



May 27, 2017



Dear St. E Families and Friends,

The Easter season continues even as we begin to mark the final events of the school year. In the past few weeks, St. E students have taken roles in a memorable production of *The Wizard of Oz* musical, honored the Blessed Mother in the May Crowning, celebrated Senior Field Day, and created a rain garden outside the St. E Center. A quote from the second reading on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from Peter declares, "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." In this Easter season that soon draws to a close, we see the face of Jesus in every day in the actions, smiles and energy of our students. We see quite clearly a reason for

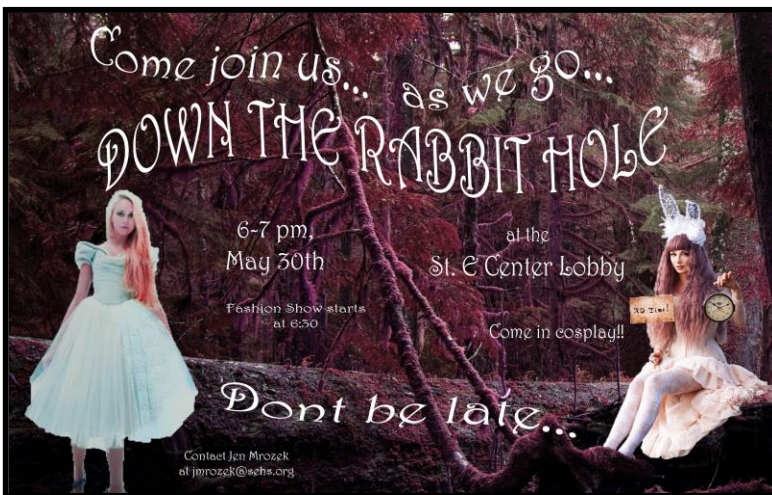
hope. That hopefulness instills in us great joy and optimistic expectations as we prepare for graduation and the end of the school year.

**Challenging the Mind** As the final classroom days wind down, teachers and students are finding engaging ways to complete the year with productive and beneficial projects. **Ms. Downs, environmental science teacher,** completed capstone projects with the AP Environmental Science students. The class planted a rain garden in front of the St. E Center to catch rain water from the corner downspout to diminish the flow of water into the city's sewer system. The system is often overwhelmed during storms. The Environmental Science classes took to the BPAC stage to present TED Talks,



using the large projection screen, iPad applications and other audio visual support. Their examples of presentation, collaboration, research and environmental sensitivity gave proof to the creative and engaged ways education connects to real life problem-solving.

**Mr. Bellomo's Physics classes** took advantage of the 'fidget' spinner craze to compare and contrast the spinners and gyroscopes with the help of their iPads. Students brought fidget spinners to class, squeezed the central core and gave the blades a flick to make them spin. When recording in slow motion with the iPad, **senior Brendan Quirk** found that as the spinner decreased in speed, the reflected light gave the illusion of the spinner stopping and reversing direction.



St. E's end of school year **Art Show, Down the Rabbit Hole**, is scheduled for Tuesday, May 30 at 6:30pm in the lobby of the St. E Center. It will feature Alice inspired fashion designs from recycled items under the direction of **Mrs. Mrozek, art teacher**. Student designers are re-purposing unwanted

textiles, sheets, towels, curtains, etc. A fun, freewheeling evening of innovation is expected. Admission is free. **Senior Shelby McAllister** designed the invitation poster. Hope to see you there!

iBuen Provecho! **Spanish II students in Señora Diaz class**, collaborated to research and prepare quinoa recipes. Quinoa is a major product from the Peruvian Andes and has become very popular in the States as a healthy ingredient for meals. Students shared their final products in class; recipes included cereal bars, smoothies, pancakes and even chicken quinoa soup! Señora noted talented sophomore entrepreneurs **James Malizia, Michael Geminani and Vincent Corbino** for their creation 'quinoa and dark chocolate cereal bar' and **Eric Smith and Nicolas Deluca** for the 'energy drink smoothie with quinoa.' Along with





the tasting, students used the target language for comparisons, appreciation and blog discussions in OnCampus. The blog discussion entries went up to more than 100 comments in Spanish in one class period!

On May 11, the second St. E group of student coders traveled downtown to the Capital One building to finish their apps and present their final products to the Capital One

**Special thanks to the Capital One director and supporter of the program, Mitch Ruebush and his team of developer-coaches that included St. E alum Joseph Scholz '02.** Several Vikings, lower and upper school students, won awards and all walked away from the event with a new Chromebook and a backpack filled with gifts, all provided by Capital One. The full St. E team is pictured here as well.



**Mr. Haney and Ms. Katherine Murphy, Math League coaches,** presented certificates to the members of the 2016-17 Math League teams. Bravo to the **9<sup>th</sup> grade team** for its 2<sup>nd</sup> place regional trophy and to **senior Joseph Pritchard** for his selection and success in the all-around category. **9<sup>th</sup> grade members: Jamie Chapman, Aiyana Ethengain, Kevin Graziose, Jingjing Guo, John Kepley, Bingcheng Liu, Conor McCloskey, Joseph Miller, Joseph Nicotra, Claudia Offutt, Christopher Palkon, Brian Sipko, Megan Somers. 10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade members: Johnathan Hendricks, Brandon Holly, Aaron Liu, Kevin Marchioni, Luna Sheng, Madeline Hornung, Irene Hu, Mary Nottingham, Christopher Szczerba, Angelo Tuono, Dylan Bowers, Jacob Cierniak, Matthew Gray, Jillian Hendricks, Sean Holly, Alex Noel, Ryan Woodham, Abigail Thompson, John Morrison and Joseph Pritchard.**

***Inspiring the Spirit*** At the annual Catholic Youth and Young Adult Ministry Recognition Dinner, several St. Elizabeth students received the St. Timothy National Youth Award. The award is given to a junior or senior high school youth who lives as a disciple of Christ, sets a positive example for



other youth, demonstrates Gospel values through service to others, and exhibits Christian leadership in parish, school, and the community. **Seniors John DiSabatino, Megan McLaughlin and Megan McLaughlin** were honored with this award. **Parent and alumna Arlene Aviola '84 Gallucio** was recognized for her volunteer work as coordinator of the St. Elizabeth Junior High youth group.

Along with the recognition of these students at the CYM event, thirty-two members of the senior class who achieved over 200 service hours formed the May Procession at our annual May Crowning event on May 12 in St. Elizabeth Church. The St. Elizabeth MANNA service program unites the attributes of our patrons, St. Elizabeth and St. Benedict, with the month that honors Mary, our Blessed Mother, and cousin to Elizabeth. St. Benedict's spirituality and manner of life were centered in Christ. He clearly emphasized that *we must prefer nothing whatever to the love of Christ*. Out of that love, we will hear God's voice and respond to God's call through prayer and work by performing service and good deeds.



**Alanna Speaks, May Queen, escorted by Joseph Pritchard, crowned the Blessed Mother as Mr. Winterbottom, religious studies teacher and**



**Campus Ministry coordinator**, sang the traditional *Salve Regina* hymn. The number of seniors who went above and beyond 200 hours will serve as a memorable highlight of the Class of 2017. **Mr. Papili, president, Father Lewis, associate pastor, and Father Carroll, pastor**, presented certificates and Benedictine medals to the following seniors: **Alanna Speaks, Joseph**

**Pritchard, Erin Allston, Jake Barks, Maya Blackwell, Mason Bondrowski, Benjamin Bryan, Julia Casson, Alexa Cruz, Grace Dunleavy, Nicholas Fahey, Abigayle Gant, Brittany Greigg, Johnathan Hendricks, Eric Hicks, Brandon Holly, Declan Kennard, Andrew Mazalewski, Andrew McCracken, Megan McLaughlin, Robert Miller, Madelynn Norris, Juliana Owens, Alyssa San Diego, Madison Schulz, Xinyue Sheng, Kellen Sweeney, Angelo Tuono, Sophia Vivolo, Maria Whiting, Michael Wilson, Sha'Vion Woodland.**



Spirits were further inspired that evening when the Cedar Street Players took the stage in the Benedictine Performing Arts Center for the spring production of *The Wizard Of Oz*. With a talented cast of students from the lower and upper school, under the direction of **Mr. Dietzler, drama**

**and chorus teacher**, audiences on Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoon, enjoyed a polished and innovative presentation of this Hollywood classic. Check out the article in the Hockessin Community News.

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## ***Upcoming Events***



Wednesday, May 31, Flynn & O'Hara Uniform Sale, 2pm-6pm in the St. E Center Lobby.



Thursday, June 1, Spring Sports Banquet, 5:45pm in Grant Hall



Friday, June 2, Moving Up Mass for grades 9-11 takes place in St. Elizabeth Church, 8:30am. That evening the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation takes place, 7pm, in St. Elizabeth Church.



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.

The end of school is quickly upon us; however, our students and faculty continue to welcome visitors, participate in classes, present final projects, and engage in our faith community. Another newsletter will follow shortly with a Student Spotlight focus and additional news from the very busy spring here on campus. Please feel free to join us for the Moving Up Mass and award ceremony that takes place at its conclusion. The following week of exams is, in effect, the last week of school for the 2016-2017 school year.

As we celebrate this Memorial Holiday Weekend, we honor the memory of service members and their families who have sacrificed to protect the freedom we enjoy.

In Benedictine Spirit,  
*Shirley W. Bounds*  
Head of School

