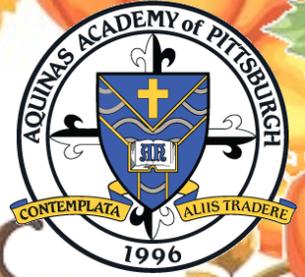


The Dumb Ox

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“A Bushel and a Peck” Closer to Showtime

By: Aarona Casas

In mid-September, sixty high school students auditioned for the Aquinas Academy production of *Guys and Dolls*. The attendance record for high school auditions reached an all-time high and indicated the show’s potential. The cast list was published the following week, revealing that seniors Jonah Burchill, Elliot Keverline, Daniel Hartle, and Lucy Flynn would portray the main characters of the musical. The play’s director, Mr. Flynn, is “so excited about this group, it is one of the best shows we’ve ever done and we can excel.” The lead actors began rehearsing on October 2, and the ensemble group started on October 4. All the actors had excellent rehearsals and show promise for a great production.



Guys and Dolls is a musical and romantic comedy set in New York City during the 1940s. It was written by Damon Runyon, and it premiered on Broadway in 1950. The story follows two main male characters, Nathan Detroit and Sky Masterson, in their efforts to win a bet of one thousand dollars, and two “dolls,” Adelaide and Sarah. Nathan needs a thousand dollars to continue running his floating craps game and can only get it in a bet with Sky, who, to win, must have dinner in Havana, Cuba, with Sergeant Sarah Brown of the Salvation Army.

The Aquinas theater program is thankful for the participation of many students in preparing this production. Alumni Benjamin Stalder and senior Felicity Koble are helping the actors with the musical pieces of the show and will provide accompaniment. Out of twenty songs and themes, their favorites include “Guys and Dolls,” and “I’ve Never Been in Love Before.”

Other students involved in this production are senior Brad Moore, junior Lucy Keverline, and freshman Gabriela Keverline. The three are choreographing musical numbers, such as the gambler meeting, the Hot Box night club show, and the Havana dinner. Additionally, junior Aurora Predis is working alongside Mrs. Meland to create costumes for the actors. The ensemble will wear 1940s-inspired clothing, the hot box dancers will dance in performance dresses, and the gamblers will appear in suits and fedoras.

The Aquinas version of *Guys and Dolls* is on track to debut in the Aquinas Rhodora on Friday, November 14th followed by a second performance on Saturday, November 15th.

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Falling in Love with Sports

By: Alexa Risdon

The boys' sports teams have had a successful fall, with cross country running for victory and boys soccer with a 9-3 record.

Gio Spotts, a senior soccer player, is proud of the progression of the team this season. His favorite memory was "battling back to beat Sewickley at their place after finding ourselves down at halftime." The team proved their strength and teamwork after beating top-three Sewickley Academy. Frank Fischer, a new freshman on the team, mentioned that "the team environment was very welcoming." His favorite game was the Springdale game where he scored his first high school goal. Rocco Fischer, a junior on the soccer team, has loved the energy from the team and their wins so far. His favorite game was against Brentwood because of the resilience they showed to pull through with the win.



The cross country team had a great season as well. Brad Moore, a senior on the team, is extremely proud of his teammates and how successful they have been this year. Brad placed first for the Aquinas team on his senior night against Hampton, and he has been working hard for the past four years to continuously improve and earn it. Brad's favorite tradition with the team is going to Hershey every year, and, after the race, "getting tasty milkshakes and chocolate treats." He loves the experience and "hanging out and making memories in the hotel the night before the race." His favorite course was Riverview because he "set a personal record and there were no hills." Owen McKernan, another senior on the team, spoke on his favorite team tradition: if someone sets a record of 45 seconds or more, the coach would get the team pie to eat after the next practice. It happens every year and, "the team is proud of the tremendous progress made by everyone through the bribe of pie!" Since Owen has run the White Oak course around seven times, it's his favorite as, "it's never gotten old and is a great way to end the season."

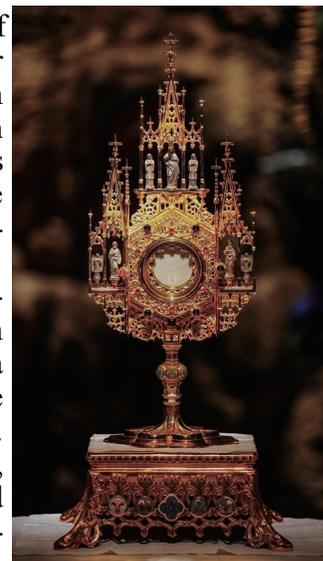
Overall, the boys fall sports teams have had successful seasons and made lasting memories.

Praying For Priests

By: Katrina Kedzierski

Almost every day, Mass is offered to all the students, teachers, and even parents of Aquinas Academy. Daily Mass is only possible because of the generous priests who offer to come and celebrate Mass for the school. As a way to give back, senior Lara Hainan formed a group of high school students to pray for the priests who say Mass at Aquinas. In her own words, she felt that, "It's such a blessing to have Mass available every day, and it's thanks to our priests who take time out of their day to serve us. I felt like we should give something back, and what better thing to give than prayers?" She started this group her junior year, and it has continued into her senior year.

This community of people, called the Children of Thomas Aquinas Apostolate, has seven members: Lara Hainan, Lucy Flynn, Daniel Hartle, Elise Metzler, Meghan McGee, Katrina Kedzierski, and Annette Bentivegna. Each person spends half an hour on a chosen day of the week to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for the intentions of the priests who come to Aquinas. That way, there is one person praying every day of the week. An apostolate is a specific mission or activity that helps carry out the mission of Christ, which He handed on to His apostles. This group creates a beautiful community of quiet and hidden intercession. Meghan McGee, a part of the apostolate, shared, "I love having a community that is dedicated to helping priests through prayer."



Lara's inspiration for this apostolate was the Seven Sisters' Apostolate, in which seven women pray for an hour in Adoration one day a week for a priest in their church. If you are interested in being a part of this incredible ministry, please contact Lara at larah2026@aquinasacademy-pittsburgh.org!

Dancing the Night Away: Hoco Edition

By: Jules Shemer

On October 13th, Aquinas returned to the dance floor at Richland Park for an exciting evening of cowboy hats and boots. High school students came for a night to remember, whether it was a first homecoming for the freshmen or the last for the seniors.

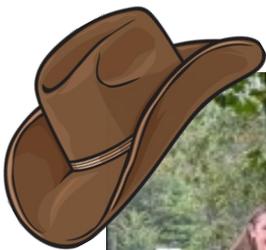
This year's homecoming theme was "Country Roads Take Me Homecoming," and students and faculty loved it. Señora, one of the chaperones, gave her thoughts on it: "This was only my third time chaperoning homecoming and by far the best venue and theme. Seeing the beautiful dresses and accessories is a highlight for me." High School Director Mr. Salinas said, "I thought the theme was fantastic and perfectly paired with the choice of the venue. On top of that, the prefects did a great job decorating. With those lights, the barn looked especially awesome!" Junior Katie Tarquinio responded, "I definitely liked the theme this year because it was one where people could actually or wanted to dress up according to the theme."

A lot went into the dance to make it memorable. From hay bales to cowboy boot cookies, the prefect board, in collaboration with high school parent Mrs. Randall, went all in with the decorations. To explain the behind the scenes of the dance, activity prefect Ava Lesnefsky said, "Planning the dance went very smoothly this year as all the prefects helped to make the dance a success. As a prefect board, we collectively decided to make the dance country-themed! I think everyone was super excited about it. Overall, it was very successful and almost every high schooler went!"

This year's homecoming King and Queen were Louis Bentivegna and Tess Duer. Tess remarked, "I was excited to be crowned queen, but did not expect it. The crown on the cowboy hat was a great idea for the homecoming queen." Louis added, "It was really fun. I did not expect to win but it was cool. Dancing in front of everyone was awkward though."

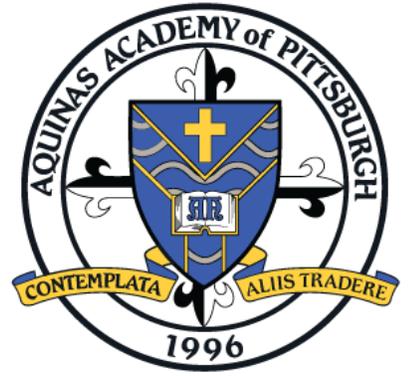
Switching to the first-timers, freshmen found their first homecoming dance an exciting experience. Elizabeth Bird commented, "It was honestly more fun than I expected, which was already a pretty high bar!" Classmate Frank Fischer said, "My first homecoming dance was amazing. It was way better than other dances I've been to."

Aquinas students had an unforgettable experience with energy on the dance floor and lively pre/post-dance hangouts. The day after, Aquinas had a day off and students were definitely thankful for the extra day to recover from the fun and excitement.



Teacher Transitions & New Positions

By: Laila Tuffiash



In addition to the several new teachers this year, a handful of teachers assumed new roles and titles. There is much excitement in the high school as Mr. Nick Salinas, beloved Middle School Director for the past 13 years, is now the director of the high school. Along with directing the high school, Mr. Salinas teaches Latin to freshmen and sophomores who came to Aquinas in high school. Mr. Salinas has taught in the lower, middle, and high school at points, but has particularly loved teaching middle school. When offered the position of high school director, he was “happy to accept the new position.” Mr. Salinas is very excited about his future in the high school. His favorite things about his new position so far are “working with the prefects, who are such an amazing group of people this year. I also love watching other teachers teach at the high school level since I taught middle schoolers for so long. I’m so excited to provide guidance to high school students as they reach adulthood.”

Across the bridge, Mrs. Michelle Repasky, director of lower school, is experiencing transition as well. Upon being hired at Aquinas, Mrs. Repasky taught kindergarten for a year, then taught 5th grade for 11 years. Last year, she was the Lower School Director and taught a section of 5th grade; this year, she is no longer a homeroom teacher. Although she misses teaching full-time, Mrs. Repasky is happy to be less busy than she was last year.

Joining Mr. Burchill as Assistant Head of School is Mrs. Sara Whetzel. This is Mrs. Whetzel’s fifth school year at Aquinas. Mrs. Whetzel started as a substitute teacher and went on to teach British Literature and Creative Writing the next year. She worked with Mr. Flynn as Assistant High School Director last year, and was promoted to her new position this year. When asked about her goals as Assistant Head of School, Mrs. Whetzel, who oversees the specials program, said, “I hope to support the faculty, especially the faculty that teaches specials (art, music, gym), and make sure the parents can see the wonderful things their child is doing.”

Development Director, Mr. Will Fitzgerald, was hired in October 2025. His job as development director is to assist with fundraising for the school. Mr. Fitzgerald is an Aquinas Alumnus who is “very grateful to be back.” Mr. Fitzgerald’s main objectives this year are to raise enough money to turf Dolan Field and expand the chapel to fit the whole school.



Fall Into Fun at Aquinas

By: Aurora Predis

Autumn is kicking off in the Aquinas community, and in fact already has, starting with the annual Fall Fest on Sunday, October 5th. This tradition offers families a chance to come together on the field; parents can socialize, older siblings volunteer with activities, and little children run wild. There is a wide range of activities for the little kids to enjoy from potato sack races to face-painting, all run by high school and middle school volunteers.

The food is always in abundance and provided by the Aquinas community and Chef Shawn. Aside from helping, the students also enjoy spending time with their friends and getting to interact with the lower schoolers and littles. High school junior volunteer Tess Austin mentioned that “It was so much fun to hang out with my friends and enjoy the festivities—it really made me look forward to fall, even though it was so hot!” This is also a time where parents and teachers can talk outside of the classroom setting. New 10th grade history teacher Mrs. Predis noted, “I enjoy Fall Fest because it is nice to kick off the changing season with other families outside the pretense of schoolwork and sports.” This is a lovely start to the fall season.



Each division has their own special way to begin the fall season, starting with the high school. The homecoming dance is a tradition at Aquinas that always marks the beginning of the fall season. This year's country theme really gave a fall feel to the atmosphere of the dance. Coming next is the middle school Halloween Fall Fest. Each year this annual event is run by the prefect board and is one of the most anticipated events in the middle school. It includes games, snacks, and a costume contest. Many middle school students look forward to the theme.

Last but certainly not least is the Lower School. The long-standing tradition of All Saints Day is one of the many nostalgic classroom party days from lower school; the students all dress up as their favorite saint and/or make a shield or poster. Students parade around the school and then head back to their classrooms for a party and refreshments, all All Saints Day themed. The Aquinas Academy community is always full of laughter and making memories, whether you are going to your first homecoming or your last All Saints party. But no matter what, students go into it with faith, love, hope, and, in this fall season, some pumpkin spice.

More Than a Game

By: Grace Chrobak

The annual Crusader Rush was a great day for all grades! This year, it took place on September 26th. This event is an annual fall event that builds stronger connections for students by engaging them in various games to build team work among the color teams. The teachers select the topics for both the high school and the middle school. The high schoolers were given the theme "Taylor Swift's Wedding," and the middle school was given "Mission Impossible." While the middle and high school students enjoyed their themed rush, the lower school had a jam-packed day of fun activities to also build relationships and teamwork among students.

Highschoolers had a wonderful time with their activity. According to the set rules, each team had two hours to make a dress, an album cover, and conduct the wedding ceremony skit. Highschooler Claire Urban shared her Crusader Rush perspective on why this annual event is fun, saying it was due to “being able to hang out and work with the different grades in your color team.”



The middle school was also divided up into four teams, each busy with the Mission Impossible activity. They had two hours to create an agency, design a badge, run like Tom Cruise, and build a gadget. “My favorite part of Crusader Rush was the Tom Cruise running competition and the mission impossible theme all over” exclaimed Pere Casas-Arnedos. He is also looking forward to next year's rush because he will be starting high school.

The lower school had a fun-filled day of various engaging activities. They had scooter races, created posters, played jeopardy, and took part in “Human Foosball”, a life-sized version of the classic tabletop game. “My favorite part was the green team winning,” shared Martin Kedzierski. He also looks forward to the “green team winning again next year.”

As the Crusader Rush came to a close, Megastoi was crowned the overall champion! Students of all grades created great memories and built better connections in this great fall event.

The Bombing of the USS Cole

By: Brigid Mercer

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the bombing of the American naval ship USS *Cole*, attacked on October 12th, 2000, while refueling in the Gulf of Aden, Yemen.

At exactly 11:18 am, a small fueling boat rammed into the USS *Cole*'s side. The fueling boat contained a bomb on board, and two members of the Islamic terrorist group al-Qaeda drove the boat into the *Cole*, ripping a 40 foot hole in the hull. This explosion killed 17 sailors on board *Cole*, between the ages 19 and 35, and wounding 42. The valiant efforts of the *Cole*'s crew immediately after the attack saved the ship from sinking, allowing enough time for allied countries to send help. Sophomore Peter Koble expressed his belief that "the bombing of the *Cole* was an abhorrent attack that ushered a new era of asymmetric warfare into the American military establishment."



Captain Robert A. Mercer III, USNR, was among the sailors on board the *Cole* the day it was bombed. When asked what he remembers most from that day, he stated, "I remember that we had sat down for an early lunch after we had refueled and all of sudden, I was out of my chair and on the ground. Little pieces of the ceiling tiles began to fall down like snow in the room and we all looked at each other, completely confused at what had just happened." In the moments after the bomb hit the ship, Mercer went to unlock the weapons locker and someone threw him the key so he could access the weapons. This key went through his hand completely but he pulled it out, unlocking the weapons locker. He then distributed guns to the other sailors so they could defend the ship. Along with the other sailors, he spent three nights sleeping on the outer deck of the ship, for fear that someone else might come and attack the ship. Coach John Carroll, founder of Aquinas Academy Cadet Corps, commends these brave sailors, commenting that "the crew of the USS *Cole* responded with extraordinary courage, demonstrating the enduring spirit of the U.S. Navy since its founding."

It is important to take time to honor those who were killed in this senseless attack and to acknowledge the heroic efforts of the sailors who saved the USS *Cole* from sinking into the Gulf of Aden. Freedom should never be taken for granted and Americans should pray for those who fight battles far away from home to keep our country safe.



History and Haunts

By: Abigail Irvin

The Battle of Gettysburg, which occurred from July 1-3, 1863, is the largest fight that ever took place in North America, leaving over 50,000 casualties. It does not come as a surprise that Civil War ghosts allegedly roam the town of Gettysburg. Almost immediately after the battle, up until today, people report seeing eerie sights.

The first story comes from Devil's Den, a huge rock formation on the battlefield, which was the epicenter of the worst fighting. Some witnesses who go there report to still hear sounds of the battle, such as drums and cannons. Others claim that a barefoot man in uniform will appear from nowhere, chat with them, then disappear. Sometimes he will help tourists take the perfect photo of the battlefield and step into the frame. But the man never appears in the shot.

The Gettysburg Hotel, in the center of town, was used as a hospital during the battle. It is supposedly haunted by a Civil War nurse named Rachel who rummages through guests' belongings. Other resident ghosts include a wounded Union soldier and a lady who dances in the ballroom.

Daniel Lady Farm was used as a battlefield hospital and the site of many surgeries. Witnesses claim General Richard Ewell and hundreds of his soldiers haunt the site. Shadowy figures are seen in the barn and often peek out of the hayloft.

The Jenny Wade House is the site of the only civilian death during the battle. Visitors claim that Jenny Wade roams the house along with several children. They hear loud banging, feel children's hands hanging on to their legs, and notice cold rushes of air on the second floor. Junior Gabby Sciulli took a tour of the Jenny Wade house. She recalls that "when in the house, I did get a weird feeling. It was a feeling of sadness and eeriness, especially because she passed there. I definitely do think that it's haunted."

Former Aquinas U.S history teacher Mrs. Allen shared, "My parents have been on a ghost tour there and have experienced some haunting moments where they stayed. On the ghost tour their phones stopped working. They stayed in a bed and breakfast and my mom heard carousel music in the middle of the night. They also were at a talk at the same bed and breakfast and the door just opened and the speaker said 'oh we must have a visitor.' I have never personally felt a haunting experience when I am at Gettysburg but again I definitely believe it does have that there. God bless those who passed there and may the souls of the faithful rest in peace!"

Whether you are an avid believer in ghosts or a skeptic of these stories, the amazing history and significance of this place is undeniable. A trip to Gettysburg is a great experience and perfect way to find out if you think the battlefield is haunted or not.



First Quarter Creative Clubs

By: Elise Metzler

Every Friday, high school students spread out around the school for an Aquinas staple called Crusader Period. During a 40-minute period at the end of the week, students get to show off their interests and creativity by creating clubs that other students can then join, fostering growth in student interests and student friendships outside the classroom. Aquinas students have come up with some more “out there” clubs, including Conspiracy Theories club and Sea Shanty club. Miss McGrath is in charge of this treasured tradition, and gives it praise, saying “It is incredible to see what a great variety of talents, interests, and hobbies are on display during this time.” Students register for clubs every quarter, with a new club roster to choose from. This quarter, some clubs students have formed are Shower Thoughts Philosophy, Campfire Club, and Giving Back.



Ever wondered if a hot dog could be a sandwich? How about if a centaur *had* to be strictly top half human, bottom half centaur? All these questions and more are discussed in Shower Thoughts Philosophy. Co-founder Savannah Deschamps says, “Felicity and I started shower thoughts in 10th grade so anyone could just talk and enjoy one another’s company.”

One of the great advantages of a K-12 school is that older students get the pleasure of interacting with students much younger than them, even if they do not have younger siblings. The most obvious example of this is the Giving Back club, where students read, design crafts, and get the joy of working with lower school students at the end of the week. The effect on students both young and old is best said by Mrs Repasky, “It builds community and camaraderie, as the high schoolers are good examples for the younger students.”

Whether because of cold weather or a student’s busy schedule, some clubs can only exist in the first quarter. The best example of this is Campfire Club, where students gather in the lobby before walking to the nearby Austin household. There, they enjoy food and friendship around the campfire. Founder Tess Austin talks about the new people she’s met through this activity, stating, “I’ve had a fun time getting to know the freshmen in the club.”

The school’s culture really grows with the addition of these weekly clubs, as students engage in fun pastimes and get to know each other better while they do it.



It's so Simple Even a Baby Can Do It!

By: Lucy Flynn

“A little can go a long way” is a common phrase that is used among Vivat Vita in their campaigns, and their latest campaign is the Baby Bottle Campaign. The way this campaign works is quite simple: people put money, change or checks into the baby bottle and it acts as a piggy bank. This year, the proceeds will go to Genesis House, which is an organization that helps women who are pregnant and in need. Lara Hainan, co-president of the Vivat Vita, knows these campaigns like the back of her hand: “Every year, each family at Aquinas gets a baby bottle to put any spare change in over the course of a month. Last year we raised over \$6000! This annual campaign highlights how everyone giving a little bit adds up. Another favorite event of mine is Cakes for Life, when students compete to decorate a cake and everyone votes for the best one with a dollar! Then we get to eat the cake!”

Another thing Lara is looking forward to is the nine-month novena. “Every month we meet in the chapel and pray a decade of the rosary and novena for the unborn and their families.” Many students are part of this novena as well.

Savannah Deschamps is the other co-president, and this campaign also holds a special place in her heart. “This campaign is a lot of fun for the younger students especially to see it and know they are helping babies with their donations.”

Ms. Young is the teacher supervisor for Vivat Vita, and it is her first official year of heading the Vivat Vita Club. “Being the faculty sponsor for Vivat Vita is a new change and adventure. The pro-life movement has always been very close to my heart. I attended my first March for Life as a nine-month-old baby, and I firmly believe it's one of the most important causes of our day.” She also gives a special shoutout to the student leaders of this club as well. “It's been wonderful to work with the student co-heads, Savannah Deschamps and Lara Hainan, and our vice president, Patrick Richthammer. They are enthusiastic and give so much of their time for the pro-life movement.”

The 40 Days for Life is another important campaign that Vivat Vita hopes to participate in. This movement is very involved in speaking up against abortion issues in our world. In this campaign, people stand outside abortion clinics and pray the novena for people involved in the Pro-Choice Movement. Currently, While Vivat Vita does not officially participate in 40 Days for Life, Ms. Young hopes to someday incorporate that and currently encourages members to do so. “We hope in the future to adopt a day to pray outside Planned Parenthood. Hopefully, that will happen during the 40 Days spring campaign.” It is always important to be aware of the issues in this world. Thanks to the Vivat Vita club, students get to participate in helping and praying for those in need. It only takes one person to change the world, so don't wait for someone else to be that person.



It's that time of the year: pumpkin spice latte season. Most people's go-to coffee shop is Dunkin or Starbucks, but many smaller, local coffee businesses have found favor with Aquinas students and faculty, including Brother Andre's Cafe, Silverstream, Tom's Coffee, and The Roaming Bean. While most people choose the classic pumpkin-flavored drinks, there are many other options to explore, including a mix of apple, caramel, maple, and pecan.

The Roaming Bean makes their pumpkin latte iced with a twist of caramel. They offer the option of pumpkin or maple cold foam with waffle cone bits on top. It costs \$8, but the cup size is pretty big, and the drink is not overfilled with ice like Dunkin drinks tend to be. Most of their drinks only came iced, which I usually prefer, but I got it on a cooler fall night, so I would recommend trying their hot Pumpkin Cookie Butter Latte topped with whipped cream and cookie crumble. Both drinks had a great mix of coffee and pumpkin flavor, which is my personal preference.

Abigail Irvin introduced me to a local coffee trailer in Cranberry, called Silverstream. While they do not offer a classic pumpkin spice latte, they offer a hot White Chocolate Pumpkin Roll latte. I'm a big pumpkin spice fan, but I tasted more cinnamon and ginger over pumpkin. A few other students tried the drink and shared similar opinions. Freshman Jacqui Whitsel says, "The drink itself tasted good, but it didn't really taste like pumpkin or white chocolate." Freshman Alaina adds, "I'm not a big coffee fan, so I like a bunch of artificial sweeteners and prefer not being able to taste the actual coffee." For those who are not pumpkin fans, they also offer a Creme Brulee latte. I really enjoyed this one a lot, because it had the perfect amount of flavoring without being too sweet, and it had a rich vanilla taste. It would not be my go-to for a fall drink, but it was still delicious. Prices range from \$3-6, depending on flavoring and add-ons, so it's not as expensive as other places, but the size is your standard coffee cup.

Brother Andre's Cafe, which is located under Epiphany Church in downtown Pittsburgh, is the most popular coffee shop for Aquinas students. They offer a classic pumpkin spice latte, hot or iced, with the option of whipped cream or cold foam. I chose hot with whipped cream, and it tasted perfect. Alumni Alice Rothfus also tried the drink and found it satisfactory. "The staff was so sweet to me and their coffee was great. It was the perfect drink for a fall day and a nice after-mass treat." They also offer a s'mores latte as a featured October drink. I ordered mine cold, and it tasted mostly like chocolate milk with a hint of coffee. Although the flavor was sweet, it also would not be my go-to for a fall drink. I would recommend it to people who do not like the taste of coffee and prefer a sugary drink.

Tom's Coffee has a range of fall drinks, offering pumpkin, pecan, caramel, vanilla, and chocolate flavors in any form of coffee. Senior Becca Guillen and I both ordered the Pumpkin Pie frappuccino with whipped cream. The price was \$7, being one of the more expensive drinks on the menu, but the cup was a decent size and the drink had a lot of components packed in it. I returned to Tom's Coffee again on a cooler morning and tried their hot Spiced Apple Chai-der. I am usually not a big fan of chai, but this surprised me. It did not have an overpowering cinnamon flavor, and it tasted like a warm and rich apple cider.

Coffee connoisseur Mr. Kuneiga is very strict on his coffee. He owns his own espresso machine and has a very delicate process of making his brew. He enjoys being able to taste the richness of the bean rather than a bunch of cream and sweeteners. "It's a sin to put anything in coffee," He claims. "It's the 11th commandment: Thou shalt not tamper with the pureness of coffee." Abigail Irvin tried Mr. K's coffee with me and we both agreed that the flavor was a little overpowering but it made us realize what he meant by "tasting the full bean." It definitely had a very rich taste and goes well with vanilla ice cream.

Everyone has their own preference for coffee, whether it is a chai or a latte, pumpkin or apple, flavorful or plain, and these coffee shops all did a great job. My personal favorite for the pumpkin side was the hot pumpkin spice latte from Brother Andre's or the iced Pumpkin Caramel Waffle Cone latte from The Roaming Bean. My favorite out of the alternative drinks was the Creme Brulee latte from Silverstream. While these places can cost a little more than the larger companies, they are found to have better quality ingredients, a warm atmosphere, and engaging personal experiences.



Snips n' Quips

"What is Apostolic Succession?"

-Mr. Kuneiga

"It's like the Apostles passing on their aura."

-Anthony R.

"OK, I'll take that."

"You're speaking too quietly, my ears have to exercise." -Julia J.

"Even identical twins are a little sus sometimes." -Ms. Dill

giving Brad M&Ms "I'm feeding the wildlife!" -Johnny F.

"Your nature matters because it tells you what you can do. Can you flap your little wings and fly?"

-Mrs. Meland

"I said get focused because I saw you with your hand on your hip." -Marco A.

"You can if you drink a Red Bull." -Savannah D.

"That's my power pose!" -Anthony R.

"You guys are buttering me up today. It's like you wanna eat me or something." -Alice D.

"Do you think that God would really say, 'This person sinned, I'm going to punish them with eternal square dancing'?" -Mrs. Meland

"Believe it or not, I don't wear a tie to bed." -Mr. Blume

"My sister named her chickens Dumb, Dumber, and Clueless. Clueless got hit by a car." -Lucy F.

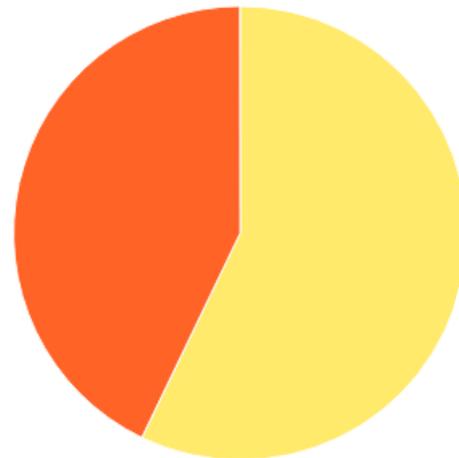
talking about Sabrina Carpenter

"Don't diss my girlie!" -Jack H.

"The Wii was released in 2008." -Mr. V

"Hey, so was I." -Henry B.

Writers' Favorite Fall Flavor: Apple Cinnamon vs Pumpkin Spice



Apple Cinnamon Pumpkin Spice

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