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A New Look for Cathedral Prep



Cathedral Prep's new front sign, installed June 20th, 2014.

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By Aidan Birth

When Fr. Fonti came in as Rector-President back in September, we were told to expect a lot of change. When we come back in September, we will notice a different looking Cathedral Prep. Over this summer, there will be a renovation of the library, roof, and lockers, as well as new signs for the building.

The Queens campus of Cathedral Prep is just over fifty years old. The rooms, lockers, and roof are also fifty years old. It is time to usher in some change.

The first thing we will notice in September is the modern new signage at the front and side of the building, hopefully making the building more noticeable to people going by.

When we enter, we will be met by a new library. As many students have seen, renovation of the library has already begun. Many shelves and books have been moved up to the classrooms. It may look very messy right now, but these are the early signs of the renovation. The new library will have a media

room, complete with computers and space for other electronic devices, a board room for faculty and administration to meet, a quiet room for studying, homework, and group work. The quiet room will have couches, chairs, and cubicles for studying.

The second thing we will notice will be the new lockers. The current lockers may hold personal memories; some we would rather forget. These lockers will be replaced with new, 18-inch wide lockers with enough space for book bags, coats, and books.

During chapel this year, at times a student may feel a pre-Mass blessing of holy water from Heaven. It is really from a leak in the building's roof. The current roof will be removed and replaced with a new one for the entire building.

Though we may see a different Cathedral Prep this September, it will still fundamentally be the same. It remains a Catholic high school that encourages its students to strive for greatness and discern our vocation in life.



"Give me the courage to strive for the highest goals, to flee every temptation to be mediocre."

Gun Violence

By Nicholas Telesco

Every week, a student loses a friend, not for some petty reason, but because of gun violence. After the tragic 2012 shooting in Newtown, Connecticut, which left 26 people dead, there have been 74 more school shootings; nearly one every week. The last school shooting occurred a little over a week ago in Oregon and left a fourteen-year-old student dead. The shooter was only fifteen years old. While all of these school shootings have occurred, Congress has done nothing to support gun control. President Obama said, “Our levels of gun violence are off the charts. There’s no advanced, developed country on Earth that would put up with this. Most members of Congress are “terrified” of the National Rifle Association.”

A poll found that 84% of moderates and 72% of conservatives support a federal law requiring background checks. The fact is that there are too many guns in America: nearly 314 million guns, more than one for every adult. The United States owns 35-50% of all guns in the world, but only 5% of the population. Thirty-four states have little or no gun laws, meaning a mentally unstable person can go buy a gun in a state like Utah, and then commit mass murder anywhere. Also, as-

sault weapons, like the Bushmaster 15, which was used in the Newtown shooting, costs \$26 for a 40-round magazine. Nearly 10,000 people are murdered because of guns every year, and every day 278 people are shot.

While most believe that the Second Amendment gives them the right to “bear arms,” this isn’t completely accurate. The Second Amendment reads, “A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.” Chief Supreme Justice Warren Burger said, “The real purpose of the Second Amendment was to ensure that state armies—the militias—would be maintained for the defense of the state. The very language of the Second Amendment refutes any argument that it was intended to guarantee every citizen an unfettered right to any kind of weapon he or she desires.”

The other arguments in favor of gun rights are that guns don’t kill people, people kill people; guns are needed to stand up to a tyrannical government; and that a good guy with a gun can defeat a bad guy with a gun. While the first argument is kind of correct, the whole purpose of a gun is to kill. Guns don’t

do anything other than kill people or animals. The second argument is ridiculous; the belief that a few guns could protect you from a tyrannical United States government, with all the nuclear weapons, guns, tanks, drones, and more, is ludicrous. The last argument is also false; in the Tuscon, Arizona shooting, which left six people dead, a good guy with a gun did shoot, but almost killed the unarmed man who stopped the shooter. In the Virginia Tech shooting, which left 32 people dead, there was a good guy with a gun, but he did nothing to stop the shooting.

The fact is that these shootings will happen more and more until something is finally done to prevent them.

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B-Mac Heart Attack?

By Tyler Flannery

Just a few weeks into office, and a tragic event has already taken place. Our very own leader, Student Council President Mr. Brian McCormack, has “moved on,” as the doctors like to put it. Cause of death? The autopsy has yet to come in, but the conspiracy theories continue to spread through the hallways of Cathedral Prep. Who would commit such a heinous crime? It seems to be that brotherhood does know one color: red.

Investigators have been on the scene, and many accusations have been made. Could it have been his very own vice president? When push comes to shove, people are willing to do whatever it takes to get the power into their own hands. What if it was his very own competitors? Possibly an enthusiast for the “Brunch on Wednesdays” idea? With all of the newly gained popularity, any member of the Cathedral Prep community could be responsible for this. Perhaps one

of our very own United States enthusiasts decided to make a move after Brian mistakenly started announcements without saying the Pledge of Allegiance for the twenty-first time. Not only was Brian caught ignoring the Pledge, he has also been overheard singing the North Korean national anthem. As they say in North Korea, “Mom gwa mam ta pach’yo, I, choson kiri pattuse.” In fact, he allegedly has a Putin poster hanging in his locker! Looks like Putin really does follow you wherever you are.

But the investigators have found that the murder of our very own Student Council president was not done by his vice president, his competitors, or a crazed American enthusiast. The cause of death seems to be from stress caused by finals week! But the question becomes: Which teacher has caused this incredible stress that has lead to President McCormack’s untimely demise? Tune in to the next issue of *The Current* to find out.



Brian McCormack, Student Council President of Cathedral Prep, found dead on a park bench. *Note: No students were harmed in the writing of this article.*



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"The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future in life."

Plato

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Sudoku

	5	7	2	8				1
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		2						
		3		7				5
			8	4				
	7	1	3					
	9				6			
	6			2	1			8

SAT Question of the Day

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Can you answer it?

Choose the word or set of words that, when inserted in the sentence, **best** fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

The _____ of drug-resistant strains of bacteria and viruses has _____ researchers' hopes that permanent victories against many diseases have been achieved.

- (A) vigor . . corroborated
- (B) feebleness . . dashed
- (C) proliferation . . blighted
- (D) destruction . . disputed
- (E) disappearance . . frustrated