

A Fond Farewell

by Sydney Charette

It feels like yesterday, when Vice Principal of Student Life, Mr. Marc Thibault, suggested to the Senior Class Officers that we should create a school newspaper. Nine months later, 15 seniors, along with the tremendous guidance and leadership of Mrs. Gaffney-Hsu, have built what we are proud to call the Saints Sentinel.

Countless articles have been produced, from pop culture news, to food reviews, to school and global events alike. Theresa Wagner states, "I'm really grateful to have shared stories about events that are significant to the Saint's community." Each and every senior has appreciated the opportunity to use this as a platform to share their writings and their interests.

Emily Fournier agrees, "It

gave me a brand new platform for me to share my writing, instead of the traditional student teacher scenarios, and I truly appreciated the paper because of that!"

Our paper has allowed students to reach outside of their comfort zones. "I've really enjoyed being a part of the Saint's Sentinel because it gave me insight to journalism and made me feel more involved in the Saint's community as a whole," says Gabriella Casteneda-Pineda.

It has brought the student body's views and passions to the forefront as well, as stated by Gianna Medeiros, "The newspaper allowed for tons of voices to be heard around campus giving us a new outlet to express ourselves." Most of all though, we believe that our



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paper has brought all of us together.

Jeremy Knox shared, "I've experienced first-hand how newspapers and journalism can bring people together and help inform the uniformed. Uniting the student body through writing was an amazing experience, and I'd recommend anyone who is given this opportunity to take it on with open arms and an open

mind."

As countless hours from our team come to a close and our final issue is released, we would like to thank everyone who made it possible for us to grow as writers and hopefully create a longstanding tradition at Saint Raphael Academy. More importantly, we wish good luck to next year's staff as we pass it all on to you.

One Last Ride

by Emily Gaboriault and Emily Fournier

Before parting ways in the fall, the Class of 2019 departed on one final voyage this past May to Lake George, New York. Led by the senior class officers and their moderators, Mrs. Malaina Murphy and Mr. Corain, the weekend included a dinner cruise on Lake George under the evening sky and a full day spent at Six Flags Great Escape.

After a four-and-a-half-hour long bus ride, seniors were assigned to their rooms at the hotel and allowed to change quickly before the cruise. Everyone changed out of their dress-down sweats and met in the lobby dressed up for the occasion.

The cruise had a roof deck that everyone could walk around at will, and the beautiful sunset allowed for some great pictures. Dinner was simple, but no one



photo by Mr. McNamara

was at a table for long as nearly everyone stayed on the dance floor the whole night.

The DJ on the cruise took requests from the seniors, and everyone had a wonderful time dancing to their favorite songs with their greatest friends. Everyone came back to the hotel elated about how fun the trip was proving to be already.

The next morning, students gathered in the banquet hall and enjoyed a hot breakfast provided

by the hotel. The students were given a choice between staying at the park all day or starting their morning at the indoor waterpark.

About a third of the students chose the indoor waterpark and lazed in the lazy river, slipped down huge slides, and attempted a surfing simulation. The others had a head start to the park. They arrived there just after opening and because they were able to avoid lines, they

rode the most popular rides over and over.

Chaperones Mr. Murray, Mr. McNamara, and Ms. Nelson, as well as the two moderators, Mama Murph and Papa Corain, accompanied the seniors around the park and even rode rides with them. The fearless Mr. Murray spent the day riding the craziest coasters and convinced scared seniors to ride with him, making fun for all.

The trip was brought to an end after leaving the park and eating dinner. The exhausted seniors and teachers boarded the bus and set out for home.

Overall, this was one of the most successful senior trips that Saints has seen. It truly was an amazing time filled with so many memorable moments that will remain with those who went for years to come.

Spotlight: Mr. Murray

by Benjamin Senra

You are just about to finish your freshman year here at Saints and next year you are going into English 10. You have heard rumors about this course being taught by one of the toughest teachers and how intense the class is because of him. You do not want to believe the rumors until one day the teacher walks in and starts his introduction by saying, "Hello everyone I'm Mr. Murray and I'll be teaching your English class next year. I just want to start off by saying that all of the rumors you've heard... they are all true!"

It is no understatement to say that Mr. Murray is truly a living legend here at the Academy. Throughout his time here at Saints, Mr. Murray has built up a legacy that can never be beat. He

has been honored with countless awards, including Golden Apple Teacher of the Year in 2018, and others for his work in the drama department.

When asked about his most valuable award that he has won with his time here at Saints, he responded with, "The golden apple, an honor to receive that. It was especially humbling to be nominated by students." Although he has received recognition for his work academically, a massive part of Mr. Murray's legacy lies within the walls of Coutu and the Drama Department.

Mr. Murray has been involved in Drama here at Saints for an astonishing 40 years. In this time, he has directed a numerous shows and has helped bring home 19 state championships to



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Saints.

It is on the stage where Mr. Murray says he made his favorite memory by, "Directing the musical Godspell 4 times."

This year he made history at the academy with his massive fundraiser, Gala 2019. This was one of the largest, if not the largest fundraiser in school

history. Mr. Murray directed the show, which covered the last 40 years of drama. The fundraiser was a huge success and because of Mr. Murray's dedication and the help of a numerous people, the Couto Theatre will see many upgrades in the upcoming future.

Mr. Murray is not only a remarkable teacher and director but is also a remarkable person. I can personally say that Mr. Murray truly has changed my life, and I would not be the person I am today without him. I know that a vast amount of other students would agree with that statement.

The Saints community is truly blessed to have Mr. Murray as a faculty member because he is truly one of a kind.

A Global Family

by Anna-Marie Ferris

Each year students from around the world come to study at Saint Raphael Academy. The students who attend Saints and are welcomed into the Saints family just like any domestic student. To quote Hajin Cho (Christina), a student from South Korea, "the memories

I've made at Saint Rays are simply unforgettable." This year Saint Rays hosted 36 students from eight countries: China, South Korea, Vietnam, Mexico, Portugal, Italy, Spain, and Colombia.

Many of these students come to the United States to attend



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high school with the intent to continue their studies in American colleges and universities.

Saint Rays also hosts a group of students from LaSalle Bononava in Barcelona. These students only come for a semester and live with families of students attending Saints. They come to the US for a cultural exchange and to improve their English.

Saint Rays is always looking for families to host students. Ms. Michalczyk, the coordinator for the international program, shared that "hosting is a wonderful opportunity for an

American family to learn about life in another country and offer a student the opportunity to learn about life in this country."

This program has been so successful that many of the families keep in contact with the students even after they have returned home to their own countries. It allows for a unique cultural exchange and lifelong friendships to be made.

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Dancing the Night Away

by Kylie McLaughlin

After all the months of work and preparation, prom was held on Thursday, May 23rd at the Omni Hotel in Providence. Everyone arrived looking their best. Dresses of every color flooded the hotel lobby, tuxes were perfectly tailored, and hair and makeup was done, making everyone look like celebrities.

The theme for this year's event was Back to Gatsby and all of the decorations had a 1920s flare. The venue, with its chandeliers and high ceilings, perfectly supported the theme, and some students dressed in a style even Gatsby would find impressive.

Over 300 students and guests attended this year's

prom, making this one of the biggest proms in Saints history. The teachers greeted students as they walked in, having a great time of their own as they socialized and hyped up the arriving students.

The room was separated by grade: seniors on one side, juniors on the , and the teachers had their own designated sections. All of the class members got to spend time with their peers while also being able to talk with students from other grades.

The food consisted of 3 options: chicken, steak, and a vegetarian alternative. Students and teachers have been raving about how amazing the food

was and many people wanted seconds. The photo booth was definitely a crowd favorite. It ran for 3 hours and students could make many prints of the photos, so everyone left with a small memento from prom.

All in all, the 2019 prom was

one students and teachers will never forget. After months of work from the class officers and the senior class moderators, the final product was stunning. Their work and constant advocacy for the student body will not go unappreciated.



Opportunity to Serve

by Gabriela Castaneda-Pineda

Do you like working with children? Are you in need service hours? If so, volunteering at Heritage Park is perfect for you.

Volunteers are divided into four groups led by team leaders, and each group goes once a month, usually on Wednesdays.

When you arrive at Heritage Park, a branch of the YMCA in Pawtucket, you have to sign in and are then assigned to a classroom with children between the ages of five and eight. You have the opportunity to spend time with the children by coloring, playing games,

and helping them with their homework.

I started doing it my freshman year and continued it throughout my junior and senior year. I really enjoyed it and could tell the children really appreciated our presence.

Not only do you get to spend time with kind, funny children, but you also get to spend time with your classmates, form new friendships, and strengthen existing bonds. I highly recommend trying it out. In order to get involved, talk to Mr. Vargas.



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Lady Saints Dominate

by Jeremy Knox

The Spring season has been a fruitful one for athletics here at the Academy, and the girls Fastpitch Softball team has come to be a standout story.

The Lady Saints have boasted impressive numbers over the past few seasons, but this year is turning out to be something extraordinary. After a long and grueling season of hard-fought softball, the girls came out on top of their division, boasting an undefeated record of 18-0; massacring opponents, outscoring them 167 to 12.

The beautiful blend of terrific performances on the mound and scorching bats at the plate created the most dominant team in Division 2 softball in Rhode Island. With only five of their 18 games won by five or less runs,

the Lady Saints' dominance is apparent in something as simple as the scoreboard.

It doesn't take a sports analyst to understand that this list of overwhelming victories speaks volumes about the team's success. The girls simply do not have a weakness on either side of the ball.

The bats have been hot all season and the girls have averaged more than nine runs per game. Alongside this incredible offensive performance, the pitching staff and defense have allowed an average of less than one run per game.

With these numbers, the undefeated season is no surprise. The girls headed into playoffs as the number one seed in their division. This past

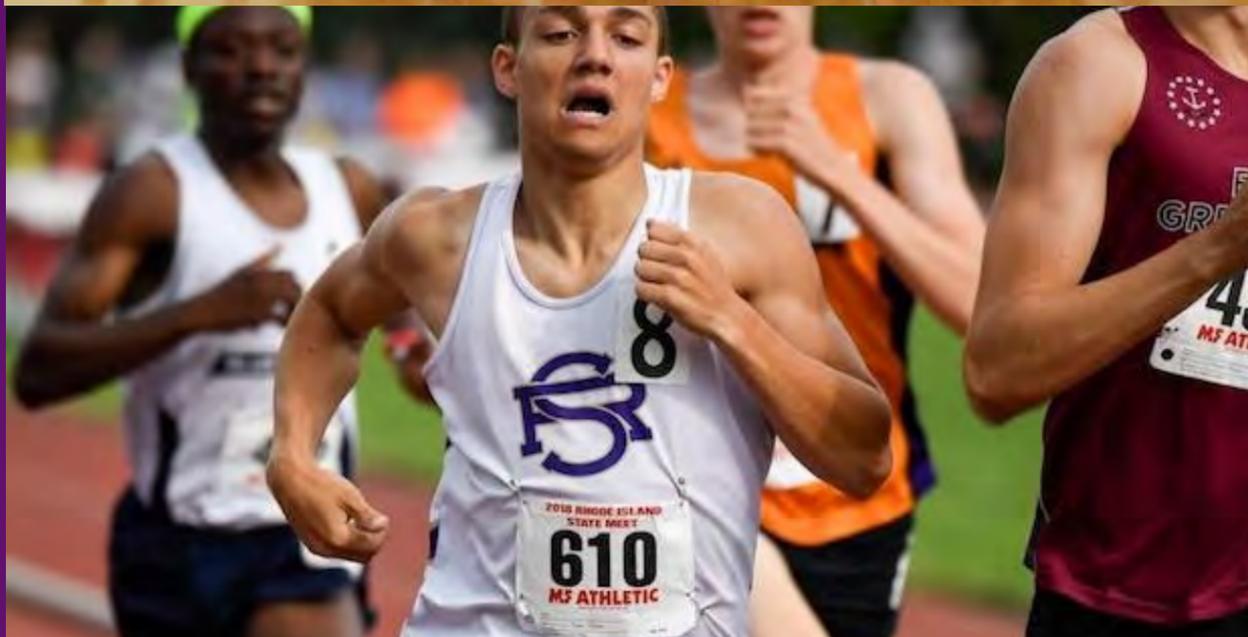


Saturday, they took an exciting walk-off victory against West Warwick. Unfortunately, the rest of the week did not play out with the same success. Although they were defeated by both Scituate and Rogers, the

Lady Saints should be proud of their outstanding season.

With a team full of young and promising talent, maybe next year will be the season where they can break the "Saints' Curse."

Lifting the Curse?



Detective Pikachu

by Jesus Santos

After years of wait, Pokémon fans worldwide have finally got a movie worth watching. Detective Pikachu is a fun-filled ride for kids and adults alike despite some misconceptions.

The movie follows Tim Goodman, played by Justice Smith, who goes on a search to find his missing father with the help of a talking Pikachu, played by Ryan Reynolds. Their investigation takes them to

varied locations full of quirky characters and action-packed set pieces.

Thankfully, the special effects crew delivered a breathtaking rendition of fan-favorite characters like Charizard, Squirtle, and Mewtwo. Each Pokémon has its own moment to show off what makes each unique and manages to do so without making the film bloated.

Most of the comedy comes



from the banter between Tim and Pikachu as well as standard physical comedy that is found in kids' movies.

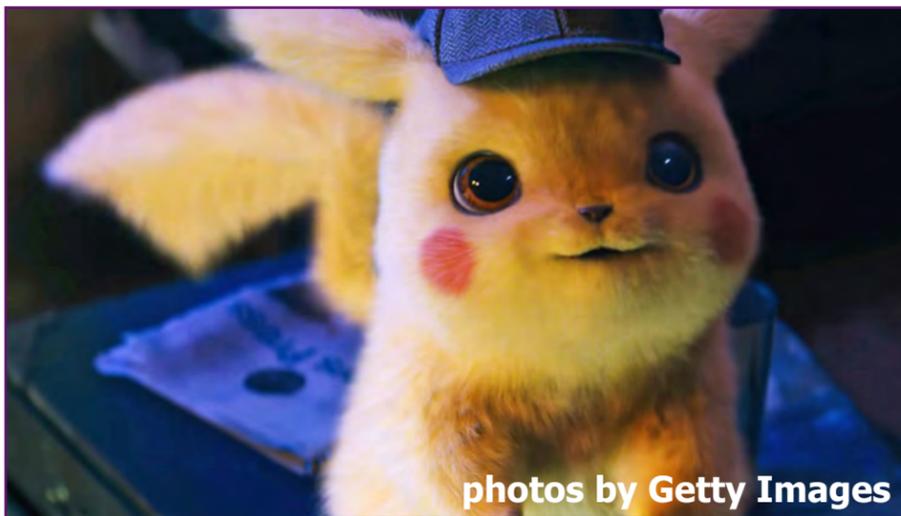
All the jokes land well and there are many that are even funnier if you happen to be a fan of Pikachu, but every other character is flat and boring in comparison.

The villain is straight out of a Saturday morning cartoon, and not in the good way with his laughably bad evil scheme.

Many of the plot points can be seen from a mile away, especially several of the major twists near the end of the movie.

Nonetheless, Detective Pikachu is well-worth the watch even if it is not the next great animated movie. It is a good movie to watch with a group of friends when life happens to get too serious – especially now with the year ending.

Overall, Detective Pikachu gets 3.5 stars out of 5.



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E3: A Look at Upcoming Games and Technology

by Gabriela Castaneda-Pineda

Technology is constantly evolving, and the gaming industry has been making leaps and bounds since its inception in the 1950s.

E3 (Electronic Entertainment Expo) started in 1995 and has become one of the biggest showcases in gaming. It is where new technology,

such as consoles, graphical improvements, and virtual reality hardware, is shown for the first time, and upcoming games that harness these technologies are often unveiled as well. It's an event that many in the gaming community look forward to every year. E3 is held at the Los Angeles Convention Center.

This year, it runs from June 11th to the 13th. Various companies, developers, and even celebrities attend. Gamers are also able to attend, but no one under the age of seventeen is allowed entry.

However, E3 is available for everyone to observe online through livestreams, typically

on Twitch or YouTube, so fans, regardless of age, don't miss out.

A full schedule of the events and livestreams can be found on any major gaming website, such as IGN or PC Gamer. You never know what amazing new games or technologies will be revealed, so don't miss out!



Crazy for Crazy Burger

by Gianna Medeiros

As summer approaches, people from near and far start their voyages to the beaches and one of the most popular cities to visit is Narragansett. While surrounded by a beautiful coastline and many landmarks like the Coast Guard House, Narragansett also has many great restaurants to offer.

At first, one may expect an abundance of seafood options in and around the area. While that is true, there are many other dining options to fit your craving. When taking a day trip to the beach, Crazy Burger is the place to go to.

Crazy Burger has a youthful vibe. The restaurant itself sits next to a park, and it is a couple minutes away from Narragansett Beach. There are always people riding their bikes right outside, and the restaurant seems to attract people of all ages to come in and enjoy a meal. On the inside, there are booths filling



photo courtesy of Crazy Burger

up most of the space, as well as bar seating on the side closest to the kitchen. The servers are friendly, and those who come in are invited to share the same attitude, creating an amicable environment throughout the restaurant.

Crazy Burger specializes in breakfast, lunch, and dinner,

and offers a variety of vegan and gluten-free options. As the name suggests, many of their options include some type of burger.

In my most recent visit, I ordered the Freaky Fajita Burger (\$13) that was actually wrapped in a tortilla instead of a bun. This grilled wrap consisted of nicely seasoned chicken, avocado,

and a blend of different kinds of cheeses. With sour cream and salsa on the side, this meal was paired perfectly with fries.

By dipping the wrap into the salsa, combined with the crunch from a house cut French fry, you officially enter a new realm of flavor and satisfaction.

In order to feel refreshed on a hot beach day, I also ordered a mango-raspberry smoothie (\$6). I was not expecting the two fruity flavors to blend so well, but they were able to combine without any complaints.

When most people think of burgers, they do not think of anything special. Crazy Burger changes the burger game while offering other breakfast and dinner options, making it a versatile restaurant that is worthy of high praise.

I give Crazy Burgers 5 stars for its high-quality food and ambiance.

DJ Khaled with Another One

by Hector Padilla

On March 17, 2019, DJ Khaled released his 11th studio album, *Father of Asahd*. Khaled's album unsurprisingly comes with a mix of genres, from reggae and R&B to hip-hop and rap. Khaled is usually known for his attempts to "own the summer," by always kicking off the summer with a studio album. However, with the release of *Father of Asahd*, it looks like Khaled won't be the king of this summer.

Khaled starts off with a Caribbean vibe in "Holy Mountain," which features Buju Banton, Sizzla, and Mavado. He then moves into Cardi B and 21 Savage's "Wish Wish," and ends with Big Sean's "Thank you" and Buju Banton's "Holy Ground." The absence of Drake leaves listeners questioning why the longtime collaborator of

Khaled was left off of the album. Khaled's work with different artists has his album all over the place, leaving listeners an album that really has no direction.

Although Khaled's album is

not as good as expected there are a couple of solid songs. Some songs to listen to include, JAY-Z, Future, and Beyoncé's "Top Off," Meek Mill, J Balvin, Lil Baby, and Jeremih's "You Stay,"

and SZA's "Just Us." Khaled has shown us he can do better, and unfortunately this was not his best work, earning him 2 out of 5 stars. Perhaps next summer "Mr. We the Best" can deliver.



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