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RB HONORS MILITARY VETERANS



By Ben Enderle

The day of the Veteran's assembly was one students were excited for, and not only for the assembly. That Thursday at school, every one had a 1 o'clock dismissal and were permitted to be out of Roger Bacon dress code, wearing red white and blue.

As students packed into the Fogarty, greeting veterans as they walked by, everyone was excited to appreciate and see the veterans who have attended Roger Bacon. Senior Patrick Dixon said, "It is important to appreciate the people who have let us live the lives and keep the freedoms that we have."

Ava Caldwell also commented, "I think it is a great idea to have an assembly like this to show our appreciation to veterans who risked there lives and need to be shown respect for everything they have done."

The assembly started with the songs of every branch of the military, with the veterans who served in each branch standing out of respect. Class President Beatrice Borgert led the assembly into naming the veterans in the different branches.

After hearing the songs and seeing each veteran stand up for appreciation, the students got to ask some veterans questions about their time in the service. Shauna Watterson said, "I liked hearing from the veterans and the stories they had to tell us about their time in the military."

After the assembly students left the Fogarty, they thanked the veterans for all they have done for the United States of American and Roger Bacon. The day went on with an ecstatic mood because of the wonderful assembly and the moving advice and stories the veterans told.

DRAMA PERFORMS STEEL MAGNOLIAS

By Katelyn Barnes

Steel Magnolias is almost ready for curtain! In the last few weeks, the cast and crew have put everything into place. They started rehearsing in early September and feel confident about the work they have done.

Connecting with each other on a personal level is the most challenging part of preparing for a play, says Junior Emily Bruns. Since this is a very emotional play they want to get that same emotion out on stage. Another challenging thing for the cast members is learning the lines.

One important thing about the drama guild is that they love having fun! Sophomore Isabelle Lynch said, "Something that's wonderful about our cast is that we love to laugh... however this isn't the greatest thing when we are trying to get through a scene in a certain amount of time. I's always really funny when someone (me) messes up a line and it turns into something silly!" The cast and crew definitely want to take a little stress off in rehearsals.

If this show is anything like the ones in the past it will definitely be a showstopper!

EVENING FOR EXCELLENCE: AN ANNUAL TRADITION OF GIVING

By Brian Mitchell

The evening begins with the smell of appetizers and luck in the air. People start to file in ready for a wonderful evening. At the start of the night people were wary of spending money, but as they started to notice all the wonderful things people donated, they got into the charitable spirit.

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ASSISI SCHOLARS RETURN FROM ITALY

By Jalyn Jackson

The Assisi Scholars had a once in a life time opportunity to go to Assisi, Italy for ten days. What are Assisi Scholars you may ask? Assisi Scholars are students here at Roger Bacon that take all AP and Honors classes. They convey leadership and spiritual growth and are actively involved in the community.

These students put in hard work and dedication everyday in the classrooms in order to perform great in their classes. You may ask why is this pilgrimage so important? Assisi, Italy is where St. Francis was born. St. Francis was loving and cared for the poor and sick. He was also a patron saint of animals and ecology. St. Francis is an example of how we should live out our lives today.

Although the pilgrimage was about St. Francis, it did not only take place in Assisi, Italy. Students visited Rome, St. Clare Basilica, and Rocca Maggiore. This pilgrimage opened many spiritual doors for people and the Scholars. Senior Julia Mumper said, "I like how I got to learn a different culture." Assisi is indeed very cultural and the Scholars tasted many different foods that were out of there comfort zone.

During this pilgrimage, the Scholars met different people. For example, Brother Tom. Brother Tom was asked what does it mean to be a Franciscan. He said, "Franciscan to me means joy.. to have a wonderful brother and sister hood.." The pilgrimage has a everlasting impact on not only the Scholars, but the Brothers that witnessed St. Francis' actions through others.

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The great student volunteers handed out appetizers and sold tickets for split the pot and heads or tails. Everyone was having a good time listening to the jazz band.

The goal for this night was to raise enough money to buy the school two new vans. Two generous people donated 10,000 dollars along with many other donations, ranging from 50 to 5,000 dollars. In all, the donations were more than enough pay for the vans.

After the donation train, there was an auction many wonderful items were auctioned off, for instance free lunch and the naming of the circle out front of school. The bidding wavered time to time, and at other times the bidding wars were electric.

Student volunteers ran everywhere trying to keep strait who had the highest bid by running behind the bidder with a flash light. At the end of the night everyone was happy that we met our goal. All the volunteers said they had a good time and were happy they helped out.

HAS SENIORITIS HIT YOU JUST YET?

By Zion Miles

Senioritis: "A supposed affliction of students in their final year of high school or college, characterized by a decline in motivation or performance."

For some students in the class of 2018, senioritis has completely taken over and for many others, everything seems to be going perfectly fine.

Senior Ava Caldwell explained how her Senioritis came a lot earlier than she thought: "It hit me in the summer. I don't want to be here at all." While senior

Landen Boulding said, "It hasn't hit me just yet, I'm still enjoying the beginning of my senior year."

It's easy to say that the students have very different opinions on how the beginning their senior year is going, but from my understanding we're all ready to graduate. Tionna Jordan made it very clear that "it hit me the first day of school but I'm going to miss some teachers and most importantly my friends I'm just ready to graduate and go on to college."

This year is only the beginning of many obstacles and challenges ahead but we as seniors and leaders of the school, will get the job done and have fun while doing it.



SECTIONAL CHAMPS VOLLEYBALL BEATS WYOMING IN A 3-SET SWEEP



By Mary Kate DeWees

The girls volleyball team entered the post season with a winning record and high hopes for the tournament. The only team on the bracket that seemed to matter in that moment were the Wyoming Cowboys. After losing a hard fought 5 set match earlier in the season, they were ready to play them again.

Following wins over Batavia and Indian Hill, the countdown for October 25 began. Practices became more intense. The competition for starting spots heated up. Every girl seemed to be hitting harder and serving more aggressive. Everyone wanted their chance to get back at Wyoming.

The Spartans' offense dominated at the net in the first game with great performances by outside hitters Kelly Brenner and Olivia Hawkins, and setter Maddie Gullette. The second game turned into a defensive battle, with defensive specialist Haley Hoffman digging everything that came her way.

As the teams switched sides for the third game, Senior Teresa Weickert served the Cowboys off the court while playing lights out at the net. Setter Karly Niesen connected perfectly with outside hitter Morgan Hausfeld as they picked apart their defense.

With the Spartans earning the last point of the match, cheers erupted as the bench jumped onto the court to celebrate. "It was the best game I've ever played in. The whole team was on the same page, we were determined to win...and we did. With the amount of intensity and fire I could feel from the girls, Wyoming had no chance. We were playing hard, with heart, and having fun, that is what Spartan Volleyball is all about," said senior Teresa Weickert.

Final scores of the sets were 25-18, 25-21, and 25-13. Game leaders were Karly Niesen with 29 assists, Teresa Weickert with 8 kills and 9 blocks, Mary Kate DeWees and Olivia Hawkins each with 12 digs, and Haley Hoffman with 2 service aces.

FOOTBALL SEASON ENDS WITH VICTORY ON SENIOR NIGHT

By Austin Fulton

The Roger Bacon Spartans had their last game of the season on Friday, October 27th. This year, there were setbacks and complications, but the Spartans kept pushing through to express Faith, Family, Football.

It was a cold rainy October Friday night. The nights match to end the Spartans season was against rival Purcell Marian. It was hard for anyone in the stadium to keep their minds off of the freezing cold and rain.

The game went back and forth as the Spartans and Cavaliers tried to push up the field into the end zones. Suddenly, sophomore quarterback Tyler Bullock ran eight yards into the end zone for a touchdown to put six on the board, and then Junior Luke Byrd kicked a field goal to make it seven.

The Spartans continued to fight in their last game of the season, and for some seniors their last at Roger Bacon. But just before halftime, the Cavaliers managed to find their way into the end zone to make it 7-6 going into halftime in favor of the Spartans.

The weather did not let up unfortunately for anyone. It continued to pour and send chills down everyone's spines. But the third and fourth quarter ended with the same result as it was going into halftime, 6-7 with RB being the victors. The Spartans had completed their season of The Rise!

SOCCER SENIORS BREAK RECORDS

By Chas Scholz

Austin Fulton and Kaylee Sanders have broken many records and have led their teams to success. Austin broke Brian Feldhaus's record for career points, which was 114. Austin finished the season with 115. He also broke Feldhaus's career goal record of 46 with his 47. Austin said, "This year was one to remember, especially since it was my senior year, and my first year as captain." Austin has had a great career as an RB Soccer. He has not made a decisions on where he is going to college yet, but wherever he goes he will be successful.

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WINTER SPORTS PREVIEW

By Amir Muhammad

This winter season for Roger Bacon High School, we have many competitive sports coming up.

Wrestling is going to be very competitive this year for our wrestlers because there are only very few. Even though we have very few wrestlers, we should be fine. Also with the help of Coach Dave and Coach Chris, this wrestling season will be successful.

Two other winter sports that require similar practice and skills are Swimming and Underwater Hockey. Swimming had a great season last year by making their way to the State Finals with the help of Coach Schomaker. They have the same dream this year, except go further at State. Also Underwater Hockey with the help of Dr. Paul Wittekind (Doc), did so well last season that they traveled to Australia for the U.S.A. team. That was one of Underwater Hockey's biggest accomplishments in many years.

We never stop the grind. Two more sports that Roger Bacon has in our arsenal are Bowling and Gymnastics. Even though both teams faced challenges last year as far as winning, this will be the year they rise and become champions in these up-and-coming sports. Thanks to all of the coaches who have helped out in our sports program and we hope they Coach our players well enough to were they can win!

Last but not least, we have Cheerleading and Basketball. Cheerleading is the most supportive sport because no matter the weather conditions on the football field or how tight the space in the basketball gym, they are loud. get the Student Section more involved in the cheering. Thanks to Coach Jackson for training our cheerleaders to be exciting.

Basketball is one of the most popular sports we have at our school. Congratulations to Girls Varsity Basketball Coach Cheesman for accepting the Coach of the Year award. We hope that Coach Cheesman inspires his players to take their game to the next level. In Boys Basketball, thanks to Coach Neal for his improvements over the years. Two years ago, we made it to the final four, last year we made it to the championship and lost. This year we hope to make history by winning State.

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Kaylee Sanders broke the same record as Austin Fulton did this year. Kaylee Sanders broke the record of most career points in a single season. She broke Mindy Ballinger's record, which was 114, while Kaylee Sanders had 115 career points. Kaylee Sanders says, "My senior year was the best year of soccer I have ever played. I wish we could have had a better record but nothing beats going out with all my friends."

Austin and Kaylee have done great things for this school and now we can watch them and their talents wherever they choose to go to for college.



FALL RECAP: ALL STARS

By Zack Whitton

Football: The 2017-18 Varsity Roger Bacon Football team saw 15 players receive awards.

2nd Team: James Thompson Jr., Ryan Blaut, Tyler Bullock, Zak Cappel, Zuri Edmonson, Amos Zarty, Chris Kugele (C), Chas Scholz **1st Team:** Cory Kiner: Cory found himself breaking the most rushing yards in a game. Also first freshman to receive First Team in GCL. Mykael Carson: Was one of the outstanding Linebackers this year with 79 tackles. Zach Kuhlman: Led the team in receptions and Reception yards. Luke Byrd was an outstanding punter who was able to flip the field in risky situations. Nathan Stark was one of the junior captains who was a leader on the field. Zack Whitton was also a captain and was one of the leaders on the defense. Logan Wolf was one of the players who played both ways. Logan also missed two games due to Assisi trip.

Volleyball: 2nd Team: Olivia Hawkins and Mary Kate DeWees **First Team:** Karly Niesen had a great season with 100 kills and 111 digs.

Maddie Gullete, a 4 year varsity player who recorded 98 kills and 324 assist. Teresa Weickert, one of the team leaders produced 86 kills in 41 games played. Also has committed to Seton Hill University

Boys Soccer: Second Team: Kingsley Fomba, Jon Myers, and Thomas Dunn **First Team:** Gideon Fomba was goal scorer from outside the six yard box. Brandon Beck was considered the best defensive player on the team. Austin Fulton will go down as one of the best soccer players. First in total points and goals, third in assists and goals this season

Girls Soccer: Second Team: Haley Fulton and Lindsay Ballinger **First Team:** Kylee Sheppard was a standout freshman who was first in the GCL in points and goals. Kaylee Sanders was a four was first in career points, third in career goals, first in Career assist, and also broke the record for most assist in a season. Kaylee also was the Central Player of the Year.

K67 SENIORS MAKE MEMORIES THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME



By Jakob Jones

Kairos, an annual event for each senior class, was very successful yet again with many classmates creating bonds and friendships that will last a lifetime. From getting off the bus at Milford Spiritual Center to returning home to family the retreat members on K67 enjoyed moments that they will remember for the rest of their lives. These students were able to open up with their classmates and find out more about themselves and each other. Assistant rector Ben Enderle said, "I met people I haven't been too close of friends with and became closer to them. I also formed new and lasting relationships with my peers."

The atmosphere at K67 was amazing. There's nothing better than getting away for three days and learning more about your classmates!

Sophie Hunter was also impressed with everyone's energy She said, "I thought Kairos went well because of all the positive energy that came from the group. There was constant joy and gratitude towards everyone there and that had a huge part in everyone coming closer together." First-time retreat member Gavin Bedinghaus explained that Kairos turned out to be much different than he expected: "I thought that it was going to be really awkward and thought nobody would share. I was also worried about what I was going to be asked to share, but everyone shared and it helped me engage with my classmates." Overall, the retreat turned out to be a total success thanks to the planning of the team leaders and the willingness of the retreat members to open up.

NITE IN THE RHINE

By Christian Jones

Nite in the Rhine was a service experience that took place in October, replacing Shantytown for this year. The volunteers went to St. Vincent de Paul and spent all of two days helping out people in need and recognizing what it means to be affected by homelessness.

Father Roger and Mrs. Vehorn escorted eight students through a service experience they won't soon forget. Jakob Jones stated, "I learned that our goal should not be helping people with poverty, it should be helping people get out of poverty". The students spent the first day working at the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry helping customers with their shopping, then spent the rest of the day learning about all the unique opportunities St. Vincent de Paul has to offer.

They concluded the first day with a poverty simulation which put the students in the place of someone of a lower income and expected them to survive the month. Kelsey Anderson said, "It changed the way I looked at poverty". The second day, the worked with kids in the community and heard a first-hand account from someone who had previously been affected by homelessness. The whole experience brought the group together as a community, as Andy Gruenwald explained, "During the experience, I grew closer to my friends and my community. I saw firsthand the terrible poverty that many people live in and it encouraged me to help my community through service and everyday acts of kindness." On the whole it was a great experience that would be great for student that is interested in service.

ASSIST-A-FAMILY DRIVE KICKS OFF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

By Gavin Bedinghaus

On All Saints Day, project leader Grace Nonnamaker began the annual Assist-A-Family program. Assist-A-Family takes place November 1st through December 13th. Students donate money and other goods for nearby charities. Students are asked to bring in money for Kroger gift cards, new nail care kits, and new warm weather items.

Each flex room has two to three representatives to fulfill responsibilities such as encouraging classmates to donate, and collecting money during each collection day. On some days the representatives of the AAF program sell treats such as brownies and cookies as another method of raising money for the cause. Each flex has a goal for donations and money that is catered to the amount of students in each flex. Flex rooms compete to see who can donate the most money. The winning flex rooms get to shave the heads of Mr. Schad and Mr. Zlatic.

All donations will go to the St. George Food Pantry in Clifton and the Church of the Redeemer in Bond Hill. When asked how the fund raising was going so far, Alayna Culbertson said, "Its going really well, we have been getting a lot of donations from a lot of people and I am really proud of my fellow classmates and I hope they continue to bring in the money and the goods."

IN ART CLASS, STUDENTS SHOW OFF THEIR CREATIVE SIDE

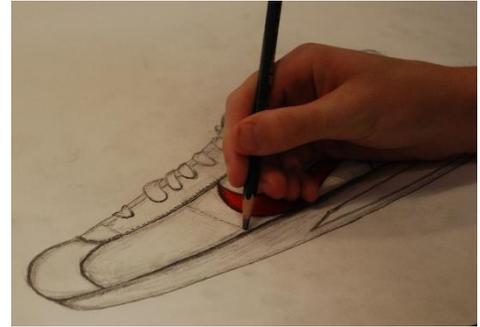
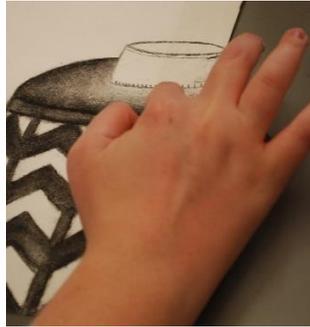
By Melanie Petrey

Many people have a passion for art; maybe as a kid you loved art classes at your grade school so much that you wanted to have a more advance knowledge of art. Here at Roger Bacon we have a many art classes to choose from for all grades 9-12.

The art classes that we have here include: Drawing and painting 1 & 2, graphic design, intro to studio arts, 3D design, and more!. I know that doesn't seem like a lot, but trust me, there's more then there are listed. At Bacon we have the opportunity to learn and build skills with different programs like art classes and all the options to choose from.

Here at Bacon we have two great art teachers that are here to mentor and guide us throughout the semester/year: Mrs. Bruns and Mrs. Reinbach. Both teachers teach a certain class that they have a good perspective in or what they have majored in college. Mrs. Reinbach teaches drawing and painting 1&2 , graphic design and intro to studio arts, while Mrs. Bruns teaches 3D design, photography, etc. Both of the art teachers have a passion for art and they want to help us succeed in class and throughout our lives either in school or outside of school. The teachers teach us these lessons to help shape us into educated and smart people for when we become adults and we are open to the real world. As an art lover myself, I asked a couple of student to tell me about how they feel about art. Senior Tyonna Jordan she said, "Art to me is an escape goat from the harsh reality, I can actually express myself without the crucial judgement."

Junior Sarah Dougood said that "Art means you get to interpret different styles to the main object to drag out a little different everything we are all drawing the same thing". These are just a couple of quotes that some students feel about art and you don't have to feel the same way this just depends on how you feel towards art and the patience it takes.



STUDENTS PERFORM IN LIP SYNC BATTLE

By Lawrence Jones

The LSB Competition. Or in other words, The Lip Sync Battle which was performed by multiple Roger Bacon Students this October. This year's competition was very exciting for we had students choose all types of songs that everyone loved. Some acts were solos, duos, or even groups of five! But there could only be one winner.

Shannon Lewis, who won her Lip Sync on the song "Poison" (as she was teamed up with Craig Moore and Aaliyah Walker) said, "I loved performing in the battle, enjoying the positive vibes and choosing the song I wanted too while knowing everyone would have fun. I also enjoyed the lip sync of 'Mr. Telephone Man' by New Addition." We can all thank Ms. Murray for setting up this wonderful event for the students to enjoy. We hope she has more surprises to come.

If you wished to perform in the lip sync battle yourself, you can talk to Ms. Murray about preforming and taking theater electives. The show was so great even Patrick Dixon had a couple words to say: "I liked how kids were able to express themselves and have a good time, they even got graded for having fun. But most importantly my favorite lip sync was 'Bye Bye Bye' by NSYNC." So even if you were performing or watching from your seats we all had a good time here at the RB Lip Sync Battle. And we hope to make it better with our students next year.



NAHS GROWS IN ITS THIRD YEAR

By Beatrice Borgert

This year, National Art Honors Society has taken a new form! National Art Honors Society, or NAHS, is a fairly new club around RB. This year, NAHS is under the guidance of Mrs. Bruns and includes Senior Beatrice as president, Juniors Shannon Seiler as vice president, Ally Holt as our Treasurer, and Sam Placke and Senior Kelsey Estep as secretaries.

In previous years to qualify to be in the club you had to have taken art classes in the past, at least one AP class, and keep good grades. With these qualifications, we only had enough members to count on one hand.

NAHS's purpose is to ignite and recognize students who have a passion for art. This year we have tweaked the qualifications to welcome those who are passionate about art so that we can help ignite their creativity instead of extinguish their talents. Junior Paige Spaeth shares why this change has been a positive one: "I entered into NAHS my sophomore year and we ended up not doing as much as we would've liked to. This year we have broadened our student's knowledge of many types of art by simply exposing them to it".

So far this year NAHS has gone to the Cincinnati Downtown Public Library to make buttons for Veterans Day, and toured the Cincinnati Contemporary Arts Center and the Cincinnati Museum Center.

NAHS isn't just giving students a chance to broaden their knowledge on art, but also grow friendships outside of school. Shannon Seiler shares, "I love being part of a mini art family that can helpfully critique my ideas and experience museum trips with me. NAHS has helped me meet new friends, develop a love for new media, and see a new side of the art world through shows and exhibits". NAHS is a growing community and I wait to see what it grows into by the end of this year!

CREATIVE WRITING: SHORT STORY

THE SNOWBALL FIGHT

By Abby Sunderman

The icy bitter cold air bites into my skin. I shove my hands into my coat pockets but it does nothing to help the fact that my fingers are starting to go numb. If I weren't currently freezing, I might have stopped to appreciate the sparkling snowflakes that fall from the sky. Instead of staring at them in awe, though, like I usually would, I glare at them.

"Can I go inside yet?" I ask my little sister. The cold didn't seem to affect her. Bundled in several layers of clothes, her puffy blue coat, oversized hat, and warm boots, Eleanor didn't seem to even notice that it was only 19 degrees out. She digs her gloved hands into the snow and attempts to pack it into a snowball.

"Nope," she replies, a frown taking over her face as the snow crumbles in her hand. "Mommy said you have to watch me."

"Well why can't Mom come watch you herself?" I question. Eleanor shrugs. She restarts her attempt at forming a snowball.

"She's making dinner," she says. When the snow crumbles apart again she kicks at the snow in frustration. "I wanna build a snowman! Stupid snow," she says.

"Well good luck with that," I reply. I sit down on the porch, making it clear that I have no intention to help Eleanor.

I only last a few more minutes before I grow impatient. I could be inside the warm house with a cup of hot chocolate and a blanket. Instead, I'm sitting here freezing my butt off.

I reach down and pick up a clump of snow. I pack it between my hands, making a lopsided ball.

I stand up and watch my sister. When she turns her back, I take my opportunity. I hurl the snowball at her

It hits her smack in the back of her head.

"Hey!" she yells

She turns around and glares at me. I smirk.

"Why'd you do that?"

"Do what?" I ask.

"Make me a snowman," she demands. "Make me a snowman or else I'll never, ever go inside. I'll make you stay out here all night watching me. I want a snowman."

I reach down again and grab some snow. Eleanor grins victoriously, assuming that I'm going to make her a stupid snowman. I pack the snow together tightly to form another snowball. Then, before she realizes what's about to happen, I throw the snowball at her. It hits her in the center of her forehead. She stares at me with her mouth open wide as the snow melts and drops down her face.

"Jerk." I stick my tongue out at her childishly. I watch as Eleanor grabs a handful of snow. She doesn't even attempt to make it into a ball before throwing it me. It falls to the ground several feet in front of me. I can't help but laugh.

My laughter abruptly stops, though, when something hits my back. I turn around to see my brother grinning. Eleanor giggles.

"Did somebody say snowball fight?" Michael asks.

"Oh it's on!" It doesn't take long for an all out war to begin. I take refuge behind a tree but icy snowballs still manage to hit me.

Eleanor goes between the two of us, choosing whichever side seemed to be winning. By time we go inside for dinner, we're all an icy and cold mess. Every inch of me is drenched in melted snow and my teeth chatter as I attempt to smile. The cold doesn't bother me anymore, though.

HOW IS SCHOOL GOING SO FAR? By Peyton McDonald



Noor Essakalli

Q: What's your favorite memory so far?

A: My favorite memory so far has been getting closer to people, especially my volleyball teammates.

Q: What's been the most stressful for you so far this quarter?

A: The most stressful part of this year has been balancing things like the running club, volleyball, homework and the school day.

Q: What's your proudest accomplishment so far? A: My proudest moment so far this year was finishing the volleyball season with an 18:3 record.

Maddie Gulette

Q: What's your favorite memory?

A: My favorite memory this year was probably homecoming. I had a really fun time getting ready, going to the dance, and having a fun time after with my friends.

Q: What's been the most stressful for you?

A: Preparing for college has definitely been the most stressful. Filling out applications, writing essays, and making lots of decisions has made me want to savor every moment I have left at Roger Bacon.

Q: What's your proudest moment?

A: Finishing off a strong final season of volleyball here at Roger Bacon.

Brian Mitchell



Q: What's your favorite memory so far?

A: Kairos, I enjoyed getting to know my fellow students on a deeper level.

Q: What's been the most stressful for you?

A: Leading Kairos has put a lot of pressure on me, but the hard work and stress is well worth it.

Q: What's your proudest moment so far?

A: Becoming a senior leader.

MY SKIRT, MY CHOICE? - AN OPINION

By Esther Aulis-Cabrera



I started wearing my skirt in the sixth grade. Before sixth grade, I was going to a public school, where we had the option to wear a navy or tan skirt. It was not a popular choice. When I then switched to St. Nick, a private school, the skirt was optional and the popular choice. My mother, a strict Catholic Latina would never hem my skirt. She told me, "If you want to walk around like that you need to do that yourself." I recently asked her how she felt when I finally hemmed my skirts in the eighth grade, "I didn't like it, I still don't, but I put myself at ease knowing you know how cross your legs. And I mean it's not how it was when I was younger or even where I grew up anymore. Everything is short now." My skirt currently lays an inch or so above the regulated skirt length at Roger Bacon.

At Roger Bacon, all skirts must be an Index Card away from our knee. This policy was adopted five years ago, after a PTA meeting. Mr. Zlatic states that, "There was a "town hall" style meeting with the PTA, and opinions were shared that ranged from getting rid of the skirts altogether to keeping the skirts and not implementing any policy. After much conversation, a compromise was mostly agreed upon." The history on this regulation points to compromise for both sides. An important aspect consider was that this skirt was endangered.

Throughout the years, our skirt has continued to be put on the hot plate. The question now is, is it the skirt or the wearer? Mr. Zlatic has not remained blind to the conversation and done some homework. He explained, "I met with both the PTA and a group of graduating seniors. I was somewhat surprised that not only was there overwhelming support for the policy from both groups, but they were actually asking for *stronger* enforcement. The student group did not like to see their female peers with short skirts, and the most vocal part of the student group were females themselves. In light of all of this, the administration decided we would not do an all [Female] assembly but forward concerns about skirt length to the female counselors to check and have a conversation."



Now more than ever, we have to ask ourselves: Is about our skirt in an institution or the social values we have gained? I decided that my short skirt isn't just a problem at school but in places of worship. In Freshman year theology we learned that human dignity is the worth and value no one can take from us. So the big question was, does measuring a skirt detract from dignity? Fr. Roger says no. Throughout our lengthy discussion he shared views as a teacher and man of God. "There is an old saying that the clothes make a person. I don't believe that's true. When people see me walking in the street it can have a negative effect or positive effect." He described how, while clothes may portray something of us, they don't define us.

Does my Skirt define me? No. Has Roger Bacon created a policy to please both parents and students? Yes. Does our continuous battle with being more than what we wear, as females, lie with Society not institutions of education? Absolutely.

DOES CELEBRATING GOOD GRADES DISCOURAGE STUDENTS WHO STRUGGLE ACADEMICALLY?



By Tyonna Jordan

Good grades have different effects on different people depending on their work ethic or their motives. Some people fall in love with good grades, and they will always want to keep their grades looking really sharp, and on point. When I receive honors for a quarter, I instantly make myself want to receive honors for all quarters. I get a great satisfaction from receiving good grades. They make me feel like I really earned them, which I did.

"Not necessarily. Sometimes students get a taste of honor roll, and it can compel a student to want to stay on it. Probably a high percent of kids who make honor roll would want to achieve it again," says Ms. Magliocco (Guidance Counselor). Senior Amy Groth says, "Yeah. Different material might make a students grade go down, or if they don't comprehend the work. You might get a teacher whose attitude may change with different groups of kids." Amy believes that grades don't really affect your next quarter grades, it can simply just be the environment in which a student is placed.

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Dear Chas...

Dear Chas,

I am really stressing out about college and the Common Application. What should I do?

Dear RB student,

Senior year is supposed to be fun, but I can see where it can also be stressful. Try talking to your counselor for some help and don't be too hard on yourself!

Dear Chas,

I am having a hard time balancing my school work, extracurriculars, and social life.

Dear RB student,

Try finding a happy medium between them all. It may be tough sometimes but you can work through it. When you have extra time try to get ahead in your school work. Your friends will understand that you have schoolwork and other things going on.

Dear Chas,

I am interested in joining some extracurriculars, but I'm nervous to talk to people and I'm not sure which one that I want to join.

Dear RB student,

Don't be nervous! Roger Bacon is a loving, welcoming environment. You will do great in anything you decide to do! Don't be afraid to take risks and be involved in things it will make high school a lot more fun!

Dear Chas,

What would you say your favorite part about Roger Bacon is and would you recommend it to those looking at high schools?

Dear RB student,

In my four years as a Spartan I would most definitely say that my favorite part about RB would be the atmosphere. We are all a family and we are always there for each other and have a good time. I would definitely recommend Roger Bacon to anyone looking for an amazing school with great academics, athletics, and other activities and clubs and even more amazing students and staff.

