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EXCLUSIVE La Boutique: Fashionista Faculty



The Fab Four “candidly” laughing.

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By KATIE SCHEMBRI '14

At St. Francis, we have many things. Brilliant students, tasty food (shout out to Mr. Efen for making those delicious cheesy flatbreads), a pretty campus, and one other thing. Hmmmm... What was it? Oh! I know, fashionable teachers. Although we have a really well-dressed staff at St. Francis, there are three teachers in particular that exceed all standards of what it means to dress for success and I got the inside scoop on where they shop, what they wear, and who their inspirations are. If you haven't guessed already, the three most fashionable of the staff on campus are Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Figeroid, and Mrs. Thomsen. You and I are totally on the same page. I asked them each the same questions, and here is the inside look at the most stylish staff!

1. Who is your fashion icon?

Figeroid: I wouldn't say I necessarily have an icon I look to, but I definitely gravitate toward classic '50's and '60's silhouettes. I also have a deep and abiding love for '80's neon's, although I have less chances to wear them. If I had to choose a person, I guess I would choose Grace Kelly. My favorite modern designer is Elie Saab—I love everything he makes!

Williams: Audrey Hepburn- she was such a classy, elegant lady in fashion and in life.

Thomsen: Women who keep it classy, especially young women who wear their skirts 3 inches above the knee, or longer!

everything. I wear scarves most days when it's chilly, and I often put my favorite brooch on my scarf: the rhinestone hair accessory I wore for my wedding and turned into a pin!
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2. How long does it take you to get

ready each day?

F: About 45 minutes, but I'm slow-moving in the mornings. I only wash my hair every couple days (dry shampoo for the win), but I either put it up in Velcro curlers for volume or use a curling iron on it most days. I can do hair and makeup in less than 20 minutes if I'm in a rush.

W: For work, 50 minutes to an hour. For a fancy event, FOREVER! 2 hours maybe?

T: 30 minutes on a work day, I slow my roll on the weekends

3. What's your favorite accessory?

F: This is tough! I accessorize most often with red lipstick, if that counts. I also love my pearl set—my mom is from Texas, so I have a propensity for pearls with ev-



Basic Model Pic.. PHOTO COURTESY RACQUEL GONZALES

2014 Switch With a Parent Day

By TRINITY CONNAUGHTON '15

Some may say there is nothing as gratifying as a day off from school, and most would agree. But what if there was an event in which you could sleep in, lounge, and relax your day away while also gaining the satisfaction of knowing your parents are enduring your classes for you? Well, welcome to Swap Day, ladies! Swap Day is the glorious annual

event in which parents come to school in place of their daughters. Our parental units must learn to navigate our oh-so familiar terrain— losing schedules, entering wrong rooms, and even arriving to class late is all part of the experience! They get to listen to our teachers, take our tests, and are truly exposed to a day in the life of a Troubie! And parents come dressed to impress, too. Mothers, and sometimes even the gallant father,

will don the sacred uniform to “suit up” for this adventure!

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An Interview with the Educators

By KATE SWANSON '16

Recently I sat down with Dr. Briggs and Mrs. Borasi to learn a little more about how they ended up at the wonderful, magnificent and extremely exciting place we call SFHS, getting a peek into their lives outside campus walls.

Dr. Briggs-- Latin/ World History Teacher

Mandolin: How long have you been a teacher at St. Francis?

Dr. Briggs: This is my eighth year.

M: Did you always know you wanted to be a teacher?

B: Um... yes, in some fashion or another. But I didn't know I wanted to teach Latin or even High School. But now I know I prefer it!

M: Is the subject you teach your favorite?

B: I love teaching Latin, but I would also love to teach Church History. My Ph.D is in Medieval History, so anything social studies related interests me. I've always wanted to incorporate Medieval studies into my job somehow.

M: In your opinion, what is the most memorable/weird/funny thing to happen on the SF campus?

B: One year my seniors made a Barbie doll of me—that was pretty weird. I will say for the Barbie doll, they got the beach surfer looking one to that it had the right hair and then put it in a homemade argyle sweater. Also, one of my students asked to touch my hair.

M: Speaking of your legendary hair, to whom do you owe the styling?

B: Um... God. Just kidding. My wife actually styles my hair. It wasn't actually always like this; I had a mullet in eighth grade!

Mrs. Borasi-- English Teacher

Mandolin: How long have you been a teacher at SFHS?

Mrs. Borasi: I started in 2002. So this is my twelfth year.

M: Did you always know you wanted to be a teacher?

B: I always thought it was a possibility. I knew that it was one thing I could see myself doing.

M: Is the subject that you teach your favorite?

B: For sure. It's the only subject I would want to teach.



Dr. Briggs participates in community lunch events during Staff Appreciation Week.

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M: What is the most memorable/weird/funny thing to happen at SF in your opinion?

B: Hmm... well, that's hard. Of course seeing homecoming week for the first time was amazing. One time before class was about to start I overheard these two girls arguing over who was the better "boyfriend worthy" character in *A Tale of Two Cities*—Carton or Darnay. They were pretty into it, which was amazing to see.

M: You recently returned from maternity leave; how's your new baby, what's the name, and how do you like being a mom?

B: It's hard, but it's the best job in the world. I have a four year old named Delaney and my new baby's name is Jonah. I love picking my son up at the end of the day. He's only seven months old and he's so happy to see me—it's just the best feeling.

International Night!

By KRISTIANNE EDROSOLAN '15

One of the best things about St. Francis is our school's acceptance of different cultures and traditions. This is clearly shown through International Night—one night of the year where cultures from around the globe come together for one show. 2014 marks the 23rd year since St. Francis first put on this extremely fascinating show. International Night has come a long way since its first show, which took place in Serra Court with only a boom box as a sound system, and when it grew dark, teachers had to pull out portable construction lights to help light the performers.

Now, International Night has become a much more intricate affair and is one of the shining moments each year for the Modern and Classical Languages Department. This year, International Night took place on Thursday, February 6th. It began at 5 PM with a yummy multicultural potluck. Many students had brought in ethnic dishes that represented their own culture and likes. Thus, people who come to dinner get a taste of different salads, entrees, and desserts that showcase the many ethnicities and upbringings of St. Francis students. Next, guests packed into the theater to watch the entertainment program that began at 6:45 PM. International Night began with

an inspiring flag ceremony, in which students walked in carrying flags from countries all around the world. This ceremony really symbolizes the theme of International Night, the union of many cultures. After a prayer, the Patriots Club recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the a cappella Club sang the Star-Spangled Banner with its usual perfect harmonization. From there, the show transitioned into performances inspired by cultures all over the globe. The show was filled with a variety of acts; French club, Spanish classes, and Italian dances all made an (*continued on page 6*)



The AP Italian class sings the Italian national anthem to open the show.

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Sochi Olympics: Solo Athletes

By EMILY CORNETT '14

This year's very exciting, yet slightly dangerous Winter Olympics, features the world's best athletes. Many come to the Games in packs, like Canada, USA, and Russia. However, a few small countries such as Malta, Bermuda, and the Philippines have sent one athlete to represent the entire nation. Now, prepare yourselves to feel extremely unac-

complished about what you have done with your lives. The solo athlete of the Philippines is Michael Christian Martinez. At only seventeen years old, (if you're seventeen, what are you doing with your life? This kid is representing his country in the most important athletic event in the world!) he takes on his competitors on the ice rink for Men's Figure Skating. Since learning to figure skate at the age of eight, Martinez has collected multiple international awards.

No one from the Philippines has qualified for the Winter Games for twenty two years, and he stands as the first figure skater who has represented the country ever. But everyone who is marathon-watching *Gossip Girl* on Netflix, don't compare yourself to this champion. He probably got locked in his hotel room.



Michael Martinez carrying the flag of the Philippines

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Olympian Michael Christian Martinez skating in his solo act

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Barbie Poses For Sports Illustrated

By JANE SADLER '14

She has it all: a perfect body, endless wardrobe, enormous popularity, a fabulous home and car, and a supercute boyfriend. And now, added to all this, she is on the cover of Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Edition. Who is this you may ask? It's Barbie of course.

Yes, it's true, Barbie's dream life is now complete, this year she will be featured next to Tyra Banks, Christie Brinkley and other supermodels of the ages on the pages of the (in)famous SI Swimsuit addition. All this is part of Barbie's new campaign called #Unapologetic. This campaign is meant as a response to the slew of complaints and public disapproval over Barbie's unattainable figure that has plagued Mattel since her creation in 1959. In a response to the backlash over the #unapologetic campaign Mattel representatives said, "As a legend herself, and under constant criticism about her body and how she looks, posing in [the issue] gives Barbie and her fellow legends an opportunity to own who they are, celebrate what they have done and be #unapologetic." There has been huge backlash to this move, though it was originally meant to boost Barbie's image. Sports Illustrated Swimsuit is

excited about this partnership, viewing it as a collaboration between two icons in American beauty. Feminists see this as a collaboration between two of the greatest examples of American objectification of women.

What do you think? Do you think it is a slap in the face to the movement towards body acceptance, or a confident move in defense of girls like Brooklyn Decker and Kate Upton?



Barbie modeling for the cover of Sports Illustrated. PHOTO COURTESY GOOGLE IMAGES

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W: SHOES!

T: Pearl earrings and my necklace from my hubby.

Katie: These ladies are adorable... I'm sorry I know you just want to hear the answers but I just had to interject. On to the next question...

4. What's the best fashion advice you could give?

F: Take the French approach: most of your basics should be in simple colors (a great monochromatic dress, skirt, slacks, and shirts) like black, white, or maybe gray. Maybe. Then you can choose fun pieces (tops or accessories) in your favorite colors, and they'll always complement each other. My go-tos are black with deep jewel tones: sapphire, emerald, crimson, and goldenrod.

W: Wear whatever you enjoy wearing—people will appreciate your individuality and if they don't, who cares? :)

T: Don't be afraid of color. You don't have to spend a lot to look good, though investing in key items is sometimes a must. "Being well dressed is a beautiful form of politeness" - not sure who said this, but I saw it on Pinterest and LOVED it. There is no such thing as overdressed! When in doubt, don't wear it—if you think it's too tight, too short, too revealing, it is, and obviously you are already uncomfortable and will be tugging



Mrs. Thomsen, Mrs. Williams, and Mrs. Figeroid.

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on your outfit in weird places all day/night. Walking normally and sitting comfortably are also key.

5. What is the best bargain idea for fashion?

F: Well, the "French approach" actually saves you a lot of money because then you can mix and match lots of your wardrobe (as opposed to having outfit-specific pieces).

Being willing to be patient and hold out for a piece that really suits you is also smart—why buy something that's only okay and which you'll replace soon?

W: Thrift Shops! I'm all about Crossroads.
T: This depends on what you are looking for. The LOFT has amazing sales - great dress/business casual clothes. Old Navy clearance rack always has \$5 shirts that are comfy, same with cute cardigans. Target:

need I say more? Outlet malls! Always start with the clearance rack! ALWAYS!

6. What is your favorite store?

F: Most of my clothing is from Ross (the one at Watt and El Camino always has a great selection; I often get \$175 Calvin Klein dresses for \$40!), the Diva jeans at Old Navy are the only ones that fit my body shape (see #3: Southern genes AKA disproportionate hips!), and most of my shirts are from Target. I also supplement with awesome vintage finds from the St. Vincent de Paul thrift store at Watt and Butano.

W: I'm cheap so Crossroads or Ross... Target if I'm feeling spendy :)

T: I love Nordstrom's and The LOFT. They have fabulous customer service! I know what I buy is quality, but I don't HAVE to spend an arm and a leg. Everything I buy is always on sale (and hopefully 30-50% off). I invest money in the items I know I will wear ALL the time and LOVE for a long time - jeans and shoes and my capes.

7. Dream outfit?

F: My answer to this will change pretty much every time you ask me, but one of my all-time favorites is the two-tone Prada dress Michelle Dockery wore to the 2013 Emmys. Or anything from Elie Saab's Spring/Summer 2014 collection!

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Interview with SF Alumna, Mrs. Thomsen

By DIANE MENARDO '15

Mandolin (M): For those who don't know, what is your position at St. Francis?

Mrs. Thomsen (T): I am an English teacher; I spend my time with freshmen and sophomores.

(M): What year did you graduate and who was your mascot?

(T): I graduated in 2003 (with Mrs. Gluvers and Mrs. Williams). Our mascot was Tinker Bell!

(M): What is your favorite food from the cafeteria?

(T): Is this a trick question? Cookies . . .

(M): What is one thing you wish SF would bring back?

(T): PASTA DAY!!! A cup of penne pasta with tomato sauce, smothered in parmesan cheese and a piece of fresh garlic bread for \$1.50. I'm pretty sure cookies were 4 for a

\$1, too. Ooooooo, and the fresh bagels and cream cheese. Cookies and bagels all day long. Can you tell I like carbs?

(M): What is the biggest difference at SF from when you were a student and now?

(T): The new construction . . . new for me, at least! They broke ground the year after I graduated. The Portable Classrooms (PC's) used to be ACROSS the field. We would hike through the field in the rain. They put plywood on the field to keep the mud off of our shoes, and those only worked until they slid out from underneath you. Oh, and we were not allowed to wear Ugg boots. AND, formal uniform was a navy blue sweater.

(M): Who was your favorite teacher at SF?

(T): Too many! I work with many of them today, which I consider an absolute blessing!

(M): What extracurricular activities did you participate in during high school?

(T): Cross Country and Chamber Singers.

(M): Did you ever think you were going to come back to work at SF after graduating?

(T): Never. At least not right away. The thought crossed my mind four years after graduating.

(M): Who did you fangirl over when you were in high school?

(T): I don't think I "fangirl-ed?" I'm a big U2 fan; I won tickets on 107.9 to their "All That You Can't Leave Behind" Tour in 2001. I took my dad to the concert!

(M): What is your most embarrassing/funniest moment at SF (as a student or a faculty member)?

(T): Have you seen me?!?! I probably embarrass myself daily! The difference: as a student, I was probably mortified all the time. Now, I can laugh at myself.

(M): What is your favorite thing about being/working at SF?

(T): I love my job every single day! I feel like a celebrity every time I walk through

the halls because of all the hugs and kind words!

(M): Can you give us one fun fact about yourself?

(T): My husband recently pointed out that I love dancing hamsters. I did not know this. I found an old card from him with a hamster impersonating Elvis. And you know those old KIA commercials with the hamsters in toasters, and hip hop dancing, and the most recent one where they turn into little GQ hamsters? I'm obsessed.

(M): Any advice for the SF students regarding high school?

(T): RELAX!!!!!!! Love yourself just as you are! Stop comparing yourself to everyone else; you are the PERFECT you! I promise you, ten years later, none of it matters. Oh, and don't talk to boys until they are 30. Trust me.

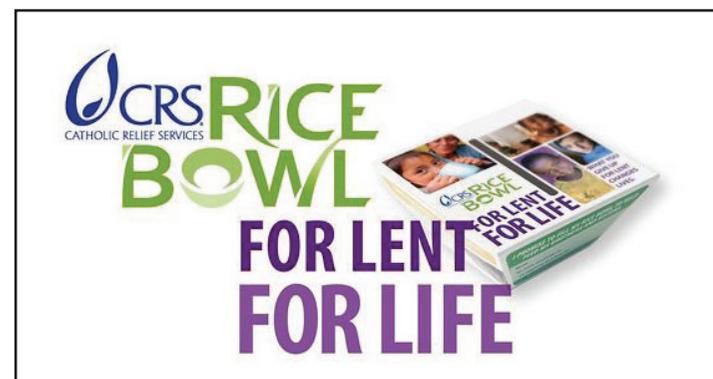
Social Justice Week

By KIKI VELEZ '17

Social Justice Week, an occasion that draws awareness to the myriad of social issues that exist today, will be celebrated March 17-21 at St. Francis. People around the world suffer from extreme poverty, face crippling bullying, and endure discrimination in its worst forms. Yet there are also many people and organizations striving to improve these

conditions, including United Nations outfits such as the International Monetary Fund and UNICEF, which tackle poverty and education in economically unstable countries. Despite these measures and many more like these, social justice continues to be an ongoing problem, from Sacramento to the heart of Africa. During Social Justice Week, students get the chance to acknowledge the problems plaguing our world and learn about how they can help,

climaxing with a Social Justice Assembly on Friday, March 21. The first step towards a better, more peaceful world is educating students about the dire state of social justice around the world. So this week, take the time to learn about these issues and discover how you can make a change. All it takes is one small action backed by great love to make the world a better place for someone today.



Get involved in Social Justice Week by contributing to the CRS Rice Bowl!

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Catholic Schools Week



Some Troubies chilling on Sharpay's car.

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The SBO's posing for the paparazzi.

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By CHRISTIN HENDERSON '14

Catholic Schools Week celebrates the long tradition of Catholic school's importance in our lives. It's a week where we get to reflect on the beauty of being able to celebrate our faith at school when not everyone has the liberty to do so. It is also a High School Musical party. That is another great part of Catholic Schools Week: it is so versatile. One minute we are praying as a community and the next we are in the middle of a High School Musical sing along, but that might just be a St. Francis thing. Nevertheless, the hard work that makes Catholic Schools Week so wonderful at St. Francis and around the country is a really beautiful thing when one considers all the time put into it and the fact that millions of people celebrate this one

week. Thanks to the SBO's, administration, and Campus Ministry, Catholic Schools Week 2014 was unforgettable. But a lot of thanks should be given to teachers who allow class environment to be open to our faith and prayer.

Catholic Schools Week isn't just a weeklong celebration; whether it's an AP U.S History class coming together in a circle around Mrs. Roman to thank God for their blessings or seeing a student wear a service trip t-shirt on a Friday, St. Francis is always celebrating the gift of being able to call itself a Catholic School. So we gave up our late start for mass and an assembly; it was all in the name of sacrifice for our great school. The week is also a nice interlude during the month of January. Everyone is back from a two week break and not sure if they can survive another semester, but then Catholic Schools Week comes

along and we are reminded of why we get up too early every morning to come to this school. It is for the friendships, the laughter during class, and most of all for a Catholic school that is dedicated to forming bright young women of faith.

International Night, continued

(continued from page 2) appearance, along with many other diverse performances. For example, Vietnamese Club performed a peaceful hat dance. A new act this year was the playing of the Indian stringed instrument, the sitar! There was even a Latin rap which had the entire audience laughing. International Night is fun not only for the audience, but also for the students who participate. Many students love learning about new cultures or even learning new things about their own culture. For example, Diane-Abigail Menardo, a second year performer of the Tahitian, Hula, and Vietnamese dances, said, "I like being able to learn about new cultures through artistic expression and cultural cuisine." The general experience of International Night is also fun just because of the excitement of performing. Many classes and clubs develop a sense of unity while preparing for the big night. Maureen Coble, a performer from the Honors Spanish 3 classroom, explained, "I got a lot closer with my Spanish class. It was the first time I got to step on the stage and it was really cool. I like that you didn't have to be an incredibly talented dancer, but

it was still fun." Maureen's statement also pointed out that many of the girls that take the stage on International Night aren't year-round performers and are performing for fun. International Night each year encourages students to get more involved with their club and classroom activities and, in the process, form new friendships and experiences. Performers also got to watch their fellow Troubies in their various acts. Our wonderful Techies were able to connect classrooms by broadcasting the show live. If someone were to walk into one of the classrooms at any moment on International Night, he or she would see clusters of girls sitting on the floor, surrounded by hairspray, bobby pins, and bundles of clothes, smiling and supporting their fellow performers they saw on the projector screen. This is only one of the many achievements of our Techies, who deserve many compliments for their hard work which always makes not only International Night, but also many other performances, run smoothly and efficiently. In addition, the entire Modern and Classical Languages Department should be recognized because of its great planning and coordination which



Na Wahine 'O 'Olu Hula class performs a modern hula.

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makes International Night creative and interesting each year. International Night is such a wonderful night because it brings together an entire community to share in the experience of international food, music,

and entertainment. With International Night 2014 being the amazing experience International Night always is, it leaves many people with some great memories and experiences and more excitement for next year!

Junior Prom: A Midsummer Night's Dream

By ALY PACHTER '15

The countdown until Junior Prom has started and the preparations are well underway. The Junior Student Council has been hard at work planning decorations, dinner options, and themes for the much-anticipated night. The three options for themes, 1920's, Midsummer Night's Dream/Secret Garden, and Red Carpet/Hollywood were debated, approved, and voted on and the juniors enthusiastically chose Midsummer Night's Dream and Secret Garden as their theme for this year's prom. The theme was revealed to a packed CLC at the Junior Jammie Night on February 7th. The student council took juniors' selection and ran with it—the Haggin Oaks setting seemed to be made for this theme.

Planning wise, the class of 2015 is in good hands. The student council girls excitedly revealed that they are outlining a pastel colored decoration scheme, with light greens, pinks, and yellows surrounding the area. They also have prepared mason jars to act as table decorations, which they will



fill with flowers and top off with bows. They've promised wildflowers, candlelight, and something called 'magical fairy berries,' that sound either beautiful or delicious.

Another bonus about this year's prom—juniors don't need to worry about getting tables with their friends and dealing with the drama of seating arrangements.

Instead, there will be a more casual feel to prom. Everyone can move around and socialize without having to worry about ditching their table group. The food will also add to the ambience of the night because instead of a sit down meal, this year there are just lots of hors d'oeuvres. The tables will be half indoor and half outdoor, allowing us to move around and mingle with everyone there.

All in all, prom is bound to be a remarkably memorable night. Juniors, take whatever chance you get to thank your student council because their hard work is surely paying off!

Reviving Ophelia

By TARIN MCMORROW '17

The upcoming St. Francis spring play, *Reviving Ophelia* by Dr. Mary Pipher, is a story of four teenage girls and their connected lives. The show runs in late March during two consecutive weekends. The play grapples with the many struggles young girls face and the ultimate healing that comes with it. The play exposes how teen girls are unhealthily influenced by things like the media and peer pressure.

Lia (Tori Johnson) has always spoken her mind, but this becomes difficult for her once she learns that her mother has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Things only get worse when she deals with her own abusive relationship. Allie (Emma Vance) has grown up surrounded by religion, never thinking for herself, only following rules, and without guidance from her mother. Jill (Jordan Davis), a Native American girl, struggles to feel like she belongs despite her white adoptive parents' efforts. Lastly, Dawn (Annie Randle), wants people to think that she has it all together, but in reality she's struggling with her own inner demons.

This famous play, which first

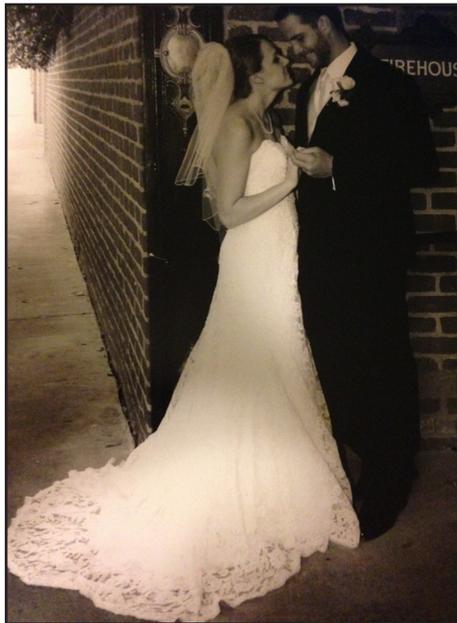
came out as a book, is sub-scripted *Saving the Lives of Adolescent Girls* for a reason. The tragic subject matter covered in the play includes suicide, rape, and starvation. The original author of *Reviving Ophelia* was a real-life clinical psychologist and knew about the extreme pressure felt by adolescents. The driving theme of the play is self-love and eventually the girls learn to accept themselves and others at the play's end.



EXCLUSIVE La Boutique: Fashionista Faculty, continued



Mrs. Williams



Mrs. Thomsen



Mrs. Figeroid

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W: A long elegant 40's style dress (preferably red, green or purple) with strappy heels (bejeweled of course!), dangly earrings and a delicate necklace.

T: A dress for the Oscars (with

hair, makeup, and jewelry, too!)

EXCLUSIVE!!!!!!!!!!

(You're welcome St. Francis)

8. Describe your wedding dress.

F: I actually passed over my wedding dress the first time I tried it

on, but then one of my bridesmaids put a sash on it, and that made it "the" dress! My dress was an ivory, beaded lace, strapless, sweetheart neckline, trumpet dress, with a chapel train. It had fabric-covered buttons down the back. We

he was in 7th grade "for the girl he'd fall in love with someday!"

W: It was a fit and flare style ivory colored gown with lace, beading, and tiny flowers on it.

T: I LOVED our wedding! My

put a beaded satin sash at my natural waist, and I wore an elbow-length veil. The dress just swept the floor because I'm tall, so I wore ballet flats instead of heels (silver and glittery). I also wore the seed pearl necklace Stu bought with allowance money when

dress was strapless, sweetheart neckline, all over beaded lace, short train. It was perfect!

Katie: FOR THE GIRL HE'D FALL IN LOVE WITH!!! I hope I find a guy like that! So, here are the photos from their weddings! (When I said exclusive I meant it!) Plus, a photo shoot of these ladies wearing their fave outfits! Thank you so much to Mrs. Figeroid, Mrs. Williams, and Mrs. Thomsen for being so excited and into this article. They are such role models to me, not only when it comes to what I wear, but also how I present myself! Now how many of you ladies want to go shopping with them? I know I do! Call me, I'm usually free! Well, from the small world of fashion in our school, I'm Katie! Your tour guide through the fashion world! Thanks for reading!

The Woes and Who-Knows of Valentine's Day

By EMILY BLOOM '16

Valentine's Day tends to be the SF girls' most stressful holiday. One particular Troubie's Instagram feed was full of girls posting what their boyfriend gave them, and throughout the day she secretly hoped for a surprise valentine as the posts accumulated. After waiting all Valentine's day to receive a special box of chocolates from a boy, the disappointed girl decided to go buy herself a box instead. The chocolate is on sale anyway, she told herself, so why not? Later that night, she ate the entire box of chocolates while watching *The Bachelor* and tweeted, "Juan Pablo and chocolate #love #myvalentine." Unbeknownst to her, a Jesuit boy saw her tweet and realized he had made a huge mistake. He drove to the nearest store and bought for her the last box of chocolates left. When he returned home and attempted to put together a cool outfit before heading to her house, his little brother snatched the box. The brother locked himself in his room and rebelliously chose to eat every one of the chocolates. The Jesuit boy despairingly realized he was too late, for all nearby stores were closed by then. Although the SF girl never received the box or knew she had a secret Valentine, someone was certainly thinking about her. The point of this story is to never give up because we might just have a valentine which has yet to be delivered.

Grammy Awards 2014

By EDEN ELLIOTT '16



Lorde accepting her Grammy for Song of the Year.

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It was another astounding year at the 2014 Grammy Awards. Beyonce and Jay-Z started the night off right with a steamy rendition of their song, "Drunk in Love," and their chemistry exhibited the masterpiece they are as a couple. The successful newcomer Lorde gave the performance of a lifetime and won Song of the Year for her #1 hit *Royals*. Macklemore and Ryan Lewis won the four awards of **Best New Artist**, **Best Rap Album**

for *The Heist*, and **Best Rap Performance** and **Best Rap Song** for *Thrift Shop*. Daft Punk also had their hands full with four awards: **Record of the Year** and **Best Pop Duo/Group Performance** for *Get Lucky*, along with **Album of the Year** and **Best Dance/Electronic Album** for *Random Access Memories*. They also sang *Get Lucky* onstage with Pharrell Williams, Nile Rodgers, and music legend Stevie Wonder. Many other well-known names appeared on the winners' list:

Best Pop Vocal Album: Bruno Mars, *Unorthodox Jukebox*

Best Urban Contemporary Album: Rihanna, *Unapologetic*

Best R&B Album: Alicia Keys, *Girl on Fire*

Best Rock Performance: Imagine Dragons, *Radioactive*

Best Rock Album: Led Zeppelin, *Celebration Day*

Best Alternative Music Album: Vampire Weekend, *Modern Vampires of the City*

Best Country Album: Kacey Musgraves, *Same Trailer Different Park*

Best Country Song: Kacey Musgraves, *Merry Go Round*

Best Contemporary Christian Music Album: Mandisa, *Overcomer*

Contemporary Christian Music Song: Mandisa, *Overcomer*



Daft Punk didn't take off their helmets even when accepting their many awards.

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Imagine Dragons: Into the Night Tour

By MEREDITH RAY '14

This February 13, I had the incredible opportunity of seeing Imagine Dragons perform live at the SAP Center (formerly HP Pavilion) in San Jose. I have always been an avid fan since discovering "It's Time" back in 2012; however, seeing them live made me love them even more. In case you have never listened to the radio or have been living in a cave the past couple of years, Imagine Dragons is an alternative rock band hailing from Las Vegas, Nevada. Led by lead vocalist Dan Reynolds, the band has won an American Music Award for Favorite Alternative Artist, a Grammy for Best Rock Performance ("Radioactive"), and numerous other accolades. They have performed on several late-night shows, including *SNL*, *Late Night with Jimmy Fallon*, *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, and also performed at this year's Grammy awards. After seeing Imagine Dragons perform live on *Fallon* in 2012, I made it my mission to somehow get tickets if they came to town. In San Jose, Imagine Dragons put on an incredible show. They opened with "Fallen" and "Tiptoe," followed by other "lesser"-known songs, and closed with favorites like "Demons" and "Radioactive." No matter the song, Dan Reynolds and the rest of the band thoroughly engaged the audience. The audience could feel their energy and presence which truly made for an indescribable experience. After the concert, I sounded like an eighty year old chain smoker from singing along to every song at the top of my lungs, but you know what? SO. WORTH. IT.



Imagine Dragon's lead singer, Dan Reynolds, performing in San Jose

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By MANDOLIN STAFF

Freaking out when you finally get the fishing boat in Hay Day. #MLISF

Getting so excited that you throw your iPad across the room when you get a new high score in Flappy Bird. #MLISF

Tweeting a picture of your new high score in Flappy Bird and feeling super accomplished. #MLISF



Flappy Bird.

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Roses are red, violets are blue, Valentine's Day was this month, no boys for you. #foreveralone #allgirlsschoolproblems #MLISF

Getting together with a group of friends to eat pizza and cry while watching *The Notebook* on Valentine's day. #MLISF

When you finally wear your cute rainboots to school and it doesn't rain... #fail #MLISF

Texting all your Jesuit friends to find out what days they have off and then proceeding to sob because we never have any days off. Ever. #MLISF

Actually, who am I kidding? I don't have Jesuit friends. #MLISF

Troubie Week?!?!!!!! #MLISF

Refusing to go to the office with a friend because you aren't in proper uniform. #notaboutthedetentionlife #MLISF

Freaking out when you found out that Clare from "The Bachelor" is from Sacramento. #MLISF

Wanting to hunt down Juan Pablo if and when Clare brings him back for a hometown date. #elbachelor #aycarumba #MLISF



Juan Pablo of *The Bachelor*

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Getting to school late and having to park in the overflow lot. #toofar #struggles #MLISF

You can always tell what time of day it is from the traffic outside the school #MLISF

Hearing a uniform check and feeling your blood run cold. #terrifying #MLISF

Finally get out of class. Fire drill. #MassExodus #MLISF