

Europe Locks Down Again

by Adi Pfeiffier

Due to COVID-19, people are stuck indoors with masks on their faces. It has been a trying year for the United States, but in recent events, the Coronavirus in Europe has taken a turn for the worse. France and Spain recently implemented a stricter curfew. According to the British Broadcasting Corporation, the acceptance of people on the streets has been extremely limited between the hours of 8 PM and 6 AM.

With the need for an increased shutdown across the world, Germany has made medical masks mandatory for all public encounters and all non-essential places are to remain closed.

Along with similarly strict



shutdowns, other countries such as Belgium, Portugal, Denmark, and Ireland require extreme lockdowns in order to maintain safety.

Many countries have also restricted ways in which people can enter ad leave. In happier news, some countries, Greece, and Italy, have been able to reopen most of the schools.

These changes and added precautions come as the virus begins to mutate. Research points to the new strains as being more contagious and possibly more deadly than the original strain. Luckily, research also supports the hypothesis that the current vaccines continue to have efficacy with the new strains.

Although times are tough for the world, the struggle can end if people work together for the common good of everyone.

Yearbook Captures Memories

by Victoria Silva

The yearbook is one of the most exciting things that students look forward to at the end of the school year, filled with cherished memories and events. It has memories classmates will all look back on in the future, from pictures of younger selves to the kind words written by best friends.

However, behind every yearbook is a hard-working yearbook club member that helped create the perfect way to commemorate the school year.

Saint Raphael Academy's Yearbook Club is run by Miss Gallagher. Although it is her first year advising the club, she is putting in her best effort to make this yearbook the best it has ever been.

Despite the hardships COVID-19 has displayed, the yearbook club is coming up with creative ways to reflect the many changes in the community. Miss Gallagher says, "we're including a few new pages this year since we have fewer events than in past years." However, this is not the only adjustment occurring due to COVID-19. "Masks are a unique feature of this school year, so we'll include a page to capture that as well."

In Yearbook Club, each mem-

ber is responsible for a specific section of the yearbook. Madelyn Paquette explains, "for the most part you get to control the section you are assigned." One of her sections for the yearbook is theatre.

Paquette explains how submitting the sections is straightforward, and each is approved by Miss Gallagher. The club makes it a priority to vote on topics such as color pallet, font styles, and the cover of the yearbook itself.

Each member of the club is included in these decisions, and they decide together what pages will make great

additions to the yearbook.

An even more interesting element of the upcoming yearbook is that seniors are receiving more recognition for all their accomplishments at Saint Ray's. According to Miss Gallagher "this year we asked them to submit a quote, a list of extra-curricular activities, and a baby photo."

Paquette adds, "one of my favorite things that I have liked to work on in yearbook is the Senior Portraits." She devotes a great deal of her time to making sure all the seniors have beautiful portraits. "Going through everyone's pictures, senior quotes,

and activities reminds me of our four years spent at Saints." This is what the yearbook is truly about.

Yearbook Club puts an incredible amount of time and effort into making the yearbook a truly memorable and fun experience for all students at Saint Raphael Academy.

Their work for this year's yearbook will spark excitement for everyone in the SRA community. Because of the hard work of the yearbook club, Saint Raphael Academy students will have a memorable and complete keepsake from their high school experience.



Inauguration Goes As Planned

by Cooper Arnold

The forty-sixth President of the United States was sworn in on Wednesday, January 20, 2021. Joseph R. Biden Jr. took the oath of office around noon time, shortly after Kamala D. Harris became the first black, Asian-American woman to become the Vice President.

The inauguration of 2021 was unlike many in the past. For starters, masks were worn by all attendees, and crowd limitations were put into place. Furthermore, former President Donald J. Trump did not attend the inauguration unlike his predecessors.

Former Vice President Mike Pence, who fully accepted the win of President Biden, was in attendance and briefly spoke to President Biden, Vice President Harris, and other Democrat leaders.

President Biden spoke to the American people in a speech that highlighted unity. Biden

opened his speech alluding to the attacks of the Capitol Building and emphasized the importance of protecting democracy. Biden, of course, spoke about the COVID-19 pandemic and the continuing problem of racism within the country.

The President did not ignore the tribulations of the American people, but instead, spoke with a sense of hope and encouragement to his fellow citizens.

Biden's speech, however, can best be summarized with these few lines, a theme he often touched upon during his presidential campaign, "I pledge this to you: I will be a President for all Americans. I will fight as hard for those who did not support me as for those who did."

There were two other stars at this year's inauguration. The first, an inspirational young woman who delivered an in-

spiring message to all people. Amanda Gorman wrote and recited the "Hill We Climb." It is a piece that highlights not the perfection of America but its continuous progress towards peace, justice, and equality.

Her message was not one of despair or anger or fear, but one that revolved around hope and light. The second star, who

most likely did not anticipate any attention, was Bernie Sanders. His mittens and winter attire were enough to become an immediate internet sensation.

President Joseph Biden now faces tough challenges. The COVID-19 pandemic and its effects are being felt by many Americans, and it is now his burden to help the citizens of this country.



President Joe Biden
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Local Government Affected by Federal Changes

by Emily Ryder

Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo was appointed the position of Secretary of Commerce under President Joseph Biden. She was nominated in early January with the Senate committee confirming her nomination on February 3.

A vote by the full Senate is still required for confirmation. Raimondo will resign as governor before taking her new position. Lieutenant Governor Dan McKee will be sworn in as the new Governor immediately after Raimondo's resignation.



Gov. Gina Raimondo
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In wider news, Democrats control the Senate after Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock won the runoff vote in Georgia.

Senator Chuck Schumer has become the new majority leader, replacing Republican Mitch McConnell.

The Senate is split in political affiliation, leaving Vice President Kamala Harris to have a tie-breaking vote on legislation.

Democrats also retain control of the House of Representatives. Nancy Pelosi will remain the Speaker of the House.

Though the Democrats lost thirteen seats in the House, the party still managed to outnumber Republicans in seats.

The White House hopes that these numerous changes will make it easier to pass legislation through both the House and the Senate. However, the American people still hope for bipartisanship in legislation that affects all Americans.

It will certainly be interesting to watch the work of the national and local government as this session progresses.

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Future of NASA Lands on Mars

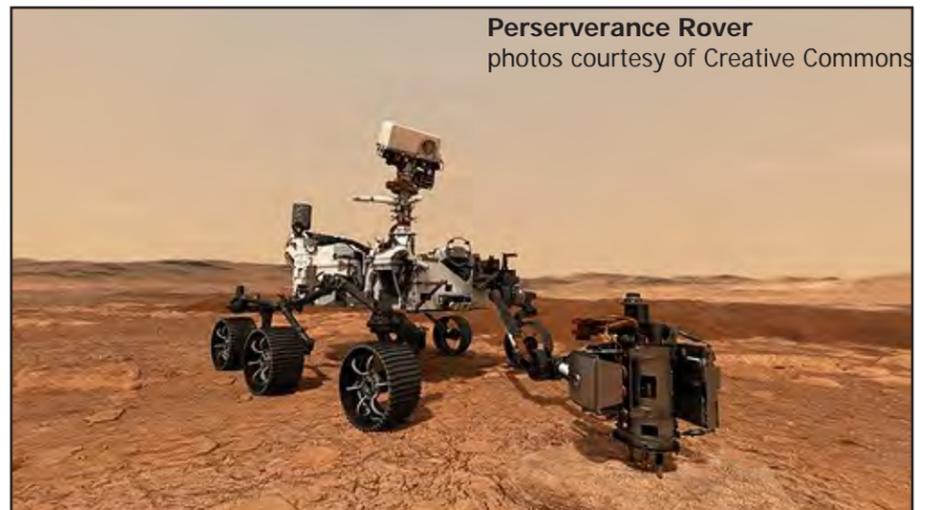
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While some people are interested about politics under the new administration of President Biden and others are simply unconcerned about everything, people who are interested in STEM and space may be wondering where the fate of NASA lies.

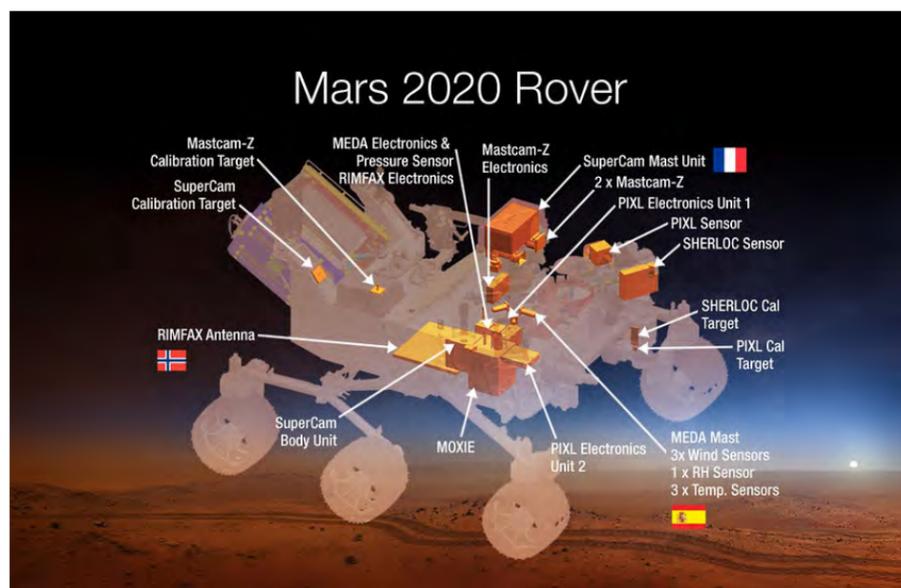
During the Presidential campaign period, people heard very little on President Biden's space policy, but some can speculate as to what the future of space will be for the U.S. Based on

the Democratic party's platform, the US may be seeing more of a shift from NASA's focus on typical outer world expeditions.

Under the Biden administration, it is possible that NASA and NOAA will work on strengthening Earth observations to combat climate change. Americans are still awaiting President Biden's official appointee for NASA's chief administrator after Jim Bridgestone resigned last month, but Steve Jurczyk



Perseverance Rover
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has been chosen as an acting administrator in the meantime. Jurczyk highlighted plans to return humans to the moon in a message to the agency but did not name the Artemis program, a product of President Trump's administration, in particular.

Current missions remain unaffected for the time being, such as the rover mission to Mars. Since the previous Mars rover was decommissioned after a nasty storm, a new project was underway: The Perseverance Rover. Launched during July of 2020, the rover landed on Feb-

ruary 18 at the Jezero Crater.

Its current mission is to search for signs of ancient life while collecting soil samples for studies back on Earth. A new drone technology has also been sent with Perseverance called the "Mars Helicopter." The little flying bot will be used to test powered flight on Mars for the first time.

While the future of NASA remains greatly shaded, the end result is bound to be interesting, as continued work on the private sector, like Elon Musk's SpaceX, pushes more doors open for exploration to be made.

Harris Pioneers Change

by Chatham McCloskey

One-hundred fifty-eight years ago, black men and women were enslaved. Sixty-seven years ago, children went to segregated schools. Fifty-six years ago, black women were prevented from voting. Fifty years ago, women were not allowed to open a bank account without their husband's consent. One year ago, no black nor female candidate was ever elected to hold a Vice President position. All has changed.

This is probably not the first time people have read about Kamala Harris and it definitely will not be the last. Whether people agree with Biden-Harris or disagree, having the first female, black, and Asian-American Vice President for the country is simply revolutionary.

Women are rarely seen in the national level of government. Only twenty-four percent of the Senate and twenty-seven percent of the House of Representatives is made up of women. Sadly, only thirty-six percent of those women are of color.

Harris will serve as an inspiration to young women and people

of color with the theme that, in an everlasting fight against the glass ceiling, anything is possible.

The ongoing gender and racial bias in politics has not been absolutely destroyed; however, with Harris's induction, it will inspire other young women to follow in her footsteps. Harris's

contributions will force higher powers to consider everything through a different perspective as never experienced before.

Kamala Harris has expressed that she honorably accepts the title of being the first female, black, and Asian-American Vice President.

She cites that her accomplishment derives from the groundbreaking importance of leaders throughout history like Rosa Parks, Shirley Chisholm, and John Lewis. Through these words, Americans are inspired to move the country towards a more inclusive nation.



Vice President Kamala Harris
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Winter Teams Turn Up the Heat

by Mary Nicole Hunsberger

The winter sports season is almost nearing its end as spring sports may be just around the corner. Saints athletes are on a roll with successful seasons.

This winter season the SRA community was lucky to watch and cheer on runners, swimmers, hockey players, and basket ballers from home!

As we continue to brainstorm new ways to cooperate with COVID-19 guidelines, many parents, students, and other Saints fans have resorted to watching all games, highlights, and meets via livestream.

From their devices, fans stayed up to date with all Saints' athletic events, including the senior night festivities for each sport. Many of these iconic moments



can be seen on the various Saints social media pages, like Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Saints' athletes anticipate an eventful spring with the coming of the Spring 3 sea-

son. The tentative start date for this season is February 22.

Susceptible to change, everyone can stay updated by visiting the school website, checking out the school's Facebook page at St. Raphael Academy Saints Athletics, or following Saints Athletics on Twitter @SRASAINTS.

Through these platforms, Saints' fans can access game information, view highlights, watch livestreamed events, and access other news in a fast and easy way.

Saints' athletes ultimately look forward to having any type of season they can get.

Be sure to follow all of the winter sports teams, wish them luck, and help them to stay SAINTS STRONG.

Tom Takes on Time

by Jake Knox

Super Bowl LV was one for the ages. The 25-year-old phenomenon, Patrick Mahomes, fresh off of his first Super Bowl victory from last year faced legendary Tom Brady. This Super Bowl was Brady's tenth in his 20 plus year career.

Heading into the game, Kansas City was favored heavily with their tough offense. However, with the injuries of starting tackles, Mitchell Schwartz and Eric Fisher, Mahomes ended up spending most of the game running for his life.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers' Defensive Coordinator Todd Bowles truly put on a show during the Super Bowl. Bowles played the Kansas City offense

perfectly by taking out deep threat Tyreek Hill and containing Travis Kelce, which eliminated their running game. Bowles' biggest achievement of the game was keeping the pressure on Mahomes for the entirety of the game.

Mahomes ran over 500 yards trying to escape the stout defensive front anchored by Ndumkong Suh, Jason Pierre-Paul, and Shaquil Barrett.

The offensive side of the ball for Tampa Bay, Brady and company, looked automatic. They used screen passes and an aggressive running game headed by Leonard Fournette to render the Chiefs' pass rush useless while opening passing oppor-



tunities through play action. This allowed Brady to toss touchdowns to former Pa-

triot teammates, Rob Gronkowski and Antonio Brown.

A late fourth-quarter interception by Tampa Bay Buccaneer Devin White sealed the fate of Kansas City. Mahomes, the number one ranked offensive player for two years in a row, was held touchdown-less.

Tom Brady collected his seventh Lombardi Trophy and was named Super Bowl MVP for the fifth time. Yet, as Brady continues to age, many wonder when the G.O.A.T. will officially hang up his cleats.

With another year left on his contract, Brady reassured fans during Super Bowl celebrations saying, "I'll be back, you know I'll be back."

Lafreniere Heads to the Big Apple

by Jake Knox

Heading into the 2020 NHL draft, everyone was waiting to see who would win the "Alexis Lafreniere Sweepstakes." The highest odds for the first pick were the Los Angeles Kings, the Detroit Redwings, and the Ottawa Senators. The New York Rangers, however, stunned the world by obtaining the first pick even though they were at below a seven percent odd to secure the pick. Lafreniere was drafted to the New York Rangers and is heading to the Big Apple.

The hype surrounding Lafreniere is not new. In Quebec, he made quite the name for himself when, at the age of 14, he played in a bantam hockey league and scored 69 points in just 26 games. Lafreniere is regarded as a generational talent with a perfect combination of speed, strength, IQ, and the gift for scoring goals. During his last season playing for the Saint-Eustache Vikings, Lafreniere put up 33 goals and 50 assists in only 36 games. Lafreniere has been



the top North American Hockey Prospect for several years and cemented his place as the best young player by putting up 112 points in the Quebec

Major Junior Hockey league. Mike G. Morreale of NHL scouting has compared him to Jonathan Huberdeau who won the 2013 Calder Memorial Trophy.

The New York Rangers, with the addition of Alexis Lafreniere, have one of the brightest young cores in the entire NHL. With 2019 second overall pick Kaapo Kakkom, superstar wingman Artemi Panarin, and centers Ryan Strome and Mika Zibanejad, the future is bright in New York.

Black History Month

Highlighting Black History

by Kaziah Twumasi

February is known as Black History Month. Throughout the month, the achievements of African Americans are honored and highlighted. Black History Month did not always have this title and was not always celebrated for the full month of February.

The beginnings of Black History Month started in the year of 1915. Historian Carter G. Woodson co-founded the Study of Negro Life and History because there was a lack of awareness of the accomplishments and sacrifices made by black people.

Ten years later, the second week of February became known as "Negro History Week." That week was symbolic because it coincides with the birthdays of abolitionist Frederick Douglass and former U.S. President Abraham Lincoln. Frederick Douglass was a prominent leader in the abolitionist movement and a social activist who fought to end slavery. Former U.S. President Abraham Lincoln enacted the Emancipation Proclamation to abolish slavery.

Both were recognized for their significant roles in promoting change for the enslavement of black people.

In 1976, as a result of African Americans petitioning and fighting for the week-long celebration to be expanded to a month, former President Gerald Ford recognized the importance of celebrating black history and named February Black History Month.

It is through these promi-

nent leaders, as well as others, who fought and recognized the need for change that black history is now brought to light. There was a time when black history was rarely recognized, so it is important to commemorate the contributions, struggles, and triumphs, that have occurred throughout history.

People value Black History Month as an opportunity to pay homage to those who

have shaped and shifted history, like Harriet Tubman, Martin Luther King Jr., Claudette Colvin, Madam C.J. Walker, and Frederick Douglass. It is also a time to introduce other figures that may not be as widely known, like Shirley Chisholm, Ida B. Wells, or Marcus Garvey.

By bringing to light the struggles, socioeconomic conditions, joys, and achievements of the black community, Black History Month promotes education and awareness

Often times throughout history, black people have underestimated themselves and their contributed to American history.

Now it is time to honor the purposeful truth and journey. Black history is being made every day, so people should not only utilize February but also every day of the year to continue to educate themselves and be mindful of everyone's history. This way, one can promote unity over division and dismantle the omission of black history, in order to bring more progress into this world.



Events like the 1963 March on Washington are highlighted during Black History Month photo courtesy Creative Commons

Prominent Black Figures

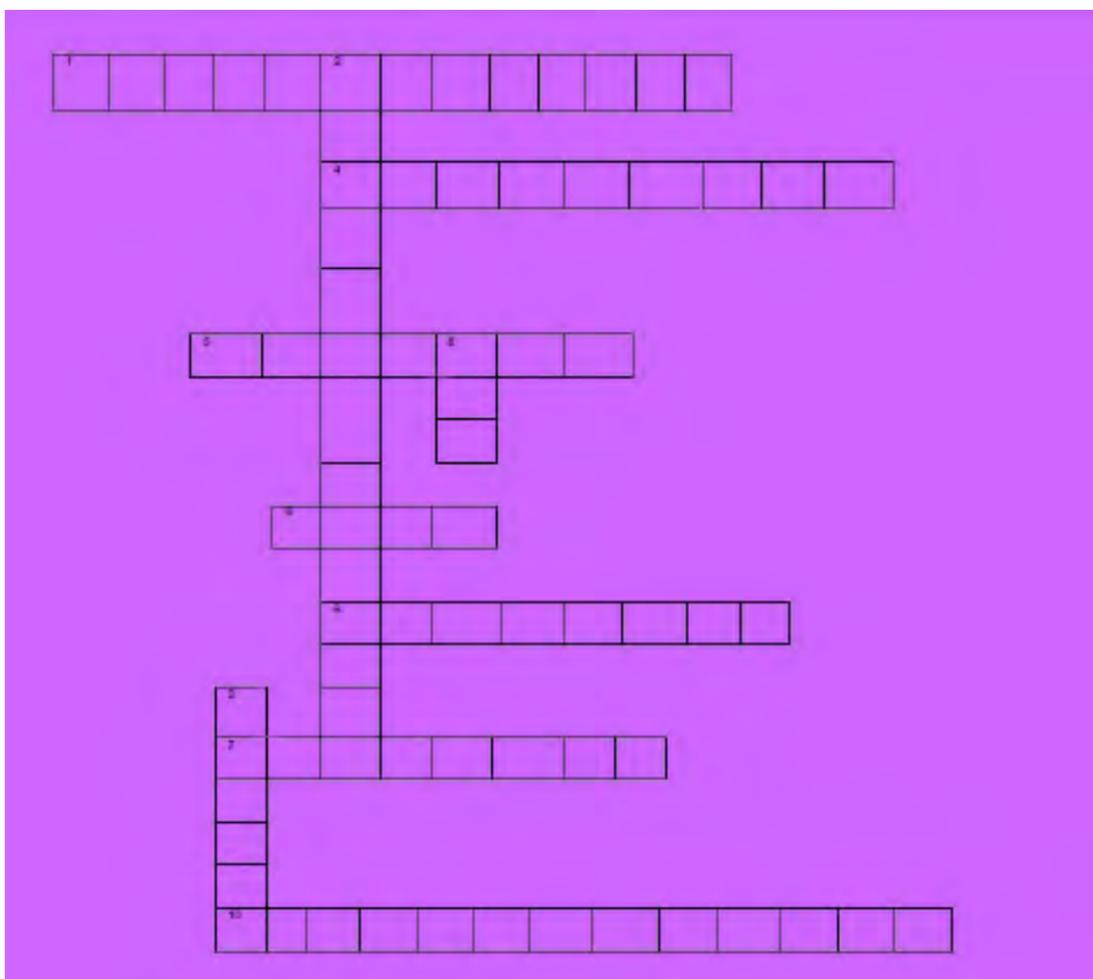
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2. Who was known as the "Father of Black History"?

3. ___ Luther King Jr. was a social activist who fought to bring needed change and equality and created the "I Have a Dream" speech.

8. ___ B. Wells was civil rights advocate and journalist that is most known for leading an antilynching crusade in the U.S.



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1. Who was America's first black female millionaire that created homemade black hair care products?

4. Whose resistance to not give up her seat to move to the back of the bus sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott?

5. ___ Tubman is known for escaping slavery and having a prominent role of being a leading abolitionist.

6. Frederick _____ was an abolitionist that had efforts to end the practice of slavery.

7. Maya _____ was a fearless, determined poet and civil rights activist who created many inspiring works.

9. W.E.B. Du ___ co-founded the NAACP and used his voice to open people's eyes to see how black citizens were treated and seen in the American society.

10. Who was the former president of South Africa, an advocator, and helped to end the apartheid?

Saints Take the Stage After COVID-19 Turned Out the Lights

by Olivia Costanzo

Normally, March for the Saint Ray's Drama Club means preparations for the Rhode Island Drama Festival.

The eyes of the Cast and Crew widen with excitement with the chance to achieve another state title and perform at the New England Festival.

The process looks a little different this year due to the corona virus pandemic, but that does not mean Drama is over just yet.

There will be a New England Theatre "Festival," where schools can submit a ten-minute clip that will be part of a virtual presentation to celebrate the art. Saint Raphael Academy will be entering with a clip of this year's one act play, "One Stop Light Town" by Tracy Wells.

Auditions for the show happened virtually on February 8 and 9. The club anticipates rehearsals happening in person with debut performances in April.

This will be the first time that the Drama Club will have met in

person since the COVID-19 virus shut down the program last year.

After the success of the virtual musical, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, students are excited to have the opportunity to meet and rehearse together.

Director Mrs. Carraher is also

excited to be able to work on campus. However, she assures everyone that all COVID-19 precautions and regulations will be followed, including mask wearing and social distancing.

The Saint Raphael community wishes a "Break a leg"

to the cast and crew of this sure-to-be amazing show.

For more information on the production and performance of "One Stop Light Town" as well as the upcoming New England Theatre celebration, please contact Mrs. Costanzo.



Members of Saint Ray's Drama Club look forward to taking the stage. It will be the first time that they have performed live in the Coutou Theater since Tuck Everlasting last December.

photo by Mrs. Gaffney-Hsu

Going Green to Save the Globe

by Lauren Reilly

The planet is growing and developing each day with new changes arising in our ever-adapting earth, but this is not always for the better. Climate change, although not the focus of many people right now, is still a pressing issue in society.

Climate change not only affects the country, but also the entire planet. With the Earth's global temperatures rising and recording its warmest record yet, the effects are disastrous, including a loss of sea ice sheet masses, intense heat waves, shifts for plants and animal habitats, and coral bleaching in the oceans.

As global warming increases, many of the world's travel destinations are increasingly at risk and suffering consequences. The Great Barrier Reef off the coast of Australia is the largest coral reef system in the world filled with lively marine life. It attracts millions of tourists each year



Polar Bears are at risk due to climate change.
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that wish to discover the wonders hidden beneath the ocean surface. However, with the rising ocean temperatures, coral bleaching - a condition in which the once colorful coral turns white - has destroyed the beauty of the reef, leaving much of the coral to die. Other water-filled areas - like Venice, Italy - are also facing problems, as it is now impossible to walk its breathtaking streets due to rising ocean levels causing the city to slowly sink.

Climate change also greatly affects destinations a little closer to home. On the east coast, Key West, Florida is known for its brightly colored pastel buildings and snorkeling opportunities.

Yet, hurricanes are wreaking havoc upon the town and producing a rising sea level which elevates the major roads and creates other environmental challenges for its residents. In western America, states are also suffering.

Glacier National Park in Montana, which generally attracts more than 3 million visitors each year, is now shrinking as the glaciers continue to melt and alter the entire ecosystem. Scientists predict that in a few decades there may be no ice left.

Nevertheless, there are ways to make positive changes and slow the effects of climate change. In homes, beneficial alternatives which include choosing renewable or solar energy sources, reducing water waste, and recycling.

People can also minimize carbon dioxide release from cars or other transportation. Climate change is real, and it is happening each day, whether people see its effects firsthand or not. As citizens of this country and members of this world, people should do everything they can to save the planet. Go green and advocate for the saving of Earth.

Letter from the Editor

by **Isabella Calise**

Seniors: the hard part is over. By now, you have probably submitted all your college applications and experienced a breath of fresh air.

Maybe you have even been accepted to college, maybe you're an underclassman eager to gain insight into the college process, or maybe – if you're like me – early action letters are rolling in while regular decision interviews have just begun.

As I schedule my upcoming interviews, I recently have reflected on my experiences and researched some information to compile the perfect guide. So, if you have an interview coming up and don't know where to start – I've got just the plan for you.

I am sharing some of my quick tips on a few of the commonly asked questions so that you can make the best impression.

The first question you're likely to be asked is: why don't you start and tell me about yourself?

Although this appears simple, the question can be complex. When answering, you want to ensure that you do not overshare but instead provide enough information to catch their attention and keep the conversation rolling.

For example, I would start by introducing my name. From there, I would say where I am from, where I go to school, and any extra-curricular activities I partake in or any leadership roles I possess, whether it be in the classroom or in the workplace.

This way, the interviewer can form a follow-up question concerning what you participate in or what activity is most important to you.

A few other questions you're likely to receive are: what do you want to major in and why is this school for you? If you haven't chosen a major or concentration, no need to fret.

Simply express subjects you're interested in or aspirations you have. If you have chosen a major, reflect and research into why you want to be a neurosurgeon, for example, and what neurosurgery or Pre-Med programs at X University stand out to you.

An answer filled with passion - and aided by examples of programs unique to the



university you're applying to – will certainly catch the attention of your interviewer.

Also, talk about the impression you gathered from the campus or students.

In case you haven't visited, I recommend reading the school website and watching student-produced YouTube videos to help you gather a familiarity with the student body. This way, you can speak about the energy on campus, as well as the specific clubs or programs that attract your interest.

Finally, I saved the most important tip for last. Although it isn't a question, remember to be yourself.

Your interviewer probably attended the college at some point or may currently work there, which means they want to see students share the same love and dedication for the academic experience as they did. So, don't feel compelled to whip out your vocabulary book and learn impressive words the night before. Instead, stay true to yourself. There is no better first impression than the personality you possess.

Not All Pies are for Thanksgiving

by **Chatham McCloskey**

It feels like during these times people are all craving something to satisfy their sweet tooth. Since we are constantly finding ourselves at home instead of outside socializing, I have compiled the perfect recipe.

One might say this sounds a bit crazy, but pie is not meant just for Thanksgiving!

These savory and delicious miniature apple pies can be made in less than thirty minutes.



photo by Chatham McCloskey

Before you start gathering your ingredients and supplies, preheat the oven to 425 degrees.

Ingredients include 2 round pie crusts (store-bought or homemade), 1 ¼ cup chopped Red Delicious apples, ⅛ cup of granulated sugar, 1 tablespoon flour, ½ teaspoon cinnamon, ½ teaspoon pure vanilla extract, ½ teaspoon nutmeg.

Supplies include a muffin tin that yields six, knife, baking spray or butter.

Start by adding all ingredients into a mixing bowl. Stir until all contents are thoroughly mixed and all apples are evenly seasoned. Afterwards, carve even circles out of the two pie dough circles. Next, spray PAM or spread butter into the muffin tin. Then, lay half of the dough circles into the muffin tin and press down to cover the pocket. Scoop apple mixture into the middle of each circle until filled. Next, grab the other half of circles and place over the pocket to create the muffin shape. Pinch the edges so no apple residue spills out. Cut small lines into the top of the pies so they can all bake properly.

Bake for 20 to 25 minutes until the crust is golden-brown. When it has cooled, add whipped cream if you wish and serve these miniature delicious pies to the whole family!

Rosed with a Rose

by **Katherine Baxter**



Carnaval de la Alegría

by Isaac Arbelaez Venegas

En muchos países alrededor del mundo hay festivales y distintos eventos que se celebran por distintas circunstancias y no es distinto para Colombia. Allí, hay muchas festividades y fiestas, pero una sino las más grande se celebra en la costa Caribe, esta fiesta es el Carnaval de Barranquilla.

Esta celebración es la segunda más grande de Latinoamérica y se lleva celebrando desde hace más de 120 años, durante todo su tiempo se ha envuelto en un cambio de escenarios y situaciones, pero siempre ha mantenido la misma pasión, color y tono de la celebración pues en este se manifiesta una gran cantidad de culturas y folclor típico colombiano que llamaría la atención a cualquiera.

Una demostración de este carisma es que el carnaval ha sido reconocido por la UNESCO como Patrimonio Oral e Intangible de la Humanidad, el cual expone su incalculable valor y la riqueza cultural que se presenta en este.



Para sorpresa de pocos el carnaval este año se vio afectado por la pandemia ya que este se basa mucho en las danzas y otras actividades que requieren la cercanía entre las personas que evidentemente se debe evitar en estos momentos.

Por ello, el comité organizador y alcaldía de Barranquilla optaron por realizar estos eventos sin ningún público, pero con transmisión en línea, pues de esta forma la gente podrá seguir disfrutando de la alegría del espectáculo desde la comodidad de su casa y sin ningún riesgo.

In many countries around the world there are festivals and different events that are held in celebration, and there is no difference in Colombia.

There, we have many festivities and parties, but one of the largest is celebrated on the Caribbean coast. This festival is called the Barranquilla's Carnival.

The celebration is the second largest in Latin America and has been celebrated for more than 120 years.

Throughout time, the festival has been involved in a change of scenarios and situations, but

it has always maintained the same passion, color, and tone. This is because it combines many cultures alongside the typical Colombian folklore that attracts the attention of everyone.

The carnival has been recognized by UNESCO as an Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity, which shows its incalculable value and the cultural richness presented in it.

To the surprise of many, the carnival this year was affected by the pandemic since it is based on dances and other activities that require close contact among people that should be avoided at this time.

For this reason, the organizing and mayoral committee of Barranquilla chose to hold these events without public attendance but with online transmission.

This way, people will be able to continue enjoying the celebration without any risk right from the comfort of their homes.

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Wear a Mask: Love is in the Air

by Sheila Tu

