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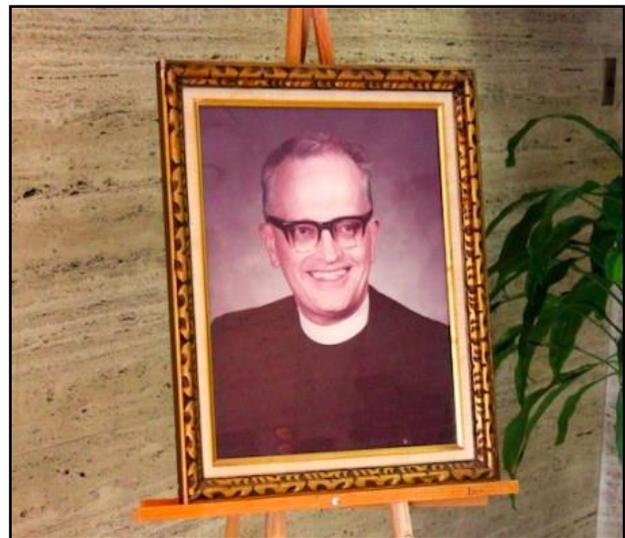
FATHER TROIKE PROGRAM TRAINS FUTURE LEADERS

By Nicholas Telesco

There are many events integral to summer, and for Cathedral one of those events is the Father Troike Leadership Program. The Father Troike Program is a summer program designed to represent the spiritual, academic, and athletic life at Cathedral. The academic portion of the program is especially pertinent to the incoming freshmen, as it gives them a look at what their academic life will be for the next four years. Many of the incoming freshmen enjoyed the academic part, and learned new things. Mario Olmedo said, "I learned more grammar than I did at my grammar school," and Steven Arundel said, "Even though I don't like learning in the summer, I got to meet my future teachers and make friends."

In addition to the incoming freshmen, there are 7th, and 8th graders. The 7th graders were given a taste of what high school life is like, as they will start the process of touring high schools soon. Those who were in the 8th grade program focused on preparing for the TACHS exam that they will take in November.

Even though the teachers and faculty may see academics as the most important thing, all of the students greatly enjoy the athletic portion. Every afternoon, the students played against one another in basketball and softball.



The most important game was the basketball championship, which saw the undefeated Stormtroopers play against the Sith. It was a tense back and forth game, and anyone could have won. In the end, the undefeated Stormtroopers were finally defeated, only losing by one point. Aside from the Championship, the other important and fun athletic event was the Counselors vs. Students game, which saw the Counselors win by four points. Overall it was another successful summer at the Father Troike Program, and many more are bound to come.

Vianney Program and Resource Gives Extra Support to Students

By Aidan Birth

Over the summer, Cathedral Prep started a new program for academic support called the Vianney Program. This program is designed to help students with a lack of foundation in certain subject areas, especially Math and English. This program replaces what was known as the B-class.

Mr. Diaz says, “The idea for the program came from the faculty. It came from many years of students coming in not necessarily having the foundation in subjects such as English and Math. It was Fr. Kuroly who named it after St. John Vianney.” St. John Vianney himself had many academic struggles, but constantly worked to succeed. This is the idea of the program—to take students who may struggle more capable in certain academic areas and help them succeed and reach greatness.

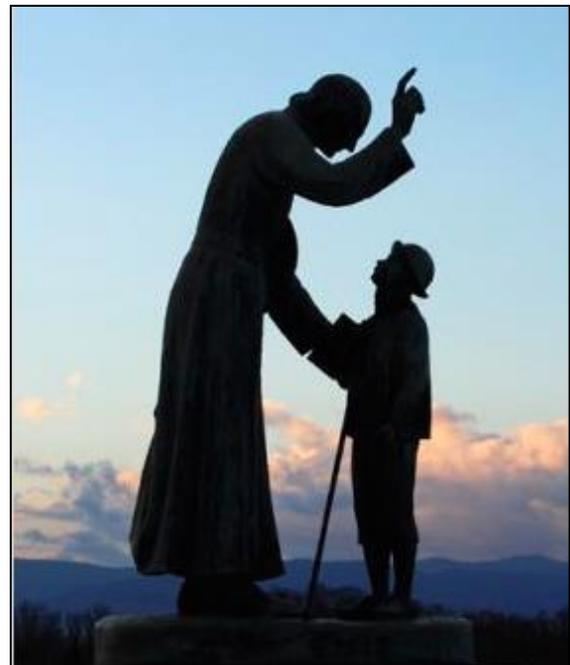
In addition to the Vianney Program, there is another system of support called the Resource Room. Ms. McDonough, who coordinates the Vianney Program and the Resource Room, says, “The Resource Room is a separate program. It is a selected number of students picked by the faculty who thought those students might need extra help in learning how to study, take notes, and do other things. Six to nine students are taken out at a time to give them this extra help.”

According to Mr. Diaz, “The most immediate goal for next year is to have the Vianney Program for the Upper House and of course to insure the growth and success of the Lower House Program we started.” This means that those who are in Regents level classes this year will become part of the Vianney Program.

Though this program is designed to give extra help, it will still provide a challenge to students. Ms. McDonough says, “The Vianney Program will still be a challenging program, but we

hope it gives the students extra motivation.” It is emphasized that this program is designed to help the students figure out ways to work and study better and more effectively, not for the teachers in the program to do the work for the students.

Like everything else in Cathedral, the key is support. Mr. Diaz, as well as the rest of the faculty, emphasizes that they are always around to support the students; this has been emphasized by the administration and will continue to be emphasized. Mr. Diaz expresses thanks to Ms. McDonough for leading the program and to the faculty for assisting and supporting it. The Resource Room and the Vianney Program are sure to be some of the many things at Cathedral Prep to help support students in becoming men for greatness.



GOP DEBATE

A few weeks ago, the Republican presidential candidates held their second debate. Some of the candidates were winners and had stellar performances, while others were losers and had lackluster performances. Here, the writers of *The Current* will offer their opinions on how the candidates performed.

Rand Paul- The debate did not start off very well for Rand Paul as Donald Trump said Paul shouldn't be on the stage because he is only polling at 1%. This set the tone for a lot of Rand Paul's debate: attacking the other candidates or the candidates attacking him. For instance, Rand Paul criticized Jeb Bush's use of marijuana to which Jeb responded that he has apologized and that it was forty years ago in high school anyway. Rand Paul also revealed some of his libertarian ideas, most notably his opposition to any war in Syria and not rejecting the Iran deal immediately. Though Rand Paul tried to make an impression with the voters, he did come up a bit short. *Written by Aidan Birth*

Mike Huckabee- Mike Huckabee did okay in his debate. Huckabee stood out when it came to morals, most notably Kim Davis, the Kentucky county clerk who was jailed for refusing to hand out marriage licenses to gay couples. On this issue, Huckabee said, "I thought everyone passes 9th grade civics; the court cannot legislate." Huckabee also said that 75% of voters in Kentucky voted Davis into this office; his point was if so many people disagreed with Davis about her ideas, then why is she in this position anyway. Otherwise, Huckabee did not have any standout moments, meaning this debate will likely help him only slightly. *Written by Aidan Birth*

Ted Cruz- In the second Republican presidential debate, Senator Cruz did relatively well. Cruz did give good and valid points, especially on Planned Parenthood in that they should not be selling the body parts of unborn infants to make profit. Along with these points, Cruz did very well as a speaker in the debate getting his views and points straight to the American people. If you are thinking which one of these candidates might win, I would put Ted Cruz on the top of my list. *Written by Kendryll Corpus*

Marco Rubio- In the latest Republican presidential debate, Marco Rubio was outstanding! Marco Rubio spoke with great emotion during the debate. He answered each question clearly and completely. He had immense knowledge on both domestic and international problems. This is what makes me #Rubio2016. *Written by Matthew Panico*

John Kasich- In the Republican Presidential Debate, there were many stars—Trump, Fiorina, and Christie among them. Ohio governor John Kasich, however, was not one of those stars. Kasich was extremely passive, therefore not being able to speak as much as the other candidates. Kasich rarely gave new ideas or policies, and his speaking style left much to be desired—his hand movements make him look like a maniac and he rarely made eye contact with the camera. With these reasons, it's not even remotely shocking that Kasich is polling so low. *Written by Nick Telesco*

Carly Fiorina- Out of nowhere comes this intimidating woman with a grim look on her face, and before we know it she's attacking the Republican front-runners—Donald Trump and Jeb Bush. This is what most people watching the last Republican debate thought when Carly Fiorina stepped on stage. Her concise answers and cool composure showed viewers that she had the ambition and potential to be this country's next president. She was no longer on the "B Team," and in the days since the debate, her numbers in the polls have surged upwards, and she is starting to gain a serious following. Beware of the underdog, my friends. *Written by Alex Matuszewski*



Ben Carson—Even though Carson’s comments regarding a Muslim president might have hurt him, money has been coming from all sides for Carson. Considered an outsider, politically speaking, Carson has been holding very steady throughout the race. Obviously no Trump, Carson manages to get his message across in a more subtle way as seen in the last GOP debate. The question is, will he maintain these nice poll numbers? *Written Paulo Salazar*

Jeb Bush—Jeb Bush slammed Planned Parenthood during the debates, stating that “I’m not sure we need half a billion dollars for women’s health issues,” referring to the large amount of money spent on health for low-income women. This came under fire later when he stated he misspoke. Unfortunately, Hillary Clinton portrayed him as insensitive to the needs of women. The game of politics is a fragile one, and one word or slip of the tongue can spell disaster. *Written by Manuel Pamposa.*

Chris Christie—While having a solid performance at the debate, Christie did have some flaws. One flaw was that he slouched over the podium while speaking. Besides the one major flaw, he had many strengths. One was that he knew a lot about domestic policy and was confident when speaking about his experience governing New Jersey. *Written by A. J. Santagata*

Donald Trump—Donald J. Trump was a very unclear candidate in the most recent GOP debate. He had both memorable highlights as well as lowlights. However, as the front-runner trying to hold on to the lead as retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson's numbers grow, it's difficult to see how Trump wasn't at least partially wounded by this performance. Trump also stumbled in responding to Fiorina's deft answer to his comments about her face, awkwardly calling her "beautiful" after suggesting her looks would keep Americans from voting for her. In the end Trump was not a strong presence in this debate. *Written by Brendan O'Leary*

POPE FRANCIS VISITS THE U.S.

By Brendan O'Leary

It was an historic visit to the U.S that spanned six days and three major cities, and had more than twenty addresses. Pope Francis’s visit to the U.S has really stirred up a great number of conversations here. His speeches at Congress, the United Nations, Independence Hall, and the 9/11 Memorial and Museum have inspired countless Americans. He celebrated masses, spoke to children and immigrant families at Our Lady Queen of Angels in East Harlem, met with inmates in a Philadelphia prison, and spoke to sexual abuse victims. His visit may not have lasted very long, but his impact will.

Days have gone by since the Pope left our country, yet he is still the topic of conversation. Hundreds of thousands of people from all different backgrounds came out just to get a glimpse of his holiness. You could hear the roar of people from all around the city as people cheered for him. He spoke about his vision for a better future, and how it is through Jesus that we can achieve this future. The Pope also offered a strong encouragement of Iran's agreement with the United States and five other world powers to limit its nuclear program.

Friday evening, he led a massive parade through Central Park, past a crowd of about 80,000 people, and held Mass at Madison Square Garden, a site usually reserved for basketball games and rock concerts, but this time it was the scene of a service celebrating New York and all of its diversity. It is clear that New York, as well as the entire U.S, loves Pope Francis.

A Look into Cathedral Prep Sports

Let's Get a Kick Out of Soccer

By Anthony Santagata

The soccer team has already had its ups and downs, but it is still early as they are only three games into a season of twelve games, the longest season the team has had in the past four years. The team started off with a scrimmage game against Christ the King where they lost 6-2. Everyone enjoyed playing as it was good for the team to get "the feel of the game" back. The team moved on and scrimmaged Christo Rey after hard work and many practices. The team won 12-0, knowing that they were playing a team that was below the talent of their league.

The team went on to play their first league game against St. John's Prep where they lost 2-0. As a team, they reflected on the game and felt that they had the better of St. John's in the first half, but in the second half started to fall apart. As if the loss was not hard enough on the team, they also lost starting defender Connor Herrera, who sprained his ankle in the first half and will be unable to play for the next few weeks. The team still carried on to face Sacred Heart, who won the league championship last year, and tied them 1-1 with a spectacular late-game goal by Shane Wynne. Only two days later, the team versed Cardinal Hayes, who had eliminated Cathedral from the playoffs last year. The team picked up momentum and was aided by the pep rally and support of their fellow Crusaders and went on to beat Cardinal Hayes 2-0. The team has been working hard at practice, concentrating a lot on their passing, but also on their shooting and conditioning. The team is excited as they move forward in the season.

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LOVE GURU

*This year's Love Guru was selected by our first Love Guru,
Tomasz Portela. Blame him.—ed.*

My name is Kendryll Corpus, and I am currently in my Senior year. As the Love Guru, I see love as a purpose for two words—bonding and babies (according to Father Rodriguez). I will be giving love advice as long as the editor is paying me for each one I write. If you need that much help, or care to question me on my advice, you can either go suck on a lemon or email me at thecurrent@cathedralprep.org.

No one is paying Kendryll for his advice.—ed.

CATHEDRAL VISITS VIGON INTERNATIONAL

By Connor Herrera

On Friday, September 25th, nine students from Cathedral, Mr. Santos, and I took the subway to St Joseph's College, Brooklyn. We met up with a few representatives from the college and took a coach bus to East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. There we met Steve Sommers, the current owner of Vigon International, and the benefactor who funded our very own science lab. It is important to note that Vigon International is a leading manufacturer of flavors and fragrances, essential oils, natural ingredients, botanical extracts & aroma chemicals. When we first arrived, he graciously welcomed us and got to know our names as he gave us the agenda for the day. We took a short tour around the office, and was introduced to his staff; he knew everyone by name positions. The ten of us, and the St. Joseph's students, split up into two groups as we then toured his facility.



As we entered the lobby before the main factory and lab, a terrible odor hit all of us and wouldn't go away. We then went into the lab, and there were even worse odors. However, we got a chance to smell a clear liquid that smelled like bananas. Continuing our tour of the rest of the factory, each room had a different odor and most were bad; the employees said that they had gotten used to it. We ventured outside toward the distribution center. Unfortunately, since I was on crutches, I could not make the journey. When everyone returned we headed to the main cafeteria and ate pizza together as Steve talked about his life. He advised that everyone should follow their dreams just as he did even when people told him he wouldn't succeed. He also quizzed us on what we learned that day; what I remember is we should only fear fear itself, and safety first!

Brancale's World

By David Brancale

