

St. Elizabeth Upper School



January 10, 2018

Dear St. E Families and Friends,



Rejoice... In the *spirit* of Christmas which is Peace, the *miracle* of Christmas which is Hope, and the *heart* of Christmas which is Love. The images and activities of Christmas at St. Elizabeth are still fresh in our minds as we welcomed in the New Year- Christmas concerts, pageants, variety show acts and decorated homeroom

doors. It was a joyful and festive few days as we headed home to our families on December 22 to celebrate the birth of our Lord.



Happy New Year and welcome to 2018! I hope that you and your family enjoyed a Christmas holiday filled with peace, hope and love. As we begin this New Year, please know how grateful the faculty and staff are for your generous Christmas gift and for your continued presence and support in the St. Elizabeth community.

Educate

Midterm Exams for high school students (grades 9-12) are taking place this week. Thank you for your patience throughout the SchoolMessenger calls, early dismissals and late arrivals. Despite the Tuesday morning freeze, very few students missed an exam and we have been able to reschedule both Religion and other missed exams through Thursday, January 11, 2018. There are two exam periods each day (7:45am-9am and 9:20am-10:35am). Thursday, has an additional 11am-12pm exam period for the re-scheduled Religion exams. Friday, January 12, will not need to be used as a makeup day and is a holiday for students.

Junior High students are not taking midterm exams. They will continue to attend scheduled academic classes for Day 3, Wednesday; and Day 4, Thursday. All days for the Junior High are a Schedule 1 with the daily afternoon exploratory. Junior High students do not have school on Friday, January 12.

Because of the exam rescheduling, report card distribution will take place on Tuesday, January 23, 2018.

Engage

Before the Christmas break, the **St. E Pep Club** coordinated red and green spirit activities that took us into the Christmas holidays feeling merry and bright. The candy-grams proved a popular way to wish classmates and teachers a Merry Christmas. The annual homeroom door decorating competition highlighted collaboration and creativity as Vikings translated favorite Disney movies into Christmas themes.

The competition was close but in the end, **Mr. Tomaszewski's junior homeroom** took home the prize with their interpretation of the movie *Up*.



Inspired by the cheerful doors and holiday environment, faculty and students dressed to the nines on Christmas sweater day, complete with **Mr. Forester's** amazing technicolor Christmas suit!



Throughout the 12 Days of Christmas, the **VKNation** generously and enthusiastically raised funds for the Penna Strong Foundation, the UPS Toys for Nemours Hospital and for the B+ Foundation. The community also partnered with **alumnus Khaadim Rider '14, a Delaware State University senior**, in a blanket collection *Warm in Wilmington*.

The **Jefferson Students in Action** have begun the Christmas card collection for St. Jude's Ranch for Children. Please send in your Christmas cards (or other special occasion cards) in support of this project (no photo cards please).

Empower

**Congratulations to the following seniors
on their college acceptances:**

**Jill Aranilla: Immaculata University, University of New Haven,
West Virginia University**

**Jakiya Barnes: Norfolk State University, Virginia State
University, Wilmington University**

Brett Brooks: Wilmington University

T'Kel Brown: Cabrini University, Elizabethtown College, Pace University, Wesley College, Widener University



John D'Amico: Elizabethtown College, McDaniel College;

Devyn DelGenio: Neumann University

Lauren Desmond: Immaculata University

Frank Donovan: La Salle University, Neumann University, York College of Pennsylvania

Andres Fabris: Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, Pace University

Fernanda Figueroa: Cabrini University, Delaware Technical & Community College

Zachary Filliben: Alvernia University, Millersville University of Pennsylvania, Moravian University, Mount St. Mary's University

Tyler Fornoff: The University of Tampa, West Chester University, West Virginia University

Bridget Gagnon: Alvernia University, Flagler College, University of Maine, The University of Tampa



Matthew Gray: Temple University (Fox School of Business)

Maria Green: Neumann University



Lauren Hines: Claflin University, Savannah State University, Virginia Union University, West Virginia University, Winston-Salem State University

Ryan Hockenbrock: Arcadia University, Cabrini University, Immaculata University, Mount St. Mary College, Neumann University, Wilmington University

Irene Hu: University of Delaware (Honors Program)

Ashlyn Kelleher: Immaculata University

Dylan Kirk: Towson University

Jamie Laning: Old Dominion University

Payton Madigan: Delaware Technical & Community College, Goldey-Beacom College, Immaculata University, Wilmington University



James Mazalewski: Marymount University, Widener University

Najaah McMillan: Delaware State University

Taylor Oden-Randolph: University of Delaware, Widener University

Rita Offutt: Wesley College

Grace Rizzo: Delaware College of Art and Design, Moore College of Art and Design

Casey Rock: Rowan University

Charles Roderick: Delaware Technical & Community College

Felicity Rodriguez: The College of St. Rose, La Salle University, Widener University

Claudia Roncone: Lynchburg College, Roanoke College, Rowan University

Demi Rubincam: Neumann University



Erin Sammler: Rider University, Salisbury University, Stevenson University, Widener University

Erin Sands: High Point University, Johnson & Wales University

Emily Smith: Pace University, University of the Sciences in Philadelphia

James Smith: Neumann University

Christen Spence: Wesley College, Wilmington University

Angelina Squillace: Cabrini University, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, Neumann University

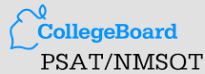
Talia Watkins: Neumann University

Raven Wilson: Neumann University, Wesley College

Counselor's Corner

Please make plans to attend Junior Parent Night on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 6:00pm in the BPAC. Our school counseling department will provide a presentation covering important topics such as SAT/ACT registration, the college planning process, NCAA registration and qualification for college-bound student-athletes,

your Family Connection access & portal navigation, teacher recommendation requests, summer internship opportunities, as well as additional topics to ensure your student's success.



Please ask your student to show you their PSAT/NMSQT score report. All students should have the ability to access these scores in their College Board account. If your student cannot access their online score report, please have him or her reach out to a counselor for assistance. All students should have their test book and paper score report returned to them during guidance class by the end of January.

Student Spotlight

Congratulations to **junior Dan Borowski** who was recognized as **Student of the Week** at the Monday, December 18 assembly. Dan was instrumental in helping a teacher with his technical knowhow in implementing a green screen project with junior high students. At the same assembly, **sophomore Ber'Nyah Ward-Mayo** was recognized as the **Maroon & Gold Athlete of the Week**. As of the December 18 date, Ber'Nyah had recorded 82 points in three games, 41 of which came in an important game vs Caesar Rodney. Check out the article in Delaware online.

The St. E legacy of finalists in the Delaware Theatre Company's Young Playwright's Festival continues with the selection of **junior John Morrison, as a top 5 finalist in the 2017-2018 Delaware Young Playwrights Festival!** Thank you to his **coach and mentor here at St. E, Mrs. Hayden, English teacher,** for her work with John throughout the creative process. John's play "Memory Lane" is both comical & meaningful as a working class college student and his mother debate selling the family home full of memories to a developer for much needed funds. John will participate in a series of playwriting workshops with professional theatre artists from DTC to further refine his writing and ready his work for a public showcase performance on March 8, 2018 at 7:30 pm on the DTC stage.



Jefferson Students in Action announced the November and December Jefferson Award winners at the December 18 assembly as well.

Senior Abigail Thompson is the November recipient for her work as a mentor in the St. E Peer Tutoring program. Abby has logged over 550 service hours during her four years at St. Elizabeth through tutoring, the VA Hospital, and vacation bible school programs.

Senior Maria Green is the December recipient who has completed summer service trips at Genesis ESSP Summer Camp during which she assisted in the daily activities and worked with the children. Maria has also been a manager for the Lady Viking

basketball team and continuously helps the team stay organized, while supporting them from the sidelines.

Upcoming Events



Friday, January 12, is an exam make up day, if it is necessary. If no exams are re-scheduled on that day, there is no school.



Monday, January 15, is the Martin Luther King holiday. There is no school for students or faculty.



Friday, January 19, the March for Life takes place in Washington, DC. **Mr. Winterbottom, campus ministry,** will accompany the St. Elizabeth group to the Youth Mass and Rally.



Monday, January 22, is a Cyber Day for the students. This will be a Day 4. Faculty will have a professional development Curriculum Mapping day.



Tuesday, January 23, Report Cards will be distributed for grades 7-12.



Thursday, January 25, 2018, the Counseling Department presents the Junior Parent Night at 6pm in the Benedictine Performing Arts Center. Juniors and their parents are expected to attend for this important informational night.



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Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, January 28, 2018 through Friday, February 2, 2018.



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Sunday, January 28, St. E Lower School & Junior High will host an Open House from 10am-1pm; Monday, January 29, 5pm-7pm and Wednesday, January 31, 8am-11am.

Check out their website <https://www.sainteliz.org/> for additional details.



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Also on Sunday, the Midwinters Dream Party, organized by the St. Elizabeth High School Visual Art Department, takes place from 12-2pm in the St. E Center.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/244289082775254/>



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Look for a full schedule of events for the week to be published next week; however, the following two events are highlights you should note.

In Benedictine Spirit,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shirley W. Bounds". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S' and a long, sweeping underline.

Head of School

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