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The cans keep piling up! Record high results for Food Drive



Students tally their homeroom's donations. photo | Mr. Stephen Deves

BY JACKSON COOPER AND MICAH DOHERTY
 CORE STAFF, REPORTER

Campus Ministry concluded the most successful

Food Drive in recent memory this past week, with SLUH donating over 1800 food items and over \$10,000. The Food Drive helps provide the funds and supplies necessary to sup-

port the freshman service project.

Similar to previous years, each homeroom was supplied with a list of needed non-per-

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Jr. Bills scramble for dates as school dances return

BY LUKE DUFFY AND DREW HAWLEY
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Dashing suits. Elegant dresses. Corsages and boutonnieres. These have been among the missing features of high school dances that have been missing from St. Louis U. High since the winter of 2019. In a few weeks, the wait will be over. SLUH will be hosting its first dance, the Fall Ball, since the beginning of the pandemic, on Oct. 16.

The original plan was to have two separate indoor dances for underclassmen and upperclassmen at Windows on Washington, an event space downtown. However, the planners agreed that an outdoor dance would be better, so the dances will take place on the same night on campus.

"It was planned for Windows on Washington, and just because of the city mask requirements and SLUH's own protocols, we decided to move it outside," said STUCO moderator Megan Menne. "So now

it's going to be here at SLUH."

The underclassman dance will be in the faculty lot and the upperclassmen will be hosted at the Drury Plaza. Since TKO DJ's, SLUH's go-to DJ service, were booked for the weekend, the upperclassman dance will be DJed by a friend of Director of Security Dan Schulte and the underclassman dance will be DJed by English teacher John Kavanaugh, also known as DJ Kavyv Kav.

Covid is the main reason for having the dance outside, but just because it is outside does not mean that there are no limitations.

"It'll look pretty similar to what we did for the mixer: vaccination or negative tests are required, masks will be recommended but not required, similar to the mixer," said Dean of Students Brock Kesterson.

"Because it'll be outside, we feel like we've gone through this once with the mixer and things went well, so why **continued on page 4**

Studium allows for college information sessions

BY ROARKE UNRAU AND BEN CROAT
 REPORTER

Thanks to the continuation of the block schedule this year, the College Counseling Department has been able to incorporate a new line of classes aimed at helping the class of 2023 in their college journey. These classes are not new, but the college counselors decided to take advantage of the extra time with this year's schedule to educate the junior class on the complex world of college applications.

"Now that SLUH has Studium, we saw this as an opportunity to not just do this haphazardly, but to have these planned out and done at appropriate times," said Kevin Crimmins, the Director of the College Counseling Department. "We want the classes to build on each other so students can have a more sequential, more thoughtful, and a more reflective process."

The first class was intended to help juniors navigate the changing landscape **continued on page 5**

Covid Numbers*

STUDENT CASES: 3

STUDENT QUARANTINES: 2

FACULTY CASES: 1

FACULTY QUARANTINES: 0

*NUMBERS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

Board of Trustees releases new Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion vision statement

BY JACK FIGGE AND MICHAEL BAUDENDISTEL
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Thirty years ago, St. Louis U. High's Board of Trustees released a Minority Action Plan. Since then, many notable events have happened in regards to race. In 2018, SLUH revisited that original plan, scratching it and drafted a new Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Vision Statement which was released last week.

Published in 1991, the Minority Action Plan outlined SLUH's plan to make the school more inclusive to those within the school and

to those within St. Louis. At the time the plan was published, just under 3 percent of SLUH's student population was African American. The original statement dictated that it should be a goal of the SLUH administration to make the composition of the student body and faculty more closely resemble the diversity of the St. Louis region.

Three years ago, SLUH decided that it was time to revisit the Minority Action Plan. However, they decided not to simply revise it, but to create a whole new vision statement named the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Vision Statement in order to help guide the Board of Trustees in creating a more inclusive environment within the school.

"The catalytic events that have happened in America for the last seven to ten years really inspired the Church to reassess its stance and its promotion of anti-racist activities, and to examine its own history, and the Society of Jesus is doing that same sort of racial reckoning as well," said Director of Equity and Inclusion Frank Kovarik. "It felt like the right time for us to reexamine our commit-

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SLUH theatre Productions to return this fall for live audiences

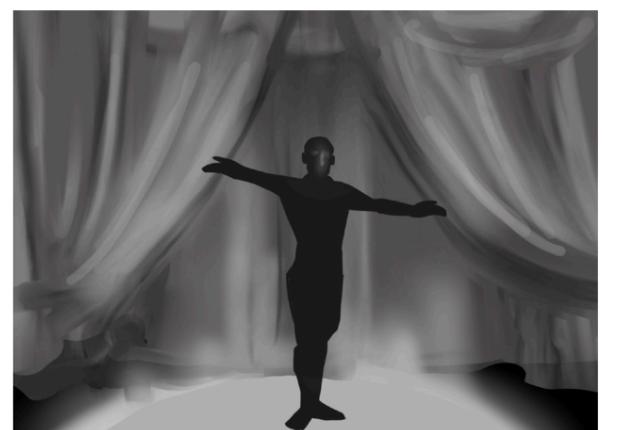
BY MARK WAPPLER AND DECLAN RICHARDS
 REPORTERS

After a year and a half of being left vacant, St. Louis U. High's Schulte Theatre will come back to life with the return of the Fall SLUH theatre production this coming November.

Due to Covid restrictions, the SLUH theatre production team last year was forced to accommodate by performing plays that had either a limited audience or no audience pres-

ent. To fit these new standards, the theatre team recorded the *Spoon River Anthology*, a series of monologues that fit together to tell the story of a small town, and presented it to the SLUH community via YouTube last February. In addition, the theatre department also put on a smaller performance of the much-beloved play *Master Harold ... and the Boys*, which was presented to sophomores as a staged reading.

"It was really difficult to do a **continued on page 5**



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New Faculty: Sexton-Warner steps in as new receptionist



photo | courtesy of SLUH Yearbook

BY CHARLES TURNELL AND DANIEL TICE REPORTERS

St. Louis U. High welcomes Anglea Sexton-Warner, who joins the staff as the new switchboard receptionist and a friendly face to greet anybody who enters the building.

Last year, beloved switchboard receptionist and SLUH alum parent Mimi Hartung retired after her ninth year working at SLUH. An opening appeared for the position and SLUH looked to within the school community to fill the position.

"I have two graduates, two sons that graduated from SLUH, Alexander Sexton-Warner graduated in 2016, and then Austin Sexton-Warner graduated in 2019," said Warner. "And as everyone knows, I love my SLUH family. I consider the SLUH community as family."

Sexton-Warner is a former SLUH mom so when the opportunity arose to be a bigger part of the SLUH family the decision was a no-brainer for her.

"SLUH is a special place to me because of all of the help and support that I received when my boys were going here," said Warner. "The saying is true, it takes a village to raise a kid. Anything I can do to make this school a better place I want to do, and I saw

this job as a perfect opportunity to repay my beloved community."

Sexton-Warner might still be getting acclimated to her new job, but since day one she has loved every minute of it. Her favorite part of the job so far is being able to meet and interact with the students. She is welcoming to every student who seeks help or simply walks past her desk and she wants to treat every student like her own boys, for they are her SLUH children.

One big hope for Sexton-Warner is to leave a lasting impact on SLUH through her interactions with students and involving herself in parent organizations. Already, she feels like she has made good progress on this goal.

"Hopefully, I'm already impacting SLUH. I am a Mother's Club alum. I, along with Mrs. Martha Staley and Mr. Frank Kovarik, were the originators of PACES, and I am a member of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion board," said Warner.

One main aspect of the switchboard receptionist is the interactions with the students and greeting them joyfully every day.

"Mrs. Sexton-Warner has big shoes to fill after the retirement of Mrs. Hartung, but her friendly presence at SLUH makes her a good fit for the position," said junior Louis Miller.

Admissions events return with virtual high school nights and "SLUH on the Road"

BY ALEX PREUSSER AND THOMAS JUERGENS STAFF REPORTER

Even through a global pandemic, the St. Louis U. High admissions team has continued to engage with grade school students from across the Saint Louis metropolitan area, and a new slew of plans has arisen for this year that includes a series of "SLUH on the Road" and Zoom-based presentations for prospective parents and students.

In the past, high school nights were organized by the Archdiocese of St. Louis to give families an idea of the range of schools in the area, and allow the schools to present themselves to prospective families. But due to Covid, these typical events have been cancelled.

Now, SLUH hosts their own with the same goal in mind.

"I think a large part of it is just giving back to the SLUH community for a lot of the stuff that I was given coming in," said senior Jack Feise. "The high school nights were really beneficial for me when I was coming into SLUH, and it was awesome to hear from actual SLUH students who are really invested in a lot of diverse interests."

These evenings consist of a Kahoot! game and a formal presentation from Director of Admissions Ann Murphy, and then concludes with the opportunity to interact with student ambassadors and to ask questions.

"I think that families appreciate some genuine conversation and experiences," said Murphy. "This is especially true when (the student ambas-

sadors) talk about really specific things that the families are interested in knowing, like the schedule, student life, financial aid, and more."

"I think we made a good impact on them being able to go to SLUH, since I was able to show my passion for Saint Louis U. High and my great experiences here," said junior Tyler Barks.

The other event that SLUH admissions is hosting is a series titled SLUH on the Road. Though this series is very similar in content to the on-line presentations, these events target specific areas of St. Louis to bring a personal feel and to make the connection between prospective students and current students.

The most recent event took place in South County at the Pavilion at Lemay in Jefferson

Barracks Park. Students from various grade schools in that area attended, and the student ambassadors for the event were SLUH students who had graduated from those area schools.

"I think the high school admissions night was important because it made (SLUH) more accessible to the people living in South County, making SLUH more impactful on their own personal experiences," said senior Alex Mittendorf.

The SLUH on the Road program will present in other parts of St. Louis as well, including Loyola Academy, Lafayette Prep, and the College School.

"Everyone's starting to get back into action," said Murphy. "I think that we're going to be able to get a really good class next year."



Ambassadors at the South County event.

photo | courtesy of SLUH Facebook

Students band together to raise money for Afghan refugees arriving in St. Louis

BY AUSTIN WALD AND JOHN BYTNAR REPORTERS

St. Louis U. High has once again stepped up to meet the needs of the greater St. Louis community. Senior Ismael Karim and Director of Security Dan Schulte organized dress down days for the week of Sept. 6 as an emergency response to the high influx of Afghan refugees coming to St. Louis. Students could pay \$2 per day to dress down or pay \$5 to dress down every day that week.

With the Taliban takeover of the Afghan government, many Afghans fled from Afghanistan seeking refugee in the United States and other countries. Many immigrants came to St. Louis, creating a high need for supplies and monetary assistance to support these families.

"It was a really quick way to make a big impact," said Karim. "I think for us being in this environment, it's really easy to forget about the broader St. Louis community."

Carrying the goal of being

"men for others," SLUH found a way to aid the impact locally with a classic dress down day with funds going to the International Institute, a local immigrant service and information organization.

"We had a faculty member reach out about the idea and there was really no reason why not," said Karim. "We've also been working with the International Institute, and they contacted Mr. Schulte to

organize the dress down days." All money raised by the dress down days were donated to the International Institute.

"We supported the International Institute of St. Louis with the money," said Karim. "They use the money to provide the influx of refugees with necessities like housing, hygiene products, buses and cars, whatever they need to get around and be okay."

The student body and

greater SLUH community as a whole raised over \$5000 for the charity on short notice.

"The money we raised showed that our students are able to think deeply about our community and beyond the fact that they can wear sweatpants," said Schulte. "On top of that, we had a lot of parents and alumni who decided to donate, which I think shows the power of the greater school community."



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Art, short stories, poems, you name it: Sisyphus is back in print next week!

PN Puzzle: "Starting Over"

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- Actor Galifianakis or golfer Johnson
 - Tennis Hall of Famer who graduated from Sumner High School
 - Wharf, such as San Francisco's 39
 - Bambi, originally
 - Very small amounts
 - Government nutrition standard
 - "Come _____!"
 - Pooh pal
 - Unleavened bread
 - Like Thorin's shield
 - First-person person
 - One of 700,000 in an average life
 - Pro- opposite
 - Shoe part that Phineas and Ferb don't forget
 - Gardening tool
 - Apt adjective for 42-Across
 - Shish follower
 - Fly into _____
 - Georgia city or county
 - Request
 - Stimulate, as interest
 - Buy back
 - Concave navel
 - Very small
 - Back of a phonograph record
 - Chess starters
 - Queen, in Quito
 - Deg. for a school superintendent
 - Corn serving
 - Best, as advice
 - Oscar or Tony, e.g.
 - Barcelona baller
 - Place, as baggage in an airplane
 - Dorothy's desire
 - Traditional October birthstone
 - Tie up, as a ship
 - Cable channel featuring home improvement shows
 - Author Wiesel or hoopster Mario
 - Prime for picking
 - Sports car roof option
 - Initialism for a parish in Crestwood or Creve Coeur

- ACROSS**
- Calligrapher whose fonts bear his name
 - Composition of several birthstones
 - Government org. in charge of job safety
 - 9% of Earth's surface area
 - "We agree."
 - A billion years, often
 - We do this about 32 times before swallowing
 - Chain mail
 - *Mr. Bean or Lloyd Christmas, e.g.
 - *First baseman Keith or tight end Aaron
 - *Nickname for the *The Magic School Bus* teacher
 - Video game series focused on driving and shooting (abbr.)
 - Type of subatomic particle
 - Donald : Mike :: Joe : _____
 - Heap
 - *Snack cracker with seven perforations
 - Clear a whiteboard
 - Sci. subject
 - Dir. at 2:15 on a clock
 - Starting over ... and how to finish the theme answers
 - Word read before the opening crawl of each *Star Wars* film
 - Twelve Popes
 - Astronomer Hubble or DH Encarnación
 - *Mercedes-_____
 - Give up control
 - Actor Poitier or puckster Crosby
 - Steak sauce since 1831
 - Second deadliest animal to people (after mosquitoes)
 - *The entertainment industry, informally
 - *Unit of FM broadcasting
 - *Traditional November birthstone
 - End of a lasso
 - *Showy display
 - Likable stick-up man on *The Wire*
 - Lip application
 - _____' the hat
 - Join with metal
 - *Spray from a bottle
 - Role for 26-Across, informally

crossword | Paul Baudendistel

Week 3 Fantasy Football Recap

BY CHARLIE VONDERHEID REPORTER

After arguably the most exciting week of the NFL Season so far, it's time to break down the fantasy implications of such a tumultuous week.

The Studs

QB: Sam Darnold, 25.26

Sam Darnold and the Panthers have surprised NFL fans everywhere with their early success. While Darnold has put up modest fantasy numbers this year, I would not expect his production to exceed that of a consistent QB1. Rely on him as a streaming QB if he has a good matchup.

RB: Najee Harris, 28.2

The Steelers have found their new bellcow running back in Najee Harris. With Big Ben showing his age and barely being able to throw the ball, the Steelers have to rely heavily on checkdowns and handoffs to Harris to generate any form of offense. This provides him with lots of volume leading to lots of points, especially in PPR formats. The fantasy future for Harris looks bright as an RB1.

WR: Mike Williams, 33.2

Off to arguably the hottest

fantasy start behind Cooper Kupp, Mike Williams has been lighting up the scoreboard for the first three weeks of the season. His volume of targets, especially red zone targets, is a great indication of consistent fantasy success. Nothing I have seen so far has led me to believe that Mike Williams will be anything short of a "set it and forget it" type of player.

The Busts

RB: Jonathan Taylor, 8.2

Owners of Taylor have been disappointed so far this season. In each of the past two weeks his scores have failed to reach double digits. He splits work with Nyheim Hines and has yet to score a touchdown. I do believe there are better days ahead for Taylor and you should still start him regardless of the rough start he has had.

WR: Allen Robinson, 4.7

Allen Robinson has struggled to produce any fantasy numbers this season. The Bears passing game in general has been abysmal and with their lack of consistency at quarterback, it would be hard to think of a reason that Robinson will return to his production from last year.

Injuries

RB: Christian McCaffrey

Deja vu! McCaffrey injured his hamstring against the Texans on Thursday Night. Pick up Chuba Hubbard if he is still available in your league. If not, hold on to McCaffrey with hopes that his injury does not keep him on the sidelines too long. However, I would prepare for later in the season in case CMC misses more time to injury because of how prone he is now.

RB: Dalvin Cook

Cook sat out last minute against the Seahawks, delighting owners of Alexander Mattison. If you are a Dalvin Cook owner, it might be wise to trade for/pick up Mattison as a backup in case Cook gets injured again. Cook and McCaffrey have a history of injuries so backing up either one of them is very important.

After a crazy week of football action, it is time to move onto the next. Hopefully Jonathan Taylor can finally start producing at the level that owners expected him to and Dalvin Cook and CMC return to the field quickly. Good luck in your Week 4 matchups!

Faculty and students react to Cardinals 17-game win streak

BY COBY SPRATTE CORE STAFF

The St. Louis Cardinals organization was founded in 1882. In those 139 years of Cardinals baseball, no Cardinals fanbase has ever witnessed a winning streak such as the 17 game streak from Sept. 11 through Sept. 28 we just witnessed. In early August, the Redbirds' chances to make the playoffs sat at a slim 1.3 percent. Yet this magical run has clinched the Cardinals a playoff spot as the second wild card, and has rejuvenated the entire city of St. Louis.

While the Cardinals have had their fair share of deserved critics throughout this tumultuous season, some fans have remained faithful and hopeful the entire way.

St. Louis U. High math teacher Stephen Deves has been one of these consistent hopefuls. Back in August, Deves went so far as to add "I believe the Cardinals are going to make the playoffs" his SLUH email signature, a statement that while seemingly unlikely a month and a half ago, has come

to fruition.

"The hitting is finally performing... and you have to give a huge credit to the pitching," Deves remarked.

As the streak developed over the last few weeks, senior Quin McCormac was reminded of the Blues' 2019 win streak to clinch a playoff spot.

"(The Cardinals streak) is very reminiscent of the Blues playoff run in 2019," said McCormac. "The Blues rattled off their own record of 11 consecutive wins and then went on to win their first Stanley Cup. Hopefully the Cards will be able to do the same thing."

Senior Liam Newbold said the streak reminded him of the Cardinals' 2011 playoff run where they scratched and clawed their way back from 10.5 games out in August to eventually clinch a playoff berth and win the World Series in the most improbable of fashions.

Theology teacher Dick Wehner took more of an old school approach to finding a parallel comparison to this 2021 Cardinals ballclub.

"I've seen Cardinal baseball in Busch I (Sportsman's Park),

Busch II, and Busch III... I'd go to all the doubleheaders on Sundays and sit in the bleachers with three of my friends for \$1..., so I've seen a lot of Cardinals baseball," said Wehner.

When thinking of a run or streak comparable to this year's ballclub, Wehner recalls one such late season run which he believes trumps this season's.

"I would compare this to the Cardinals' 1964 run when they were 10.5 games out behind the Philadelphia Phillies, and they clinched the pennant on the last day of the season," said Wehner.

These three parallels drawn to this 2021 Cardinals team all share one distinct commonality: The '64 Cardinals, the 2011 Cardinals, and the 2019 Blues all concluded their miraculous seasons by bringing championships back to St. Louis.

Do the Cardinals have enough magic to make a run for their twelfth ring?

Their path will begin next Wednesday, Oct. 6 in the NL Wild Card game, most likely against the Los Angeles Dodgers, with Adam Wainwright on the bump.

Fall Ball will kick off a series of school dances

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change it if it worked well for that.”

The dances were combined into a single night in order to streamline the setup, but also because SLUH football faces De Smet on Friday, Oct. 15, when the underclassman dance was originally planned.

“There are a lot of underclassmen who are on the roster for the team, so we wanted to try to make sure that the game or the dance would be accessible to everybody, so we switched it to Saturday,” said Kesterson.

While the outdoor dances will resemble the Back to School Mixer, there will be some distinguishing qualities. Aside from the attire, there will be more extravagant lighting, tables to sit down at, and a modest amount of refreshments. Also, students will have the option of bringing a date to the dance, unlike the open registration at BTSM.

“I think dances are just a great way to be with your classmates outside of school, which is always good. Granted, there are football games and other games like soccer games and all that stuff, but dances are something completely different,” said STUCO Student Body President A.J. Thompson. “There are people that don’t go to our school that are witnessing what it’s like to be part of the SLUH brotherhood. The other people being girls, of course, which is always fun.”

This will be the first SLUH formal dance for the freshmen, sophomores, and juniors, and it will be the first dance since freshman dance for the seniors. STUCO leaders shared their insight into what to expect for the upcoming dance.

“I think the dance is definitely going to serve as a rejuvenation of spirit,” said Student Body Vice President Ismael Karim. “A dance isn’t just a dance, the implications go beyond it. You have companionship with a classmate, dancing, having a good time together, eating beforehand, going to a party afterwards, like, all those things are going to serve together, and boost people’s spirit.”

Registration for the Fall Ball will begin next week. On the night of the events, students can arrive between 7:30 and 8 p.m. and leave between 10 and 10:30 p.m.



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Competition inspires more generous donations for Food Drive, involves students from all grade levels



Miles Rittenhouse stacks cans.

photo | Mr. Stephen Deves

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ishable food items in the week leading up to the Food Drive. The list was compiled after campus minister Julie Anderson, who runs the freshman service program, took inventory of the current supply and drew up a list of items that will be needed throughout the year. In addition to bringing in food items, students were also encouraged to donate money that could be used to buy perishable foods such as eggs, milk, and cheese.

Once donated, all of the food goes into the freshman service project. The freshman service project has freshmen prepare a meal and then serve it at Garfield Place; a housing residence in St. Louis’s Benton Park neighborhood that offers long-term housing options to unhoused members of the community.

As part of the freshman service project, each freshman spends an evening preparing a meal for the residents of Garfield Place, which they then eat

alongside them.

“Looking back at my freshman service experience, it was a very impactful experience because I talked to a lot of different people with backgrounds different from mine,” said junior Matthew Sommers. “They had a lot of wisdom and life lessons that they shared with us which I found very impactful.”

In addition to the good that it provides the community, the food drive also serves as the first immersion that many students receive into the realm of community service at SLUH.

“I always think it’s neat that the Food Drive is one of the first big things we do (each school year),” said campus minister Stephen Deves, who helps coordinate the drive. “It shows, in my opinion, what we’re all about, having a focus and a mindset towards helping other people. That’s just who we are, if we claim to be men and women for others, then we need to begin our year with that mindset of thinking about others.”

This year’s total significantly surpassed last year’s grand total of 1,653 food items and \$4,697, and, according to records kept by Deves, featured the most donations since the 2013-14 school year.

“I was very pleased with the generosity of our community this week,” said Deves.

As a means of encouraging students to donate, Campus Ministry, as in previous years, implemented a point system to create a sense of competition. With all proceeds from the drive going directly into financing the freshman service project, it is certainly fitting that the freshman class came away with by far the most points in the friendly competition, garnering 9,275 points, which earns the entire class a dress out day in the coming weeks. The freshmen were followed by the sophomores in second place with 7,819 points, the junior class in third with 7,351, and the senior class rounded out their final SLUH Food Drive

with a showing of 5,012. Not to be outdone, faculty and staff members were also able to rack up 804 points over the course of the drive.

The point system used for the Food Drive was a single point for each can of food and two points for each dollar brought in. In order to kickstart the drive, point totals were doubled on the first day, adding more motivation to get donations in on those particular days.

“I love just seeing the camaraderie of homerooms and classes coming together, and faculty and staff coming together to support this great program,” said Deves. “I’m also a data nerd and I love numbers, so I always love getting into the stats and all of the points.”

The homeroom that came away with the most points in total turned out to be junior homeroom M222C, which was propelled to the victory by big donations on the initial “double points” day.

“On double points day, my homeroom donated over \$500 because we really wanted to win,” said Zepeda, who also serves as M222C’s class council representative. “We thought there would be no better way than to knock it out of the park early and get a big head start. I

know that when I received the emails from Mr. Deves with the tally sheet for all of the grades, I was definitely looking at who could pass us and what we needed to do to stay in the lead.”

Zepeda, along with other class council members, utilized the competitive factor involved with the Food Drive to help gain more points for their own homeroom. In addition to nightly emails sent by Deves that updated points totals and helped remind students to bring in donations, class council members also sent emails of encouragement and set goals to raise a certain number of points each day.

“I emailed my homeroom every day,” said Zepeda. “I was telling them to just keep on donating. I would mention some homerooms that had big donations, and how we were losing some ground to them. I also told my homeroom that I’d bring in donuts if we won, so I think that helped (incentivize them further).”

“I think (the competition) between homerooms definitely helped get more donations,” said freshman Patrick Jones. “Everyone wants their homeroom and their class to be the best, so I think it was definitely a good idea.”



Students pose with their donations. photo | Mr. Stephen Deves

New DEI statement updates equity vision

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ments as well.”

“Here we are in 2021, and we are at a very different place culturally and in terms of what people understand and are thinking about race than we were in 1991,” said Assistant Principal of Mission Jim Linhares. “SLUH’s future really depends upon us getting St. Louis U. High to be a best practice school in the nation. And I think that a huge part of doing that is having a foundation for making sure that all students are included.”

The goal of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Vision Statement was to create a set of guiding principles to train students to be leaders in our diverse world. The other object of the Statement is to fulfill one of the original intentions of the Minority Action Plan, to have a student body and faculty that better represents the overall demographics of the St. Louis region.

“I think the statement is significant because it’s the

highest leadership of the school saying to the faculty and staff, ‘Here’s where we want you to do in terms of the service that you provide to students, and who you’re serving and how, and also what you’re training them to do,’” said Kovarik. “And for that to come from the Board of Trustees, which is the body that is the overseeing group for the school, I think it gives us a lot of clarity on the school’s side as to what our goals are and what we’re striving to do.”

The Equity and Inclusion staff felt that five separate topics needed to be addressed in the new vision statement—school culture, academics, representation, discipline, and student and family engagement—and that each topic should have its own objectives in order to put the new vision statement into practice.

“We’ve got two SMART goals—specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and

timely—for each of those topics. We’ve got things that we think we can accomplish in each one of those areas that we think will help move the ball forward, and make SLUH into an even better place,” said Kovarik.

While this Vision statement may seem to students like just another remote third-floor decree, the team hopes that students will slowly begin seeing the Vision statement be put into effect around the school in two major ways, the first being a more diverse student body.

“It’ll impact students’ experiences in the types of academic support they get, it will affect who their teachers are and who their classmates are, and I hope that in the long term, it’ll make them more likely to be successful and allow them to go out into a diverse world and be leaders who understand how to build bridges between people and make the world a more fair and just place,” said Kovarik.

The second way that students will begin seeing the Vision statement implemented into their daily school routines is through the addition of more diverse imagery within public spaces and more culturally inclusive religious events and liturgies.

“One of the main areas that they’ll eventually see the vision statement at work will be the physical environment of the school: how are different people represented in the public imagery and iconography of the school,” said Kovarik. “Hopefully they’ll also see it in some of the prayer and religious culture of the school. How do our liturgies reflect a range of cultures? How do our prayers give voice to many different types of experiences?”

While the new vision statement will certainly promote spending more time and energy on helping students of color, members of the committee believe that this will lead to benefits for everyone,

regardless of one’s race.

“I think so often, some white people feel like by helping students of color, we’re taking something from them, you know, that kind of ugly stereotype,” said Kate Tousseint, Anti-Racist Coalition moderator. “And the reality is, when we have a diverse and equitable community, everybody does better.”

While there is still much work to be done, faculty members are hopeful that the new Vision Statement will usher in a new attitude at SLUH, an attitude of students better realizing their shared humanity, and accepting each other regardless of race.

“I hope the Vision Statement enriches us,” said Linhares. “We say the aphorism that our diversity enriches us, that our diversity contributes to the creativity of our whole community and reminds us of our shared humanity. I think we’re going to be richer and better at what we do because of this statement.”

Senior Fucetola set to release third single after summer songwriting

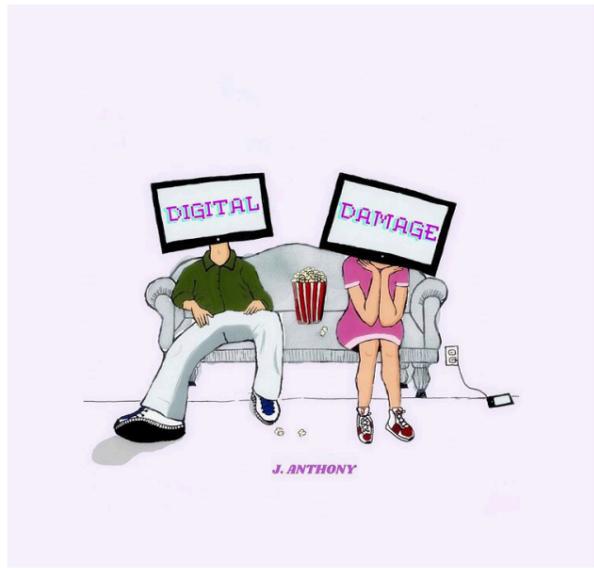


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Senior Jude Fucetola dropped his first single, “I Don’t Want to be Your Lover Anymore,” in Jan. 2021. After thousands of Spotify streams,

another single, and multiple live performances, Fucetola is dropping his third single this Sunday, Oct. 3.

Fucetola began his musical career on the piano 15 years ago. While developing his skills at School of Rock,

he discovered he had perfect pitch and started learning songs by ear and performing at venues around St. Louis. Soon enough, he had picked up guitar, bass, and drums and played jazz piano at Jazz St. Louis.

“I’ve been songwriting since I was 10,” said Fucetola. “But during that time I started producing and recording music. I picked up guitar, bass, drums, started singing, and started recording my own music, and that eventually got released in January of 2021.”

Fucetola now creates music under the title J. Anthony. After the tremendous success of “I Don’t Want to be Your Lover Anymore,” Fucetola made his live solo performance debut at Art Fest, a concert put on by 21Artsistry this summer.

“Doing the live show this summer, me and a lot of other up and coming St. Louis artists kind of really gave a spotlight

to the St. Louis art scene,” said Fucetola. “Me and the guitarist who played on my stuff ended up running it with (Philip Hiblovic, ’21). And we kind of had the idea to just bring out more visual artists and jewelry makers and all these kinds of people. Yeah, it turned out great, we’re gonna do more of that kind of thing.”

It was also over the summer that Fucetola found inspiration for his upcoming single, “Digital Damage.” He came up with the lyrics of this dystopian song while taking music classes at New York University.

“I just started writing lyrics, like in the middle of a Zoom class, and I thought of the phrase radio waves,” said Fucetola. “I don’t know why, but I kind of went with that. And then I ended up making the song about the pressures of social media, and how people are kind of controlled by screens.”

With the opening line “radio waves take over my head space,” Fucetola centers the song around the idea of the internet creeping into our lives.

“I made it about the negative impact of social media and how living in our social-media-based society kind of sucks, especially being a teenager,” said Fucetola.

After completing the track, Fucetola gave himself a month to promote the release of “Digital Damage.” He has posted frequent Instagram stories, videos, and even a portion of the lyrics on his page. To accompany the song, he has released art and photography of people with TV’s as heads.

“The whole TV head idea, I thought that’d be like a cool visual, just like people’s heads are kind of, you’re not seeing the natural kind of face of someone, you’re just seeing a screen,” said Fucetola.

As for the structure of

the song, it follows a similar indie-pop feel as his other two singles. It features mainly drums, guitar, and bass that he recorded with a little help from a guitarist in New York.

“It’s kind of like a drive with the windows down kind of song,” said Fucetola.

The single is highly anticipated by Fucetola’s fans across St. Louis, including some SLUH students.

“He’s really good at coming up with hooks, melodies and stuff, really good harmonies and good jazz,” said senior Cooper Scharff. “I’m really looking forward to it, I know he’s a super talented, super intelligent musician and I can’t wait to see what he puts out.”

After releasing this single, Fucetola says he will have more content coming soon before the end of the year.

Jack Figge, Editor in Chief, contributed to this article.

SLUH Theatre’s first production since the start of the pandemic set for Nov. 11

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staged reading,” said Whitaker. “The whole purpose was to read the play, but with masks on, it was hard to do even that.”

However, SLUH theatre is going back to producing performances in the intended setting: on stage and in front of a live audience.

“This year, we are doing a ‘real’ show up on stage,” said McKernan. “SLUH Theatre is performing *Wait Until Dark*, a 1960’s-era thriller with a sort of Alfred Hitchcock feel to it.”

Wait Until Dark centers around a young blind woman who comes into possession of a doll that, unbeknownst to her, has thousands of dollars worth of drugs hidden inside of it. Throughout the play, she is tasked with keeping the doll out of the hands of three con men, who plot to rob her of her doll in order to obtain its contents. *Wait Until Dark* was originally

written and performed in 1966 by Frederick Knott; this play was then made into a movie the following year in 1967 starring the unforgettable Audrey Hepburn and the classic Alan Arkin.

Auditions for the show were held on Sept. 6 and 7 in the Schulte Theatre. To audition, no prior experience or preparation was required.

“The turnout was great,” said McKernan. “It is not a very big show, but we have a very promising cast of young men and women who are passionate about the act they put on.”

In addition to the promising turnout in the role auditions, Director of Theater Operations Tim Moore has a gifted group of stage workers under his wing that are helping out in the construction of the set of the play. Seeing the great work that is being done on and off the stage, the SLUH theatre production team is looking forward to their per-

formance more and more every day as the project continues to progress.

“Right now, we are still in the ‘roughing in’ stage of development,” said Whitaker. “That means we are still working on taped floors at this moment as the crew works on the stage set. It is a very physical play with plenty of fight choreography, so the cast will have to envision a setting with proper stage props.”

In addition, the performers will have to mind the audience they are performing in front of as it is not a typical performance but rather a studio performance.

“It’s a very intimate piece,” said Whitaker. “Not only will the actors be performing in front of a live audience again, but the audience will be right in front of them too!”

Wait Until Dark is set to premiere on Nov. 11 and will be performed through the Nov. 13 in the SLUH Schulte Theatre,

however it is worth noting that the size of the audience will be limited in order to create a safe environment for both the actors and audience members.

“We, like many other high school theatres, are following the Covid safety guidelines of professional theatres in the area,” said Whitaker.

Despite having to perform in front of a limited audience, the faculty members in charge of the production have high hopes that this performance will usher in a return to regular SLUH theatre performances and a return to the normalcy the SLUH community had before the pandemic.

“All in all, I am just glad that we will be given the opportunity to perform in front of a live audience again,” said Whitaker. “It will be an interesting experience as we have never done anything like *Wait Until Dark* before and I cannot wait to see what the future holds!”

Studium sessions allowing juniors to get a head start in their admissions process



Crimmins speaking with Juniors.

photo | Jack Figge

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scape of college admissions by starting the process earlier and introducing them to weekly visits from college representatives. The second class went over a college application and gave further insight into the timeline that juniors need for next year, especially with the PSATs coming up later this October.

“They allowed us to see what our applications as SLUH students should look like and how we can achieve our college goals,” said junior Amon Binder.

“The college application process has become increasingly competitive and colleges are asking students to have more concrete, specific ideas about what they want to do with their career than we believe they ever have had in the past,” said Crimmins.

“We wanted to provide a relevant curriculum that’s going to help students to handle this increasingly complex

problem.”

The classes so far seem to be accomplishing their goal of informing the class of 2023 about the college admissions process.

“The classes were helpful in the fact that they gave us a good timeframe of what our goals should be and then gave us the tools to pursue our dream colleges as well as keeping our options open to others,” said Binder. “I think it gave me a good sense of what I need to complete by next November in order to shape my future and my academic goals.”

“We just want students to feel and to be more in charge of their college process, their career readiness, their ability to engage at the right time with the right level of knowledge,” said Crimmins. “I know that there are a lot of big ideas, but I just want students to be ready enough for when next November rolls around.”

Prep News 86 Platform

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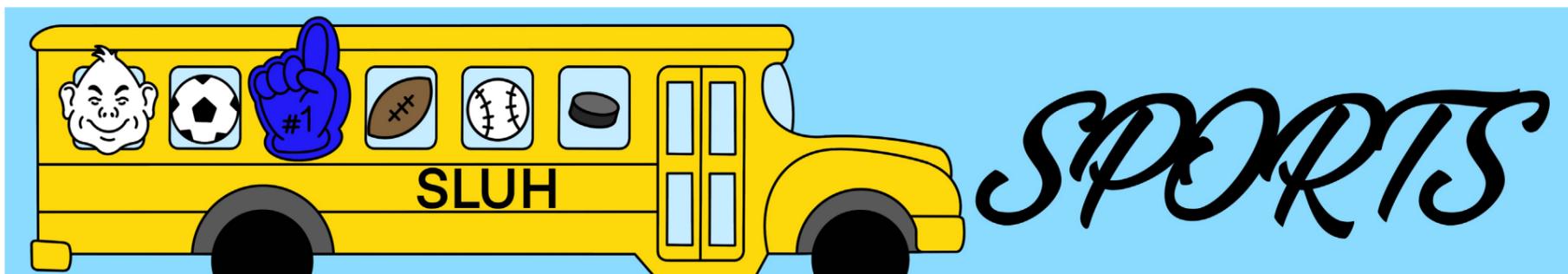
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Soccer still perfect after Kentucky trip; ranked 10th in the nation

BY NATHAN RICH
REPORTER

The news of SLUH Soccer is quickly spreading outside the city. After weeks of dominating both public and private high schools around St. Louis, the Jr. Bills (12-0-1) took their talents on the road last weekend, sweeping through the River Region Rumble in Paducah, KY. Now, as the wins keep adding up, a recent poll from United Soccer Coaches even has SLUH Soccer ranked at 10th in the nation. With national recognition now under their belts, the Jr. Bills are preparing to carry their momentum on through the final half of the season.

The Jr. Bill's Friday match against Henry Clay

High School was a game of firsts for the team. Not only was it their first game outside of Missouri or Illinois under the leadership of Coach Bob O'Connell, it was also their first time heading into half-time down by a goal.

With 11 minutes left in the first half, Henry Clay, on their only real opportunity of the night, buried a shot past sophomore goalie Chris Lewis. The Jr. Bills, on the other hand, found themselves with several opportunities in the first half, but nothing to show for it. As the whistle signalled half time, SLUH marched to the bench in unfamiliar territory. Still, no one was concerned.

"I think everybody felt like the goal was coming because we created a lot

of chances in the first half," said junior midfielder Lucas Hammond. "In the huddle we were all saying 'keep your head up, it's coming.'"

The goals did indeed come in the second half. After getting tripped up in the box 10 minutes into the half, senior Stephen Saladin had the chance to tie the game on a penalty kick. Saladin stepped up to the ball and rocketed it past the Henry Clay keeper, who dove in the opposite direction of the shot.

Saladin's penalty opened the floodgates for SLUH. In the following 17 minutes, the Jr. Bills found the back of the net 4 other times. Saladin and fellow forward Johnnie Ferrara led the onslaught. Saladin ended the game with a hat trick after another pen-

alty kick and a breakaway shot that seemed too easy. Ferrara scored the other two goals, each within two minutes of the other.

By the end of the match against Henry Clay, SLUH had changed the game radically. Although not reflected largely in the statline, a big part of that was Hammond, who excelled through the middle of the field on Friday night, dribbling past defenders for much of the game.

"I think I helped the attack and created chances," Hammond reflected. "I was kind of disappointed that I didn't score because I think this was my best performance of the season. Everybody played amazing."

Hammond earned an assist on Ferrara's second goal, which put SLUH up by 2.

With Henry Clay solidly in the win column, the Jr. Bills turned their attention to Saturday's match against Reitz Memorial, a team out of Indiana. In one of their hardest fought games of the season, SLUH pulled out a 2-0 win over a team with a strong defense.

Once again, the scoring was opened by a Saladin penalty kick. This time, it came off a foul against sophomore defenseman Gabe Hafner. Hafner, who had managed to push the ball all the way upfield from his spot on defense, was taken to the ground by a Reitz defender, practically

gifting a goal to the Jr. Bills. With 17 minutes left in the game, SLUH went up by one.

Three minutes later, junior Kevin Cooney notched his second goal of the season off a headball from senior captain Tyler Van Bree, finalizing the win.

With their record still perfect after the Kentucky trip, the Jr. Bills loaded onto the bus for a cheerful ride home. On the ride, news circulated about SLUH's impressive national rank. O'Connell appreciated the recognition, but the ranking isn't really what he's after.

"All that stuff is fun and cool, but really our goal has always been to win the district tournament," he said. "I think all that stuff is somewhat arbitrary but it does recognize that we're having a good year and people are taking notice of it, which is always cool."

Still, O'Connell was happy with Kentucky play, and stressed that he would love to send his teams there in the future.

"I think travel is a great way to play some different teams and build team culture," said O'Connell. "There's so much value in being around each other for 48 hours and just focusing on soccer. For this experience, we got to play some really good teams that we don't usually see. The facilities and hospitality were outstanding."

After returning home Saturday evening, the Jr. Bills got little rest before having to take the field again. This past Tuesday, in the first match of the Jr. Billiken Classic, SLUH Soccer took the field against O'Fallon Township. The team was riding high after Kentucky, and it showed. Van Bree opened the scoring off an assist from Saladin, who proceeded to notch yet another penalty goal after that. Saladin's PK record is an impressive 5/5 this season so far. If SLUH is fouled in the box, a near automatic goal can be expected. Finally, senior Ben Ridgway added the winning goal with his head in the second half.

The 3-0 win was a strong statement to start the tournament, and as the season nears its halfway point, those continue to be important, even against teams that aren't nationally ranked.

"We want to make sure that regardless of the opponent, we're using that opportunity to get better. Winning for some teams is the bar of success so if you keep winning but we're not getting better, that's a concern. No team in soccer is ever going to be perfect," reflected O'Connell.

It may indeed be true that no team is perfect, but in the words of Johnnie Ferrara after the final Kentucky game: "this team is pretty freaking good."



Senior Captain Evan Yalavarthi dribbling against Reitz.

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Football's strong first half not enough to upset perennial powerhouse, CBC

BY COBY SPRATTE AND
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In a battle against CBC, the heavyweight of the MCC, SLUH found themselves in a surprisingly close game in the first half. Down only 21-24 against the Cadets heading into the locker room, hopes seemed high. They couldn't hold on, though. CBC controlled almost every remaining drive of the game and ran away with the score, winning 59-27.

The Jr. Billikens came out of the gate looking sloppy. Forced to punt on the opening drive of the game due to a fumble on a backwards pass, the punt unit allowed a big return that set up CBC in the red zone. Making a strong stand, though, the defense forced a field goal and got off the field down only 3-0.

The offense marched down the field and tried to punch it in, but they couldn't and ended up turning the ball over on downs.

CBC junior running back Jeremiyah Love, on the first play of their second drive, broke off an 84-yard touchdown which gave them an early 10-0 edge with 2:22 remaining in the first quarter.

The Cadets forced the Jr. Bills to punt once more, which set up the Cadets to notch their second heavy hitting touchdown of the night, a 55-yard pass from senior quarterback Patrick Heitert to sophomore Jeremiah McClellan, which put CBC up 17-0.

Despite the three-score deficit, the once-sputtering Jr. Bills offense finally punched back. On their first play of the ensuing drive, senior quarterback Luke Johnston connected with sophomore wide receiver Ryan Wingo for a 74-yard touchdown. This counterpunch narrowed the Bills' deficit to 10 with 9:52 remaining in the second quarter.

After the Jr. Billikens' defense forced their first three-and-out of the day, the offense took the field with a newfound confidence. SLUH marched down the field and capped off the drive with a 34-yard touchdown pass to Wingo, who gained the edge and simply outran five Cadet defenders to the pylon, just 118 seconds after his last score.

After the SLUH defense stepped up and forced a CBC punt, Johnston led the Jr. Bills down the length of the field on their third consecutive scoring drive. Again, the Jr. Bills

tacked on another touchdown, this time from a 10-yard run by senior running back Derrick Baker. After posting 21 unanswered points, the Jr. Bills had their first lead of the night: a lead they wish would have lasted longer.

The defense forced another quick CBC punt, but the offense's attempt to keep the momentum rolling was derailed by a holding penalty.

SLUH left 1:58 in the half for the Cadets to work with, which turned out to be an ample amount of time. They easily maneuvered through the Jr. Bill defense and capped off their drive with a 28-yard passing touchdown to McClellan for a 24-21 halftime lead.

Despite this close and competitive score in the locker room, CBC outplayed the Jr. Bills in the second half straight from the get go.

"We weren't in the right frame of mind coming out of half," said Johnston. "The first half we were cool and organized, but then, as the game went on, we let emotions get the best of us."

The Cadets returned the opening kickoff 97 yards for a touchdown to increase their lead to 10 points, stealing all the momentum in the process.

SLUH's first two second half drives resulted in interceptions over the middle of the field, and the Cadets capitalized with 49- and 26-yard rushing touchdowns to extend their lead to 45-21.

"I think it was just a loss of momentum," senior safety Philip Bone said. "We let them have a few big plays which kind of turned into a snowball effect for the whole team."

The Jr. Bills scratched six more points across the board with a 5-yard touchdown pass to junior Zach Ortwerth late in the third quarter, but by then the result was all but officially decided.

The Jr. Billiken offense

sputtered throughout the remainder of the game and the Cadets picked up two fourth quarter scores en route to winning the game 59-27.

Facing a ton of pressure from the opposing line, Johnston finished the day 18 of 34 passing for 286 yards along with 3 touchdowns and 2 interceptions.

Baker, although starting slower than usual, recorded 118 rushing yards and a touchdown at a clip of 5.36 yards per carry.

Wingo recorded his season high in both catches and receiving yards, leading the receiving core with 8 catches for 187 yards. Yet, despite his

season-best receiving performance, Wingo wasn't satisfied with the game's outcome.

"I don't like losing, so no matter what the score is, I'm going to keep trying my best," said Wingo.

Looking to bounce back from their gut-wrenching loss against CBC, the Jr. Billikens will shift their attention to Lift for Life (3-2), the 10th ranked team in the area small school rankings.

SLUH will celebrate the team's seniors tonight in their last regular season home game of the season, kicking off at 6:25 p.m.



Senior Derrick Baker against CBC Friday night.

photo | Mac Southern

Swimming snags second at Mizzou Invitational in Columbia

BY ALEX WENTZ
REPORTER

Engulfed in foreign seas and surrounded by a jungle of black and yellow, the St. Louis U. High swim team fought tooth and fin to emerge with new hardware. Last Saturday, the swimmers traveled to Columbia, Mo. to compete in Mizzou's massive swimming facility. The Jr. Bills tied the Rockhurst Hawks, last year's State Champions, for second place, an unexpectedly fantastic outcome.

"We're very happy with where we placed," said assistant coach Jason Chumley. "Rockhurst placed a lot higher than us last year at State, so we did very well, even being just 38 points behind (the first place team) Lee's Summit West. I think we achieved our goal in placing high, maybe even over-achieving in that area. We're coming off of that meet feeling very confident."

The team's most outstanding event was the 500 yard freestyle, being the only event in which all four of the Jr. Bill entrants scored points (top 16 places earn points). Senior Ned Mehmeti led the charge with an astounding performance of 4:48.87, dropping nearly three seconds off of his seed time, and earning him 6th place. Following suit, freshman Jaden Yarbrough rocketed into the wall, swimming the 500 in 4:49:28, five seconds quicker than his seed time

and earning him 11th place. With the most significant improvement of any of the distance dudes, freshman Greyson Mueller lowered his time by seven seconds, clocking a 5:03.38 and coming in 14th place. To finish off the endurance quartet junior Brendan Schroeder glided into 16th place by just 0.41 seconds, finishing with a time of 5:08.36.

"My favorite (part of the meet) was honestly watching the 500 swimmers swim," said senior Brody Nester. "Jaden and Greyson both dropped a ton of time, and everyone was really impressive. They all swam great."

Mehmeti continued to conquer the 200 individual medley, dropping four seconds, and laying claim to the 6th place medal with a 1:58.82. Freshman Ben Chumley revealed the fruits of his arduous labor in the 200 IM as well, shaving off almost three seconds, and scoring the team points at 15th place. Coming off of a detrimental knee injury, junior Gavin Baldes was barely left out of finals with a 17th place finish, but his performance being so close to the threshold bodes well for the state meet.

The SLUH squad was strong in both endurance and sprinting events, with junior Jason Cabra (6th place) and senior Jonas Hostetler (7th place) both emerging with lightning quick speed in the 50 freestyle.

All the while, the Jr. Bills

were maintaining their comradery, cheering each other on with everything they had.

"The team had really high spirits," said Nester. "We always had five or six people behind each block to cheer on the swimmer. We all dropped a ton of time and I think part of that is from the cheering. The swimmers could even hear us underwater because we were so loud."

Like a torpedo, the Jr. Bills shot through the water in order to destroy their enemies. Chumley once again put on an impressive performance, coming in 13th place while dropping 2.5 seconds off of his 100 backstroke, landing him a 57.27. For the second time this season senior Cooper Scharff has made history, shattering both the meet record as well as his own school record in the 100 back, walking away with a gold medal after a blazing fast 49.23 second swim.

"(My favorite event to watch) was Cooper's 100 back," said Yarbrough. "It was so much fun to watch, and great to see him win. I just liked watching him swim so fast."

Continuing the trend of record-breaking feats of skill, senior Sebastian Lawrence destroyed the meet's diving record, tallying up a score of 523.75 to claim first place for the second year in a row, confirming that his aerial elegance is absolutely unmatched.

The U. High swimmers especially shined in the re-



Swimmers celebrating their second place finish.

photo | Tricia Nester

lays of the meet, fueled by their dedication to their brothers in blue. The 200 medley relay, composed of Scharff on back, Mehmeti on breast, Hostetler on fly, and Cabra on free, kicked off the meet with a third place finish and dropped 1.5 seconds off of their overall time.

Made up entirely of upperclassmen, the 200 freestyle relay came in clutch to drop 4.33 seconds off of their seed time. All fighting with everything they had, sophomore Henry Unger, junior Gavin Baldes, junior Solomon Shelton, and sophomore Kearney Foy combined their efforts to earn 7th place.

The finale of the meet was the 400 freestyle relay. The Avengers are a powerful team, but this squad of Hostetler, Cabra, Mehmeti, and Scharff may be even

more formidable. That team dominated all competition, seemingly imbued with the spirit of a great white they barreled their way to a first place finish with a time of 3:11.31. By the end of the race no one on the swim team was seated, for they were cheering as loud as possible, arms interlocked, behind the block of this great squad.

"After winning the 400 free relay, we all crowded (behind the lane) and started cheering, and that was easily the best part of the meet," said freshman Luke Gill.

"Certainly my number one favorite event to watch was the 4x100 free relay," agreed Chumley. "We were able to beat our top competitor, Rockhurst, and not only beat them, but make them get third, ultimately allowing us to tie."

Coming off of the fantastic finish, the St. Louis U. High swim team has a week with no meets, meaning they can focus entirely on training. This week has been all about pushing the limits of what each swimmer can do as the state meet quickly approaches. Now that the team has summited the Everest of the Columbia Meet, they set their sights on the stars, a State Championship.

"We need to focus on building our endurance and refining our technique," said Chumley. "Our turns were a little slow and we need to get that going. In a 100 free we have three turns, in a 200 you've got seven, so if you nail your turns you are already half of a body length ahead of your competitors, so that is super important."

Top XC runners enjoy out-of-state success at Palatine, JV dominates Fox Invitational

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The SLUH XC team was divided among two different meets last weekend, with the top 14 runners travelling all the way to Palatine, Ill. to compete in one of the most stacked meets in the whole state. The rest of the runners got to show off their skills at Fox's Ed White Invitational at Arnold City Park.

Despite racing their V3 squad in the varsity race at the Fox meet, the Jr. Bills were able to secure a second place team finish, losing only to Parkway Central. SLUH had three medalists in the varsity division with their pack being led by Lucas Rammacher who ran 18:08 and finished in 17th place. He was closely followed by Cody Cox (18:10; 18th) and Brendan Jones (18:17; 24th). Senior Flynn O'Connell (18:22; 27th) and freshman Gus Talleur (18:23; 29th) completed the top five scorers for Jr. Bills. Junior Nicholas Purschke (45th) and senior Tad Gray (57th) rounded out the varsity runners on the day. All the members of the varsity team that ran at Fox were able to set a new personal record or season best.

"I think we ran really well as a pack and were able to

push each other all the way to the finish," said Rammacher. "I was able to stay really mentally tough throughout the race and move up all the way until the end."

This year's JV event was split into two different races because of Covid, with the first allowing 10 individuals from each team to compete and the second allowing everyone else to race. SLUH won the first JV race by an astounding 120-plus point margin, medaling seven runners. In third place Gabe Sullivan finished first for SLUH closely followed by Tyler Barks (4th), Charlie Gray (5th), Alex Mitterdorf (6th) and Gavin Lawhorn (9th), all running between 18:37 and 19:03.

"I feel like they competed very well and worked very well together to move up as a pack," said head coach Joe Porter. "It really shows just how deep our team is this year and how even when you take our fourth seven we can still win by over 120 points and take down some really good JV teams in the area."

The second JV race was a much closer battle but the Jr. Bills were still able to come out on top, beating Webster's top JV team by five points. SLUH was able to medal 12 runners in this division, placing six runners in the top 10.

Overall on the day SLUH had a total of 46 personal records, nine season bests, and 22 medalists.

While other athletes were performing at the Ed White Invitational, the top 14 Jr. Bills traveled with coaches Porter and Gilmore to take on top competition at the Palatine Cross Country Invitational. After running the course on Friday, the team prepared for the Saturday morning races on a flat but winding course.

In the varsity race, Sean Kellogg (15:46; 33rd) and Grant Brawley (15:52; 43rd) had impressive races, with each earning a large PR (personal record) or SB (season best). Close behind, Baker Pashea (52nd) also managed to put up an impressive time and keep his race under 16 minutes. Justin Glass (16:06; 69th) and Joe LaBarge (16:12; 75th) closed out the scoring five, and junior Wyatt Seal (16:26) finished close behind and posted an impressive 14-second PR.

Overall, the varsity team finished 9th of 29 teams at the ultra-competitive meet against 23 top-ranked Illinois teams. Although not its best finish, the 9th place finish is Jr. Bills' fifth best varsity placement since they started attending the meet in 2010.

"I thought the team ran

really well, worked on getting out well, and pushed the middle mile," senior Grant Brawley remarked. "I'm very confident with where the team is at this point in the season."

In the JV division SLUH demonstrated its unprecedented depth and dominance over many top Illinois teams. Its second place finish is the highest JV finish that the SLUH cross country team has seen at the meet and a statement about SLUH's incredible JV team.

Tim Greiner (16:26) led off the scoring running just behind the top pack and posted an elite 5th place finish against a field of strong runners. Sophomores Mason Scargall (16:30; 9th) and Charlie Murray (16:39; 15th) crossed the finish line close behind. Will Riggan and Francis Alford rounded out the scoring five both with strong races, finishing just outside the top 20.

"It was nice to travel with the team again and race against some different competition," Tim Greiner noted summarizing the meet. "The race conditions were ideal to run fast times, and as a team coming out of that meet with lots of PRs and new racing experience, it was definitely a win in my eyes."

Underclassmen Briefs

C Soccer

9/29-Lindbergh
SLUH 0 1 1
Lindbergh 3 0 3
Goals: Jose Rincon (1)

9/28-Mehlville

SLUH 2 3 5
Mehlville 1 0 1
Goals: Jose Rincon (1), Max Tieber (1), Niko Vojacic (2), Jacob White (1)

B Soccer

9/28-Mehlville
SLUH 8 1 9
Mehlville 1 0 1
Goals: Connor Drozda (1), Ben Sluhan (2), Keegan Kesterson (2), Ben Begley (1), Keegan Leesman (1), Sam Hernandez (1), Jack McGaughey (1)

JV Soccer

9/27-Kirkwood
SLUH 0 1 1
Kirkwood 0 0 0
Goals: Emmett Gallardo (1)

9/29-Lindbergh

SLUH 1 0 1
Lindbergh 1 1 2
Goals: Jake McCarthy (1)

B Football

9/9-CBC
SLUH 16
CBC 40
Touchdowns: Nathan Gunn (1), Van Mohler (1)

Hole in One!

Congratulations to sophomore Miles Rittenhouse, who recorded his first ever Hole in One on Tuesday during Intramural golf. He used an 8-iron on #9 Hawthorne.



photo | courtesy of Miles Rittenhouse

Around the Hallways

Fire Alarm

On Wednesday, Sept. 29, SLUH students' ears rang as the fire alarm screamed at them to exit the school and make their way onto the football field with their collective homerooms. Happening for the second time this year, SLUH students are getting used to making their way out of class and onto the football field.

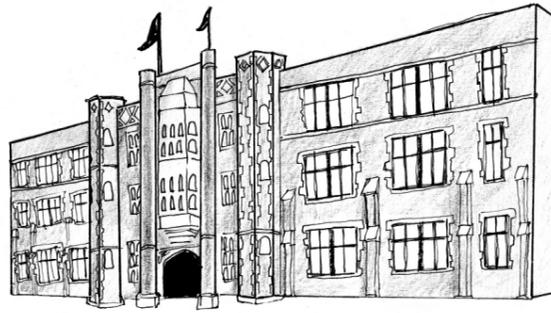
Sophomore Class Mass

On Sept. 29, sophomores celebrated their first class Mass of the year. Organized by the Sophomore Pastoral Team and led by Fr. Matthew

Stewart SJ, the sophomores united as a class through prayer and song. Stewart delivered a riveting homily on the archangels Micheal, Gabriel, and Raphael, and the sophomore class left with a newly invigorated spirit.

Shadows are Back

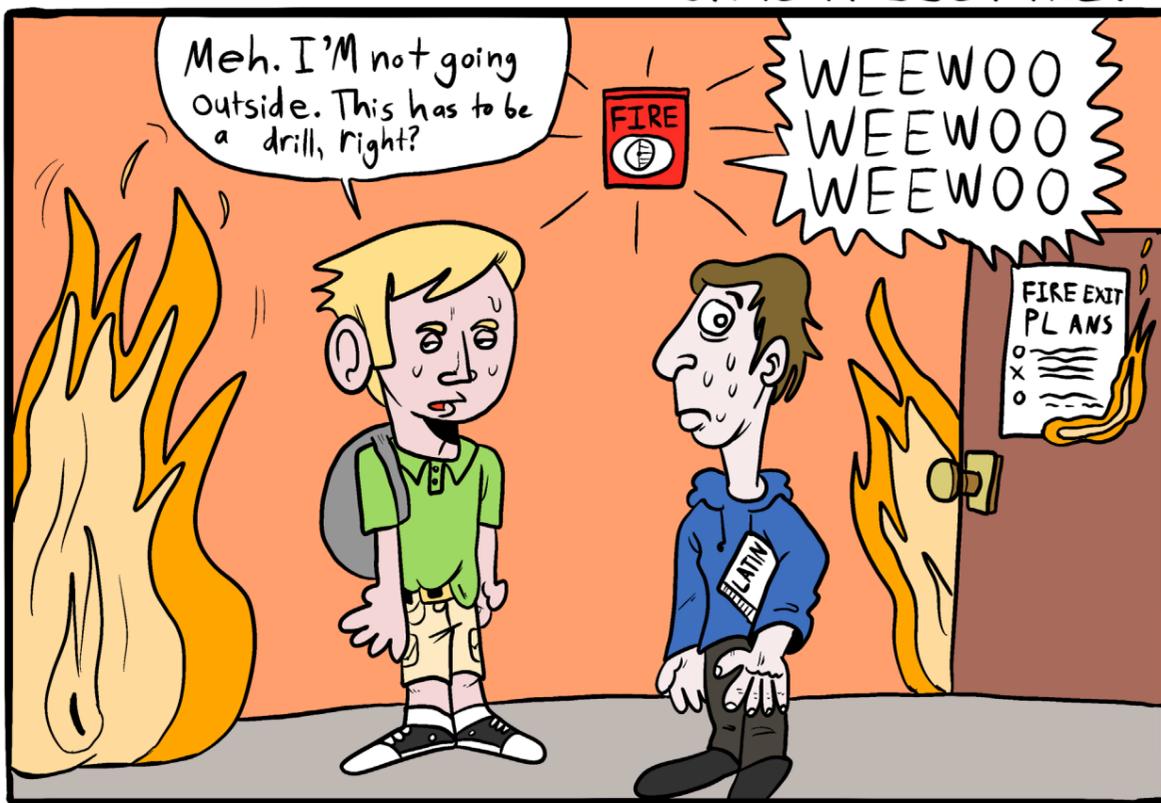
For the first time since 2019, shadows are back in the building! Seventh and eighth graders interested in attending SLUH are once again able to spend a morning on campus following their shadow hosts around until lunch. This year, for the first



time ever sophomores are also allowed to volunteer as hosts. Shadow days are really important in high school choice, so if you see a shadow around the halls give them a friendly wave and show some school spirit!
—Compiled by Roarke Unrau and Aidan Kane, News Editor, Reporter

SLUHsERS 6:

IS IT HOT IN HERE OR IS IT JUST ME?



SLUHsers | Jude Reed

Confessions will be available for all students during Studium on Thursday Oct. 7

All are welcome and encouraged to come recieve God's mercy!

Esports Update

Varsity blue vs Hickman (1-3),
Varsity white vs Lee's Summit West (3-1)
All matches were close, 3 overtime games
JV, forfeited
Matches every Tuesday @4 via Twitch

Calendar

Friday, October 1 B Day - Late Start Schedule

50th Reunion (1971)
Department Meetings
First Friday Mass
ACTIVITY PERIOD Saint Louis University
LUNCH Special - Grilled Salmon
Vegetarian - Grilled Vegetable Pasta
7:50AM SLUH Community First Friday Mass
4:30PM JV Tournamnet vs Parkway South (Lindbergh Tournament)
4:30PM C Soccer vs John Burroughs
6:15PM Varsity Football vs Lift For life Academy

Saturday, October 2

1970 Sate Championship Football 50th Anniversary
9:00AM Lindbergh Swimming Inventational
9:00AM Cross Country (C/B/JV/V) @ Parkway West Inventational
12:00PM Varsity Soccer Jr. Billiken Classic (vs FZS)

Sunday, October 3

11:00AM MC Club Fall Social

Monday, October 4

A Day

Pre-tenure Ignatian Seminar
STUDIUM Tulane University
LUNCH Special - Beef Pot Roast
Vegetarian - Chessy Lasagna Pinwheel
4:30PM B Team Football vs Lift For Life Academy

Tuesday, October 5

B Day

Pre-tenure Ignatian Seminar
LUNCH Special - General Tso Chicken
Vegetarian - Vegetable Lo Mein
10:05AM Junior Class Meeting (Ring Presentation)
3:30PM Swimming vs Parkway West/Liberty
4:15PM B Team Soccer vs Chaminade
6:00PM Varsity Soccer vs Chaminade
6:00PM Senior Parent FAFSA Night-zoom

Wednesday, October 6

A Day

Choir Rehearsal
STUDIUM Creighton Univerity
LUNCH Special - Chicken Parmesan
Vegetarian - Cheese Ravioli
5:00PM JV Soccer vs Jackson

Thursday, October 7

B Day

Senior Class Meeting (Graduation Order Presentation)
ACTIVITY PERIOD Illinois Wesleyan University, Xavier University, Marquette University
LUNCH Special - Beef Chimichanga
Vegetarian - Baked Manicotti
4:00PM MCC Cross Country Championships (C/JV/V)
4:00PM JV Soccer vs De Smet
5:00PM Varsity Soccer vs Helias Catholic
5:30PM C Team Soccer vs DeSmet (White)

calendar | Ben Croat

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