

The Name News

Winter 2021

SAES Looks Forward to a Well-Deserved Break

Joshua Kane '24 - SAES News

There are many things to do in the DC area this winter break. If you are looking for some bright lights, the Winter Lights at Seneca Creek State Park in Gaithersburg may be right up your alley. It costs \$25 per car, for a roughly one-hour experience.

If you find yourself more of an ice-skater, check out the DC's largest ice rink, Washington Harbor Ice Rink along the Potomac River.

Looking for some shopping? Make sure to go to the Downtown Holiday Market in the District, with lots of jewelry, crafts, art, and collectibles for sale.

Finally, if you cannot conjure up the energy to leave the house, hot cocoa and a sweet Christmas movie may be in order.

Most lions say they are excited to sleep in more, and Junior Auset Bligen is looking forward to "less homework from teachers."

"I'm looking forward to relaxing and celebrating Christmas with my family," said Sophomore Carmen Facciobene.



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The Washington Harbour Ice Rink

Eighth-grader Dustin Azad said he is "just excited to relax," adding that he is going on a family ski trip. Fourth-grader Matthew Carvalho is looking forward to the cold winter weather.

Another common response among lions was excitement for hanging out with friends over the break.

There are many great holiday movies to choose; from *Elf* to *A Christmas Carol*, you would be sure to have an excellent night.

Have fun this Winter Break, and come back ready for a fantastic rest of the school year.

St. Andrew's Boys Basketball Remains Confident Amidst Fierce MAC Competition

Joe Masters '22 and Holden Sherman '22 - SAES Sports

After a nearly two-year hiatus from Mid-Atlantic Conference competition, the St. Andrew's men's basketball team is ready to hit the courts this winter. The reigning champions, led by returning coach Kevin Jones, will have to adopt a new mentality to take on a competitive season ahead.

"The 2020 team worked really hard, but I think they were so talented that they could turn it off and on at times," Jones said. "The [2021] team doesn't have the luxury of taking a few plays off."

Junior Conor Robertson, a key

starter returning from the 2019 championship squad, sees a similar distinction. "I would agree," Robertson said. "The team this year has to stay locked in at all times because we can't afford to get down big."

With the team having just five returning players from its 2019-2020 team, veteran players who were underclassmen during the championship run are now thrust into leadership roles. "I think we have very strong junior leadership," said Jones. "In my 11 years here, thinking about juniors Connor Robertson and Alex Saxton, they're as good of leaders as we've had ever."

Leadership will be key for the Lions this year as they will face challenges from all over the MAC conference. For instance, Georgetown Day School Senior Elias Rodriguez is optimistic about his own team's abilities. "I'm very excited about our team because we have a bunch of guys who can really score the ball, and I think we'll make for some very high scoring games and be able to beat a lot of teams that way," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez isn't alone. Junior Gibraltar Coleman, a new addition to the Flint Hill Huskies, believes versatility and depth will benefit his team. "I'm very con-

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Latkes Recipe

Holden Sherman '22

Looking for a savory treat this holiday season? Try this delicious potato latke recipe. It's Hanukkah approved!

Makes 8 latkes

Ingredients:

1 ½ potatoes, preferably russet

¼ cup of all-purpose flour

1 egg

¼ teaspoon of ground pepper

¼ teaspoon of salt

½ teaspoon of seasoning salt

Vegetable/olive/canola oil for frying

Preparation:

Rinse potatoes. Once rinsed, peel them and dry them with a paper towel. After that, cut them into medium-sized cubes.

Slice onions up into cubes.

Place both the cubed onions and the potatoes in a food processor.

Once the food processor is finished and the onions and potatoes are finely chopped, pour them into a clean paper towel over a bowl. Then, over that bowl, tightly squeeze the blend into the paper towel to remove the liquid.

Add the flour, salt, pepper, seasoning salt, and egg to the blended onions and potatoes.

Place the mixture in the refrigerator for 30 minutes.

Pour olive oil into a medium- to large-sized pan, and cook over medium heat.

Flip when golden brown or after 3-5 minutes.

Wrap in paper towels and place on a plate.

When the latkes are grease-less enough to eat, enjoy! Serve with applesauce, hot sauce, or sour cream. Whichever you prefer!

Chaplain Isaacs: A Shining Light on Our Campus

Sam Berman '22 - Profile

Every Friday around 8:55 am, a steady, sweeping drumroll pervades Lions Court. Da-dum-da-dum-da-dum—and then silence. “It’s Friday, so it’s CHAPEL DAY!” shouts Reverend Isaacs, and the morning meeting crowd goes wild.

Now a weekly ritual, the celebration is an opportunity for the St. Andrew’s upper and middle schools to come together, appreciate a week almost-finished, and foster excitement about that day’s Chapel service. The tradition began with the Reverend’s arrival in 2019 and is a product of Isaacs’ understanding that “if I’m not having fun with chapel, it’s unlikely that anybody else will.” His enthusiastic, sincere demeanor powerfully endears him to the school community.

Isaacs expressed that he has “always felt called to become an Episcopal priest.” Having attended church growing up on the Maryland Eastern Shore, he remembers his youthful “sense that the congregation was an extended family. Sometimes I would even wander into a pew and sit with people other than my parents.” Prompted by that foundation of faith, he began pursuing priesthood as a sophomore in high



Photograph by SAES

The Reverend James Isaacs speaks at graduation in June 2021

school and was ordained ten years later in 2002. He has since served at a host of congregations. Isaacs said his graduate education in Conflict Transformation, and subsequent experience helping peace-advocating journalist Colman McCarthy teach peace building courses, inspired him to work with students. He joined St. Andrew’s as the Mid-

dle and Upper School Chaplain in 2019. Upper School Head Ginger Cobb said that because Isaacs did a great job during that trial year, the decision to officialize his role was clear-cut.

“Chaplain Isaacs doesn’t take himself too seriously, which is in part why everyone embraces him,” said Senior Owen Whitman,

whose nine years at St. Andrew’s have included the leadership of four different chaplains (Gonzalez, Slater, Alexander, and Isaacs). Math teacher John McMillen, who has been at St. Andrew’s for over three decades, said he “love[s] the energy that Chaplain Isaacs brings to the school.”

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Food Waste Solution

Max Freedman '22- SAES News

Food waste is a problem across the globe, and St. Andrew’s is no exception. However, thanks to the Green Club, St. Andrew’s is making an effort to make the school more environmentally friendly.

Senior Frankie Fults, the student leader of the Green Club, has proposed and begun implementing a new program addressing food waste at St. Andrew’s. The idea for adding a compost bin stems from Fults’ Environmental Science class last school year.

For the final project, each student in the class wrote a proposal on how to make the school more environmentally conscious. For her final, Fults suggested putting a compost bin outside of the cafeteria for the students’ food waste. Her proposal was accepted by the Head of School, Mr. Robert Kosasky.

The implementation of this new proposal will create a space to compost food alongside non-perishable paper items such as plates and napkins. Anything made from plastic, such as forks, knives, cups,

and water bottles, will not be composted.

This decision marks a positive change for St. Andrew’s effect on the environment, as it will reduce the amount of food that will be disposed of and put into landfills. “Food Waste is a huge problem for our environment. The more food that we waste, the more it contributes to climate change,” said Environment Science Teacher Bonnie Nevel, staff sponsor of the Green Club.

According to a study conducted by the independent research center Our World in Data, wasted food accounts for roughly 8% of all greenhouse gas emissions. By cutting back on food waste, St. Andrew’s will reduce our landfill contribution and overall environmental impact. Furthermore, the composted material will be reused for fertilizer benefiting the flowers and greenery around campus.

St. Andrew’s is taking a strong step toward increased environmental consciousness by placing a compost bin in the lunchroom, making sure the school does its part in averting climate disaster.

Graeub Finds his Place at the Wheel

Neeka Sadeghi '23 - Profile

Senior Tom Graeub first discovered that he had a knack for ceramics in his ninth-grade ceramics class. He has been an avid ceramics enthusiast ever since. Three years later, he is now taking an independent study in ceramics. Graeub credits the vast majority of his growth to Ceramics Teacher Tracy Goodrich’s classes. He also appreciates the support he received from his cousin, who had taken a few Ceramic classes and helped him as he was first starting.

In the beginning, Graeub was simply looking for an art credit. However, it quickly became a “soothing thing I could keep working on,” he said. One of Graeub’s favorite aspects of ceramics is the flexibility it allows him to explore and be creative. “You can make each piece individual, and each piece is so different,” he explained. “You just

have to work on the skills behind moving the clay, it’s only limited to your imagination.”

To get good at ceramics, Graeub believes that repetition is the key. He noted, “Repeating things over and over again helps solidify things you’re really good at.” The piece he is the proudest of is a set of 16-inch salad bowls. It took many attempts, but the final result demonstrated the value of repetition and perseverance. His favorite pieces to make are coffee mugs and any other type of cup. Recently, he has also found himself enjoying making vases.

Every artist has had moments when they wanted to quit. “Sometimes there are days where everything you’re making just isn’t turning out the way you want it to be,” Graeub said. “Sometimes you have to take a break and go back at it the next day. Day to day you can really improve so much.”

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Coachless Wrestling Team Perseveres

Cameron Jones '23 - SAES Sports

The season has been challenging thus far for our St. Andrew's wrestling team, as they currently have no coach. The athletic department hired a coach for the program back in late fall, but the new hire left before the winter season even began.

Despite the setback, co-captain Senior Julian Haas remains hopeful, and in the absence of a coach, Haas and fellow co-captain, Senior Anthony Wallace, have been leading practices. Haas said, "Having to supervise seven other students retracts from my practice. I'm not able to get in as much work as I need, but we still have a group of committed wrestlers who are ready to scrap nonetheless."

Haas also said he "hopes we will get a coach in the coming weeks." Until then, the team will have to "get one-percent better each day" without one.

Over the course of his final season, he wants to establish a hard-working team culture "so that when they [the underclassmen] are seniors they can maintain that same culture, pushing one another." Accomplishing this would certainly be impressive given the circumstances.

The team recently competed in the Admiral Holloway Tournament at St. James. Six wrestlers competed, and each wrestler won at least one match and three placed. Sophomore Vasillious Dolouvaris placed first at 113, Sophomore Jackson Chase placed 4th at 106, and Senior Anthony Wallace placed 3rd at 126.

Model UN Motions For A Fresh Start

Joshua Cohen '24 - SAES News

At St. Andrew's Club Fair this fall, students roamed around Izzo Quad as they perused the posters, flyers, and even videos created by each club. However, there was one club that was missing from the fair: Model United Nations. Despite facing difficult circumstances at the beginning of the year, Model UN is once again starting up at St. Andrew's.

Model UN poses an exciting opportunity for St. Andrew's students to explore interests in diplomacy, grasp new understandings of current events, and further many other important skills. Through both virtual and in-person conferences, club members are able to debate complex global issues from the perspective of countries from around the world. The first virtual conference opportunity for students in the club will be held on December 11th.

Model UN allows students to "explore their interests in international

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Girls Basketball Looks Forward to a Strong Season

Jennifer Kitchen '22 - SAES Sports

The St. Andrew's Girls Varsity Basketball team has moved up to the AA Division, leaving them with their "most competitive schedule ever, both in conference and out of conference," according to assistant varsity coach Sid Smith.

Coach Smith added that the team has had an active preseason. "We worked out with Coach Lothar, doing strength and conditioning three times a week, then we played in a competitive fall league, which was a good way to get ready for the season," he said.

Sophomore Emily Conway says that "It has been fun to meet new people who are both older and younger than me" during preseason. She is excited for this season because "everyone knows their role"

and "everyone works together as a team."

Freshman Chloe Ferber emphasized the strong chemistry on the team and that everyone is extremely supportive of one another. She said that her teammates "always help you out. If you do not understand a play and they do, they will help you understand it." Ferber's main goal for this season is to "take more shots."

Senior Simone Foreman's advice to younger players is to "always be confident and believe in yourself. Do not hesitate. Just do it and if you make a mistake, it just means you are getting better." Her goals for this season are to "win a banner," "beat Maret," and "make an impact at school."

Foreman said that the moment she holds closest to her heart from her time with the team was "winning

St. Andrew's Guide to A Jewish Christmas

Hannah Newman '22 - SAES News

As the weather gets colder and the leaves change color, the holiday spirit around campus is infectious. From festive decorations to the annual St. Andrew's Day caroling, there is a buzz of Christmas cheer and anticipation. Nonetheless, St. Andrew's Jewish students have their own exciting tradition to look forward to: a feast at their favorite Chinese restaurant.

Jewish American families have been dining at Chinese restaurants on Christmas Day for over a hundred years. According to the Vox article "The history of Jews, Chinese food, and Christmas, explained by a rabbi," Jewish and Chinese communities were located right next to each other on the Lower East Side in late 19th century New York. On Christmas Day, Chinese restaurants were among the few businesses open, as many Chinese immigrants were Buddhist and did not celebrate Christmas. Looking for a secular way to celebrate Christmas, Jews began to gather at these restaurants for a holiday meal.

When my family first moved to the area twelve years ago, we became frequent patrons of Meiwah in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Until a few years ago, Meiwah was our go-to for a Christmas dinner. I highly recommend their chicken noodle soup, which has helped me fight through many colds. More recently, we have fallen in love with Dumplings and Beyond in Washington, DC. Their

signature homemade dumplings are, in my opinion, the best in the area. Although it is a longer drive from Potomac and parking can sometimes be difficult, the quality of the food is worth the extra effort.

Like my family, Freshman Chloe Ferber and Senior Frederick Horowitz are also fans of Meiwah. According to Meiwah's website, owner Larry La first opened the restaurant in 2000. It has now been a mainstay of Chinese cuisine in the Washington metro area for over two decades, frequented by celebrities such as Stevie Wonder, Mick Jagger, and the Clintons. "I always order the veggie dumplings," said Ferber. Horowitz recommends the chicken and vegetables.

Senior Jonas Blum recommends Larry La's first restaurant, City Lights of China in Bethesda. Although the restaurant is no longer under La's management, it has continued to serve Jewish Christmas dinners for almost forty years. Blum commends their ability to "handle the large takeout order that my family brings in on Christmas." Like Ferber, his favorite is also the "steamed veggie dumplings."

For Senior Lily Nordheimer, Christmas dinners come from Wang Dynasty in downtown Bethesda. Wang Dynasty is a more recent addition to the local Chinese restaurant scene, replacing Shanghai Village when it opened just three years ago. Their cuisine draws inspiration from both Shanghai and Taiwanese-style dishes. Nordheimer said she appreciates how "fast and con-

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the ISLs in 2020. Just like the moment the buzzer rang, and we all jumped into a huddle. It was very emotional, it was the best feeling ever."

Foreman said that the St. Andrew's basketball team differs from other teams she has played on because "it is more of a family." She said that when she makes a mistake, "I do not feel embarrassed. I feel very supported and uplifted." Foreman added that the St. Andrew's team stands out due to the fact that "you can walk into the gym knowing that on the court, you will be my teammate and friend, and that it will always be a supportive environment."

Coach Smith highlighted the composition of the team with four seniors, one junior, one sophomore, and three freshmen. He said that this season "is the most balanced

team we have ever had, and we are expecting everyone to contribute."

Ultimately, Conway said that she thinks they will win the ISL championships because "you have to think you are good enough to win. You cannot be in a mindset that you are going to lose. You have to go into every game thinking you are going to win." Coach Smith is excited about what this year's season has in store for the team, and he has high hopes of success.

Be sure to come out and support the team at their scrimmages and their first home game against Stone Ridge on January 11th as they progress towards the championship!

Mr. Brown Takes the Reigns

Clare Gamma '22 - SAES News

Winter break came early for one St. Andrew's administrator. Head of School Mr. Robert Kosasky began a four-month sabbatical in late October, and until February, a new leader is in charge.

In Kosasky's email to the student body and faculty, he wrote that he "will travel briefly to Maine and California this fall, and [...] will be in New York City in January for a fellowship at the Klingenstein Center at Columbia University." Associate Head of School David Brown has assumed his position in the interim. "I think our faculty and staff are happy that Mr. Brown is serving as Acting Head of School while I'm away, as am I," Kosasky said.

"Mr. Kosasky – as part of his contract – is entitled to a sabbatical every 20 years. I was more than happy to step in," said Mr. Brown, who is in his 33rd year at St. Andrew's. Brown has earned a master's degree in education and gained much administrative experience during his tenure.

In his free time, Brown loves to watch movies, especially the Dune series. He said he has read and en-

joyed many of its books and seen both of the movies. Brown is also a Division III baseball fan, and in fact, his son Dean plays third base and pitches for The College of Wooster Fighting Scots.

About Mr. Brown's new role, Senior Shannon Yehl said "I definitely think Mr. Brown is right for the job, as he's been my academic dean for the past four years. He carries our values well, such as leadership and hospitable behavior. I also appreciate his sense of humor."

Hannah Twomey, also a Senior, said, "I think because of his time spent at St. Andrew's, students are able to create close and connected relationships with him. As a new student last year with Mr. Brown being my academic dean, I feel like I really know him."

In Mr. Kosasky's final email before his departure, he said "I've agreed to remain as Head of School here until at least 2028, when St. Andrew's will celebrate our fiftieth anniversary." Our St. Andrew's community is certainly looking forward to Kosasky's return, and we are lucky to have Mr. Brown leading our school until then.

Chaplain Isaacs: A Shining Light on Our Campus *continued*

appreciated because of the way he respects religious differences. Isaacs highlighted that "St. Andrew's is a more vibrant religious school precisely because of the religious diversity that's present here." Senior Bea Marcus, who is Jewish and came to St. Andrew's amidst the pandemic challenges of 2020, said "I enjoy the chapel services. I don't necessarily participate in everything, but I definitely feel welcome."

Outside chapel, Isaacs is a father of four children, including St. Andrew's first- and third-graders Joseph and Jimmy, and a loud, passionate fan at Lions sporting events (as anyone who has been at games would know). In fact, even before

his children enrolled, they would accompany him in the stands at games and drama performances. The purpose behind his fervent fandom, Isaacs said, is his "role as Chaplain to represent God's love for the people in this community. It's easier to be loudly cheering at a sporting event than after someone has aced an assessment."

This mission to embody God's love for the school community and all people, Isaacs said, motivates him above all: "It is a joy to serve God through the people here at St. Andrew's." Chaplain Isaacs' presence is integral to the steady drumbeats of joy, connection, and community on our Postoak campus—da-dum-da-dum-da-dum.

Students Rave About New T-Swift Masterpiece

Bea Marcus '22 - Pop Culture

It's finally here! After months of waiting, on Thursday, November 12th, Taylor Swift dropped Red (Taylor's Version) and fans could not be more ecstatic. This 30-song album, filled with re-records, new songs from the vault, and collabs with artists such as Phoebe Bridgers and Ed Sheeran, has exceeded all of our expectations.

Back in 2005, when Swift was 16, she signed a contract with Big Machine Records to produce her first six albums under their label. After that, Swift moved to a bigger label called Republic Records. As she

became more and more popular, the value of the albums that Scott Borchetta (Chief Executive Officer of Big Machine) owned increased. Swift wanted to buy back her recordings but after she declined an offer made by Borchetta, he sold Big Machine and Swift's first six albums to Scooter Braun. It was a complete betrayal. To gain back ownership of her work, Swift decided to re-record her albums "Fearless" and "Red" this past year.

Red was originally released in 2012 as Swift's fourth album. It contained hits such as "We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together," "I Knew You Were Trouble," and "All Too Well." Re-recorded versions of

all of these songs are included on Red (Taylor's Version). Along with these hit songs are so-called vault tracks, which are songs that Swift recorded around the same time as Red but never ended up making it onto an album. Vault tracks on Red (Taylor's Version) include "Better Man" and the long awaited 10-minute version of "All Too Well," which recently became the longest song to reach number one on the Billboard Hot 100. Swift's self-proclaimed "saddest song" is arguably her magnum opus. The lyrics, like diary entries, entice listeners to hit the replay button and reject the societal standards of how women are expected to present themselves.

Senior Shannon O'Grady has been a long time Swift fan and said, "I really like how the songs have become more mature because she has grown up, and I love that she added some songs from the vault that never made it on the original album." Shannon was most excited for "the 10 minute version of 'All Too Well' because Taylor has teased she had it but never released it, and 'All Too Well' was always my favorite Taylor Swift song." Junior Lauren Safra, who is also an avid Taylor Swift listener, said, "I love Red (Taylor's Version) because of the variety of songs for every mood, and I also love that Taylor is getting her work back."

New Flu Vaccine Mandate

Devonte Sanders '23 - SAES News

The influenza vaccine is mandatory for all students by January 3, 2022, the first day of school after Winter Break. According to School Nurse Diane Stewart, getting these shots is vital in protecting students from the spread of the flu. "If everyone cooperates and gets their flu shot, we can keep our community protected from these dangerous

sicknesses, especially in fall and winter weather."

As of October 20, 2021, students can receive a flu shot on campus. Nurse Stewart said that students and faculty can sign-up to receive the on-campus flu shot rather than traveling to a local pharmacy such as CVS or Walgreens.

Nurse Stewart said, "So far, we have given 118 flu shots to people who were interested in getting it on campus." This is a good start to

reaching the overall goal of vaccinating 100 percent of faculty, staff, and students by January 3, 2022.

Language Department Chair Daphne Clyburn was one of the faculty members to receive a flu shot on campus. "It was really easy," she said. "Something that I really liked was being able to receive it on campus. It really makes it easy for me as a teacher."

If it is easier for students to receive a flu shot from a pharmacy or

their doctor's office, that is always a great option as well. The most important thing is getting vaccinated, regardless of how or where students choose to get their shot. Everyone has a part to play in keeping the St. Andrew's community safe and healthy.

Montgomery County Implements New Body-Camera Law

Sam Sandler '24 - Local News

On November 9, 2021, the Montgomery County Council passed a law that will alter the way police body camera footage is used and reviewed after being recorded.

Police body cameras are an effective method for gaining a better understanding of an incident after it takes place. According to the University of Chicago Crime Lab, the use of force by police, during both fatal and non-fatal encounters, fell by nearly 10% when body cameras were worn. These cameras are incredibly important in holding police officers accountable, especially during instances of misconduct.

According to a recent NPR article,

the new law requires camera footage to be randomly reviewed by other members of the police force and internal affairs. Moreover, some investigations surrounding body camera footage will be brought to the attention of the chief of police, the County Executive, the County Council, and the State Attorney's office.

Another addition to the current standards is the implementation of a list displaying timestamps of when a body camera video is watched or changed.

English Teacher Andrew Seidman said, "Without fully having read the law, it sounds like a step in the right direction. I generally believe that much more police

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Model UN Motions For A Fresh Start *continued*

relations, geopolitical issues, and debate," said Senior Matias Heitner, who will be serving as the president of the club this year. Students in Model UN take the viewpoints of different countries from around the world to debate and discuss challenging current events.

According to Ms. Hamm, the faculty sponsor of the club, "students have worked on issues like climate change, refugee crises, and terrorism" in prior conferences.

Heitner further explained that these conferences are "modeled after a real United Nations conference." Just like in the United Nations, some conferences even have participants from around the world.

Hamm strongly believes that

Model UN is "an awesome opportunity for anyone who is interested in diplomacy, international relations, current events, debate, and public speaking."

Heitner also encouraged students that may be new to Model UN to give the club a try. "Students do not need any prior knowledge or experience at all," he said. "These conferences are made to be very beginner-friendly, and everyone has fun and learns a lot throughout the experience." Heitner and other returning club members are also more than happy to help mentor new members so they can succeed at conferences.

This year posed the largest challenge to Model UN

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St. Andrew's Boys Basketball *continued*

fidant in our chances. We have a solid potential starting five and our bench is versatile as well. As long as we come together and play hard, I believe we can come out on top of the MAC." The Huskies, with players like Senior Saxby Sunderland, who has offers from Virginia Commonwealth University and George Washington University, will be a tough team for the Lions to beat.

As St. Andrew's prepares for fierce MAC competition, there is

no shortage of excitement for the season. "I think the team has the ability to do some good things," Jones said. "They work very hard, they play and train with some grit, and they have some determination. They are tough."

The Lions' toughness and grit are definitely going to be tested this year, but Coach Jones and the rest of the team remain optimistic about their ability to dominate the competition this year.

Putting Effort Into the Future

Mia Redjaee '23 - Profile

Many think of school as a place where teachers assign work and grade it while students receive work and submit it. At St. Andrew's, the process digs much deeper than this.

Ms. Lorraine Martinez-Hanley, the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Belonging (DEB) at St. Andrew's, says DEB has impacted the St. Andrew's curriculum.

In an interview, she says that St. Andrew's has a "great curriculum" and that it reflects "assuring that it is connected, coherent, and collaborative."

From her perspective, "Pedagogy equals what we value" and it is important to show respect to a range of people, so that they know they matter.

Ms. Martinez Hanley believes coaching individuals on how to re-



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Ms. Martinez Hanley

solve conflicts between others as well as "serving all students" is significant, especially in terms of "recognizing needs of BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and Person of Color) students."

St. Andrew's New Dress Code

Shannon Yehl '22 - Opinion

Online learning was a time of so many unknowns for students: would we ever again be back in-person, cheer on the Lions at a basketball game, or have fun with friends at a school dance? The uncertainty was draining, as were the tedious hours spent staring at a computer screen in pajamas during Zoom classes. Still, the return to in-person school eventually came, and in an effort to lower the stress of readjustment, St. Andrew's relaxed the student dress code for the 2021-22 school year.

This new and improved dress code benefits students, and it should remain the same as a result. To start, it is less gender-discriminatory than the previous requirements; many aspects of the old dress code specifically targeted girls and unfairly limited their clothing options. It necessitated that they wear shirts that covered their bottoms, and girls could not wear anything that revealed their chest. As a girl, under the previous rules, it was sometimes challenging for me to figure out what was dress code compliant, especially when I first came to St. Andrew's.

The current dress code also allows students to express themselves through their clothing. Casual items like sweatpants and blue denim jeans are now allowed, as well as clothes that display large writing. In addition, before the dress code change, shorts had to be a certain length, and boys were expected to

wear non-sweatpants.

Senior Clare Gamma said "What I like is the freedom of the dress code in which we are allowed to wear jeans or leggings, or any type of sweatshirt to feel comfortable to go throughout the school day feeling good about ourselves and to wear what we want without people telling us what to wear."

Assistant Head of Upper School Mr. Randy Tajan said he believes the relaxed dress code "allows students to express their belonging and authentic selves."

Some may argue that the new requirements lack professionalism or create a less-serious educational environment. However, what defines professionalism? Wearing a business suit? Dressing up every day? St. Andrew's is a space for learning, not an office.

Mr. Tajan said that "during the pandemic there was a relaxed dress code so that kids could focus on learning. We found that when we left it up to the students they still dressed neat, tidy, and appropriate, still adhering to the guiding principles of our dress code." In past years, exam days for students were typically dress-down so that they could come into school less stressed. Therefore, if the administration was willing to allow dressing-down on some of the most significant academic days of the school year, why not have the whole year be dress-down and thus less stressful? The new dress code needs to stay.

What is @SAESaffirmations

Lily Nordheimer '22 - SAES News

"I will not have another weird schedule this week."

"We will not have another chicken lunch this week."

"I will get the full experience of morning meeting."

These are just three examples of "affirmations" from the Instagram account taking over St. Andrew's students' social media.

Traditionally, affirmations on social media are positive thoughts said daily to motivate, encourage positive change, or simply boost self-esteem. For example, "I am worthy of love" and "I radiate love and others reflect love back to me" are two common affirmations across the internet.

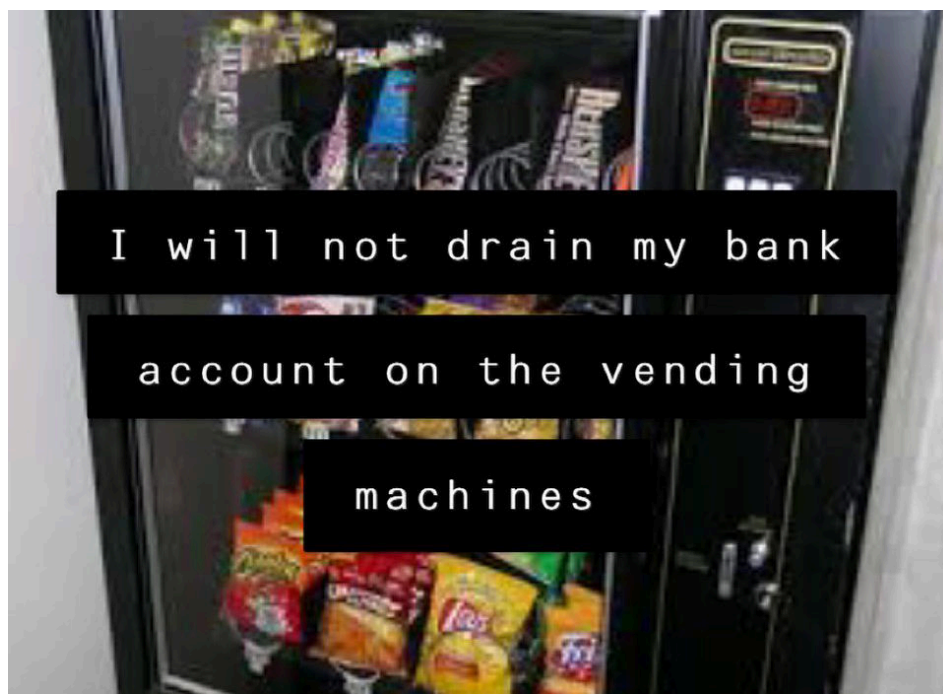
The affirmations on the St. Andrew's account poke fun at current St. Andrew's happenings. This is trending at schools and universities all over the United States, including Vassar College and the University of Michigan. The trend is also local, as other schools in Montgomery County have also created humorous accounts on Instagram

for their students.

@saesaffirmations is an anonymous account that allows people to submit their own affirmations that relate specifically to our school. There is a dropbox where students can submit affirmations for the account owner's review. Then, the owner finds a photo relating to the topic and posts it along with the affirmation. A caption is included with the post either naming the author or not - if they choose to remain anonymous. "#makeitgreat-day" is at the bottom of the caption, which adds a well-known SAES phrase to the post.

Because the account is anonymous, many students are speculating about who is in charge of the meme-filled account. Freshman Piper Crawford thinks "it is a freshman or sophomore girl," while senior Shannon O'Grady has "no idea who's behind it." Both Piper and Shannon agree that the account is funny and interesting. Senior Aaron Lobsenz likes it as well and said "it brings satire to many things at St. Andrew's, especially things students dislike or mock."

Ms. Clyburn, who is the Head of the Language Department, originally said that the account "seems



Photograph by @SAESaffirmations

Post from SAESaffirmations Instagram

to bring a little bit of humour into our day that seems to be positive and in the spirit of community." She also said that "there are jokes that only people who are a part of the St. Andrew's community would understand."

However, after seeing a post on the account featuring an inappropriate incident in the boys' restroom, Ms. Clyburn has changed her opinion on the page. She said, "a post like that breaks down the community or causes harm to the community and I don't support

that." In an email, David Brown, acting head of school, wrote that "We expect all students to be respectful when using social media, avoid naming individuals without their permission, and keep things positive. Humor can often be misinterpreted, hurtful, or inappropriate, so be careful."

Piper added that she doesn't "think it's necessarily positive because some of the points are targeted at specific people and can cause negative stuff."

New Body-Camera Law *continued*

accountability is necessary in this country to make it the equal and just society that we want it to be."

The Montgomery County Council President created this law to hold police officers accountable for their actions and increase trust around policing in the Montgomery County community.

In the November 9th County Council meeting, Council President Hucker voiced his anger and disappointment regarding an incident in which a 5-year-old boy was handcuffed and verbally abused by two officers in January 2020. According to NPR, this incident was not reported in a timely manner to any County officials. The story he was referring to also was not publicly shared until a year after it happened. He hopes that this law will address the communication and reporting issues that came to light during the January 2020 incident and prevent such issues from happening in the

future.

Sophomore Jake Lehrman said, "There are many good police officers that are having their reputations tainted by bad police officers and I think that the increase in the reviewing of body camera footage will help the community hold those bad officers accountable and demonstrate that there is a difference between the few bad officers and the many heroes in our police force."

The death of George Floyd to police violence in May 2020 sent shock waves across the entire country. Many members of the St. Andrew's community were left angry and frustrated. Hopefully, laws like the one recently put in place in Montgomery County will reduce the number of devastating incidents of police brutality and help hold officers accountable when they do abuse their power.

Model UN Motions For A *Fresh Start continued*

in its ten-year history at St. Andrew's. With its faculty sponsor on maternity leave, the club was unable to pull together an appearance at the club fair, host meetings, or organize participation in conferences. Now that History Teacher Amy Hamm has returned to campus, Model UN has an opportunity for a fresh start.

Like every other St. Andrew's club, Model UN also had to adapt to the restrictions posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, most conferences will be held virtually. However, Hamm is able to see the shift to virtual conferences in a positive light. She claims that the new virtual conferences will "actually [grant] some cool possibilities to compete with international students and attend different types of conferences."

These conferences will prioritize different skill sets and force club

members to be more adaptable. Moreover, the Model UN Club did many virtual conferences last year all of which "went along without any problems," according to Heitner.

Students who join the club may also have the opportunity to participate in some in-person conferences later on this year if the pandemic remains under control. Further, some international conferences will hopefully occur once travel is again possible.

The recontinuation of Model UN at St. Andrew's has the potential to be a fresh start for not only the club, but also for any students who never got a chance to try Model UN in previous years.

Graeub Finds his Place at the Wheel *continued*

of the most popular art electives. The class always fills up fast as students are eager to try their hand at throwing clay on the wheel. Ms. Goodrich said that, in her ceramics classes, “Students learn the basics of hand-building and wheel work. They truly participate in the running of the studio. They learn how to recycle clay and load and unload the kiln. They learn different glazing techniques and methods.”

Reflecting on Graeub’s growth in ceramics throughout his time at St. Andrew’s, Ms. Goodrich said, “I couldn’t be more proud of Tom! I am not sure what he will do for his career, but I hope that he finds the time to follow his passion and work with his hands in clay. He is a patient and kind teacher as well, always helping others and looking out for jobs to do in the studio.”

St. Andrew’s Guide to A Jewish Christmas

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venient” it is while still being “very high quality.”

Math and Physics Teacher Matt Stanger recommends Good Fortune Cafe in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Although he has not yet spent a Christmas in the area, Good Fortune Cafe is his spot of choice for all occasions meriting a Chinese food dinner. Reflecting on the tradition of Jews eating Chinese food on Christmas Day, Stanger said, “It’s just nice to know you’ll be in an environment surrounded by other

Jews.”

Regardless of where you choose to eat on Christmas Day, it is the people you are with that matter the most. For Horowitz, above all his family just “enjoys spending the time together” and creating a tradition they can return to each year.

This season offers an excellent opportunity to reconnect with family and friends through whatever holiday activities you participate in. I wish you the best of luck in continuing or creating your own traditions.

Student Art Showcase



Progression Onwards by Katie Skinner '22



Sonic the Hedgehog by Charlie Fernau '22

The Mane News

We are recruiting writers and photographers for the Winter!

We are looking for talented individuals who can:

- Write updates on sports teams and clubs
- Inform the school on the happenings at SGA meetings
 - Notify students of upcoming events
- Alert readers to impactful national and regional news
 - Shoot photographs of games and events
 - Write cartoons and take community polls

If you are interested in joining contact Mr. Evans:

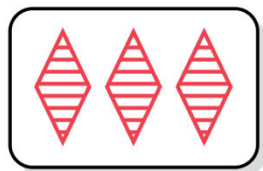
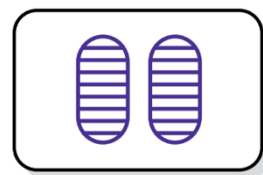
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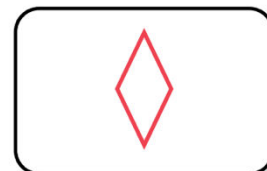
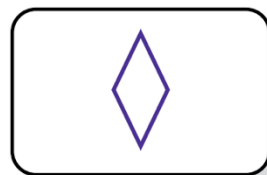
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Rules:
 Set is a game designed in 1974 by Marsha Falco. The goal is to make sets. A set consists of three cards satisfying all of these conditions:
 They all have the same number or have three different numbers.
 They all have the same shape or have three different shapes.
 They all have the same shading or have three different shadings.
 They all have the same color or have three different colors.

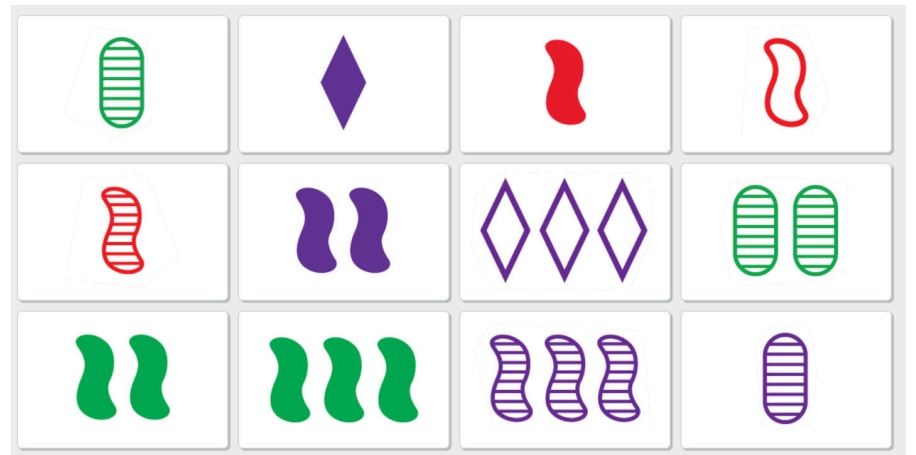
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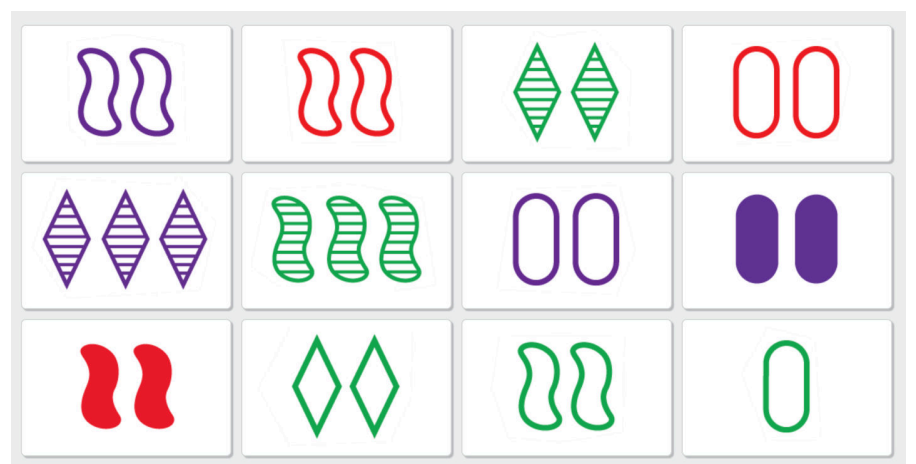
Solution:



Puzzle 1: Find all 6 Sets in the cards below:



Puzzle 2: Find all 6 Sets in the cards below:



This is a set. The cards :
 All have the same shape
 All have the same shading
 All have different numbers
 All have different colors.

This is not a set. The cards :
 All have the same shape
 All have the same numbers
 All have different colors.
But two have the same shading
 and one does not.

Answers will be revealed next issue

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