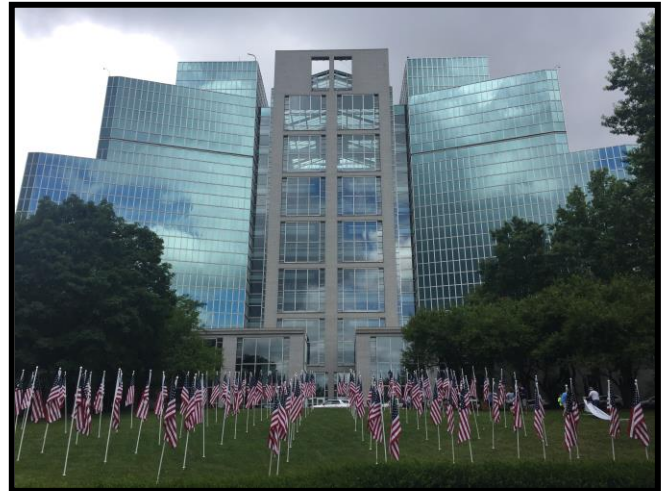




July 7, 2017

Dear St. E Families & Friends,

Happy July 4<sup>th</sup>! On this summer holiday, we celebrate American Independence with feasts and fireworks as well as with family and friends. I hope you enjoyed fireworks displays from your favorite spot at the beach or backyard as well as some delicious barbecue items from the grill. Wherever I looked this past week, I saw red, white and blue decorations, t-shirts with American flags and patriotic logos, and on a drive into downtown Wilmington, a field of flags for heroes at the H. Fletcher Brown Park. Seeing those flags, fluttering in the wind beneath the majestic Hercules building, reminded me of what this holiday is really about: patriotism and service. This particular display, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Wilmington, celebrates both veteran and active duty military service members, first responders and other heroes (past or present) by placing flags in their honor in the park. Each flag displays a tag honoring a hero. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July gives us a summer opportunity to be grateful for the gift of being Americans. And as we celebrate with feasts and fireworks, let us rejoice with all those who share in the great dream of freedom and dignity for all.



***A June 'Summer-y'*** The Cedar Street campus and its residents did not go to sleep once students departed on June 8. The following week, **Viking junior high students and their parents** arrived, iPads in hand, for their inaugural Summer Tech Academy session. After the full day session, the junior high Vikings had learned the iPad basics for the AUP, downloading textbooks, Internet safety, OnCampus, Google Drive and even more.

*Homework Alert for Junior High Vikings,* remember to complete your assignments 1) purchase and download all your digital textbooks prior to the first day of school and 2) create a one-page flyer, using the Pages App, to advertise something you learned during Summer Tech Academy. **Class of 2021 students and parents** arrived the following evenings and began their immersion in VIFI with the iPad as well.



*Freshmen Tech Assignment Alert,* 1) purchase and download all digital textbooks by the start of the school year 2) finish the iMovie "About Me" assignment due August 22 (submit to Summer Tech Videos" Google Drive folder). If you need help, please contact the St. E Technology Help Desk, for technology, please contact **Mr. Matarese** [fmatarese@sehs.org](mailto:fmatarese@sehs.org) and for textbook information **Mrs. Mangan** [jmangan@jmangan@sehs.org](mailto:jmangan@jmangan@sehs.org) Bravo to all our first-timers in Summer Tech Academy!

It wasn't all academics and technology for the **Class of 2021**. They joined with Viking upperclassmen and senior buddies to spend some relaxing hours tubing down the Brandywine. The group enjoyed a quiet and restful float through the Brandywine Valley and a few final splashes to end the adventure on Friday, June 16. Bowling is the next activity for the Class of 2021 on Monday, July 17, at First State Lanes, 1pm-3pm.



***Student Spotlight*** Congratulations to incoming **9<sup>th</sup> grader Rachel Vivolo** who was recognized as a Father Trainor Scholar on Thursday, June 15, at an awards reception at the Chase Riverfront Center. The newly named scholars and graduating scholars were honored by **Bishop W. Francis Malooly** and **Wilmington Mayor Michael S. Purzycki**; the new scholars and the graduates each received a proclamation from the Delaware General Assembly, sponsored by the **Representative Helene Keeley**. The St. Patrick's Day Society remembers its founding pastor, **Reverend James Trainor**, through this memorial scholarship fund. The Scholarship Fund assists deserving 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in the City parochial schools to attend a Catholic high school of their choice. St. Elizabeth is grateful for the scholarships to the following **Trainor Scholars Julia Casson '17,**

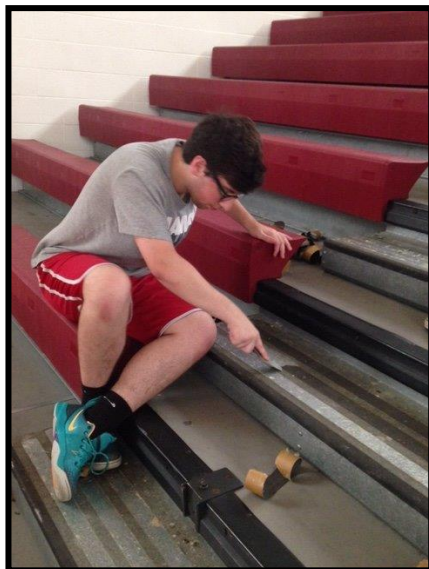


**Eric Hicks '17, Claudia Roncone '18, Talia Watkins '18, Paris Hickman '18, Thomas Maddams '19, Paris Hickman '19, Santos Herrera-Lopez '20, Benjamin Pfeil '20, Luke Sheehan '20.** The photos are of **Rachel '21 with Mayor Purzycki** and **Eric '17 with Bishop Malooly.**

***Ora et Labora- Pray & Work*** The spirit of St Benedict's Rule is summed up in this

traditional motto of the Benedictine Order and informs our St. E mission and actions as a school in the Benedictine tradition. Plans for the annual summer service trips began in earnest this past spring. Thanks to **faculty moderators Mrs. Hayden, English teacher and MANNA coordinator, Mrs. Skorup, religious studies teacher, Mr. Ashby, science teacher and Jefferson moderator, and Mr. Winterbottom, religious studies teacher and campus ministry moderator,** St. E students

had the opportunity to follow this Benedictine practice of *pray and work* on the two Summer Service trips that just finished. From June 19 through June 24, a group of girls traveled to Mt. Aviat Academy in Childs, Maryland



for four days of work, prayer and comrad

ery, while the Viking boys stayed on campus for their week of service, reflection and fellowship. The girls worked with the Oblate Sisters of St. Francis de Sales on a variety of events that the community sponsors during the summer. The boys' projects included landscaping, painting, and a variety of summer maintenance projects. Participants included **rising sophomores Vincent Garyantes, Adam Levine, Chris Palkon, Luke Sheehan, Matthew Spalding-Criscuolo, and Tyler Tillinghast; rising juniors Stephanie Blount, Jacob Borus, Jacob**

**Cierniak, Michael Gemignani, Sean Gmuca, Ardavia Lee, Aaron Liu, and**

**Domenic Vivolo; rising seniors Lexi Benzinger, Thomas Diamond, Maria Green, Dylan Kirk, Alexis Lee, Theresa O'Connor, Grace Rizzo, Omar Romera, Erin Sammler, Abbey Thompson, Talia Watkins, and Raven Wilson.** Look for a new Service Resource Board in OnCampus once school gets underway for these service activities and others that tell our story of *Benedictine Spirit and Viking Pride*. Here is a sampling of the hard-working and fun-loving Vikings. Students who would like to add service hours to their MANNA portfolios before school begins, **Mr. Winterbottom** is looking for volunteers for St. Joseph's Parish Carnival from July 18 – July 22. Volunteer hours are from 4pm-11pm daily. To sign up for time slots, please contact **Mr. Winterbottom**, [mwinterbottom@sehs.org](mailto:mwinterbottom@sehs.org)



A major campus project that is taking place this summer is the renovation of the legendary **Box**, the gymnasium in the main building that serves the athletic program of the lower school and CYM athletics. Students and alumni across the Diocese will be excited to see the new bleachers, a new floor and newly painted spaces. **Mr. Scott** researched the information that the floor was last refurbished in 1985! It will be sparkling once the volleyball season begins thanks to the hard work and dedicated efforts of steadfast Maroon & Gold Vikings in our community. It may look bare and forlorn at present but wait until we return in August!



## **Fall Athletic Reminders**



**Junior High students-** The Fall CYM sports registration is currently open for St. Elizabeth Athletic Association at [www.stelizabethaa.com](http://www.stelizabethaa.com) Fall sports are JV volleyball(gr 5/6), Varsity VB (gr7/8), Cross Country( gr 3-8), Football JV(gr 4-6 Varsity 7/8) Soccer – Jr JV Gr 3-4 , JV 5/6 and Varsity 7/8. This registration is open to students of St. Elizabeth Lower and Upper School (junior high 7/8) as well as parishioners who are part of the St E CCD program. If you are interested in volunteering to coach or have questions regarding registration or St. Elizabeth Athletic Association please contact **Matt Carucci** at [president@stelizabethaa.com](mailto:president@stelizabethaa.com)



High School students – Please have your physicals for fall sports completed by August 1 so that you are ready to practice on opening day of fall sports, **August 15, 2017**. All completed DIAA physicals should be returned to **Mr. Beddow, St. E athletic trainer**, [tbeddow@sehs.org](mailto:tbeddow@sehs.org) Hard copies may be sent to school or

dropped off in the Main Office. Please indicate the contents on the outside of the envelope. Check out the Athletics Website for information on summer athletic activities and opening practices, <http://vikings-sports.com/>

## ***A Few Closing Notes***

**St.E** **First Day of School Info – The first day of school for the Class of 2021 (freshmen), international students, and transfer students** is Tuesday, September 5. The day is planned as a half day orientation with important schedule information, homeroom and locker assignments, yearbook and ID photos, and a welcome to St. Elizabeth. A note on school photographs: students may wear dressy, casual clothes (never shorts!) for the first two days of school for their yearbook and ID photographs. All new parents are invited to an Opening of School Reception & Orientation at 6pm in Grant Hall on Tuesday, September 5.

**St.E** **The first day of school for ALL upper school students – junior high and high school** – is Wednesday, September 6. Yearbook and ID photos will be taken for students in grades 7, 8, 10, 11, including transfer and international students on Wednesday. A note on school photographs: students may wear dressy, casual clothes (never shorts!) for the first two days of school for their yearbook and ID photographs.

**St.E** Beginning Wednesday, September 6, all days are full days with a 2pm dismissal for grades 9-12; 2:35pm dismissal for grades 7-8.

**St.E** Additional details about the dress code for the first two days, along with the picture packets, will be sent at a later date. Another mailing with additional opening of school details will also be sent in the coming weeks as well.

**St.E** **Mrs. Donohue, world language chair**, reminds students and families about next spring's student trip to Puerto Rico March 29 – April 4, 2018, during Spring Break. The deadline to register is September 25, 2017. There is a parent meeting scheduled on September 11, 2017. Please contact **Mrs. Donohue** [tdonohue@viking.pvt.k12.de.us](mailto:tdonohue@viking.pvt.k12.de.us) for additional information.

**St.E** The St. E Alumni Association invites Viking parents and friends to participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Outing that takes place on Monday, September 18 at Rock Manor in Wilmington. All proceeds benefit the St. Elizabeth athletics program. Please check out <https://www.facebook.com/pg/St.EHighSchool/posts/> for further information on the event and registration. Help us make this year's event the best yet! The brochure contains the event schedule and sponsorship opportunities. Thanks in advance for your continued support! Please contact **Kathleen Houghton '68** at [khoughton@sehs.org](mailto:khoughton@sehs.org) with questions.

**St. E** The Feast of St. Benedict is celebrated on Tuesday, July 11. May we remember his wise counsel from Psalm 94 and our Friday closing prayer, "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

In Benedictine Spirit,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shirley W. Bounds". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "In Benedictine Spirit,".

Head of School