



PITTS WINS SACRED HEART AWARD

Second annual Sacred Heart Award presented to Pitts for years of service to SLUH community and robotics program

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Clavius Project founder Jeff Pitts was awarded the Sacred Heart Award at the conclusion of yesterday's Mass of the Holy Spirit.

The Sacred Heart Award commemorates non-alumni in the St. Louis U. High community who have made significant contributions to the school. Given to someone every year at the mass, the award symbolizes the close relationship between the Society of Jesus and the Society of the Sacred Heart in St. Louis.

"The Sacred Heart Award is given to exemplary individuals who really live up to and animate the mission of SLUH," said principal Fr. Ian Gibbons, S.J.

This is the second year SLUH has presented the Sacred Heart Award. Last year, it was given to SLUH Latin and Greek



Jeff Pitts accepting the Sacred Heart Award from Alan Carruthers. photo | Isaiah Hinkebein

teacher Mary Lee McConaghy. According to the Prep News article about the award last year, it is intended to recognize a non-alumnus with the same esteem as the Backer Award.

"The Sacred Heart Award

has now become a tradition where we get to honor the people who have made an impact on our community and the wider St. Louis community at the Mass of the Holy Spirit and praise their work," said Stewart.

This year, Pitts was granted the Sacred Heart Award. His first interaction with SLUH was that he had two uncle-in-laws that were Jesuits here. Pitts then sent all three of his sons to SLUH, sparking his interest in working

with the school.

"I was very overwhelmed with the culture, the atmosphere, and the focus on being a man for others through service and so I quickly learned that it was an awesome place to be," said Pitts.

With a background in engineering, Pitts spent 34 years working as a general manager at Anheuser Busch. He is also currently on the board of trustees at Ranken Technical Institute. In 2014, he decided to retire, and was quickly called by former president of SLUH, David Laughlin.

Pitts along with seven SLUH students decided to create a STEM project that would reach out to serve others in 2014 and asked the school for a grant. After being awarded a grant double the size of the requested one, they kickstarted the Clavius Project, a STEM program that reaches out to middle schools

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Covid Spike

Infection rates and absences surge as school begins

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For many in the St. Louis U. High community, the first weeks of the school year have been a much-awaited return to normalcy with the celebration of the Back to School Mixer, Running of the Bills, and Mass of the Holy Spirit. For some, however, these crowded events have proved the lasting effects of the pandemic.

In the ten days following the first week of school, there were 57 confirmed positive Covid cases among students and faculty at SLUH. Additionally, the school had an average of 63

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Jones seeks to preserve Ignatian values as Board of Trustees Chair

BY JACK EVANS
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Darryl Jones '73 has begun his term as the new Chair of the Board of Trustees for St. Louis U. High following the end of previous Board Chair Joe Jedlicka's term.

Jones's impressive academic and professional lives have demonstrated his unique qualifications for the position of the Chair of the Board of Trustees. Jones graduated from SLUH in 1973 and proceeded to major

in mathematics at Saint Louis University. Upon graduation from college, he pursued teaching for a short time before joining Southwestern Bell. There, he initially worked with early iterations of modern fiber optics cables before moving up to the company's finance department. In 1994, Jones left Southwestern Bell to create his own food and beverage company—D&D Concessions—which he still currently oversees.

In addition to these qualifications, Jones's continued

dedication to the school since graduating makes him an ideal leader in this position. Jones has experienced SLUH as a student, a parent of two students, a donor, and a Board member. He previously was the chair of the Board of Budget and Finance, and later was the vice-chair of the entire Board, where he served before acquiring his current position.

"He's been an excellent committee chair, an excellent vice-chair, and he is a high-character individual who loves SLUH," said President Alan Carruthers. "We're very blessed to have him."

There are a number of subcommittees of the Board of Trustees, including the Ignatian Identity committee, the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) committee, and the Academic Affairs committee. Each of these committees are led by their own chairs, who meet quarterly with the Board of Trustees,

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Soccer narrowly defeats Chaminade 2-1 in double OT thriller

Maintains streak with 2-1 win against Marquette



SLUH faces Chaminade. photo | Courtesy of Stephanie Reh

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It's a Saturday, 91 degrees, Isun is shining on Chaminade's home pitch. The stage is set for a highly anticipated and competitive opening game of the season. The Chaminade Red Devils have been SLUH

biting two periods of overtime. Three days later, SLUH battled against the Marquette Mustangs in the first home game of the season. Riding high off the electric Chaminade win, the Jr. Bills defeated the Mustangs with another final score of 2-1.

Anyone who was at the game watching SLUH would tell you that they deserved to win. The performance was impressive, with SLUH controlling the ball in Chaminade's half and creating a lot of chances. But poor finishing from SLUH and the brick wall put up by Chaminade's goal-keeper J.P. Malone kept the game scoreless. SLUH's best scoring chance in the first half came from a chip from senior captain Kevin Cooney that hit the crossbar.

After the Red Devils scored

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Where are they? Faculty heads into school year with no ASC members

BY JACKSON COOPER
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As the school year has gotten under way, one mainstay of the St. Louis U. High community has been missing from the halls: Alum Service Corps volunteers. For the first time in the program’s 32-year history, there are no ASC volunteers at SLUH this year.

The ASC program, which allows graduates of Jesuit colleges and universities to give back to their alma mater through a year-long volunteer teaching initiative, has sent volunteers to SLUH since its inception in 1991. Geared towards recent college graduates, the program can serve as an entry into a

career in education, and offers a unique community aspect absent from many other post-collegiate options.

In past years, SLUH ASCs, as well as volunteers from De Smet and Loyola Academy, have lived on Lawn Place, the site of the school’s former Jesuit residence less than a block away from campus. Volunteers live in a faith-based environment, with weekly masses and frequent opportunities for retreats and other religious experiences.

Over the past three decades, SLUH has seen tremendous success in retaining ASCs as full-time faculty members in subsequent years, with 17 current faculty and staff members having

participated in the program earlier in their careers. Former ASCs are employed in nearly every department in the school.

“SLUH has been a major provider of our alumni coming and doing that program,” said Principal Fr. Ian Gibbons, SJ. “We’ve been very successful in it, and a number of our faculty have come up through the Alumni Service Corps, such as Mr. (Steve) Missey, Mr. (Tim) Curdt, and Dr. (Brock) Kesterson. SLUH is very storied in providing members.”

In recent years, though, interest in the program has begun to diminish, as the Covid-19 pandemic complicated recruitment efforts. In addition, the subsequently

low post-pandemic nationwide unemployment rates have presented prospective candidates with an abundance of job opportunities upon graduation, further harming recruitment.

In order to preserve the community aspect of the ASC experience, the decision was made to congregate the majority of this year’s participants in two schools—Kansas City’s Rockhurst Jesuit and Denver’s Regis Jesuit.

“The province has been trying to spread those resources out, and Regis Jesuit and Rockhurst haven’t had ASCs in two or three years, so the low numbers (of volunteers) that were out there were sent there. The key is

to have the volunteers living in a community setting,” said Gibbons.

Although teacher shortages have created a headache for administrators nationwide, SLUH has been able to mitigate the lack of ASCs due in large part to the school’s two newly-assigned Jesuit regents—River Simpson and Justin Kelley.

Tasks that have traditionally been undertaken by ASCs, such as staffing the pool hall after school and collecting admission for sporting events, have instead been picked up by other faculty members.

Simpson and Kelley have also begun teaching various sections of English, theology, and Human Geography,

helping to fill the void created by having no ASCs.

Although no volunteers were assigned to SLUH or Loyola for this school year, one was assigned to De Smet and lives in the former Jesuit residence just off SLUH’s campus, and is accompanied in the space by science teacher Chris Stahl. Stahl was asked to stay for an additional year in order to provide some sense of community.

In order to hopefully ramp up renewed interest in the ASC, SLUH has already sent recruitment letters to members of the Class of 2019, who are set to graduate from college at the end of this academic year.

Jesuit novice Kelley joins faculty as English teacher



Justin Kelley, SJ. photo | Kathy Chott

BY CHARLES TURNELL
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St. Louis U. High is happy to welcome Justin Kelley, SJ for this school year, who will be teaching junior English and will help in the Admissions Department.

“In the case of Mr. Kelley, it wasn’t so much that we were looking for a new teacher as much as the fact that there was a Jesuit regent available,” said English Department chair Frank Kovarik. “It just happened to turn out that he had an understanding of the subject, a degree in English, and was interested in teaching the subject.”

Kelley’s year at St. Louis U. High will be the first time he will have applied his experience to the classroom. Despite a seemingly daunting task, Kelley shows great enthusiasm for the future.

“Right off the bat I had this feeling of excitement,” said Kelley. “As you know, SLUH is the oldest Jesuit school west of the Mississippi and I know many, many Jesuits that have gone to SLUH or taught at SLUH. It’s a legendary place in our province. I was absolutely thrilled with the prospect of teaching.”

Kelley’s excitement is reflected by the amount of time he will be spending with the junior class during the school day.

“Mr. Kelley teaches three sections of English. They are all juniors,” said Kovarik. “He also works in the Admissions Department, mostly doing the duties Mr. Cruz once did. Since Mr. Cruz is the head coach in football, naturally he doesn’t have enough time to fulfill ev-

erything he did before.”

Kelley’s fit in the SLUH community goes beyond qualification in his profession. His relative youth makes him an ideal figure and role model to display and connect the Jesuit mission with the Jr. Bills.

“As a younger guy, he really embodies the traditional Jesuit ideals, but in a way that is approachable to students. He is inspiring students at SLUH to one day become Jesuits themselves. In that he is keeping the tradition alive,” said Kovarik. “He is great to listen to, his enthusiasm is a gift to the SLUH community. It’s been really great to see these things on display from my own experience. We are partners in the same freshman advisory class, and it’s just really fun to be with him. Above all, I think he is really open to growth.”

Kelley’s interaction with the SLUH juniors is a reflection of his own experience learning under Jesuits.

“You know, I went to Jesuit High School in Tampa. Go Tigers!” laughed Kelley. “That is where I found my vocation through the Jesuits. Being taught by a Jesuit inspired me to be a Jesuit. And this is where I see myself for the rest of my life, in high school work. What better place than the U. High?”

The goal for Kelley is to teach the Gospel, using the great education at SLUH as his primary tool.

“My mission is not to generate English scholars. That’s not what I’m here to do. I am not capable of doing that. My mission is to love my students to the best of my ability,” said Kelley.

Simpson to teach Human Geography and Theology

BY BILL ALBUS
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River Simpson, SJ, has joined St. Louis U. High for his first teaching assignment as a Jesuit regent. Simpson is teaching Human Geography and freshman theology. Much like the SLUH community as a whole, Simpson is adjusting to a new lifestyle, as he begins the first of his planned three years of teaching in St. Louis.

“I’m really excited to be in a spot for three years to do work for other people. To teach and be more engaged in the community is something I’m looking forward to,” said Simpson.

Simpson graduated from Loyola University–Chicago in 2016, with degrees in Psychology and Anthropology, followed by a year of work at a homeless shelter in 2017 where Simpson then discerned to enter the order. Simpson began his Jesuit journey as a novice in Grand Coteau, La. and has spent time at Rockhurst High School in Kansas City and Jesuit High School in New Orleans.

Simpson hopes to have a lasting impact on his pupils.

“I just see this kind of great anxiety in a lot of the youth and a lot of our students, that they have a strong desire to be good and to succeed, whether they’ve been in sports, academics or their spiritual life,” said Simpson.



River Simpson, SJ. photo | Kathy Chott

Simpson wants to balance a focus on content with demonstrating to his students what it means to be the light of Christ in other people’s lives.

“I want to make them feel more at home with themselves and that there’s hope in their future and for their own life in general. I think it’s been very powerful to be a kind, caring presence that can help you to feel where Christ is in their life. Give them some solace,” said Simpson.

Theology Department chair Jon Ott is glad to welcome Simpson into the department.

“I see him working well with Mrs. (Lindsay) Kelleher, who has a type of mentor-mentee relationship. I see him in the office working with her to plan things like the introductory unit for the freshmen course,” said Ott.

Ott commends Simpson’s journey and its benefits.

“I think it’d be really beneficial for him if he continues to pursue being ordained a priest, because you gotta bring that same great care for the whole person into the priestly ministry that you would have to bring to teaching,” said Ott.

“He’s very passionate about subject matter and what he does, so I’m just excited to see him in the classroom excited to see how he interacts with students,” continued Ott.

Reeves joins from Parkway North to teach Choir, Band



Brian Reeves. photo | Kathy Chott

BY LUCAS HAYDEN
REPORTER

St. Louis U. High welcomes new Choir teacher Brian Reeves, who will be taking over Choir, Piano, and the Jazz 2 Band.

A graduate of Missouri State University, Reeves taught music for four years in Odessa, Mo., then came to St. Louis and taught in the Parkway School District for 25 years. Reeves will be teaching Zero Hour Choir in the morning, a period of Piano, a period of Varsity Chorus, Jazz Band, and Concert Chorus.

In addition, Reeves also wants to help out where he can when it comes to school activities. “I ran the chains for the football team on Friday night, I try to do things like that from time to time when I can,” he said. “In my experience, at least with music, it’s a little hard to do something consistently like that because we want to be available for students when they’re preparing for district events and district solo ensembles. Music is curricular, but it’s also kind of co-curricular.”

Reeves’ love for music

began early on.

“I grew up in a family where music was ubiquitous. After family dinners, everyone went into a separate room, and there were instruments, and people were playing music. So unless you wanted to be bored, you learned how to play music,” said Reeves.

When it comes to concerts, Reeves plans to continue the traditional four main concerts a year in addition to as many outside performances as possible, such as community events, sports games, or school dinners, with the goal to keep students practicing their art as much as possible.

“For me, music has always been entertainment, education, history, faith, all kinds of those things. I feel like I’m inspired by music. I feel like my best moments in music have been with other people,” Reeves said. “I feel like we can do better together, and I think that’s the essence of (music). Whenever we are working on something, that makes us better not only as musicians but as people. And I think that’s very special.”

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Coffee Club offers early morning caffeine boost for tired Jr. Bills

BY VINCENT WEINBAUER
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Students at St. Louis U. High tend to feel extra tired on Friday mornings at the end of a week of hard work. Most need an extra kick to get them going in the morning. Some work out, some wake up a little earlier, some drink energy drinks. But a few Jr. Bills prefer the age-old morning beverage, served freshly brewed and poured into their favorite mugs, so they decided to make it a ritual. The SLUH Coffee Club meets every Friday morning before school.

Coffee Club is a group of guys that want to take their morning slow and have a cup of coffee to jumpstart the last day of the week.

“The club is there for the reason of getting together and having a good time,” said club co-leader junior Jack Mackey. “It is a form of community really.”

Coffee Club was started by Liam John ’19, a coffee fanatic who wanted others to enjoy it like he did. He took his idea to Campus Minister Stephen Deves, another avid coffee drinker, and together they created the Coffee Club.

“The first year we would drink it during activity period,” said Deves. “Liam would do a bean of the week and introduce people to his experience, it was

awesome.”

After John graduated, the club dissolved for a couple of years. It still existed, it was just not as consistent or as formal. Owen Rittenhouse ’22 and Nick Mackey ’22 wanted to revive the club because of their love of coffee and the idea of a community built around



art | Colin Schuler

something as simple as a drink.

The two friends graduated last spring and now their younger brothers have inherited the club. Each Friday morning they get to school early and brew a pot of coffee with Deves. They then open the doors of Campus Ministry where the meetings are held

and invite people in for coffee and casual conversation.

“At this point I’m only looking forward to Friday,” said junior Will Feise. “Coffee Club is what fuels me for the weekend.”

To some, coffee is just a drink. To others, it is much more than that.

“Caffeine is a nice perk,” said Deves. “But I find the most joy out of coffee being communal, and it enhances my day and puts me into a state of calmness that also allows my relationship with God to be better as well.”

There are alternatives to coffee. Those who enjoy the community but do not like the bitterness of coffee can enjoy hot chocolate or tea.

“I like being around the people in the club,” said junior Charlie Gray. “I don’t like the taste of coffee so instead I have a cup of hot chocolate, it serves the same purpose.”

Coffee Club presents itself as a club for students who wish to get more involved but may not know where to go or where to start. It’s a great way to get to know more people over a cup of joe.

“I find so much peace with coffee,” said Deves, “there’s something about the routine that brings comfort to my morning and I love sharing that same feeling with other people.”

“What is your favorite historic moment?”

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Outdoor Adventure Club spends four days over the summer hiking in Olympic National Park



Seniors crossing a bridge. photo | Miles Schulte



Seniors at the campsite. photo | Miles Schulte

BY MICAH DOHERTY
CORE STAFF

Over this past summer break, St. Louis U. High's

Outdoor Adventure Club went backpacking through the breathtaking forests in Washington State's Olympic National Park.

On this trip a handful of seniors from the Class of 2022 hiked along the trails including Tad Gray, Nico Schmidt, Flynn O'Connell, Sam Kean,

Will Halley, Miles Schulte, Colin Bryan, Mark Wappler, and Louis Cornett. With this crew also came OAC moderator Patrick Zarrick and Keith Boyd as moderators.

However, this trip was no easy task to properly plan out. Originally, the crew was set on going to Glacier National Park in Montana for the week. However, it was found out that there were over 5,000 permits ahead of theirs, so they were forced to look for a new destination. Soon after, the team made plans to go to Mount Rainier National Park in Washington. Sadly, a week before leaving, Zarrick and the seniors were informed that four out of the five campsites they were going to sleep at were currently under several feet of snow.

"Fortunately, Washington has two crown jewel national parks, one being Mount Rainier and the other Olympic National Park," said Zarrick. "By the grace of God, we were able to put together a four-day, three-night backpacking trip, along with a second three-day, two-night backpack trip into Olympic National Park, and we were able to get our summer trip."

The eight-day-long trip was jam-packed in its itinerary with long hikes varying from 6.5 to nearly 10 miles per day. Additionally, the trek was separated into two out-and-backs, one to and from the Enchanted Valley and the other along the Hoog River Trail.

"This was one of the most efficient running trips that I've ever been on," said Zarrick. "We flew out on the fifth. We were backpacking on the sixth. We came off the backpacking trip on the 12th and were on an airplane that night. There



Seniors in the mountains. photo | Miles Schulte

was absolutely no downtime." In between these treks, the group had a few hours during which they visited a nearby coast.

"We went to the beach for a couple of hours and it was really pretty," said Louis Cornett '21. "I mean, no one was on the beach. So it was pretty much like a private stretch, with just the coast and we were there for a couple hours, taking in the new scenery."

There, at Olympic National Park, were countless stunning sights to see. With tall, emerald trees alongside the rocky hiking path and the many rivers and waterfalls that littered the campsites, it truly was a site to see for the group striding on throughout the area.

"At one of our campsites, there were ten waterfalls within the valley," Zarrick stated. "It was outstanding. And, while the guys were setting up their tents, you could see the clouds were just starting to break overhead. You would have thought you were in Bali, or Malaysia, it was almost like being in the rainforest in South America. It was just that gorgeous."

As one may assume with

the sudden change of locations, there were plenty of odd scenarios that the group was thrown into. One of which came when the seniors and Zarrick were trying to locate a hostel, as they were in desperate need of showering and proper food. Luckily, Zarrick found a local resident, named Jimmy, who was able to provide lodging for them.

"When we got there, we were just kind of shocked by the house, and we had to go off the main roads on a beaten path to this old, rickety house that was in the middle of a clearing," said Mark Wappler '21.

After a week of long hikes and beautiful sights, the trip finally came to a close, finishing off the seniors' SLUH experience.

"Overall, it was a super fun trip with a really great group of guys," said Cornett. "Even though it was not what we were expecting, going to plan C, it still worked out really well. I would recommend the OAC to anyone, even if you're not outdoorsy. It will be one of your best memories from slow."

Admin weighs options for navigating Covid spread in future events

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daily absences across seven school days, reaching a high of 85 absent students on Wednesday, Aug. 24.

"I would say that (BTSM) certainly could have been a factor, but I don't know if we can make that connection 100 percent. As we all know, correlation doesn't equal causation," said Assistant Principal for Student Life Brock Kesterson. "There are probably other things as well that may have had an influence on it. We're back to school in general, back together in bigger crowds."

As students return to crowded hallways, daily classes, and extracurricular activities and events, contact between students is increased, allowing for the possibility of transmission.

"Nationally and internationally, we've seen an uptick in cases," said SLUH nurse Scott Gilbert. "Just people being back in school and back in the hallways and larger crowds, a thousand kids in the school—that's

causation, too."

There are currently six active Covid cases in the SLUH community as more previously-infected students and faculty return to campus after quarantine. The majority of Covid-positive cases experienced mild symptoms, limited to a runny nose, a slight cough, and occasionally light fatigue.

SLUH's current safety plan allows the administration to ensure the health of the school community in the event of a drastic increase in cases. If cases rise to more than 15 percent of the student population and/or 10 percent of the faculty or staff, the school will return to indoor mask requirements, contact tracing, and a period of virtual classes.

"The usual cautions are in effect, the biggest ones being preventative," explained Principal Ian Gibbons, SJ. "If you have symptoms, if you have recently been tested positive for Covid, you should stay away. So washing hands, covering your



art | Leo Smith

mouth when you cough, all those pieces; we can always be more diligent in reminding people and enforcing those protocols."

Numbers of Covid cases have begun to decrease in the past few days, so the SLUH community remains hopeful that this downward trend will continue.

"Labor Day weekend, you're talking primarily people outside," said Gilbert. "Our hope is that the outside

environment helps us out."

Last year, the late fall and winter months were hit hard with a huge increase in Covid cases at SLUH. It is possible that this current spike in infection will allow for a calm, healthy next couple of months.

"It's important to point out one of the things I'm very proud of," said Gilbert. "Every time there's a positive case, I call the families. We talk, we communicate to see

how their sons are doing and how they're feeling, and we set a release date for them to make sure they don't get back too early."

Just like in the past, the school relies on students and their families to accurately report cases in order to overcome this challenge.

"I think our community is very responsible," said Gibbons. "Some other schools are having challenges with families reporting cases. Our families are being very conscientious and vigilant, and we feel our numbers are very accurate, and that goes a long way to helping us to understand what's happening behind the curtain, so to speak."

In this spirit of community and care, the administration is keeping the safety of the school community as a priority, especially in regard to scheduled events in the future.

"I think it's just a matter of being cautious in how we approach those kinds of events," said Kesterson

of things like the BTSM. "I don't think we are going to cancel any sort of events either, at least at this point. But I think it's just the process to make sure that the evidence is on us to keep this place safe and and keep you safe and just continue to have the conversations and make informed decisions about what we want to do going forward. It's not over, it's still lingering, and we can't ignore it."

Even through the difficulties of navigating Covid-19 in its endemic stages, SLUH is on track to continue with each of its plans for the coming months.

"We shouldn't change a thing," said Gilbert. "I don't think it's necessary to change a thing at all as far as canceling gatherings, or masking at gatherings, or changing or safety protocol for future events. Look at the Mass of the Holy Spirit—we didn't do anything different. We all gathered in the Commons and we were really fine. We'll be fine."

Pitts honored with Sacred Heart Award at Mass of the Holy Spirit for work with Clavius Project

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around the St. Louis region to give them an opportunity to learn about robotics and engineering.

“One of my highlights of the Clavius Project was when we went down to Belize to bring the children robotics. They had never seen robotics before and so to bring them robotics not only was enjoyable, but it was also a spiritual journey,” explained Pitts.

Not only has Pitts spearheaded a program that has benefited thousands of middle school students, but he is also able to teach the SLUH students about how to serve the community. He also brings volunteers in from other backgrounds to help with the program. Pitts is able to take his engineering profession and use it to serve the community.

“He’s a good leader. He is good at encouraging us to take charge and really teach younger

kids how to do it. He trusts that we know what we’re talking about with how to do the robots and teach it and he is very good at that sort of thing,” said senior Ben McCaslin, who works with the Clavius Project.

Pitts has also been able to pull several faculty members interested in robotics and incorporate them into the Clavius Project.

“He really loves working with the kids and the joy on his face when watching them problem solve and work on robotics is incredible. He was always dedicated and worked late into the night with students,” explained robotics moderator Robyn Wellen.

Despite Pitts being the sole recipient of the Sacred Heart Award, he believes that there was work put into the Clavius Project by many others than just himself.

“I’m very thankful and ap-



Junior Quinn Apprill-Sokol holding a torch of fire at the beginning of mass. photo | Isaiah Hinkebein

preciative for the award, but it’s important that everyone understands I’m just a piece of many people who have helped with the Clavius Project. It should really

also recognize all the boys, the Jesuits, the faculty and staff, and volunteers who have put countless hours into the Clavius Project,” said Pitts.

Jones seeks to preserve Ignatian values as Board of Trustees Chair

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and various motions are put forward to be acted upon in these meetings.

Jones will take on a multitude of new responsibilities with his new position as the Chair of the Board of Trustees. He must acclimate himself to the workings of other committees and oversee them so that they act according to school bylaws, develop appropriate agendas, and adequately address any issues that arise within SLUH or the surrounding community.

“If there’s some activity I feel passionate about, and I believe it is in line with St. Ignatius’s values, I will address it whether that is feeding the hungry or sheltering the homeless,” said Jones. “I will be on the front lines making sure that these things get

done, because they are what St. Ignatius would have done.”

During his time as Chair, Jones hopes to both continue to uphold the strong legacy of Ignatian values within the school and to continually adapt with the changing needs of SLUH students as well as the broader community.

“(The Board of Trustees) will stay on target with the school’s strategic plan, whether that involves our endowment and advancement efforts or upgrading the facility. As we get those together then we will look at what the future will hold,” said Jones. “The world is constantly changing and we have to make sure that we’re changing with it in the right way.”

Summer trips ‘22: STEM in Iceland, archaeology in Ireland, and immersion in Poland



Students climbing in Iceland. photo | Courtesy of Teresa Corley



Students sifting in Ireland. photo | Courtesy of Tim O’Neil



Students boating in Poland. photo | Courtesy of Peter Roither

BY MICHAEL BAUDENDISTEL AND THOMAS JUERGENS
CORE STAFF

Three big European immersion trips headlined this past summer at St. Louis U. High, including experiences in Poland, Iceland, and Ireland.

Science teachers Teresa Corley and Bill Anderson took a group of 13 SLUH students on a STEM-centered trip to Iceland. The trip was originally scheduled for the summer of 2020, but was instead pushed back due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

“The focus of the trip was STEM education,” said Corley. “So we had a number of activities that were focused on geothermal energy, like production of heat and electricity using geothermal sources.”

The Iceland group stayed in a small hotel in Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland, which is populated by roughly 80 percent of the island’s inhabitants.

“Once you leave Reykjavik,” said Corley, “there’s little villages, small towns, and not many people. . . . Iceland is not an urban place.”

Because Iceland, outside of Reykjavik, is not urban, it lends itself to breath-taking natural scenery. Further, the daily temperature that the SLUH group experienced during their trip was in the 60s and sunny.

“We saw spectacular waterfalls,” said Corley. “I felt like I was in a postcard every day. The entire island was like a postcard. It was amazing.”

Amongst the basalt beaches, towering rock formations, waterfalls, and geysers were numerous geothermal vents dotted around the island.

“The entire countryside had little steam wells,” said Corley. “I didn’t realize their extent in southern Iceland.”

The highlight of the trip for Corley was when the group

visited a small-scale farm and baked bread and cooked eggs in these naturally-occurring steam vents.

“It’s amazing,” she said, “It’s the first time I’d ever seen boiling-hot water flowing across the ground in a little stream with caution signs all around.”

Corley commended the students who went on the trip, saying they “are an absolute joy to travel with.” And every Icelander that the group spoke with was friendly and pleasant.

While the Iceland group was busy up north, a group of five students led by history teacher Tim O’Neil worked on an active archaeological excavation in Ireland.

“There were three goals,” said O’Neil of the trip. “To experience and learn archaeological methods and participate in a meaningful way in the discovery and construction of history. Second, to establish a permanent relationship with Colaiste Iognaid for the purpose of setting up an exchange program with them. Third, to experience Irish history, culture and society.”

During the trip, students worked on the excavation of a medieval castle historically owned by the McDermott family, recovering artifacts along with 30 participants from Saint Louis University, Denizen University, the University of Minnesota, and others.

When the group wasn’t working on the excavation site, the group visited Galway and Dublin for a better understanding of Irish history and culture. Working toward their second goal, developing a relationship with the Jesuit high school in the region, the group visited students and teachers at Colaiste Iognaid (St. Ignatius College). The Ireland group spent a full day with the representatives of the school, including a tour of the school, some time at the beach, and

a BBQ.

“They were incredibly hospitable,” said O’Neil, “and were eager to help establish an exchange program with SLUH, which we hope to solidify in the coming months.”

O’Neil commended the students on his trip for their work.

“I can’t compliment this group enough,” he said. “They were exceptional workers on the project. The other project supervisors were totally impressed by the amount of quality work our guys did in just a short time.”

O’Neil said that the excavation is the kind of thing that will go down in history books, and will be studied and analyzed by experts in the field in the future.

“Without a doubt,” said O’Neil, “this project will rewrite much of the history of what we know about medieval Ireland and I hope that these students were given experiences that they can tell their grandchildren (about) some day.”

Finally, the last immersion trip taken over the summer was by some of the Russian students over to Poland, where they interacted with Ukrainian refugee teenagers who had been evacuated from their war-torn country. They visited several different cities in Poland, the first of which was Kraków, where they attended a Jesuit school for several days and got to know the Ukrainian students. They would later see historical sites and museums in the city.

“We visited the school the first day and just kind of got to see what life was like at their school, meet the student body, see the faculty, and take part in some classes,” said Director of Global Education Robert Chura.

After staying in Kraków for two days, they moved on to Gdynia, where they also

spent a day in school. They then went with several Polish students and Ukrainian teenage refugees to several activities outside the city, including a ropes course and a trip to the beach.

“There was a giant rope that swung over a pit of water,” said senior Colin Cavanagh. “A lot of people got wet that day.”

They also visited several historical sites, including a bunker from World War II and several other museums.

“We were in this cathedral, and there was a section of the side which had a bunch of posters that had images of the war, and seeing their obvious disposition towards it (was very impactful),” said Cavanagh. “It was a very powerful moment, making the connection that they have experienced or seen people experiencing the complete atrocities.”

After these activities, they helped load supplies into a truck that would travel to the front lines of the war to distribute them.

“One of the most powerful things I think that all the kids heard was when we asked (the refugees) ‘if you can make things change for the better, what are you hoping for?’ And one of the girls just said, ‘Well, I just hope that I can go back and sleep in my bed again, because I know that right now, there are other people sleeping in my bed. There are people who are invading my country. I know that my city has been occupied. And, we know that our home has been taken over by some of the invading forces, and it’s not so much that I can’t get back, but it’s just really tough to know that my home is being occupied by someone who’s there uninvited,’” said Chura.



photo | Vic Lewchenko

SPORTS

Football drops opener to St. Mary’s, readies for Timberland tonight

BY BEN CROAT AND DANIEL TICE
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The Jr. Bills once again failed to capture a coveted Running of the Bills victory last Friday as they fell to the St. Mary’s Dragons in a rather lopsided opening contest. In addition to injuries and some offensive shortcomings, the Jr. Bills had to contend with the Dragons’ powerful rushing attack.

St. Mary’s offensive strategy was evident from the beginning: to pound the ball on the ground. Three-star Mizzou commit Jamal Roberts finished the game with 229 rushing yards on 13 carries.

The first possession consisted of 6 runs and no passes and ended with a touchdown for the Dragons on a 12-yard pitch play

to senior wide receiver Chase Hendricks. A carry and two point conversion by St. Mary’s had set the tone early; this would be no cakewalk.

“We definitely need to improve on our tackling,” said Cruz. “But at the same time Jamal Roberts is going to Missouri for a reason. We’re going to see a lot more top level talent so we need to prepare.”

The first drive by the Jr. Bills was uneventful as they went three and out. At first, St. Mary’s seemed to not have the same juice as their first drive. The Jr. Bills made some big stops and got the Dragons a third and 10. Disaster struck as St. Mary’s brought out some trickery, handing the ball off to Roberts who pitched it back to Hendricks. The redirection fooled the defense as Hendricks

pranced into the end zone on a 45-yard run to make the score 14-0.

“I do think that early on the nerves really got to us,” said Cruz. “Once we settled in we started playing really well, but there were just too many mistakes throughout.”

The rest of the first half saw the Jr. Bills fail to take advantage of some good opportunities; they only came away with just a field goal in three trips to the red zone. With two more St. Mary’s scores, SLUH went into halftime down 28-7.

“The more I watched the game (film) the better I felt about it because we did have opportunities,” said head coach Adam Cruz. “After their first two scores we had three separate trips to the red zone and had opportunities to really make some

plays but only came away with three points. There were periods of time that we played well, but they did what state champions do: capitalize.”

After short possessions by both teams to start the second half, the Jr. Bills finally got rolling. Junior wide receiver Joe Harris had a spectacular diving catch to start the drive, followed by a great run up the middle by senior running back Kam Bailey. After another St. Mary’s penalty, junior quarterback Marco Sansone scrambled around the pocket before escaping and finding Ryan Wingo over the top for a dramatic 45-yard touchdown. This score marked SLUH’s first and only touchdown of the game and showed the high-flying capabilities of this year’s offense.

After the Jr. Bills’ touchdown, St. Mary’s rallied back to

score two more touchdowns before the end of the third quarter, and the game ended with that 42-10 score.

Sansone and the rest of the offense struggled all game to get into their groove as they gave up three turnovers to a ferocious Dragons defense. The Jr. Bills have a lot to improve on as the team is concentrating on moving on and preparing for Friday night’s game.

“It’s a great game to grow off of,” said senior Matt Barnes. “We learned a lot and we look forward to building off of our mistakes versus Timberland and just playing sharper.”

“We didn’t play great,” said senior Dillon Ramella. “But we are concerned about Timberland, not St. Mary’s.”

With multiple injuries throughout, the Jr. Bills champi-

oned the next man up mentality throughout Friday night’s affair. Key players on both sides of the ball, junior Jacobi Oliphant and sophomore Landon Pace both came out due to injury in the first quarter which led to adjustments and valuable experience for other players.

“Hopefully this week when adversity strikes we’ll have guys a little bit more ready to go,” said Cruz.

The Jr. Bills look to rebound tonight against Timberland, who enjoyed a 58-14 victory over Liberty last week. The Wolves are led by senior dual-threat quarterback AJ Raines, who passed for two touchdowns and 213 yards and rushed for 119 yards and one touchdown. SLUH will need to refocus quickly as Timberland poses to be another challenging outing.

Swim and Dive dominate Francis Howell in their first meet

BY ANDREW HUNT
CORE STAFF

With awesome strength, the Jr. Bills of St. Louis U High swim and dive flattened Francis Howell Central 145-29 in their first meet on Monday. With significant time drops across the board, the team solidified their impressive return into the 2022 season even as greater foes loom in the distance.

Despite the harsh time slot of the meet, which took place at 9 pm at the St. Peters Rec-Plex, the team won every event.

“They were well-fueled and rested even though it was late at night,” said head coach Lindsey Ehret. “I think they were just looking to have some fun.”

Fun is exactly what they had, both in and out of the pool. The team, shouting at and cheering on each other, was abuzz with energy that came to life in each race.

“The team was very excited and pumped up,” added senior

Brandon Harris. “There was a lot of good energy.”

The meet began with SLUH diver junior Nolan Travers, who had the whole crowd’s excitement being the only diver in the meet. He scored a 153.

Then the swim team kicked it off with a soaring 200 medley relay, where the three SLUH teams swept the event in first, second, and third.

Junior Henry Unger picked up the pace with a 22.98 in the 50 free, dropping time from 23.66 earlier in the season. Alongside him, seniors Brendan Schroeder (22.97) and Jason Cabra (22.37) sprinted their hearts out like usual.

“Our sprinters are faster now than they were at this point last year,” commented Ehret.

“It feels great to get a 22.98 at the first meet of the season, but I’m looking to improve on it as we get closer to November,” said Unger.

Shortly after, the butterfly brigade of senior Gavin Baldes,

junior Mattie Peretz, and freshman George Albert returned to conquer, all three outpacing Francis Howell Central. Albert narrowed his gap to the



George Albert in the 100 butterfly. photo | Andrew Hunt

one-minute mark, touching in at 1:02.

“I feel like I had a pretty good swim,” said Baldes, who came in at 56.25. “I took it out faster than I have been and kept my stroke together throughout the second 50.”

Immediately after, however, sprinter Schroeder captured

the crowd’s attention for one of the night’s biggest moments. On fire from the 50 yard freestyle, he dived back into the 100 freestyle to score a personal



George Albert in the 100 butterfly. photo | Andrew Hunt

best, 49.81 seconds.

“That was actually a really big success. I’m excited that my hard work is paying off and it’s paying off for the team,” said Schroeder.

After solidifying his recent transition to being a sprinter this year, Schroeder has high aspirations for the coming

months.

“I hope it’ll lead me to at least finaling in state in the top 8,” explained Schroeder. “That’s the goal for me.”

“Brendan Schroeder has shown up,” added Ehret. “He took his training over the summer seriously, and is in really good shape.”

Another highlight of the night was SLUH’s long-distance swimmers, more commonly known as the “Distance Dudes.” In what is often the longest event in swim meets, the 500 freestyle, sophomore Jaden Yarbrough, sophomore Greyson Mueller, and freshman Connor Dunker all earned shockingly good times under 5:10.

“I felt really good and I did really well, but I’m super excited about the upcoming season because all of the distance dudes, we all have the same mindset and we’re in sync,” described Mueller. “(Jaden and I) were pretty much neck-and-neck the entire 500. It’s always

fun to race against him and he barely out touched me.”

Finally, the meet closed out with a winning 400 freestyle relay, with fierce but productive competition between SLUH’s A and B relay teams.

Despite these early successes, swimmers and coaches alike know that there is still work to be done and tougher battles to be fought.

“I think there’s room for improvement for everybody,” mused Harris.

The Jr. Bills are set to face off against Parkway Central on Wednesday, and will take to the roads next Saturday for the Cape Rock Invite in Cape Girardeau. As they slink back into the rhythm of daily practices and early morning workouts, the team is ready to take on the challenge.

“We need to hammer it a little bit this week,” said Ehret. “It’s rehearsal. Anytime we sprint, we are sprinting like we want to race.”

Bills march over Red Devils and Mustangs to start season 2-0

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a few minutes into the second half thanks to a quick counter and a string of passes cutting into the box, SLUH had the tough task of playing catchup in front of a large Chaminade crowd in the blazing heat. As time ticked away, the momentum seemed to shift further away from SLUH. To add to the frustration, 11 minutes into the second half, junior captain Grant Locker flew up the right wing and swung the ball to Cooney who answered with a powerful header which was again saved by the Chaminade goalkeeper.

However, freshman Henry Sanders wouldn't let SLUH come up short again. Sanders took advantage of a loose ball from Chaminade's goal keeper and equalized the match.

"It was a good feeling, especially celebrating in front of the Chaminade crowd. It was definitely a goal we needed," said Sanders. "I hope there will be many more to come."

Sanders' goal brought SLUH back into the driver's seat, resuming the dominance seen in the first half. But the Jr. Bills still couldn't break

the tie, and the game went to overtime.

Heading into a golden-goal overtime, there seemed to be no stopping the energy of the Blue Crew, especially with most of Chaminade's student section having left. Blue Crew had already disturbed the game by letting some baby powder leak onto the field which forced the referees to pause the game, but the overtime brought their energy to an all-time high.

"The hype was almost indescribable. To put it in layman's terms, the crowd was so electric that the referees gave us a final warning to settle down or we'd be kicked out," said senior Kyle Verzino. "The baby powder was a genius idea as it kept the Billies smelling fresh in that Saturday afternoon heat."

The first half of overtime felt a lot like the beginning of the game; lots of pressure from the Jr. Bills, but no results. The first period of overtime yielded no goals as both sides looked to end the intense game.

SLUH suffered a scare off the kick to start the second overtime as Chaminade

gained possession and had a breakaway, but junior goalkeeper Chris Lewis made an amazing save to keep the game tied.



art | Colin Schuler

A few minutes later, the opportunity finally came for the Jr. Bills. Cooney received the ball in the middle of the field and turned to play a lofted through pass to Locker, who settled the ball inside the Chaminade box and put the ball past the Chaminade keeper to send the team and spectators into a frenzy. The student section ran the length of the field to celebrate the game winner with Locker in the corner of what used to be

the Chaminade student section. It was a true storybook ending for the Jr. Bills, getting their first victory against Chaminade under O'Connell.

"It was just like any other game. It just happened to be Chaminade, a team that we haven't been able to really have much success against the last few years," said O'Connell. "I was happy that we got to win. But I honestly just was more appreciative of the opportunity to play a quality team like that early in the year and I was happy with how the guys played."

On Tuesday evening the Jr. Bills struck again against

Marquette, this time in Drury Plaza. In the early minutes, Marquette was dangerous on offense, but the strong defensive core of juniors Will Wolfe, Christian Thro, Matt Baldus, and senior Jackson Griffiths-Hill were able to hold them off and retain possession.

Unfortunately, the Mustangs got on a break down the right side, capitalizing off of a good through ball and lucky finish that hit the back of the SLUH net. The goal was a slap to the face for the SLUH defense.

Not three minutes later, on a long throw-in by Marquette, SLUH cleared the ball and senior Joseph Olascoaga played a superb through-ball to Cooney on the counter attack. Cooney outpaced the Marquette defender and broke away, clinically finishing in the bottom corner. The student section erupted and the Jr. Bills were immediately revived. Though the half ended 1-1, the Jr. Bills clearly felt they had another one coming.

Four minutes into the second half, SLUH struck again when senior Jack Hulett took it down the left sideline, dic-

ing the Marquette defense with a give and go with senior captain Sam Tieber. Hulett hit the crossbar, creating the opportunity for Locker to clean up and sneak one past the goalkeeper to put SLUH in front. The rest of the second half consisted of scrappy play with SLUH focusing on holding off an equalizer from Marquette. The Jr. Bills succeeded in maintaining their 2-1 lead with Griffiths-Hill and the defense sweeping away any offensive pushes.

The Bills will look to continue their streak again today at the Drury Plaza vs. Springfield-Glendale.

"We've only played four halves, and we've had some really good moments in terms of creating chances. There's a lot of things we could do in terms of our organization and shape and having more quality in front of the goal and connecting more of our passes," said O'Connell. "I'm excited about these next two games and maybe try to see some new things and see if we can improve on some of the quality against Glendale who has traditionally been a solid team."

Cross Country underclassmen shine at O'Fallon, varsity ready for Granite City

BY LUCAS RAMMACHER AND
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REPORTERS

After four weeks into hot and exhausting daily practices, the freshmen and sophomore cross country runners finally showed their hard work at their first meet: The O'Fallon Futures Meet. This meet started the season with some jaw dropping performances and makes an already hyped Granite City debut even more eagerly anticipated.

"We have a lot of guys that are inexperienced racers," Porter said of the team's goal going into the race. "We want to learn how to race, and to go out and compete against other people. Let's see where we're at because it's still very early in the season. We have a long way to go with nine and a half weeks left in the season. So this race is just a nice starting point for us to see where we're going to continue to improve and get better."

At the meet, the freshmen were led through a proper warmup and drills by the Varsity seven in preparation for the race.

"It's kind of hard to keep 40 guys together in a crazy freshman squad," said senior team captain Tim Greiner. "But I think they all got it together when it became time to race. They were serious and everyone had a good day."

The course, which features a straightaway-laden 2-mile loop that runners complete one and a half times, was almost perfect if it hadn't been for the dry 85 degree weather. But that obstacle was not enough to stop some of St. Louis U. High's underclassmen from having excellent races to

begin their season. The freshmen dominated the race after filling the line with blue, they got away with a second place team finish.

Their race went out quick off the gun with many freshmen runners making their way to the front. SLUH's highest finisher overall was freshman Jaden Elgin, who finished first place with an outstanding three-mile time of 16:17, shattering the previous course record. In only his first race for SLUH, he earned a Varsity letter and blue shirt.

"I felt really high. I felt ready to go. Felt really prepared from a lot of my workouts," Elgin said about going into the race. "I really wanted to get the course record so that was what my mind was set on. I was thinking about the whole race. That's what kept me going and it finished well."

Elgin was followed by a five-man pack of sub-20 minute three miles led by Jake Fitzpatrick, who earned a top-10 finish with a time of 19:12. And as the rest of the pack came through the finish, the team supported each other with Tristan Kujawa keeping the mood high, singing "Oh When the Bills..." immediately after he finished.

"I honestly felt a little intimidated by Jaden and his time, but I knew if I trusted myself in all the work we did, I would be just fine," sophomore race champion Gus Talleur said. "I knew as a team, we were going to absolutely crush everyone."

In the end, the sophomores took the win. Along with Talleur's finish, a big pack of George Donahue (16:33), Gavin Smith (16:36), Alex Bendana (17:01), and Patrick

Jones (17:22) were very close behind.

Tomorrow, the entire team runs at the Granite City Invitational at Wilson Park in Granite

City, Ill. Like O'Fallon, Granite City is a three-mile race as opposed to the more common 5K race, which, coupled with a flat course that features virtually no significant elevation change, often results in fast times.

"We're going to focus on our own team and if we can go out and compete against other people and kind of get used to racing again," said Porter. "Again, for all this year's seniors, it's still their first race of the season so there's lots of guys that are getting their chances to go out."

After graduating five spots in varsity in the spring of 2022, the lineup was a hard decision with this deep of a team. It looks different with returners Tim Greiner and Charlie Murray coming back and the rest with Nolan Meara, Carter Lowe, Wyatt Seal, Will Riggan, and Lucas Rammacher, while not racing at State 2021, have many Varsity and Varsity 2 races under their belts.

The top seven varsity runners will compete in the Varsity race at 9:10 a.m., which will be followed by the freshman/sophomore race, which will feature SLUH's top seven finishers from O'Fallon. All remaining runners will race in the Open Race at 11 a.m.

SLUH will look to continue a recent pattern of success at Granite City, and hopes to take home the team title in the Varsity race for a fourth consecutive year with more outstanding times in each of the races.



SLUH freshmen and sophomores in the O'Fallon meet

photo | Brian Gilmore

Conversation of the Week Grant Locker, Blue Crew Athlete of the Week

BY AUSTIN WALD
SPORTS EDITOR

This week I sat down with junior soccer captain Grant Locker, who scored the golden goal in overtime to give SLUH Soccer a win against Chaminade for the first time in five seasons. He was also named Blue Crew's first ever Athlete of the Week.

Austin Wald: So big win on Saturday, how'd it feel to end the drought against Chaminade, especially with a goal in overtime?

Grant Locker: So good because I've obviously never beaten them before during my three years on varsity, but it felt good to finally score the goal and win the game and get the win for our coach.

AW: What was your reaction to the crowd that showed up? Did it motivate you when

the game was stopped because of all the baby powder from our student section?

GL: Well, I didn't know if we were gonna have a big crowd to start because Chaminade's crowd was definitely a lot bigger. But once everyone showed up with the baby powder, and obviously if you've seen the picture, the baby powder was kind of going everywhere and the referee had to stop the game. It was pretty cool.

AW: You had a big standout season last year, how different do you feel this year compared to last year, especially being a captain as a junior?

GL: Obviously, it's a little different because we lost some big pieces last year, but I feel like we're going to be just as good. We've just got to figure out how to play our own way. And then with the leadership piece, I feel

like no one really cares that it's a junior leading us now. So I feel like it's not going to make too much of a difference.

AW: You guys had a bit of an early and unexpected exit in last year's district finals, how hungry are you for revenge?

GL: I'd say very very hungry because of seeing other people win state championships around us. Obviously we were one of the teams that was expected to win last year. I definitely need that state championship.

AW: What team are you most nervous to face this season?

GL: I'm gonna go with De Smet just because there's always that rivalry between us being the two Jesuit schools. But I'd say they have a very good team this year so it's going to be a tough game.

Around the Hallways

Free Lunch

Yesterday, the cash registers in the Si Commons Servery shut down in the middle of junior/senior lunch. As a result, many students ended up with a free lunch.

Across the country, Mosaic (the register system used by Food Service Consultants) shut down and impacted schools using the system everywhere.

Fortunately, the system was back up by freshman/sophomore lunch.

“As sales go, we lost 50 percent of our average sales today. I cannot share exact numbers but it was not a small amount,” said Colton Baty, Food Service Consultant Manager.

“It saved me a lot of time because I didn’t have to wait in line,” said senior Tommy Reh. “I got a spicy chicken sandwich. It was the best sandwich I’ve had all week.”

Swim Across America

Last weekend, members of the swim and dive team took to Innsbrook Resort to participate in a mile-long open water swim to benefit Swim Across America and Siteman Cancer Center. The team raised over \$17,000 through the event while gaining valuable preseason training and racing experience.

“It’s for a great cause. I know people who are affected by it on the team. It’s a great way to make a difference,” said senior Joe Zarrilli. “The swimming was a challenge, but also raising money and getting the idea out there was a challenge. It was a team effort.”

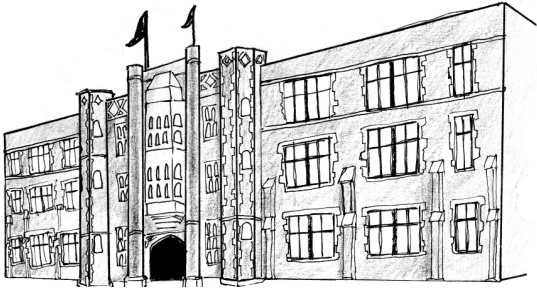
SLUH finished fourth out in fundraising.

One World Club

One World Club has sprung into action to start the school year.

First, club members attended the Festival of Nations last Saturday, an annual event put on by the International Institute, in Tower Grove Park, last weekend. The festival showcases the art, music, dance, and cuisine of dozens of countries around the world. Many of the students who attended were international students and their hosts.

The club also organized an international student welcome ceremony, which took place in the Currigan Room on Wednesday. Students received goodie bags with SLUH and St. Louis



paraphernalia, took pictures with the Jr. Billiken, and enjoyed snacks from their home cultures.

Yearbooks

Yearbook Club members passed out yearbooks to sophomores, juniors, and seniors on Tuesday during Advisory. They hoped using advisory time for distribution would help avoid some of the confusion that arose in past years.

“It was very different from years past,” said Yearbook editor Peter Roither. “We made sure everyone at school got a yearbook without passing by. Hopefully next year’s editors can improve upon it and make it go more quickly.”

Activities Fair

The annual Activities Fair will take place next Thursday, Sept. 8, during Advisory. The fair allows St. Louis U. High’s various clubs to showcase themselves to the student body. All students, but especially underclassmen who are not yet involved in clubs, are encouraged to attend and sign up for clubs they are interested in.

Pat Maroon at SLUH

Last Friday night some of the Jr. Bills at SLUH were surprised to see three time Stanley Cup Champion Pat Maroon on the sidelines of the field at the Running of the Bills football game. To nobody’s surprise, the Jr. Bills started bombarding the Lightning’s left winger with requests for pictures. After agreeing to numerous selfies, the NHL star retreated to a quieter location to enjoy his time at the game.

— Luke Duffy, Jackson Cooper, and Vincent Weinbauer

Calendar

Friday, September 2

DEFGA

Emergency Drill-Tornado
7:45AM SLUH Community First Friday Mass
10:35AM Activity Period
4:00PM V Soccer vs Springfield Glendale
6:00PM C Team Soccer vs De Smet Jesuit (C)
7:00PM V Football vs Timberland
7:30PM JV Soccer vs John Burroughs

Saturday, September 3

8:00AM Cross Country - (V,B/C,JV) Granite City Invitational
9:00AM C Team Soccer vs St. John Vianney (C/D)

Monday, September 5

No Classes-Labor Day
10:00AM B Team Soccer MCC Tournament vs CBC

Tuesday, September 6

BCDE

4:15PM C Team Football vs Timberland
5:00PM JV Soccer vs Gibault
5:15PM B Team Soccer MCC Tournament vs DJS
6:30PM JV Football vs Timberland
6:30PM V Soccer vs Gibault

Wednesday, September 7

FGABC

10:35AM Collges Visiting: University of Chicago, Boston College, University of Iowa
4:15PM Swimming and Diving vs Parkway Central
4:30PM C Team Soccer vs Priory
6:30PM Virtual Parent Orientation

Thursday, September 8

DEFG

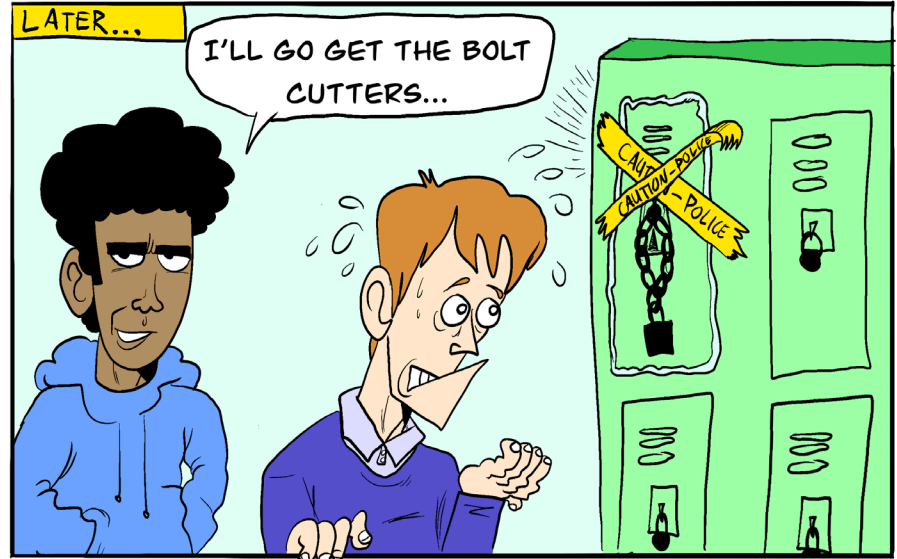
8:30AM Parent Ambassador Orientation
4:30PM JV Soccer vs Webster Groves

calendar | Billy Albus



SLUHSERS 2:

LOCKED UP!



SLUHSers | Jude Reed



Photos | Nick Sanders

Top Left : Patrick Laffey flashes the U.

Top Middle : Ollie Manalang and others participate in U-High Chant.

Top Right : Will Ungern intensely watches the game.

Above : Harry McGuire filled with school spirit.

Left : Theodore Rechtin gets pumped.

