



May 30, 2017

Dear St. E Families and Friends,

In the next few days we will be saying *farewell* to our students as they graduate and as they finish the school year and leave for summer vacation. We know this time of goodbye is a necessary part of the rhythm and routine of school, and in a greater sense, of life itself. As we prepare to follow the path to the end of the school year, we also recall the moments and celebrations of this particular year. It is in those moments that we learned more about ourselves, our school and our faith.

The Benedictine charism is often cited for its commitment to community. All members of St. Elizabeth, from freshmen to seniors, are considered members of the St. E family. As a family, there is a sense of belonging and security. People here support one another, even though there are different roles, responsibilities, and levels of authority. In the articles and photographs that follow, it is clear that even as we prepare to depart from one another for the summer and in some cases for the future, the activities, the rituals and relationships of family and community at St. Elizabeth serve as a powerful bond. It is an exceptional bond that we celebrate through academics, athletics, the arts, service projects, and the company of one another...and as we welcome a new cohort of Vikings to our family and community.

Student Spotlight



Senior Alanna Speaks was recognized at the Monday, May 15, morning assembly by the **Ms. Latoya Warner, a representative of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Epsilon Iota Omega Chapter**. Ms. Warner presented Alanna with a \$6,077 scholarship for her participation in the organization's Debutante Program and an additional \$500 for college-related expenses. Alanna will be attending Goldey Beacom College in September 2017.

At the same assembly, **senior Grace Dunleavy** was named **Student of the Week** for her portrayal of the Cowardly Lion in *The Wizard of Oz*. Although this was the first Cedar Street Players role for Grace, she delivered with a strong and confident singing voice and terrific comedic timing that brought the audience to its feet at the final curtain call.



The seniors claimed the **Maroon & Gold Athlete of the Week Award** as well with **Eric Hicks** named for his hardworking attitude in practice that translated into personal best records in the team's invitational meets throughout the season.



The Viking Track Team had its best season yet in the New Castle County Championships and the State Meet. State Medalists included **seniors Eric Hicks and Christina Cropper, junior Alexis Lee and sophomore Ardavia Lee**.

On April 24, **Bishop Francis Malooly** recognized ten senior honorees from each of the Catholic high schools at the Annual Saint Francis de Sales Awards Convocation. This year's vespers service was held at St. Anthony's Church in Wilmington. The Saint Francis de Sales Award medal is awarded to outstanding Catholic school seniors in recognition of excellence in faith development, scholarship, leadership, and citizenship. Congratulations to our **St. Elizabeth recipients: Abigayle Gant, David Hazelton, Jr., Johnathan Hendricks, Brandon Holly, Kevin Marchioni, Megan McLaughlin, Madelynn Norris, Joseph Pritchard, Alyssa San Diego, and Kellen Sweeney**.





The St. E Center lobby saw a flurry of athletic signings for senior athletes: Congratulations to **Jack Newswanger** who has committed to play Division III lacrosse at **Neumann University**; **Sha'Vion Woodland** to **Bryn Athyn College** for basketball; **Dymond Collins** to **College of St. Joseph** for basketball; **Alanna Speaks** to **Goldey Beacom College** for soccer and basketball.

The next newsletter will list the spring sports award wrap-up. Congratulations to **Coach Rizzo '05**, named **Catholic Softball Coach of the Year** and **Coach Beddow '76**, who was named **State Baseball Coach of the year!**

Sophomores Chase Dunlap and Miranda Schad both earned near-perfect scores in this year's fourth WordWright Challenge. They placed among the 150 highest-scoring tenth graders in the entire country. At the same time, **senior Joseph Pritchard placed among the 32 highest twelfth graders and his teammates Jake Barks and Sophia Vivolo among the top 138 twelfth graders, nationwide.** More than 64,000 high school students from 48 states entered the meet. **Mrs. Mangan, academic dean,** oversees student participation in this competition.

Congratulations to **senior yearbook editors, Abbey Rice and Declan Kennard,** upon the publication and distribution of the *2017 Magnificat*. **Mrs. Mauro, English instructor,** directed the journalism class through the publication and the spring supplement (following graduation). If you or your student still wishes to purchase a 2017 edition, please contact **Mrs. Mauro** by email amauro@sehs.org.



Faculty and students have enjoyed the spring publication *Cedar Street*, the St. E literary magazine. Student poetry, prose, artwork and photography fill its **pages with creativity and thoughtful reflection.** **Ms. Rossi, English teacher, moderated the magazine with an experienced staff of student editors.** Please contact **Ms. Rossi,** arossi@sehs.org if you would like a copy. The journal will soon be published digitally as well.



Along with student accomplishments and events to celebrate, several faculty members have joyful news to share. Most recently, **Ms. Kammas Murphy, science department chair**, was married in St. Elizabeth Church to **Mr. Joseph Kersch**. Two faculty members also introduced new members of their families to our Viking family: **Dr. Shoja, social studies chair**, brought son **Grant Edwards** to his first school visit in March; **Mrs. O’Kane, director of counseling**, promises a debut of daughter **Sienna** before the year is over and **Mr. Tomaszewski, mathematics**

instructor, introduced



Scarlett to the faculty and exam takers on Tuesday, June 6. Sincere congratulations and many blessings on the new name (for Ms. Murphy) and the new additions (to the Shoja-Edwards, O’Kane families and Tomaszewski families)!

The **Class of 2017** bid farewell to the daily routines of school with Senior Field Day, Wednesday, May 17, held in Canby Park. With a morning that began with breakfast on the St. Elizabeth Church lawn, the seniors took a short hike down to the Canby fields for tumbling on inflatables, enjoying a few rounds of wiffle-ball, soccer and football, and displaying practiced talent with Spike-Ball, Cornhole and Kan Jam.



Seniors wore their college or favorite VKNation t-shirts for this 'chill' day together before the Thursday, May 18 Prom and After Prom. The class (101 members) has been accepted to 123 different colleges and universities, receiving over \$10.6 million in scholarships and grants!

The following night, yes, a Thursday, the **Junior-Senior Prom** took place at the Executive Banquet and Conference Center in Bear, DE. The *Moroccan Nights* theme was a huge hit, especially the purple t-shirts for the After Prom at nearby SkyZone Trampoline Park. **Thanks to Mrs. Corradin, administrative assistant, and the committee of prom parents** who organized a fantastic event and created a memorable atmosphere with the decorations, complemented by the special effects of the DJ. Moms and dads out there – your seniors were thrilled with the creative and decorated E tributes! It was the one time the students stopped for a breather at the After Prom as they admired your tribute to them and check out the tributes to their classmates. Bravo! Classmates selected **junior Prom Prince Matthew Gray and Princess Grace Rizzo** and **senior Prom King Elijah Dockery and Queen Sha'Vion Woodland**.



In saying Farewell to the Class of 2017, we said **Hello to the Class of 2021** on Wednesday, May 24, in the St. E Center. Once again, the inflatables arrived on campus for Game Night, sponsored by the St E Student Leadership Group and Admissions Office. Rising seniors and incoming freshmen filled the lobby, classroom and gym, participating in ping pong, basketball, Nerf football, Corn Hole, Jenga, and video games. And of course, everyone enjoyed the hot dogs and pretzels from the concession stand. Next up is Tubing on the Brandywine for the



Class of 2018 and Class of 2020, scheduled for Friday, June 16, 12:15-3:15pm. The group will depart from Wilderness Canoe Trips on the Concord Pike. Please contact **Mr. Haney, admissions director**, for permission forms mhaney@sehs.org if you did not receive one on Game Night.



Attention Senior Parents: Final transcripts will be sent to your student's college of choice and NCAA (for student-athletes) by June 15. You do not need to send a request to the Counseling office. The cost of the final transcript was included in the transcript fee that you already paid.



Congratulations to the 109th graduating class of St. Elizabeth School, the Class of 2017! Viking Graduation Weekend 2017 began on Friday evening, June 2 as the 8th grade students received diplomas in St. Elizabeth Church. **Mrs. Tina Wecht, St. E Lower School Principal**, presided over the conferring of diplomas and academic awards. **Mr. Joseph Papili, president**, and **Mrs. Shirley Bounds,**

head of school, assisted **Father Carroll, pastor**, as graduates were called forward to receive diplomas and awards. Here are just a few of many achievements announced at graduation ceremonies:

Camryn Cresci received awards for Highest Averages in Algebra, Reading, English, Written Expression, Science, Social Studies, and Highest Overall Average. She is the recipient of a scholarship to St. Elizabeth High

School. **Stephanie Shields** received The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality Award for Highest Average in Religion; in addition, she received an award for Highest Average in Spelling. Also receiving awards were **Krishna Desai** for Highest Average in Art; **James Krienen** for Highest Average in Computer; and **Zarah Zurita** for Highest Average in Spanish. Recognized for achieving Perfect Attendance were **Christian Bessem-Asu, Hailey Brooks, and Stephanie Shields**; they were neither late nor absent for Grade 8.

Camryn Cresci, Krishna Desai, Skylar Gallucio, Judith McLaughlin, and Zarah Zurita received The President's Award for Educational Excellence presented to students who have maintained an index of 3.5 or above for every semester from Grade 4 through the Fall of Grade 8 and who have scored at or above the 85th percentile in Total Reading or Total Math in the most recent standardized testing. **Kara Goolday, Stephanie Shields, and Jenna Tiberi** received The President's Award for Educational Achievement presented to students who have shown outstanding educational growth, improvement, commitment or intellectual development in their academic subjects.

The Joseph B. Durney, Sr., Memorial Scholarship was awarded to **Krishna Desai**. In accordance with the wishes of the Durney Family, recipients are chosen based on the effort behind their academic achievement, combined with their leadership, personality and character. The Charles J. Devine Memorial Scholarship was awarded to **Rachel Vivolo**. Recipients are selected based on their manifestation of the ideals and values, care and kindness to others that Charles Devine exemplified. Mr. Devine was the brother-in-law of **former SEHS Assistant Principal, John Petruzzelli**. The Fr. Trainor Scholarship was awarded to **Rachel Vivolo** for exemplifying commitment to service, academic achievement, and being a model of Gospel values. The Michael Ryan Fitzpatrick Scholarship was awarded to **Amanda Harrington**. This award, presented by the Fitzpatrick Family, honors Michael's memory by recognizing and encouraging students who add to the life and spirit of the school community as Michael did. The David Vassalotti Memorial Scholarship was awarded to **Skylar Gallucio** in recognition of academic achievement, leadership and participation in extra-curricular activities. The St. Elizabeth High School Alumni Scholarship was awarded to **Sydney Hazelton**. Recipients are selected by a panel of judges who read essays written by students answering a question about St. E. The Pastor's Award was presented to **Jenna Tiberi**. This award recognizes a deserving graduate who has been at St. Elizabeth at least 8 years and exemplifies the qualities and characteristics which St. Elizabeth School tries to instill in her students. The Associate Pastor's Award was presented to **Zarah Zurita**. This award recognizes a deserving St. Elizabeth graduate who was a later addition to the class and has uniquely added to the spirit of the Class of 2017.

Upcoming Events



Sunday, June 4, Class of 2017 Baccalaureate Mass will be held in St. Elizabeth Church, 11am. No tickets required.



Monday, June 5 through Wednesday, June 7, underclass exams take place; exams begin at 7:45am, the second exam concludes at 10:35am. Thursday, June 8, is a make-up day for exams. Students are dismissed each day following their exams. There is no study hall available on these days, please make transportation arrangements accordingly.



Monday, June 19, Summer Tech Academies for the Upper School - grades 7-12 begin. All students should have completed registration for the appropriate June dates. Please contact **Dr. Shoja** by email with any questions jshoja@sehs.org



Class of 2018 Senior Portraits will be taken on four dates in June- 6/20, 6/21, 6/27, and 6/28. Seniors should have received flyers from your student with additional details, Please call **Kristina Gwynn Photography** directly to schedule: [1-302-893-5905](tel:1-302-893-5905).



St. Elizabeth High School will host the **Justin Perillo Football Camp** from June 19 to June 22 for youngsters in grades one through eight. Registration is \$175 per child. Interested participants may register at ohpathletics.com or send form to OHP Athletics 100 Valley Center Drive, Wilmington, DE 19808.



St. E Little Viking and Viking Summer Camps! All students from Pre-K 3 to grade 8 have the opportunity to participate in summer days of fun on our campus. Please check the St. E website at sainteliz.org for information on dates, pricing, registration, etc. Camps will be directed by **Eddie Graney** and **Amanda Merrill**.

In Benedictine Spirit,
Shirley W. Bounds
Head of School

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