers I've had and letting us take your son to hang out. And thank you Bazzy and Luca for being great friends that have always been there.”

Jeremy Sabatel: “I wanna thank all my teachers.”

Margaret Schultheis: “Thank you to Ms. Corbett, Mrs. Weir and Mrs. Brigham for pushing me through elementary school! And thank you Mary and Maddie for being by my side even if we had some rough edges.”

Sebastian Quigley Dunning: “Thank you to Mr. Williams

for putting up with my laziness for almost all of this year. Thank you to Mr. Miedema for being the best bully and still managing to coach JV baseball. Thanks to Mr Brigham for always lightening the mood. Thanks Ms. Treharne for making me a better writer and letting me take her son to an Islanders game. Mr. Dunning for making sure the building is well-kept, and also being my dad. Thank you Mr. Brennan for always keeping it real. And of course thanks to my friends, you guys know who you are. And thanks to my Mommy, too.”

Steven Pacheco: “I want to say thank you to Ms. Corbett for being such a supportive teacher when I needed it the most and for giving me snacks so I can take them to BOCES.”

Mary Gennari: “Mr. Williams, thank you for helping me learn and giving me advice. Mrs. Colligan, thank you for helping me with my thesis paper. Ms. Mulrain, thank you for being an amazing coach and gym teacher. Mrs. Rando, thank you for being an amazing softball coach this year!”

Sebastia Romero “I'd like to thank Mr. Bocca for being one of the first teachers to allow me to be expressive

and more of myself. And, to Jose Montalvo, my grandfather, for always being there for me and allowing me to come to him whenever I needed.”

John Febles Torres: “I'd like to give a shout out to the custodians, especially Jose. I'd also like to thank Mr. Williams, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Bocca, Ms. Colligan, and Mr. Brigham for inspiring me to learn in their classes.”

Andrea Napoles “Thank you Curtie. Biggest thank you to Mrs. Lang this year, thank you for helping me with everything, to Ms. Mayo and Ms. Mulrain for being a great coaches and mentors thank you to Mr. Miedema, Brennan, Williams, Brigham and to Mrs. Colligan, Mrs. Treharne, Ms. Andrejack, Mr. Brigham, and Mrs. Sears for helping from grade 6 and molding me into the person I am now. We are fortunate to have such amazing teachers.”

Hayden Rylott: “I want to thank Mrs. Treharne for helping me out with many college essays and scholarships. I want to thank Mr. Vrooman for giving me advice and helping me out on screenwriting. I want to thank Ms. Spears for being there whenever I needed help with personal issues, and I want to thank Mr.

Brennan for being a great teacher and someone who I got along with and was able to talk about many shared interests with. I want to thank Mrs. Rylott for helping me out throughout my time here at Shelter Island school and having her door open for snacks and Capri Suns. I want to thank many friends for all being silly and supportive.”

Luca Martinez: “Shout out to Mr. Miedema and Mr. Brennan for being the reason I like history, you guys make every class so much fun. Shout out to Mr. Brigham for making calculus so much easier than it actually is, I still will never figure out how your brain works, but that's a good thing! Shout out to Mr. Theinert for all his help with learning more about the business world, you put me into a path that I think is right for me. Shout out to Mrs. Treharne for being like a mom to me; the amount of help you gave me with the college process is huge, giving me advice whenever I needed it, and texting each other giving reviews on the latest “Last Of Us” episode. We have the best staff ever, thanks to everyone for making my time here so special!”

THE 2023 SENIORS' FUTURE PLANS

BY LEONARDO DOUGHERTY

As the class of 2023 graduates, there are seemingly endless possibilities for their lives after high school. While some choose to go to college, others will study abroad or go straight into the workforce. Let's find out the exciting future plans of our seniors.

Jeremy Sabatel “College at SUNY Old Westbury, because college gets more money in the future.”

Alexandra Burns “I'm going to be attending Coastal Carolina University in the fall. My major is Criminal Justice. I chose Coastal because the campus is really big and nice, and it's the place I felt the most comfortable at.”

Madison Springer “I am going to be living in Colombia for a year to

learn Spanish at a university there and do volunteer work. I plan to study Marine Biology.”

Elijah Davidson “Electrical engineering at UConn. I has a nice, lively campus. It was the first place I went and felt at home, not too far, but far away enough from home, and it has a good electrical engineering program, and good sports teams.”

Margaret Schultheis “My future plans are pursuing illustration and tattoo

design while I attend Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, GA.”

Sebastian Quigley Dunning “I'm going to Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut. I chose this school because I like the size, it has a nice campus, and they gave me loads of money to go there. I am going in undecided, as you don't decide your major until sophomore year.”

Steven Pacheco “I plan to find a job at a studio company with my audio production

BOCES certificate.”

Mary Gennari “At Keene State College in New Hampshire, I intend to major in Elementary Education and Special Education. I chose this school because I thought their campus was lovely and they have an excellent education program. They have a lot of student activities on campus, and I received a large scholarship at Keene.”

TEACHERS' FAVORITE MEMORIES OF THE CLASS OF 2023

BY CHARLIE MURRAY

Our teachers always like to take a moment to share their memories of the graduating class. So, Class of 2023, here's to you!

Mrs. Farkas (Music): To Andrea: "I will miss finding the most disturbing ASMR videos on my smartboard." To Maddie: "I will miss finding hello notes on every post or piece of paper I own." To Mary: "I will miss hounding you to show up to select choir."

Mrs. Treharne (English): To my College English 12 class this year, Andrea, Alex, Hayden, Bazy, and Elijah: "Thank you so much for starting my day off on such a great note each day. Even when some of you didn't have your homework done, you still made me smile. It has been great getting to know each of you much better this year. I will truly miss you." To Luca: "Thanks for the laughs and for never spoiling The Last of Us for me."

Mr. Brennan (History): "Getting to see Spiderman with Luca and Hayden."

Mr. Theinert (Math): "The #1 overall highlight is taking Luca Martinez and Hayden Rylott to The Office Trivia night at SALT where they led a team of Luca, Hayden, Jimbo, and Mary to victory over 5-7 other teams. There are not a lot of districts where you can take 8th grade students to bar room trivia, but we had fun, and we won! And, right up there is the memory of the JH boys' basketball December 2018 win over Southold. With minutes left in the game, Steven Pacheco had a critical screen for Ben Waife who got a layup to tie the game. Ben was then fouled and made 1 of 2 free throws to win it. Henry, Bazy, Steven, and Ben all scored in the game and Luca contributed with rebounds and two personal fouls. Ah, the glory of that dramatic game lives on!"

Mr. Knipfing (ENL): "Luca Martinez and Jose Frausto fighting over a stuffed animal that Teri Piccozzi used to have in the ENL classroom."

Ms. Corbett (History/Special Ed.): "I remember most of these students from when they were born because I was pregnant at the same time as their moms! Watching them grow up

through birthday parties, dance classes, sports, Disney drama, and Covid has been like watching a great movie. I love thinking of them back then, so many were shy or insecure, and I see them now with so much confidence. I feel so much joy for them and all the strides they've made. I remember attending Mitchell's preschool orientation with Angelina in her car seat and little Bazy in his....I remember getting to know the real Andrea when she drove with my kids and I to a CYO basketball game and then the movies. I thought she was quiet and shy. What a firecracker! I remember when Alex got her dog-the biggest smile I've seen on a 9 year old and when Luca used to ask me to sing "Let it Go" in front of the class just to embarrass Angelina and 11th grade English who had some of the most entertaining readings of The Crucible I've ever heard, and so much growth by all the students. I also remember SR, Jeremy, and Steven in one of my favorite classes ever-so much knowledge exchanged, so much food eaten. It has been a privilege to bear witness to the growth of this beautiful class. Blessings and hope wherever you go in life!"

Ms. Mulrain (P.E./ENL):

Bazy: "Getting to coach Bazy during the 2021- 2022 basketball season and all the laughs (maybe some cries) that we had during the season."

Elijah: "Coaching Elijah during the 2021-2022 basketball season. I will also miss Elijah's segments on SITV. He did a great job of finding interesting topics and reaching out to people of all ages."

Luca: "I loved watching Luca in the school play the past two years. He truly embodied his characters and had the whole audience laughing."

SR: "Having the opportunity to coach SR is an experience I will never forget. You were always able to make a joke to break the ice or lighten the mood."

Steven: "A fond memory of Steven was during the 2022 PE volleyball tournament. Not only was he always a beast at the net, but he did it with a smile."

Jeremy: "A fond memory of Jeremy will always be our early mornings together

during first period History with Mr. Brennan and Ms. Corbett. I was always impressed with your knowledge and willingness to participate in class discussions. I will also miss your game reviews and tutorials on SITV."

John: "Watching John perform in Mama Mia will be a memory I won't forget. Your passion and dedication really shines through in all that you do."

Hayden: "I will never forget your 11th grade study hall. I will miss Rylott Reviews and hearing you and Mr. Brigham discuss the most recent episode of a Disney+ show or Marvel movie."

Alex: "I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to coach you in both track and basketball. I was so impressed with your ability to persevere even through obstacles. Your presence will be greatly missed next year on all of our teams."

Mary: "A memory of Mary that will always make me laugh is her EPIC fall during basketball. All jokes aside, I will cherish my time as your coach and teacher. You truly are a sweet, kind, and caring person who is going to have such an impact in this world."

Maddie: "Watching you grow as an athlete and competitor has been such a joy to watch. You are always willing to try something new or step up when the people around you need something."

Mugg: "My favorite memory was watching Mugg passionately cheer on her friends at our basketball games. Best team spirit award definitely goes to Mugg!"

Andrea: "Getting to watch Andre break the school record for the Race Walk at Southampton is one of my favorite memories of Andrea. Hard work and dedication pays off!"

Mrs. Mahoney (Special Ed.):

"Just sit right back and you'll hear a tale a tale of a fateful trip,

that started from a Massachusetts port, aboard this schooner ship.

Bunce was a mighty sailin' man,

Ms. Mahoney brave and sure,

SI's 8th grade set sail that day,

for a five day tour,

a five day tour."

"I have such fond memories of our schooner sail aboard the Alabama with our senior class. Window shopping with Luca, Bernie's ice cream with Bunce, IGA cleanup in aisle 4, Bazy donating groceries to the homeless, silverware tossed to sea, sail hoisting, sunset dinghy rides, sleeping bag parkour on deck, rope coiling, hauling anchor, limbo, sea shanties and bow sprit jumping... may your future sails be just as adventurous!"

Ms. Regan (Elementary):

"I remember this class as 4 year olds. They always loved their painting and reading time. It's no wonder that we have a senior class full of artists and scholars."

Mrs. Sears (English): "My study hall class with SR, Steve, and Jeremy is a great memory. They would teach me slang words/phrases and their meanings."

Mrs. Cat Brigham (Art):

Dear Shelter Island Class of 2023,

I am so proud of you! You were my first freshman class and it has been a pleasure to see you grow. I would like to impart a little bit of wisdom as someone who was once in the same position. You are on the precipice of a new adventure. When things feel new and different, fall back on what you know how to do. Show up, don't complain and push 2% harder at the end of the day. Give yourself the kindness I have seen you so generously give to others. Try hard. Find new things. Join clubs, play sports and meet new people. Keep showing up.

Bob Ross said, "Talent is a pursued interest. Anything that you're willing to practice you can do." Think about the possibilities. Anything you practice you can do!

Find the people in your life you care about and tell them every day. Let people know you are glad they showed up. Lastly, trust people to do the right thing and watch. They will do the right thing.

Always remember that Shelter Island is here to welcome you home when you need it the most. Go show the world how wonderful you are!

ADVICE FROM THE CLASS OF 2023
BY SEBASTIAN ROMERO

As graduation looms for the class of 2023, we asked seniors to look back on their high school years and serve up some advice to those still in high school. Take notes!

Alexandra Burns: “Don't burn yourself out too early with your freshman classes cause it only gets harder from there.”

Madison Springer: “My advice would be to not care about what other people think. You will have many haters in your life. It's best to just ignore them. I promise you will feel so much better once you aren't bothered by them.”

Elijah Davidson: “Keep the college process in the back of your mind. Don't let it creep up on you, it would've been much easier for me if I knew anything before my junior year. Start touring colleges and getting to know what they look like. Your GPA actually matters,

so keep that as high as possible.”

Margaret Schultheis: “Be ready for drama and piles and piles of homework.”

Bazzy Quigley-Dunning: “Relax a little bit.”

Sebastian Romero: Don't allow other people to negatively impact your happiness. Try to always live in the present moment and decide things for yourself.

Steven Pacheco: “My advice is to follow their heart and do what feels right to them and to not care what anybody says to them.”

Mary Gennari: “It is sometimes easier to try to fit in with the crowd than to be yourself. Being true to yourself will make you happier. Be yourself, whether you are an athlete, a computer expert, or a great mathematician.”

John Febles Torres: “To put themselves out there and try everything—drama club, DECA, etc. in order to find what interests them.”

Andrea Napoles: “Be yourself.”

Hayden Rylott: “Get all of your work done on time.”

Luca Martinez: “Do your homework, you're going to look back and wish you lived up to your academic potential.”

SENIORS MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENTS
BY SOPHIE CLARK

Let's face it, high school can be embarrassing. Read some of our brave seniors' most embarrassing moments below:

Alexandra Burns: “One of my most embarrassing moments would have to be when I fell down the stairs in elementary school.”

Madison Springer: “When I broke Mr. Cox's phone in middle school.”

Elijah Davidson: “Breaking my hand in gym class the day before basketball season started.”

Margaret Schultheis: “Saying we are going to ‘Massachusetts or Boston?’ on our senior trip!”

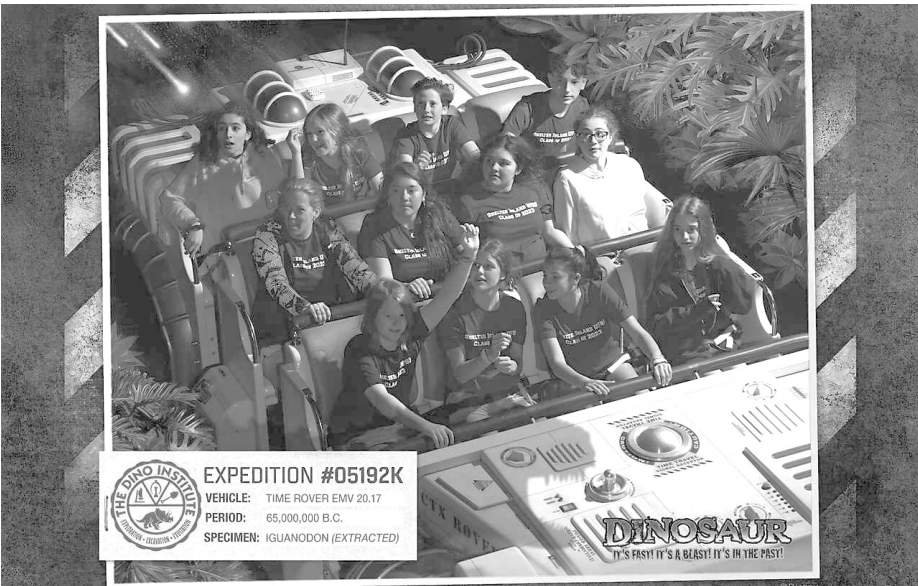
Mary Gennari: “I fell asleep during a test once and my teacher just thought that I was really focused on the exam. Everyone finished and no one woke me up until it was the end of the period.”

John Febles Torres: “When

I had to present during a debate unit in Mr. Bocca's and I was very nervous and didn't know what to do, so I read off my notes and barely peeled my eyes off of them.”

Andrea Napoles: “My freshman year I had a war with Harper where we would put potatoes in each other's backpack. This was back when the whole high

school had lunch at the same time and most of the students sat at the tables right outside the gym. I was on my way to “potato” Harper and then the potato fell outta my backpack in front of everyone and they started laughing. I ran away.”



Shelter Island Prom

On Saturday evening May 20th, the annual Shelter Island prom was held at the Ram’s Head Inn. Students had a great time dancing with the two live DJs, including Student Yung Leo (Leonardo Dougherty), and eating delicious food and drink on the beautiful grounds of Ram’s Head Inn.



Happy Trails, Mr. Brace!

BY INLET STAFF

Beloved Band teacher Mr. Keith Brace retires this year after many, many years of teaching, lessons, concerts, and field trips. No longer will Mr. Brace be around to tell us to “Suck it up, buttercup!” Or, get the teacher shuttle moving out of the parking lot with a “Let’s ride, Amigos!” Students who had Mr. Brace know his kindness and patience well and our school won’t be the same without him in it.



Photo by Hayden Rylott
1st grade teacher, Mrs. Woods

Mrs. Woods Retires after 33 years

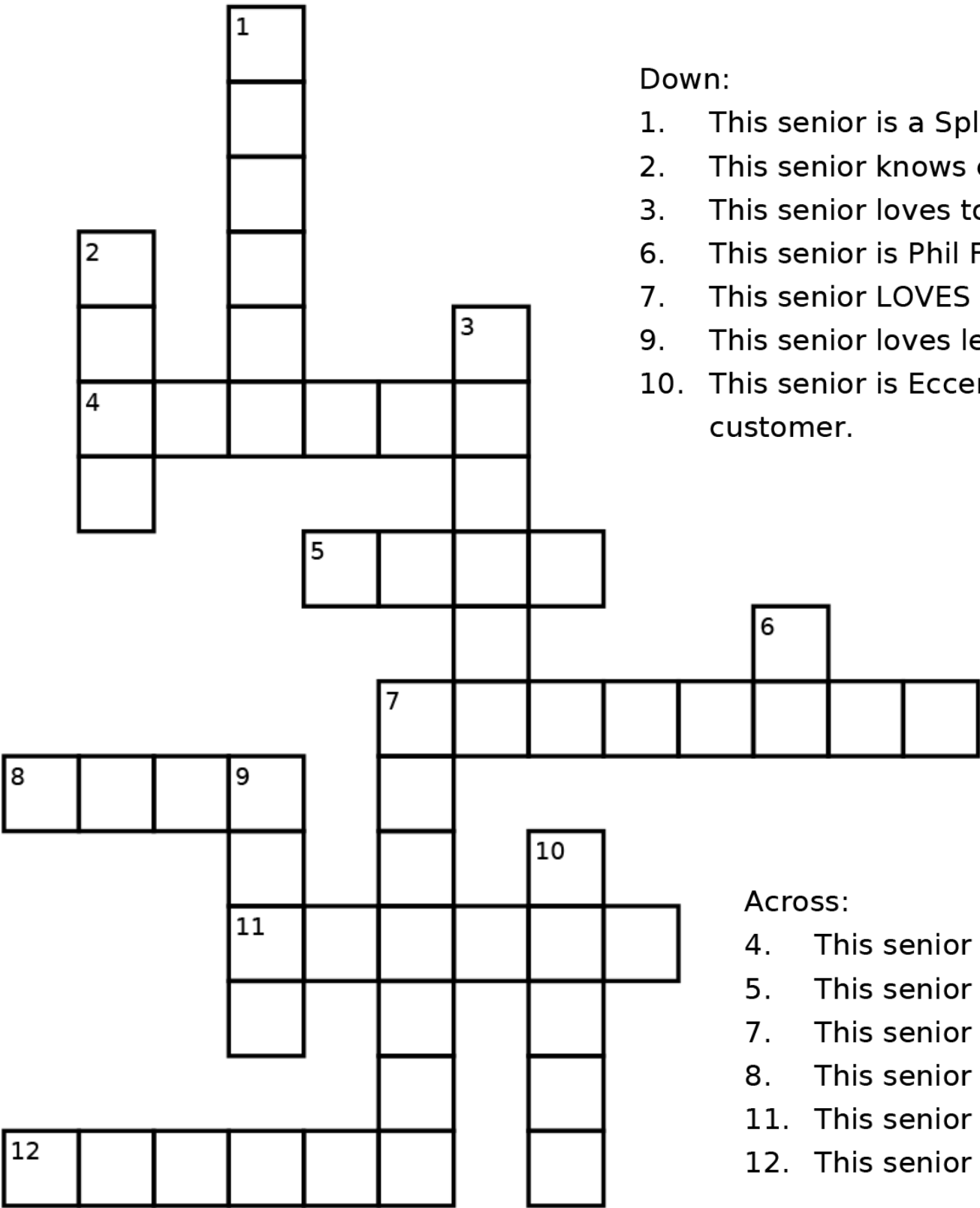
BY HAYDEN RYLOTT

As this school year comes to an end, we have to say goodbye to our beloved 1st grade teacher Mrs. Woods as she retires. After teaching for a total of 33 years (25 of which have been on Shelter Island), Mrs. Woods is ready to transition to the next phase of her life, outside of the classroom. Before she goes, we wanted to ask her about her plans and to reflect on her time with us. So, how did Mrs. Woods make her way to Shelter Island School in the first place? Believe it or not, she saw an advertisement in The New York Times that S.I. School was in need of an elementary school teacher. To this she thought, “what a great place to work,” so she applied. During her tenure here, Mrs. Woods has taught kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, 4th, 6th, and 8th grades. Mrs. Woods admits there are very rewarding, but also difficult parts of teaching. The most difficult part about

teaching she said is, “Trying to get to everything that New State wants you to get to, curriculum-wise.” The most rewarding part about teaching for her, especially on the island, has been, “Seeing where kids come in and where they exit. Not just through the school year, but being able to track them throughout their whole school career here at Shelter Island.” For others who may be interested in going into teaching, Mrs. Woods says, “You have to love children, be patient, and choose your battles.” Also key? “Have a sense of humor!” Some of Mrs. Woods’s favorite memories of her time here have been some of Shelter Island School’s unique traditions. “Watching the kids running around, picking out interesting gifts at the holiday boutique is one of her favorite memories here at the school. There are many great out of class moments and opportunities like bike day, as

well.” She adds, “I have had an amazing career, Shelter Island has been wonderful. I am grateful for the community that’s really involved in the school.” The only thing she won’t miss about teaching? “All of the paperwork,” she explains. Mrs. Woods plans to spend her retirement with her family and travel around the U.S. to places like Nashville and Charleston. She’s also looking forward to being able to wake up in the morning without having to be anywhere and spend more time gardening. We can’t thank Mrs. Woods enough for all of the ways she helped us along the way. We all have childhood memories of the kindnesses she showed us in her classroom. Mrs. Woods is irreplaceable, which is hard to come to terms with, but we wish her the wonderful retirement she has earned. Goodbye, Mrs. Woods!

SENIOR CROSSWORD



- Down:
- 1. This senior is a Splatoon legend.
 - 2. This senior knows everything about history.
 - 3. This senior loves to eat tuna fish.
 - 6. This senior is Phil Foden's twin.
 - 7. This senior LOVES Costa Rica.
 - 9. This senior loves leg day.
 - 10. This senior is Eccentric Bagel's number one customer.

- Across:
- 4. This senior LOVES Lana Del Rey.
 - 5. This senior lives part time in Florida.
 - 7. This senior listens to heavy metal.
 - 8. This senior loves to talk.
 - 11. This senior almost flipped his car.
 - 12. This senior is Tupac.

GUESS THE SENIORS | 13 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN TOGETHER FOR 13 YEARS: HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THEM IN 2023?
BY SEBASTIAN ROMERO

- 1. This senior has their camera roll filled with pictures of our feet.
- 2. This senior has been to UBS Arena more times than church.
- 3. This senior hates LeBron James.
- 4. This senior LOVES LeBron James.
- 5. This senior loves pickles.
- 6. This senior threw the most parties at her house.
- 7. This senior is a very talented writer.
- 8. This senior loves to read.
- 9. This senior wore #24 on the basketball team this past season.
- 10. This senior loves to cook.
- 11. This senior has the best memes.
- 12. This senior wears headphones everyday at school.
- 13. This senior went by Donna for 3 months of the school year.

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SENIOR CONFESSIONS

BY SEBASTIAN ROMERO

Looking back at experiencing four extraordinary years with one of the most entertaining and charming groups of graduates in the last few years, I love seeing our fearless seniors bare it all and share some secrets for the world to see. Check out the senior confessions below:

Andrea Napoles: “I rearranged the sticky letters in the gym bathroom. I’m sorry Ms. Anderson screamed at yall.”

Alexandra Burns: “I’m secretly gonna miss some of my classmates when I graduate.”

Margaret Schultheis: “I’m so glad I finished my high school career and DONE with everything. But I’m going to be honest when I called in sick...I wasn’t always sick!”

Bazzy Quigley Dunning: “I just stand around in the gender neutral bathroom and watch TikTok on my phone.”

Steven Pacheco: “I enjoyed spending time in this school with people that I cared about, and all I wish is the best for them.”

Mary Gennari: “During quarantine, I didn’t start most assignments till about an hour before they were due.”



SENIOR BUCKET LIST

BY SOPHIE CLARK

Everybody has a bucket list, read on to see what our senior’s bucket list times are!

Alexandra Burns: “Backpack through Europe, spend an entire year in Seville Spain, graduate college.”

Madison Springer: “Travel the world and learn about other cultures, get a dog, dive all around the world.”

Elijah Davidson: “Start surfing often, go to Italy for at least a month or two before 25, set my current car on fire because of all the trouble it’s caused me.”

Margaret Schultheis: “Get an apprenticeship at a tattoo parlor, not drop out of college, travel as much as I can.”

Sebastian Quigley Dunning: “Stay in an overwater bungalow in Bora Bora, own a Mercedes Benz, have a refrigerator fully stocked at all times with San Pellegrino, Vitamin Water, and Ramune.”

Steven Pacheco: “Save up money to be stable, start investing when I turn 18, and enjoy life the fullest.”

Mary Gennari: “Travel to Europe, drive to California with friends, find a new hobby or interest.”

Sebastian Romero: “Write a book, make a movie, and visit the Maldives.”

John Febles Torres: “Get a car, learn a new language like German or French, become financially independent.”

Andrea Napoles: “I want to go to one of those spas where the little fishies nibble at

your feet and make them nice and smooth. I want to have a guinea pig farm where they are all free range. I want a kitty and I’m gonna name him/her Grussy.”

Hayden Rylott: “Write and direct my own tv show, travel to New Zealand to see where ‘Lord of the Rings’ was filmed, and reunite with Mr. Bocca.”

Luca Martinez: “Visit another country, go skydiving, go to Miami again.”

WHERE IS BEN WAIFE NOW?

BY LUCA MARTINEZ

As my senior year comes to an end, I reflect on some of my best memories here on the island, and some of the friends I’ve made. One of the class of 2023, our very own Ben Waife who grew up with all of us, left our Shelter Island class at the end of junior year, and enrolled in a boarding school in South Carolina to focus on baseball. I thought it would be nice to catch up with Ben, and see how his senior year has gone and what is next for him.

We certainly miss Ben, but does Ben miss us and the island? It is a special place, so I asked him what about Shelter Island he misses the most. Ben explains, “I miss the beach the most, I’ve only been to the beach one time since coming down here. The closest beach is in Charleston and it is a couple hours away. There is a pool here at P27 [Ben’s school], but it isn’t the same.” There are certainly benefits to having gone south, however Ben explains the best part is, “Definitely the weather. It never got too cold over the winter, at least not for an extended

period of time. It’s much warmer and it is amazing having the ability to get outside more, for baseball, which is a big part of the reason I am here, and for life in general.”

Academics at Ben’s school are a bit different. He says, “All of the classes here are online. P27 has partnered with the South Carolina Preparatory Academy, an online school with kids all over the state. We have a classroom on campus where we do our schoolwork, as well as a Director of Academics to keep us on track. At most we will have 3 hours of school each day, and there is never school on Fridays. It has been nice to have a lighter load of school work this year and it allows us to focus on baseball activities more.” Getting used to the new academic schedule was not too difficult for Ben, but the living arrangements took some time. He lives very much like a college student now. Ben explains, “We live in an apartment complex that neighbors the academy campus. There are 5 of us in an apartment. There are three bedrooms, 2 kids

each in two of them, and one kid gets their own room. The majority of us players are in the apartments, but there are a few kids who live locally, so they just stay at home.” Ben has adjusted to the roommates, but it is a different lifestyle for sure.

Ben is graduating May 26, and he plans to come back to the island, and then go back to P27 (his school) for a post graduate year. So, his path is a bit different than many of ours. It has admittedly been hard seeing one of the friends we grew up with leave, but I imagined it had to be even harder leaving all the people you grew up with, so I asked Ben how he feels far from home. Ben says he misses his home and former classmates “All the time, I tell people how small of a class I had back home and it is super interesting to them. Most people here come from big schools where they did not have a relationship with many kids in their class. Shelter Island School is very special for a lot of reasons and being close with your entire class is definitely one of them.”



Ben will be back for the summer, however, so we will make the most of having our hometown boy back again. Ben says he will be “home for the majority of summer, working and enjoying the island. Everyone says that once you leave, that is when you truly understand what a unique place Shelter Island is, and I definitely feel that way now. I am very excited to get back.” Catch Ben at the pharmacy where he’ll be eating his fill of the bacon egg and cheese sandwiches he has missed. It will be great to have you back, Ben!

SENIOR’S FAVORITES

BY HAYDEN RYLOTT

We asked this year's seniors what some of their favorite things are and some of these answers are quite entertaining.

JEREMY SABATEL

FAVORITE SPOT ON SI:

Shelter Island Public Library

FAVORITE TEACHER: Too many to list

FAVORITE SONG: Too many to list.

ALEXANDRA BURNS

FAVORITE SPOT ON SI:

Menhaden Lane

FAVORITE TEACHER: Mr. Brigham

Favorite non-senior at SIHS:

Harper Congdon

FAVORITE ARTIST: Frank Ocean

FAVORITE SONG: “Super Rich Kids” by Frank Ocean

FAVORITE RESTAURANT: Vine Street Cafe

MADISON SPRINGER

FAVORITE SPOT ON SI: Ram

Island

FAVORITE TEACHER: Nurse Mary

FAVORITE NON-SENIOR AT SIHS:

I love everyone equally

FAVORITE ARTIST: Mugg

FAVORITE RESTAURANT: As of right now, Vine street

ELIJAH DAVIDSON

FAVORITE SPOT ON SI: Stars cafe and the pharmacy

FAVORITE TEACHER: Mrs.

Treharne

FAVORITE NON-SENIOR AT SIHS:

Hayden Davidson

FAVORITE ARTIST: Future

FAVORITE SONG: Mob ties by Drake

FAVORITE RESTAURANT: Goiko Grill

MARGARET SCHULTHEIS

FAVORITE SPOT ON SI: Kissing

Rock

FAVORITE TEACHER: Mr. Williams

FAVORITE NON-SENIOR AT SIHS:

Harper aka GERTTYYY

FAVORITE ARTIST: Korn

FAVORITE SONG: Rapid by

Mortician

FAVORITE RESTAURANT: Vine street

SEBASTIAN QUIGLEY DUNNING

FAVORITE SPOT ON SI: There is a vista point off of Serpentine Drive that you have to walk through the woods to get to, but it’s really beautiful.

FAVORITE TEACHER: Mr. Brigham

FAVORITE NON-SENIOR AT SIHS:

William Marshall

FAVORITE ARTIST: Metallica

FAVORITE SONG: Passionfruit by Drake

FAVORITE RESTAURANT: Nusr Et steakhouse NYC

STEVEN PACHECO

FAVORITE SPOT ON SI: The ferry because I get off the island.

FAVORITE TEACHER: Ms. Corbett

FAVORITE NON-SENIOR AT SIHS:

Charlie, Nathan

FAVORITE ARTIST: Kendrick

Lamar

FAVORITE SONG: Mirror by

Kendrick Lamar

FAVORITE RESTAURANT: Chipotle

MARY GENNARI

FAVORITE TEACHER: Mr. Williams,

Mr. Brigham, Nurse Mary

FAVORITE NON-SENIOR AT SIHS:

11th Grade girls

FAVORITE ARTIST: Mugg

FAVORITE SONG: Encanto soundtrack

FAVORITE RESTAURANT: Maria's Kitchen

SEBASTIAN ROMERO

FAVORITE SPOT ON SHELTER

ISLAND: Turkems

FAVORITE TEACHER: Mr. Theinert

FAVORITE NON-SENIOR AT SIHS:

Lio Napoles

FAVORITE ARTIST: The Weeknd

FAVORITE SONG: Childish Gambino - Earth: The Oldest Computer (The Last Night)

FAVORITE RESTAURANT: Five Guys

JOHN FEBLES TORRES

FAVORITE SPOT ON SI: The

gazebo at the Heights.

FAVORITE TEACHER: Mr. Brennan

FAVORITE NON-SENIOR AT SIHS:

Jose Fausto.

FAVORITE ARTIST: Daniel Caesar, Death Grips, and Kero Kero Bonito.

FAVORITE SONG: “The Court of the Crimson King” by King Crimson.

FAVORITE RESTAURANT: The Shelter Island Pharmacy. They make an amazing bacon, egg and cheese roll.

ANDREA NAPOLES

FAVORITE SPOT ON SI:

Menhaden Beach

FAVORITE TEACHER: Mr. Brigham

FAVORITE NON-SENIOR AT SIHS:

Lio

FAVORITE ARTIST: Kali Uchis

FAVORITE SONG: the whole album

“Justified” by Justin Timberlake

FAVORITE RESTAURANT: Sterling Saki

HAYDEN RYLOTT

FAVORITE SPOT ON SI: My

neighborhood

FAVORITE TEACHER: Mr.

Brennan/Mr. Vrooman

FAVORITE NON-SENIOR AT SIHS:

Jaxson Rylott

FAVORITE ARTIST: Lana Del Rey

FAVORITE SONG: “Love” by Lana Del Rey

FAVORITE RESTAURANT: Slice

LUCA MARTINEZ

FAVORITE SPOT ON SI: My house

FAVORITE TEACHER: Mrs.

Treharne

FAVORITE NON-SENIOR AT SIHS:

Leo Dougherty

FAVORITE ARTIST: Brent Faiyaz

FAVORITE SONG: “I Know What You Want” by Busta Rhymes ft.

Flipmode Squad, Mariah Carey

FAVORITE RESTAURANT: Vine Street

GUESS THE SENIOR ANSWER KEY

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| 1. ANDREA NAPOLES | 4. LUCA MARTINEZ | 7. HAYDEN RYLOTT | 10. MARY GENNARI | 13. MADISON SPRINGER |
| 2. BAZZY QUIGLEY DUNNING | 5. ALEXANDRA BURNS | 8. JOHN FEBLES TORRES | 11. JEREMY SABATEL | |
| 3. ELIJAH DAVIDSON | 6. MARGARET SCHULTHEIS | 9. SEBASTIAN ROMERO | 12. STEVEN PACHECO | |

WHAT I LOVE ABOUT MY HOME

BY LUCA MARTINEZ

683 days, 982,800 minutes, or 58,968,000 seconds; that's how long the average senior has spent in this school, and that's excluding any extracurricular activities. I didn't get those 683 days, instead I got 390.

Coming here from Mexico and a completely different environment, it was surreal coming to a place like Shelter Island. Walking into the school it felt... too big. I know it sounds crazy, but I was used to a school that could fit in our gymnasium. Yet, I loved it here. I still do. Being able to grow up here has been the best part of my life. I've made so many friends that I hope will last for a long time.

I love coming to school and saying good morning to Mrs. Brewer and Ms. Goody. Sometimes saying good morning to Ms. Regan and her kindergarten class (only when I'm late), seeing Mr. Bringham in his office and catching up with him on the NBA game the night before, walking into Mrs. Colligan's room and asking Mrs. Bringham to not mark me late, a routine; one that I love. I love the fact that the staff goes above and beyond in any aspect beneficial to us. I love the fact that when Hayden, Emmett, and I invited Mr. Brennan to watch "Spiderman" with us, he didn't hesitate to say yes and it made for one of the most fun nights of my junior

year. I love that Mr. Bringham makes the most absurd lessons work, and how his dollar system rewards students for paying attention. I love when Mr. Miedema comes to tell me some funny nonsense in the middle of class, or how he can be beyond mad after losing a baseball game, and then be completely fine the next day. I love walking into Mrs. Lang's office and just talking to her for a couple of minutes. I love hanging out with Nurse Mary a couple of minutes before my next class. I love how vocal Mrs. Colligan is about her hope for me to succeed in the future. I love how I went from barely knowing Mrs. Treharne, to now being able to comfortably text her about anything. I also love trying to get her to gossip for a whole period without getting any work done...it doesn't always work. (I DO CLEARLY GET MY WORK DONE IN TIME THOUGH!) I love how Mr. Theinert is always teaching me something new about the business world. I love how passionate Mr. Williams is about his labs, he makes the labs enjoyable and fun. I love how much effort Ms. Mulrain and Ms. Andrejack put into our P.E. lessons. I love how Mrs. Sears made sure to make senior seminar the most laid back, but hard working class period. I love how I could get into screaming matches with Andrea and teachers just know that it's

how we communicate with each other at this point. I love how my class makes a nonsense joke and Mr. Brennan tries so hard not to laugh, but fails. I love my class, we've had our ups and downs, but we made it through all of elementary school, all of middle school, and in a couple weeks all of high school, we did it all together and I am glad I did it with you guys.

Now, I don't get to make a speech at graduation. I am not valedictorian or salutatorian, but I still have some things to say (and I'm on the newspaper staff, so I'm going to use it) so please, classmates, listen up:

Hayden, I love how passionate you are about your writing, I know you'll go far. Andrea, I love how hard working you are, you deserve everything that you will receive. Bazy, I love the nicknames you give people, truly some of the funniest nicknames I have ever heard. Elijah, I love how random you can be at times, it keeps me on my toes. Madison, I love how passionate you are about the dramatic arts, you truly shined as a leader during the play. Mary, I love how kind you are, thank you for putting up with all of my shenanigans. Margaret, I love how committed you are to your art, it's admirable to see how far your art has

come and I am sure I'll see your art in an art exhibit some time in the future. Jeremy, I love how passionate you are about video games, you always show me the best Nintendo games. Steven, I love how hard you've worked on yourself, I hope you keep at it. Alex, I love how assertive you are, you take no heat from anybody and that is something I admire about you. John, I love how dedicated you are to your hobbies, the amount of history you know due to your interest in it is insane, a true social studies academic weapon. SR, I love how you know so much about a lot of things and never mention it unless it's brought up, it is always a nice surprise. Basically, I love all of you guys.

Although I didn't get those 683 days, saying goodbye to the island will be hard, but I think it's because of all the people who have made this island home for me. I can't imagine growing up anywhere else, I loved every second of my time here. To all the underclassmen, enjoy your time here and take every opportunity you are given, you'll soon realize how lucky you are to live here. Goodbye Shelter Island, thank you for introducing me to my "family," and for the countless memories.



