



THE INQUISITOR

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Living Out the Pro-Life Message

By: Brooke Stidham

Since 1988, writing and giving a pro-life speech has been a senior rite of passage. Mrs. Carroll requires each Seton student to give a pro-life speech before receiving a diploma because she believes it is important for students to know how to articulate their pro-life views in a convincing way. She says, "Each year I wonder if I will hear something new. After all, I've been hearing speeches on the pro-life topics for over 30 years. But every year I do learn something new. Even when a topic has been used many times, different students can have a different slant or a different story to tell or a new argument. In addition, as our culture has changed, there are new topics that need to be addressed. Hearing the passion in the students' voices as they express their strong pro-life views is inspiring." In the extended Seton community, it is clear to see that "pro-life" is so much more than a political stance. This network of students, parents, faculty, staff, and alumni are pro-life in the way its members think, speak, and act. The pro-life message is fulfilled in myriad ways, as seen in our big families, our outreach to those in need, our annual March for Life attendance, our prayers outside abortion clinics, and our seniors' pro-life speeches. The Alex and

Geline Williams Pro Life State Speech Contest in Richmond has been held for 33 years now, and Seton has won first place 18 of those years, including this year. Not only did Rita Rogers win first place, Julie Hill also won second place and Ana Reyes won third. Rita Rogers will be participating in the national contest on July 9th. Rita says, "I was so honored and humbled to be recognized in this competition. I was so touched and inspired by the stories of some of the women there who have been so courageous and humble and done so much for the pro-life cause. It's truly amazing... Being able to share the story of the beautiful life of my sister was also very humbling and emotional for me because of how much she has impacted my life." Though the state contest only accepts speeches pertaining to abortion, euthanasia, embryonic stem cell research, and infanticide, Mrs. Carroll allows students to choose from a wider range of topics, including pornography, contraception, mental illness, reproductive technology, and many more. As the seniors graduate each year, they are trusted with the responsibility of living out the pro-life message throughout this culture of death.





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Goodbye for Now...

By: Brooke Stidham

Since this is the final Inquisitor edition of the 2018-2019 schoolyear, it seemed fitting to tell you about the class that made this all possible, Writing for Publication! Here are our thoughts on the experience:

Bethany Johnson: This class has been a great learning experience and lots of fun. The creative writing prompts were vastly enjoyable (especially the Murder Mystery story). I also learned a lot about how news articles are written and how to conduct an interview.

Sean Hilbert: This class has definitely enabled me to grow as a writer. In addition, being a copy editor has improved my editing skills for writing papers, and many of the creative writing prompts were enjoyable to work on as well. For anyone interested in journalism, this class is a great learning experience.

John Moore: This class has been important. It taught me spelling, communication, and a deeper understanding of teamwork.

Lizzy H: This class was amazing. I really enjoyed the creative writing we did, especially the Writing Relay. Mrs. K has been amazing, and she really made the class even more awesome. The students were also amazing and made the last period go by so fast that I wished it would never end. If you are looking for a fun and awesome class, I really recommend this class to you.

Kathleen O'Malley: I really enjoyed this class because it encouraged a creative outlet for my writing. I have strengthened my friendships with the students in this class, and it was always the highlight of my school day. Mrs. Kammerdeiner is an amazing teacher and helped me improve my writing skills.

Lauren Volk: I have learned so much from this class! 8th period was always the highlight of my day. It was always so much fun working together to put the Inquisitor together. My writing has improved a lot since the beginning of the year. Mrs. K is such an amazing teacher and has helped me so much!

Reagan Kammerdeiner: This class has definitely given me the opportunity to step out of my comfort zone! Having to go out and interview someone you don't really know, and having your writing published for many to see is very humbling. This experience has truly helped me improve my writing. I also loved being

able to come into class every day and see my mom. I'm going to miss Writing for Publication so much!

Amanda Bishop: This class taught me a lot about keeping my writing interesting. I hope to bring what I learned here to college with me and use it in the future.

Matt Kelly: Writing for Publication is an awesome class. I really did enjoy interviewing people and editing the articles.

Joe Dotson: I really enjoyed taking this class during my senior year of high school. It is very fun and laid back and will improve your skills as a writer and journalist. I definitely recommend this class if you are looking to improve as a writer and have fun while doing it.

Dominic Smith: This class has improved my writing and people skills to no end. It was always an adventure and a ton of fun! This class has prepared me better for college, and I can't wait to see what else is in store for the Inquisitor!

Grace Vestermark: Writing for Publication has given me an opportunity to write articles and increase my creative writing skills. This class also gives students the chance to be published in the Arlington Herald which is a big deal and looks great for college. If you enjoy teamwork, this class is the one for you. In this class you need to be prepared for the responsibility of meeting deadlines and conducting interviews! This class is one of my favorites, and I highly recommend it.

Brooke Stidham: I am so thankful to have served as Editor-in-Chief this school year. Collaborating with a dozen other high school students to assemble the Inquisitor has been such a rewarding challenge! When we weren't working on the paper, we were writing stories, sonnets, and memoirs, which pushed us even further as writers. Learning from Mrs. K has been such a valuable experience- she is patient, flexible, and encouraging, she's always open to hear new ideas, and she shines under pressure. Mrs. K truly is the ultimate team player, and her optimistic and supportive approach creates an environment where aspiring writers can flourish. I'm very excited to see where she and the team take the Inquisitor next year!

It has been our pleasure providing you with the Inquisitor. Thank you for tuning in, and we will see you in September!

Bring Flowers of the Rarest

By: Brooke Stidham

The day after Mother's Day, Seton assembled collectively to pay homage to Mary, our spiritual Mother and the Queen of Heaven and Earth. On Monday, May 13th after 8:30 a.m. Mass, the school congregated in the John Paul II Center to have our annual May Crowning. Though the rain prevented us from gathering in the All Saints courtyard to honor Mary, Ana Reyes, the May Queen, still crowned our Blessed Mother, and the May Court led a Rosary, followed by the school's singing of the Salve Regina. Our statue of the Blessed Virgin was surrounded by "flowers of the rarest" and "blossoms of the fairest", as the beloved Marian hymn goes. As we show our affection and appreciation for our wonderful mothers, we're sure to include the Mother to whose care and intercession Our Savior entrusted all of us. "O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May!"



Sentimental Seniors

By: Dominic Smith

The senior banquet took place on Wednesday May 15th and it was a blast! All the seniors showed up in style, taking a lot of pictures and enjoying each other's company. The night started off at 6 p.m. with light appetizers and the junior servers passing out drinks. One of the most special aspects of the banquet right off the bat was that there was such a sense of unity amongst all the seniors as we all realized that this could very well be the last time we are all in the same place, at the same time, besides Graduation itself. It was evident that all the seniors, and juniors for that matter, were mentally preparing themselves for the slideshow and speeches that were to come next. Dinner was served at 7:00 p.m. and consisted of meatballs, multiple types of pasta, cheesy bread, and salads, along with soft drinks, water, and coffee. A huge shout-out goes to Mrs. Lynn O'Neill, with the assistance of Mrs. Bookwalter, who were so involved in making dinner such a success through making the food and making sure that serving it went smoothly. After dinner and dessert, the senior slideshow (put together by senior Maggie Riley) was shown, and it was truly amazing. It had pictures of every student from seventh to twelfth grade along with class jokes, memories, and sentimental moments. Junior Michael Bookwalter gave an amazing speech thanking the seniors for helping his class grow in character and in friendships. As expected, many jokes were made towards and about the seniors but as always it was in good fun. His speech was followed by Ana Reyes's that was everything an awesome Senior Banquet speech should be, and more. Mr. Westhoff's speech was interesting and most definitely entertaining. Then the highlight of the night presented itself: the Teachers Dance. All the teachers got up on stage and performed a "Wizard of Oz"-themed song and dance about how the seniors are very successful, that they will be missed, and a reminder to always keep the faith. Father Noah concluded the night with the singing of the Regina Caeli and Salve Regina, followed by his priestly blessing. Through hugs and tears we all said goodnight, and after hundreds of pictures were taken, we all went home vowing never to forget one another for as long as we live.

Prom: A Masquerade

By: Dominic Smith

Prom! One of the most anticipated events of the Seton school year is back!

The 2019 Seton Prom took place on May 3rd and was actually at a new location from the past few years. This year, the Heritage Hunt Country Club in Gainesville hosted an amazing dance for the juniors and seniors of Seton School. The theme was “a masquerade ball” where all the guests were given masks and the room was decorated like a masquerade. There was a new policy put in place that it was only a junior and senior prom and no underclassmen were allowed to attend, in order for outside dates to attend. Due to this, there was a large number of outside dates which made the dance even more enjoyable by being able to meet and talk to new people. Each table was prepared with masks and long feathers in a vase along with everything color coordinated in masquerade colors, among which were gold, white, and black. As the last Seton Prom the seniors will attend, it was an absolutely amazing experience and, as senior Joe Dotson says, “Everything about this year’s prom was top notch!” Junior Reagan Kammerdeiner adds, “Being able to perform the Junior Dance for the seniors was definitely a highlight!” The Junior Dance is essentially a dance performed at Prom by the whole junior class. It is all put together and choreographed by Mr. Heisler and the students themselves, and it is meant to show appreciation for the seniors in their last Prom. Overall it was an amazing experience and will not be soon forgotten!



The juniors doing the Junior Dance!



MIP (Men in Pink) looking fresh.



Some of the senior guys looking awesome in a picture with the red chairs at Heritage Hunt.



Some of the junior girls having a blast!

Yours Truly, Julie

What do you do when you worry about being fat?
 ~ Anonymous

Dear Anonymous, at this stage in life, all sorts of insecurities wiggle their way into teenagers' minds. It can be far easier to give into what society has defined as beautiful than to believe that you already are, simply because you are you. God has created you with infinite value, and the devil is determined to keep that truth from you. The beauty that you possess is not found by the number on the scale. Beauty is found in selfless hearts and pure minds. I know that I personally have found that those who are genuinely good-hearted people appear more physically beautiful to me -- the ones whose smiles are contagious, and you can feel pure joy radiate off of them. Your weight does not determine the beauty you have within you. Surround yourself with positive people who remind you of your self-worth, and don't be afraid to bring your insecurities to the feet of Jesus, He wants to take your burdens from you. You are beautiful just the way you are, never forget that!

Yours truly,
 Julie

How do I stay strong in my faith throughout the summer when I am surrounded by non-Catholic coworkers/friends?
 ~ Anonymous

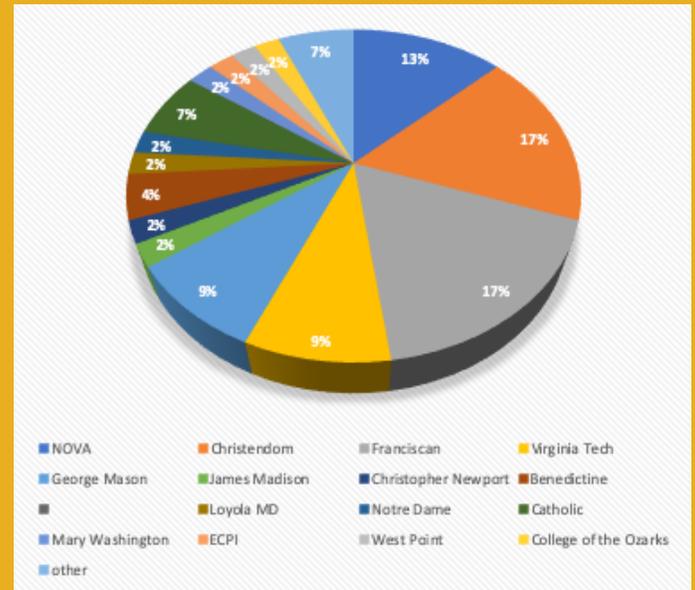
Dear Anonymous, keeping your faith when you are not being immersed in the amazing, solid, Catholic foundation that Seton has blessed us with can be far more challenging than we think. The summer gives us the opportunity to take the initiative in growing in our faith by making the free choice to attend mass and confession frequently, join a youth group, or volunteer at church events. It is important to remember to remain strong in your beliefs when asked questions by non-Catholic friends. Many can feel pressured to restrain from speaking what they truly believe so that they feel accepted by their coworkers or peers, but that is actually a great opportunity to spread the word of God! Don't be afraid to speak your mind, you are entitled to your own opinion just like everyone else!

Yours truly,
 Julie

The Seniors Next Steps

By: Amanda Bishop

The Senior class is excited for what is to come after high school. This chart shows where you can find the Seton Seniors next year. Some will be working, and many others plan to further their education at various institutions of higher learning. It is a bittersweet goodbye, but we wish them all the best in all their future endeavors!



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Science on the Seas!

By: Matthew Kelly

In conclusion to a year of learning about the human body, cutting up pigs, and going on awesome field trips, the seniors went on a sailing trip on the Baltimore Harbor. Arriving at the Living Sciences building close to 9:00 a.m., the seniors were divided into two groups, one to each ship. The first group got the Lady Maryland, a two-mast schooner. The second group got the Sigsbee, a single mast skipjack originally built for oyster catching. The seniors worked together to raise the sails and then began their journey into the outer harbor. Onboard the ships, the seniors were further divided into 3 groups and sent to 3 stations to learn oceanography. The first station was the Navigation Station where the seniors learned how to plot their position and direction on a chart. Then they dropped a bucket in the harbor to test the water's turbidity

(cloudiness), salt content, oxygen, and Ph. Then they dropped a little net to catch plankton, and got to see them under a microscope as they flitted around in the tiny drops of water. The seniors learned about watersheds, causes and effects of pollution, and ways to prevent it from further destroying the environment. After lunch, all the seniors got the chance to take a turn at the helm and steer the ships. Then they lowered the sails and returned to port to spend the rest of the afternoon wandering around Baltimore City. Overall, the experience was excellent, and seniors only had good things to say about it. "It was super educational, and great, because they didn't try to baby us and treated us like seniors," said senior Dominic Smith. Senior Sean Hilbert said, "I enjoyed it thoroughly and immensely, we had a really nice crew...there was a sense of adventure to it."



The Lady Maryland



A Pilgrimage to Where It All Began

By: Reagan Kammerdeiner

On Sunday, May 5th, Seton held its annual pilgrimage to the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Maryland, where the saint first opened her school. The morning began with a rosary and was followed by mass celebrated by Fr. Isenberg, the diocese of Arlington's vocational director. Seniors, Mary Heim and Bridget Atkinson, read the first and second readings and junior, Makayla Catabui, directed the choir. Seton graduates, Catie Moore and David Catabui, even came to help with the choir. In Fr. Isenberg's homily, he stated that sometimes we must sacrifice certain things in order to follow God's path for us and he related that to the hardships that St. Elizabeth Ann Seton endured in her life. She felt God calling her to begin a school in an unfamiliar and unpopular place, and though many discouraged her, she persevered and proceeded to create something beautiful. Typically, everyone comes together for a picnic outside after mass, but because of the persistently rainy weather, the picnic was moved to the cafeteria on the campus where families enjoyed catching up with one another. All the families proceeded to walk to the small chapel found on the campus, ending the beautiful, annual pilgrimage in peace and prayer by praying the rosary.



A Very Social Social

By: JP Moore

For the second year, upon the date of Seton's Prom, May 3rd, Mr. and Mrs. Duran hosted the Sophomore Social in the gym. Last year, this event solely consisted of sophomores. This year it was decided to extend the invitation from 10th – 12th grades. No students other than 10th graders actually participated, but the point was the invitation itself. This was not an actual dance, but a team building event as per Mrs. Duran's belief that, "You can only come to know someone so well during dances." As it turns out, one does learn a lot about others while having to climb over a rope, as everyone holds hands in an elongated human chain. The entire purpose of this enterprise was team building, and it included a variety of relays and challenges that proved quite fascinating. When students asked her to repeat the event on a non-Prom day, Mrs. Duran replied, "That defeats the purpose." As sophomores are not allowed to attend Prom, it is a good alternative for sophomores and juniors and seniors to attend, who are either bored of Prom, didn't wish to pay the expense, or lived too far from it. This night proved an absolute delight for the attendees, and I hope it will prove such for all the future generations who partake of its joy.



NHS Inductions

By: Amanda Bishop

National Honor Society (NHS) was founded in 1948 and is one of the highest honors awarded to high school students. This year's induction of the new members went very well. The current members and Mrs. Lucas put in a lot of work in order for the ceremony to go off without a hitch. The parents and students crowded the gym in order to congratulate the new members. There was an amazing guest speaker, Mr. Cuccinelli, who spoke to the newly inducted students. He explained that everyone who has had a meaningful success has also had an enormous downfall. He continued by saying that failing is part of the process of success and to never be afraid to fail because it will make you stronger. Mary Krynitsky said, "The speech was interesting, relevant, and enthralling."

Before the students were presented with their certificates, the officers Anna Gasser, historian; Mary Krynitsky, vice president; Paulina Provaznik, treasurer; Amanda Bishop,

parliamentarian, with assistance from Rachel Rangel, presented the history of NHS, and what is expected from the new members. The members then proudly walked across the stage to receive their certificates, stoles, and a rose. After the ceremony there was a reception for the NHS members and their families. The new members smiled with their families and enjoyed cake and other refreshments in order to celebrate all they have accomplished.

NHS is happy to welcome all the newly inducted members and is excited for what they will bring to the leadership of Seton School in the years to come. Christian Mee, one of the students who was inducted, commented, "I like the feeling of getting recognition for the work I've put in so far in high school." Many of the students are grateful for the recognition they received from the school by participating and being inducted in to National Honor Society.





Fare Thee Well, Mrs. McDonald!

By: Bethany Johnson

Mrs. Mitzi McDonald has been a part of the faculty at Seton School for over twenty years. She has taught Earth Science, Astronomy, and Religion. Mrs. McDonald will retire from her teaching career at the conclusion of the 2018-2019 school year, and her presence here will be greatly missed. She has faithfully served as a Eucharistic minister and as a super fun person to talk to during lunch. Several students have fondly recalled their favorite moments and experiences in her classes. Rachel Harbour, grade 10, said, "I loved the expressions she would use! She was clear when explaining things, and I loved listening to her talk." As someone who has taken her Astronomy class, I can confirm that Mrs. McDonald made class enjoyable with expressions I had never before come across. "Cut the mustard," "For kicks and giggles," and "A pig in a poke," for example. It is also true that it was easy to understand the subject material.

Day after day, day in, day out; it can get tiring looking at the same, plain walls of a classroom for months on end. Mrs. McDonald loved to decorate her classroom with cheery stuffed animals and colorful flowers. Depending on the nearest holiday, the classroom would also be adorned with green clovers, Halloween scenes and fall leaves, or Christmas colors.



Tasty Tidbits

By: Grace Vestermark

Now that spring is coming to a close, summer is entering in. One of the best ways to enjoy a relaxing summer is to eat freshly baked foods and fruit. This cherry pie recipe contains warm, mouthwatering cherries, and a full, soft, and crispy pie crust. Begin your summer with a freshly baked cherry pie! Enjoy!

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup shortening, chilled
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 1 pinch salt
- 2 cups pitted sour cherries
- 1 1/4 cups white sugar
- 10 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/4 teaspoon almond extract

DIRECTIONS

Cut the shortening into the flour and salt with the whisking blades of a stand mixer until the crumbs are pea-sized. Mix in cold water by hand just until the dough holds together. Divide the dough in half and form it into two disks. Wrap in plastic and refrigerate until chilled through, 30 minutes to 1 hour.

Roll out one disk of dough into an 11-inch circle. Line a 9-inch pie pan with pastry. Refrigerate until needed. Roll out the dough for the top crust, transfer it to a plate or baking sheet, and refrigerate.

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Place a baking tray in the oven to preheat.

Place the cherries, sugar, and cornstarch in a medium-sized non-aluminum saucepan. Allow the mixture to stand for 10 minutes, or until the sugar draws out the cherries' juices. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Lower the heat; simmer for 1 minute, or until the juices thicken and become translucent. Remove pan from heat, and stir in butter and almond extract. Allow the filling to cool to lukewarm. Pour the filling into the pie shell. Cover with top crust, crimp the edges to seal, and cut vents for steam.

Bake in a preheated 375 degree F (190 degree C) oven on the baking tray for 45 to 55 minutes, or until the crust is golden brown. Allow to cool for several hours before slicing.

Re-visiting Oz

By: Grace Vestermark

Each year, the Seton Musical production finds a way to bring a show to life. Though Seton may be a school with a smaller number of students, the small student body is filled with so many who are filled with God-given gifts and talents. That is how a show really comes together here at Seton. However, these shows do not come about by student talent alone. The production team, a group of volunteer adults, are extremely talented as well; whether it be with artistic visions, acting, costumes, tech, or music, the members of the production team are willing to give up their own time and talents for the students at Seton. The director of the Seton Musicals, Mrs. Maryan Vander Woude, has given up so much of her time for the productions at Seton, and each one has proved to be entertaining and filled with energy. “The Wizard of Oz” was an absolute success and a wonderful show to watch, all thanks to Mrs. Vander Woude, the production team, the cast, the set artists, and all of the crew.

Not only was the production fantastic, but the annual Ad Campaign was also a huge success. Every year the students participate in selling a certain amount of ads to raise money for the school, and this year the money raised came to a total of \$74,000. Because of the amount of money raised, the students got the day off for Seton’s Prom. Right before the beginning of each production of the Wizard of Oz, it was announced that the students had raised \$74,000, and the student actors would cheer onstage behind the curtain. As each night passed, the closing of the show drew closer and soon all the students’ and volunteers’ massive efforts to bring the show about would finally come to a close, with a feeling of nostalgia and satisfaction that the show was a joy to put

on. Eventually, once “The Wizard of Oz” ended, strike began, the stage was taken down, and the gym and classrooms were cleaned. Now the memory of this year’s production can be seen within the beautiful backdrop painted by Kathryn Dealey and Maria McIntyre, where the Emerald City still stands tall.

Now there are some things that viewers of the show would not have known happened during the productions or dress rehearsal: mistakes, slip ups, missing cues, etc. Here are some accounts of funny memories and mistakes during “The Wizard of Oz”:

“I always lost my dog at intermission and the dog ran off into the audience a couple times” - Ana Reyes (Dorothy)

“Every time I prayed that I wouldn’t fall off my bike. I also fell down the stairs.” - Mary Heim (Mrs. Gulch)

“I kept Chapstick, cough drops, water, and tissues in my basket on stage.” - Ana Reyes

“Right before my last scene as Glinda during the show, my bubble wasn’t built so everyone was freaking out as my entrance music began to play.” - Grace Vestermark (Glinda)

“One night, when I leapt off the platform to get behind the fake wall, I tripped and landed flat on my face. Luckily, the audience couldn’t see but I was trapped for about five minutes while Christian tried to help me up.” - Katie Dealey (Wicked Witch)

“During the last scene, Christian (on stage crew) put on white sunglasses. He’d poke his head out and if he had done it one more time, I would have lost it.” - Mary Heim

“Closing night, after my final scene where I melt most dramatically, I was so overwhelmed that it was over, that I skipped around backstage and tore almost entire bottom of my skirt off.” - Katie Dealey



Easter

By: Lauren Volk

After 40 days of penance, prayer, and fasting, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter begins on Saturday night when the Vigil Mass is held. The Vigil Mass begins the joyous season of Easter when new people are baptized and brought into the Catholic Church. After this, Easter lasts for forty days. This is when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We celebrate for a whole season and not just one day. It is a common thought that after Easter Sunday, Easter is over and we go back to Ordinary Time. Easter is the most important day in the Catholic Church and many more people come to Mass than usual. We celebrate this holiday with many different traditions that have been established over time. One of the most popular traditions is the Easter basket. Children love to come downstairs on Easter morning to find their Easter baskets filled with candies and goodies, but most of them do not know the purpose of it. The basket is meant to be a nest that encourages the Easter Bunny to come to your house and bring you treats. Children usually break their fast by indulging in candy and other sweets. It is unknown exactly where the Easter Bunny came from, or how it became an Easter tradition, but it is thought that it was brought to America in the 1700's when German immigrants came. A bunny rabbit is known as the animal of procreation, so it is used to celebrate birth and new life during the Easter season. Another tradition that is loved by many families, is dying Easter eggs. Easter eggs are meant to represent rebirth, resurrection, and new life. They are used during Easter because it is a new, and joyous season after a long period of penance and sacrifice.



An Unplanned Success

By: Bethany Johnson

The latest Pure Flix movie, Unplanned, directed by Cary Solomon and Chuck Konzelman, was released in theaters on March 29th of this year. Based on the book of the same name, Unplanned tells the true story of a woman's conversion to the Pro-life cause. The movie received an unwanted "R" rating for showing graphic abortion scenes. In addition, it has been, perhaps predictably, harshly reviewed by film critics. Despite this negative reception from critics, the movie has had success in appealing to the general audience, with a 92% (audience score) on the website Rotten Tomatoes. Another movie that came out the same month, was the highly anticipated Captain Marvel which received only 58% (again, audience score only).

The movie follows a young woman named Abby Johnson. Abby was first introduced to the organization Planned Parenthood through her university campus. She was attracted by its claims to work to improve women's healthcare. Abby finds herself in need of their services when she becomes pregnant out of wedlock, and her boyfriend takes her to get an abortion. Abby becomes a volunteer escort for a clinic, and she is eventually promoted to the position of director. Abby has also had a second abortion at this point but has never actually seen one herself. Abby remained actively involved with Planned Parenthood for eight years. Then, one day, she is asked by one of the clinic's doctors to be an assistant as he performs an ultrasound-guided abortion. Abby is horrified by what she witnesses on the ultrasound. She decides to quit her job as clinic director to become a strong advocate for the Pro-life movement.

It is clear that this film is not, as some have claimed, a propaganda film. Early on in the film, there is a scene involving a rude and vindictive man hurling invectives at the mothers entering the Planned Parenthood clinic. In addition, it reveals that Abby and many of her peers at the clinic are decent people. They truly believe that in this job, they are helping women. This film does its best to fairly present both sides of the abortion debate and let the viewer decide.

This movie was a powerful one. Unplanned does something no other pro-life-related feature film has done, refusing to hide or sanitize the true violence of abortion. The characters, especially by the end, are compelling and believable. It perfectly captures the complexity and the importance of the abortion debate. This movie is rated "R", and, of course, parents must use their own judgment concerning which films are appropriate for their children. However, it is my opinion that this movie would be a good option for anyone who wants to know more about the abortion debate from the perspective of someone who dedicated years of her life to serving America's biggest abortion provider.

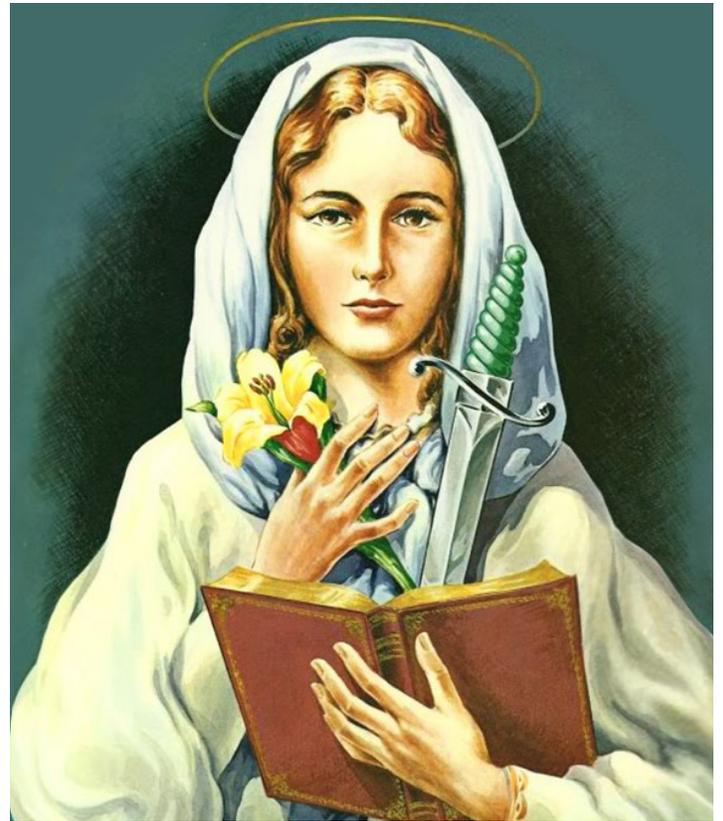
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Discover the Saints

By: Kathleen O'Malley

St. Dymphna

St. Dymphna was born in the seventh century in Ireland. She was the daughter of a pagan king and a Christian woman. When she was 14, Dymphna consecrated herself to God by taking a vow of chastity. Her mother died when Dymphna was only 14 years old, and her father, King Damon, suffered greatly after her passing. He soon became mentally ill and his counselors suggested that he remarry. He agreed to remarry, even though he was deeply grieving the loss of the love of his life. After finding no woman good enough to replace his wife, he thought of his own daughter, Dymphna. After she found out that her own father wanted her to replace his wife, Dymphna fled from Ireland with her confessor St. Gerebernus, along with two others who were escaping the king. They settled in Belgium, in the town of Gheel, but eventually Dymphna's father found them. He murdered both Gerebernus and his own daughter Dymphna, after she refused to go back to Ireland with him. Long after her death, St. Dymphna was canonized in 1247 and is the patron saint of those who suffer with nervous and mental afflictions. The site where she died is known for its miraculous cures of the insane and the possessed. There is now a famous institution there, and her relics are reported to heal insanity and epilepsy. Her feast day is celebrated on May 15.



The Warrenton Pregnancy Center

By: Sean Hilbert

The Warrenton Pregnancy Center is a pro-life ministry that provides "confidential care", as its website puts it, for pregnant women and single mothers. According to its website, they are "a Life-Affirming Women's Pregnancy Resource Center...First Responders to women & families in need due to unplanned pregnancy...We Stand emotionally, physically & spiritually with these women." As Amanda Bishop explains, "...there are counselors who counsel whoever comes in about their options...they'll get the woman's medical history and give them a rundown of options...(the women) take tests and quizzes on things like planning and healthy relationships, they read documents and take tests to earn points which they can later use to get things for their baby - clothes, food, diapers, car seats, basic necessities for a new child." There is a nurse on staff, and the counselors continue to work with the women until they

are no longer needed - they do not leave as soon as the child is born. The WPC provides for countless women throughout Fauquier county and its surrounding areas, and has brought much hope and healing. Be sure to support the ministry through your prayers, and if possible, by making donations!

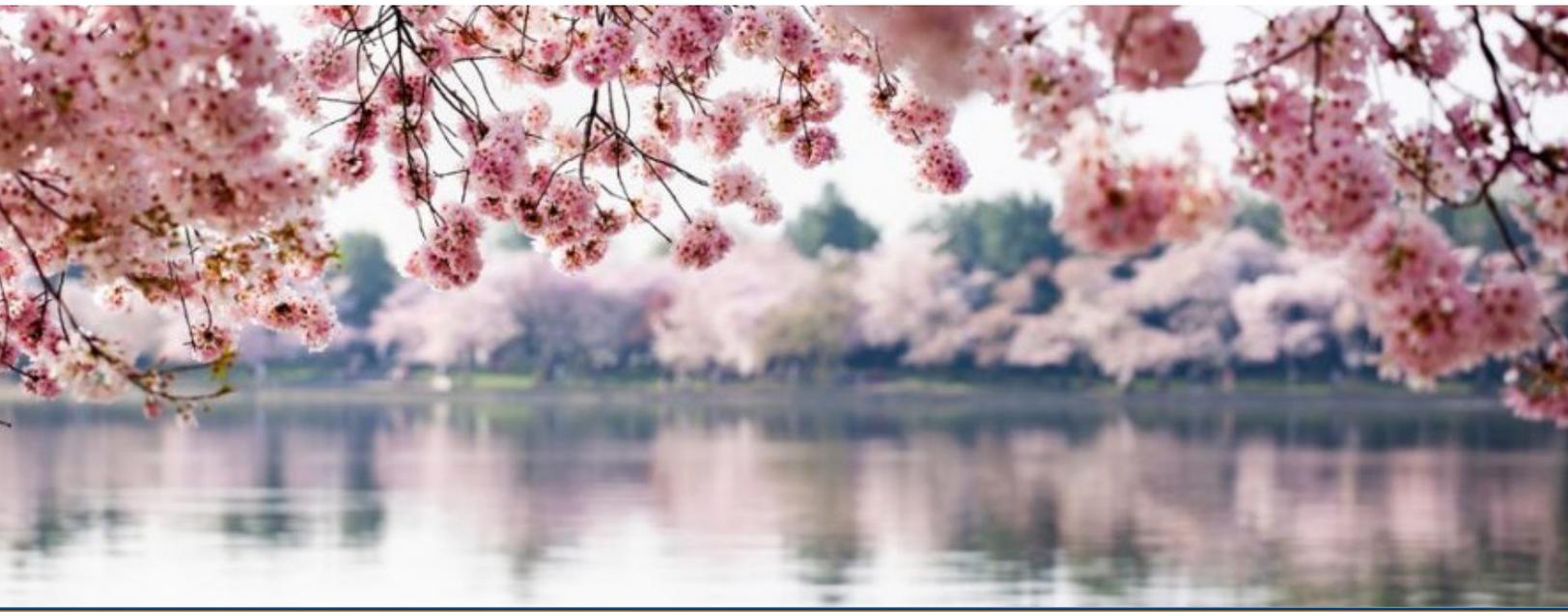


A Taste of Japan

By: Matthew Kelly

Every year in Washington D.C., the festival of Cherry Blossoms occurs. Almost every American knows about the festival, but not so many actually know why we have it. In 1912, the mayor of Tokyo gave 2,000 Yoshino cherry trees to the US to celebrate the friendship between America and Japan. The trees were to be planted around the Tidal Basin in response to a request from a local author and member of the National Geographic Society. When the trees arrived, it was discovered that they were infested with insects, so the Japanese consulate arranged to have 3,000 new trees brought in by 1912. The wife of president William Taft and the wife of the Japanese

ambassador planted the first two saplings on the side of the Tidal Basin, and a plaque now commemorates the spot. The first festival to commemorate the gift was held in 1927, and was a small occasion. In 1965, the Japanese gave another gift of 3,800 cherry trees to Lady Bird Johnson, the wife of president Lyndon B. Johnson. From then until now, the festival has expanded greatly to include several days of festivities that attract more than 1.5 million people each year to come see the blossoms, watch a parade, and visit the numerous kiosks and booths, many of them celebrating the Japanese culture which Americans have come to enjoy and appreciate.



URTM's "Practically Perfect" Summer Show

By: Sean Hilbert

This summer, All Saints' Upper Room Theatre Ministry is "bringing Broadway to Manassas" once again. The beloved Disney musical *Mary Poppins*, first produced by Cameron Mackintosh and directed by Richard Eyre, is now being produced and directed by Rob Tessier, the Director of Youth Ministry. While last year's "Hello Dolly", which won Best Actor, Best Actress, and Best Production awards from BroadwayWorld, will certainly be a tough act to follow, the 2019 Upper Room Summer Musical is certain to drop plenty of jaws, with its award-winning team of directors. From July 16 to the 21st, come to the PAC at All Saints to see it transformed into a Broadway-quality theatre, watch the iconic characters such as the lovable "jack-of-all-trades" Bert, the "practically perfect" nanny Mary herself, and see the uplifting story of the fractured Banks family becoming whole again. With highly enjoyable and classic tunes such as "Let's Go Fly A Kite", "Jolly Holiday", "Step in Time", and, of course, "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious", URTM's *Mary Poppins* is sure to be an absolute delight for the whole family!



Memorial Day

By: Lizzy H.

On the last Monday of May, a nationwide holiday is celebrated all throughout America to honor all military personnel who gave their lives for their country and loved ones. Memorial Day originated after the Civil War and was known as Decoration Day to honor all who died in the war and was made a federal holiday in 1971. People all across America would visit the graves of fallen soldiers and decorate their graves with wreaths. Decoration Day was only for the soldiers who lost their lives in the Civil War, but after World War I the day was changed from Decoration Day to Memorial Day honoring all fallen soldiers from all wars. "Nevertheless, in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official birth place of Memorial Day" (history.com Editors). The day of the holiday was originally May 30th which had lasted for decades, "but in 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday of May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal workers" (history.com Editors). Seton Dad, Mr. Bishop, who served in the U.S. Navy for 27 years and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1991, said "The focus of Memorial Day should be on honoring those who have died and giving thanks to those who are currently in the Service who may be called to pay that price. Thank a current service member for their service not just on Memorial Day, but any time you see one." Now Memorial Day is the unofficial start of summer. Many people have their own way of celebrating whether it be putting wreaths on graves or holding BBQ's, but for Mr. Bishop it is more personal. "I recall the hardships I endured while deployed and I say a prayer for the protection of all those sailors and service members deployed abroad and their safe return home, and for their family's well-being during the deployment." On this Memorial Day may we all stop and recall the men and women who put their lives on the line for their country and also recall what Memorial Day means to us. Mr. Bishop tells us, "Memorial Day reminds me of why this country is so great. There are men and women willing to pay the ultimate sacrifice for the ideals and freedoms that this Country represents and offers. Memorial Day is a time to reflect and show our thanks for those who were called to pay that price and to show their loved ones that their loss was not in vain." On this Memorial Day and any other, remember the fallen men and women who have given their lives for our freedom and thank all veterans you see.

Summer Vacation Destinations By: Joe Dotson

Summer vacation is upon us, as we near on the end of this school year. The idea of vacation is finally starting to become a reality rather than something we long for that never seems to come. But do you know what you're going to do over the course of the summer? If you don't then have no worries! Here are some ideas of where you can go, whether it be for just one day or for a longer period of time.

One Day Trips

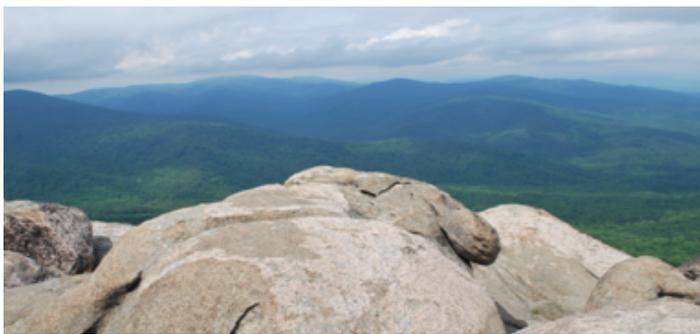
Kings Dominion

Kings Dominion is only an hour and a half away, and a very good place to go with either your family, your friends, or both. With so many great roller coasters that will make you dizzy and games that are very fun to play, Kings Dominion has something for everyone to enjoy!



Old Rag Mountain

Old Rag Mountain is an hour and a half away as well. This hike is lots of fun, lasting for about 11 miles, and you will climb about 3,200 feet! Go with a group of your classmates, friends, or family and have a great time!



Multiple Day Trips

Virginia Beach

Going to Virginia Beach is very fun, everyone knows that. But rather than spending a lot of money on an expensive hotel, go and spend the night at local campgrounds nearby, and go back and enjoy the beach the next day. You can make the trip last as long as you want and have a great time with who you are with.



Jellystone Park

Go and visit the famed home of the great Yogi Bear in Luray, Virginia! Spend a few days there, and you can either go out and camp, or stay in a cabin. There is so much to do there, like going to a great water park with pools, awesome water slides, laser tag, an arcade, or going on a pedal boat out on a lake. There are also basketball courts, beach volleyball, and a fishing pond. Everyone will have an absolute blast!



Spring Sports Wrap up as the Year Comes to a Close

By: Joe Dotson

Girls Soccer

The Girls Varsity Soccer team had yet another fantastic year under Coach Edwin Duran, winning the DAC Regular Season Title. This year, the girls moved up to VISAA Division I, meaning they had to go up against some of the biggest private schools in Virginia. The ladies stepped up to the challenge beautifully, however, and qualified for the VISAA State Tournament yet again. Unfortunately, they lost to the #1 team in the state, Collegiate School, in the first round. Collegiate would go on to win the tournament. They finished with a record of 9-6-1 for the 2019 season. Multiple players were voted to the DAC All-Conference team with Jordan Karcher getting Co-MVP for the second year in a row. Brigid Burgess got 1st team, and Sophia Pogue, Caeli McGraw, and Anna Francis all got 2nd team.

Lacrosse

The Lacrosse Team had a solid year under first-year coach Ben Bookwalter. They finished third in the DAC for the regular season, with a record of 8-6 for the year. In the DAC Tournament, the Conquistadors made it to the semifinal game where they lost to Highland in a hard-fought battle. This team had some very talented players, with many getting voted to the All-Conference team. Michael Bookwalter, Christian Mee, and Dominic Rohan all made 1st team All-Conference, with Ben Atkinson getting 2nd team.

Baseball

The Baseball team had a good year, despite losing 9 seniors from last year's team. In the DAC Tournament, they defeated Randolph-Macon Academy to advance to the second round,

where they lost to Highland, who went on to play in the VISAA State Tournament championship game. Two players received All-Conference honors, with senior John Pennefather and sophomore Cormac Clune making 2nd team All-DAC.

Tennis

The Tennis team had a good year under Coach Russ Rowzie, despite losing many seniors from last year's team. They finished third in the DAC for the regular season with a record of 9-6. In the semifinal match of the DAC Tournament, Seton lost in a very hard-fought battle to Wakefield, 4-5. However, the Conquistadors qualified for the VISAA State Tournament for the second year in a row. They lost to the #1 team in the state, the Steward School, 1-5. They would go on to win the state tournament handily. Two players made it to the DAC All-Conference team, with senior Joe Dotson and freshman Joe Rowzie getting selected to 1st team.

Softball

The Softball Team had a great season as well under Coach Jennifer Lalli. The Lady Conquistadors finished second in the DAC for the regular season, with a record of 6-6 for the year. They made it to the DAC Championship game, where they lost to Fredericksburg Christian. They qualified for the VISAA State Tournament for the second consecutive year, but lost in a battle against the #2 team in the state, Nansemond-Suffolk Academy. Nansemond-Suffolk would ultimately go on to win the state tournament as well. Senior Sofia Garcia and freshman Christie Pacheco were selected as 1st team All-Conference, with Katie Albin and Maddie Byers getting selected as 2nd team All-Conference.



Land of the Free

By: Lauren Volk

In April of 1775, the first battle of the Revolutionary War started when some of the colonists, or “radicals”, wanted total independence from Great Britain. In early 1776, a pamphlet called “Common Sense” was released by Thomas Paine that talked about and encouraged revolutionary ideas. This pamphlet sparked the idea of freedom from Great Britain in everyone’s mind and on June 7th, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Roger Sherman, Benjamin Franklin, and Robert R. Livingston gathered to write a statement that completely explained the idea of this separation. On July 2nd, the Continental Congress decided in favor of the idea of Independence and then on July 4th the Declaration of Independence was adopted; this day became Independence Day for America!

In 1941, Independence Day officially became a federal holiday and is celebrated all over America. The majority of Americans spend this day decked out in red, white, and blue, whether it be at the pool or a barbeque with their friends and family. There are many traditions that are practiced all over the country, like fireworks, barbeques, and pool parties. Many of these traditions have been around for countless years. For example, fireworks have been around since the year after the Declaration of Independence was signed. Parades are also

big part of Fourth of July celebrations and there are always parades in many towns. This is a day spent celebrating the freedom we have and the gratitude we have for it!

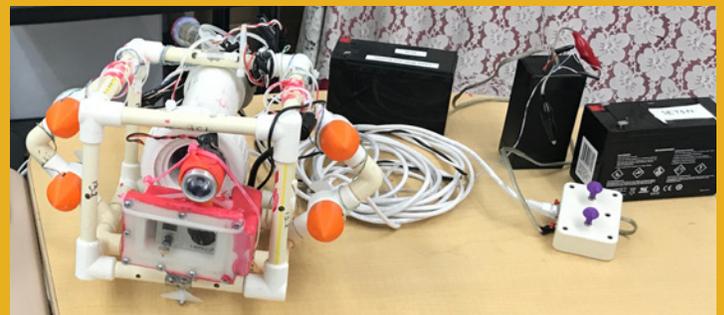


Oysters and UUVs

By: JP Moore

The Chesapeake Bay, within the recent years, suffers from a severe loss of oysters. Oysters are imperative to the ecological and economic systems of the bay. They clean and filter the water of the bay, allowing for clearer, less diseased water and more plentiful harvests of fish. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (The NOAA), the oyster populations are, “Less than 1% of what they once were,” during the colonial years. To combat this decrease in such a valuable natural resource, the United States Department of Agriculture (The USDA) has formulated contracts with various persons to develop oyster reservoirs along the bay to help increase the population. Mr. O’Keefe, a Seton dad, is one such person, and requested Mr. Hoffman’s aid in monitoring the oyster populations. Mr. Hoffman then rallied his engineering class to build an Unmanned Underwater Vehicle (UUV) to assist in this endeavor. The clouded water of the bay seemed to be a suitable challenge. However, on March 8th, they demonstrated that their device was capable of recording

video of the oysters, clear enough to be broadcast upon an official website. The question has been posed for Mr. Hoffman to attempt such a project each year, either modifying the current UUV or developing a whole new design. He has not yet decided if this will occur, yet he is hopeful. Through Mr. Hoffman, his engineering class, and Mr. O’Keefe’s labor, the Chesapeake Bay is much cleaner.



The Joker and the Riddler

Jokes

My three-year-old daughter stuck out her hand and said, "Look at the fly I killed, Mommy." Since she was eating a juicy pickle at the time, I thrust her contaminated hands under the faucet and washed them with antibacterial soap .After sitting her down to finish her pickle, I asked, with a touch of awe, "How did you kill that fly all by yourself?"

Between bites, she said, "I hit it with my pickle."

In 1905, Albert Einstein published a theory about space.

And it was about time.

If you understand English, press 1.
If you do not understand English, press 2.

Never trust math teachers who use graph paper. They're always plotting something.

After a long time, I told my hot coworker how I felt. Turns out she felt the same way. So, I turned on the air conditioning.

Riddles

A man is pushing his car along the road when he comes to a hotel. He shouts, "I'm bankrupt!" Why?

He was playing Monopoly

Forward I am heavy, but backward I am not. What am I?

The word ton, spelled backwards

He has married many women but has never been married. Who is he?

A priest

Imagine you are in a dark room. How do you get out?

Stop imagining

Which word in the dictionary is spelled incorrectly?

Incorrectly

What is black and white and red all over?

A newspaper



Seton Scenes



As a special treat for our readers, the Writing For Publication class is publishing their last creative writing assignment. They had a blast working as a team to create a story that was exciting and fun to read. It all started with a prompt, and then...

Pick a number out of a hat. This is your leg of the relay. Write your progression of the story: 150 words, no more, no less. Story must be coherent and interesting. Add fun details, names, places, etc. You get 1 night to complete the assignment. Attach your contribution to this page so those who are next in the relay can read what has transpired thus far. Make sure to keep your electronic version saved, so we can piece the story together at the end. You are responsible for editing the leg of the story written before yours. On your marks, get set, have fun!

The Red Sunrise Incident

Pushing my way through the crowded streets of Tokyo, Japan, I was pulled aside by a complete stranger, and a hand was forced over my mouth. My heart was pounding and I was frozen from shock. Words were whispered into my ear, "Samantha, I need you to meet me in the lobby of the Palace Hotel at midnight." Before I could ask any questions, the stranger had hurried away.

My curiosity had gotten the best of me, and at the stroke of midnight I was standing in the lobby of the Palace Hotel waiting for a stranger. A bell boy approached me, gave a small bow, and directed me to a table of tea and cakes. As I neared the table, an older man stood and introduced himself. "My name is Mr. Thomas Brawly from the UK. What a pleasure it is to finally meet you, Miss Samantha."

He held out a hand to shake mine. I studied his small, watery blue eyes as I nervously placed my hand in his. It was a surprisingly strong grip. We sat down at the little table. I began by saying, "Would you care to explain why you assaulted me earlier, Mr. Thomas Brawly?" The man smiled slightly.

“Of course. First, let me offer you some refreshment.” He pushed the tray of refreshments across the table to me. I merely crossed my arms. I was interested to know what this man wanted, but I was currently on an important mission that involved certain, high-ranking, politicians in Japan. I also wanted to know how this man, whom I had never met, was able to learn my name and track me here. Mr. Brawly sighed. “Very well, back to business. Miss Samantha, have you, by any chance, ever heard of the Red Sunrise Incident?”

I had heard rumors of the Red Sunrise Incident at my job at the JPPP (Japanese Politician Protection Program). It involved mysterious Chinese, United States, and Japanese communications over weapons of an unknown origin. Even with all of my professional training, Mr. Brawly could see the change in my face when he mentioned the Sunrise Incident. I had no chance of denying what I knew. For the sake of the mission I was on and the safety of the Japanese politicians, I had to get out of that hotel lobby, and soon.

I looked Mr. Brawly dead in the eyes and said, “Sorry sir, I know nothing of that matter.” He smiled and laughed diabolically. I took a quick glance around the lobby and noticed armed guards at all of the exits. “Oh, Samantha, we knew you may cause us some trouble,” said Mr. Brawly haughtily. I knew that he knew too much. I remained silent, wishing I could somehow manage to escape. Mr. Brawly asked again, more sternly than before, “Have you heard of the Red Sunrise Incident?” With a split second of hesitation, I stood up and sprinted, hoping to get to the nearest exit.

In an instant the guards rushed forward. They seized and tied me to the chair so that I had no way of escaping. They attached a strange object to me, and I realized that it was a lie detector machine. I tried to remain calm, but I was secretly panicking on how I would get out of this predicament without exposing classified information, which would cost me my life. I

struggled against the tight rope that was wrapped around me. I didn't know what to do now, and there was no way to escape. "Samantha, you need to tell me nothing but the truth. This is very important."

Once I stopped thrashing around, desperately trying to escape that dreaded chair I was sitting in, Mr. Brawley smiled slyly and said, "Very good, Samantha, now can we all be adults here so we can get things accomplished?" My mind was racing. I did not know what to do. I could not give up information I was sworn to protect, but what would happen if I did not? These guards were definitely armed. Does Mr. Brawley have any motive to kill me? His actions definitely seemed to imply he knew something, but was it good or bad? Was this man on my side, or was he working for the enemy? I needed to think of a way to find out just what he knew. So, what do I do? While these thoughts were going through my head, I just gave him a blank stare. "Very good," he said. "Let's begin."

Crack! A loud noise echoed through the lobby of the hotel. Everything seemed very still, as if in slow motion. Gazing on in shock, I saw Mr. Brawley drop to his knees and fall face first to the ground, a large bullet wound presenting itself in his back. The world, and all my surroundings, turned hazy as the room filled with what looked like a thick gas and I proceeded to black out. I awoke in a small room, tied to yet another chair, with four or five masked men sitting around the table before me. There was no door that I could see, and I was still a bit hazy from the gas. The masked man sitting directly across from me at the small table was the first to speak. "Brawley was the good guy, Samantha. You should've told him what you knew while you still had the chance."

A few hours went by, in which the masked man threatened to kill me if I did not give him the information he so desperately wanted. My silence aggravated him. Suddenly, and finally, he snapped, shot out of his chair, and began to storm towards me. Suddenly, two figures dropped

from the ceiling, and began fighting the masked men. Yet again, my vision slowly started to become more hazy and before I knew it, everything went black.

When I woke up, I noticed that I had been untied from the chair and the two figures I had seen before were standing in front of me, their faces visible. I sighed in relief as I looked at my two partners, Ben and Liam. “Must we always clean up after you, Sam?” Liam sighed jokingly. “No time for jokes, guys. We have to get out of here. They’re coming for us.”

As soon as the words were out of Ben’s mouth, we saw firsthand just how true they were. Five huge men dressed in black burst through the door, knocking it off its hinges. The biggest of the five men, a hulking, broad-shouldered behemoth whose bald forehead glistened splendidly, held up a badge. “You are under arrest, by order of the International Capitalist Suppression Agency,” he thundered. The four mammoths flanking him slowly began to advance on us. I looked at Ben, then at Liam. None of us were afraid. With our training, we could handle this.

I was the one they wanted, so Liam and Ben provided cover for me as I escaped. As soon as I was outside the building, I reached into my pocket to grab my phone and contacted my commander, alerting him to the situation and requesting reinforcements. Then I stopped, shocked by what I saw. Coming up the street towards me was a group of people that I easily recognized. It was several of my fellow JPPP workers. All of them were terrified and looked as if they had just run a 10k marathon. Ben and Liam raced out of the building so fast that they ran into me. “Alright, what—oh!” They looked in surprise at the group coming quickly toward us. “We were just with them, what happened?” Ben exclaimed. Liam, in his usual nonchalant way, just shrugged. “This is serious!” I snapped. “This probably means those thugs are a more serious threat than I thought!” Then I heard a sound that you don’t usually hear in downtown Tokyo: the

thundering rumbling sounds of tank treads coming at a fast clip. For once, Liam actually looked surprised. He was halfway through yet another shrug when the tanks came into view.

I woke with a start. Where was I? Why can't I move? Where were Ben and Liam? Had this all been a dream?? And then I heard his vile voice and felt his foul breath in my face. Brawly. My escape had all been an awesome, incredible and wonderful fantasy conceived in my unconscious brain. The realization of my circumstance was slowly coming over me, and I tried not to panic. There was no time to pity myself or allow hysteria to creep in, I had to be on my A-game. I began to focus on my surroundings and what he was saying.

Brawly's choice of words had been misleading. We were not going to begin anything. Brawly took a syringe and flicked the cylindrical glass chamber. I watched the thick, metallic liquid swish inside as Brawly exposed my arm and probed his thumb into my flesh, seeking a vein. My better judgment ceased my struggling. There was no breaking out of my chair and raising my blood pressure and dying from excessive bleeding during whatever Brawly was about to attempt. My anxiety about the mysterious syringe and its contents subsided. I took solace in knowing that I was too valuable to kill. What would be done to Brawly for letting my secrets die with me was worse than anything that would be done to me in the hours to come. The tapping of the syringe was probably a mere power trip. Brawly had to be bluffing.

He came closer, leaning down so his face was right next to mine and asked me if I was ready to talk. I did not say a word, but he began asking questions. "What do you know about Cassidy VonWick? Do not try to tell me you have not spoken with her in the past." "I have not had contact with her in years," I answered shortly. He was quick to respond and in a frustrated voice he said, "I know you know where she is! Tell me!" I still would not say a word. "Fine. Here is an incentive for you, Samantha. We know that your dear friends, Ben and Liam are in a similar

situation as you. In fact, if you do not tell us, we will have to hurt them because you clearly do not care about your own life enough to give us what we want,” Mr. Brawly said with a menacing and blood curdling psychotic smile. He then proceeded to draw my attention to a computer screen with an image of the back of both my partners’ heads at gun point, one head filled with dark curls, Ben, and the other a short and straight dirty blonde, Liam. My stomach churned and I felt woozy from the countless times I had blacked out within the last 24 hours.

“Now that I’ve caught your attention, Samantha dear, what do you know about Cassidy VonWick and the Red Sunrise Incident?” he pressed, looking me dead in the eye. I kept my mouth shut, tears ready to flow at any second at the sight of Liam and Ben. “Speak or we’ll shoot the blonde!” I did not speak. “5-4-3-2-”

“Wait! Cassidy... Cassidy set the classified Sunrise plans on fire!”

“Where is Cassidy now?” Brawly interrogated.

“I’m here, psycho Brawly!”

Suddenly, the building was swarmed with an armada of heavily armored mercenaries, breaking through the windows and ceiling. Mr. Brawly was taken into custody, the JPPP restored to order, and the incident ended. As for the Red Sunrise Incident ... Well, I’ve disclosed too much already. Suffice to say, it is classified. Cassidy dissipated, once again, into the worlds that few can find, and fewer return from. So this portion of my story ends as so many stories do, the villains were sufficiently punished, the heroes -as per my perception as the author- lived happily. They ended up married with families, and that one guy became a monk. But these secants are irrelevant. What truly matters (the reason why I worked through the complex process of getting these events unclassified and written) is the meaning. More than my story, its meaning matters, and I challenge you to find it.

