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Evening gala sparks fundraising

By: Sophia Perlini

Parents enter the building to the songs of the SUA choir and are ushered into the gym by costumed students. Girls serve tables while the dance team performs, transforming the Field House into a Latin-inspired wonderland.

Serata Di Gala is the primary fundraiser for the SUA scholarship fund, which provides money for dozens of students. From leadership to academic scholarships, this event covers them all.

This year's theme is Roman Holiday and will be held on Saturday, Nov. 2 in the Field House. Some of the auction items include a three month lease on a Jeep Wrangler, a 14k gold and di-

amond necklace, Red Wings tickets, Disney On Ice Box tickets, and 70 to 80 silent auction items. Also, there are raffle tickets for a reserved parking spot and front row graduation tickets.

"Volunteering is fun," said junior Mackenzie Godbey. She was an usher for Serata her freshman and sophomore years and is volunteering again. "You get to dress up in costume and seat guests. Plus, you get service hours."

None of this would be possible without the guidance of Mrs. Moses, Mrs. Stengle, and Mrs. Gremms, along with the help from SUA students.

"The choir sings, the dance team per-



Photo Courtesy of: St. Ursula Academy

St. Ursula Concert Choir sings as guests enter the Serata Di Gala in 2011.

forms, and girls can volunteer to help through Miss Reilly," said Mrs. Moses, the Serata coordinator. Parents, family and friends are invited to attend.

Senior explores fashion world in New York



Photo by: Julia Benore

Celina posing with the official TVFU board.
By: Ariana Oviahon

New York City: the concrete jungle where dreams are made. Senior Celina Nowicki began her dream by attending this year's Teen Vogue Fashion University.

Famous photographers, models, editors,

designers, and journalists come to mentor the many teens accepted into the program.

These conferences focus on different careers and how to thrive in the fashion world. "I picked classes and conferences I wanted to attend, based on what I wanted to do. I wanted to look into the journalism side, which a lot of the conference was

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- Celina Nowicki

based off of. It was very cool," said Nowicki.

Along with the talks, there are shopping events that take place at TVFU. "The shop-

ping events were amazing. On Friday there was an Express shopping event, and on Saturday it was Topshop. There were exclusive discounts only for girls at the conference. Waiters were 'at your service' as you shopped and the set up was amazing."

A sense of an ambitious attitude was present in all the girls there. "Everyone was focused on whatever they wanted to do. I went for the experience, but a lot of girls went to try and start whatever it was they wanted to do. Girls were very eager."

The three day extravaganza ended, and it was time to wrap up the experience TVFU offered. "It was awesome, I loved the conference. I would do it again in a heartbeat," said Nowicki.

World: Syria weapons dismantled, gold discovered, NSA controversy

By: Julia Benore

■ German intelligence officials are travelling to Washington, D.C. after becoming outraged over the United States National Security Agency monitoring the German Chancellor Angela Merkel's phone.

■ Authorities removed a young girl, Maria, from a couple in Bulgaria, Christos Sallis and Eleftheria Dimopoulou, after charging them with kidnapping. Her biological

mother, Saska Ruseva, is being investigated for selling Maria in an illegal adoption.

■ The inspectors that oversee the destruction of Syria's chemical weapons have until Friday to investigate 23 chemical weapon sites.

Only two sites remain, yet the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons has safety concerns because the areas are contested by opposition militants and government forces.

■ In Australia, researchers have found gold deposits on eucalyptus trees. The trees absorb the gold through their roots, which eventually deposits into their leaves.

■ Obamacare is creating mass controversy among Americans regarding the policy changes and the inability to purchase insurance via internet.

OPINION Faceoff: Are Arrows really listening to Arrows?

By: Mary Kate Caserta

I will never forget when I walked into my first ALTA freshman year. Nervous and scared, I took a seat quietly, not expecting to talk much. However, as the rest of the upperclassmen walked in, they were eager to know my name, and to welcome me to the school. I soon became friends with everyone as they lent me advice on high school, and listened to each others problems. Even outside of ALTA, I would smile and talk to them in the halls. My ALTA made me feel comfortable, like I belonged.

ALTA stands for Arrows Listening To Arrows, and that is exactly what it is. It is a place to talk about your problems, to get and give advice, and to overall bond with your fellow SUA sisters. For that reason, ALTA is a crucial SUA attribute. ALTA was founded ten years ago as an alternative to big sis-little sis. Mr. Dubielak had theology students who created ALTA, "it is a time for talking between classes." Teachers and students wanted SUA students from all ages to create friendships and bonding experiences. ALTA encourages a closeness at SUA, along with Intramurals and spirit week. It is an important tradition, and it is well received by many

students. "I love my ALTA; I give advice to the freshmen about exams and test prep," said senior Kyllian Schneider. "I also love the opportunity to learn about what is happening with the underclassmen." "My ALTA usually has food, and we enjoy talking with one another," said sophomore Jenny Douglas. "I love ALTA; we are always talking afterwards in the hallways during any school day. I have been in the same ALTA for three years, and I enjoy the opportunity to give back through Day of Caring, and giving gifts during Christmas," said junior Alexa Carlson. ALTA is more than a once a week gossip session, it is about uniting the SUA students to become better people by giving back and helping each other. For some administrators, ALTA is a chance to meet students and get to know them since they do not see them in class. For underclassmen, it is an opportunity to get advice about teachers, exams, ACT prep, dances, football games, and service opportunities. For seniors it is a chance to share knowledge gained from SUA throughout four years. ALTA is an important part of St. Ursula, and should be appreciated.

By: Tyra Olowa

The overall goal of having ALTA is to obtain community building skills to develop a strong sisterhood with one another. For some students, nothing is being accomplished to have students bond together. It seems to be creating a false sense of community.

Some students decide they don't want to be with their group, and they try going to other ALTA's to be with their friends. Some girls stay in their lunch or roam around the school. Some students who do report to their ALTA don't even talk to one another; they do homework, text, or browse the internet.

One of the problems with ALTA is that not all girls feel comfortable sharing with the group. "The conversation in my group makes me uncomfortable because either they're trying to force me to talk, or they are awkward towards me," sophomore Deonna Turner said. "I don't feel like I should I share my personal problems because I don't speak to them on a regular basis," she said. Some girls voice the same concern with discussing certain topics in their group. Other girls don't even have the opportunity to get to know each other in their group.

"The only thing we do is talk, rarely though. I stay to myself," sophomore Keyana Scott said. She said that she doesn't know the people in her group very well. "I didn't get to know anyone better because no one talks," she said. Scott also said that they can't have an open conversation because it makes her feel uneasy. "At times it does get uncomfortable because I feel like the odd one out," said Scott.

"I feel left out because I don't know anyone in my group," junior Kendall Fails said. "My only problem is that my group doesn't bring snacks," said freshman Kayla Hollingsworth. The girls did offer improvements to help better their experience in ALTA. "If participation was optional, and you could choose what group you're in, it would make it better," Turner said. "If my group tried to be more involved with each other," Scott said, "I would like it if we talked about school or extracurricular opportunities instead of what our weekend plans are," she said. Participating in ALTA or assigning students to specific groups is not the problem. Making the girls in the group feel wanted and welcomed is the issue. It is not fair to have some students say they enjoy coming in, but others avoiding it every Thursday.

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English teachers speak words of wisdom

By: Mary Kate Caserta

Please match the following quote to the correct teacher. "There's something about a man in uniform..." "Life's one big toilet bowl, and we're all just hanging on at the rim." "It is important to be yourself; taste the rainbow."

(See end of the article for answers.)

Ms. Reilly, freshman English and Creative Writing teacher, explains to her students the importance of "being weird" while learning. "The student that impresses me is the one who asks weird questions, not the one who stays on the surface of information," she said. She stated that she missed teaching literature but enjoys teaching the freshmen.

Students, present and former, are affectionately referred to as "poptarts," "humans," and "turkeys." Ms. Reilly also regales tales of band, her past teaching positions (and troublesome students), and her cat, commonly known as "The Fluff." "What's shakin' bacon?" and "You mad bro?" are some of her favorite sayings.

Mrs. Buehrer, sophomore English teacher and Classic Movie Club moderator,

is known throughout the school for her "kind heart and difficult true/false questions." Students remember her countless stories, including one about her throwing a "You Are Special" plate at her husband and another about being held at gunpoint. "Anything you want to know about the human mind or human behavior, you can find in Shakespeare," is one of her most famous quotes. She also believes that words have energy; therefore, positive words give her room a positive energy.

Mrs. Rode, senior English teacher who is well-known for her slight obsession with British culture, shares words of wisdom daily with her amused British Literature and AP students.

"I do appreciate teaching [seniors] because of their wisdom. They are aware of the reality of their future, and they want to return to the womb. Underclassmen yearn for independence, but seniors understand they want someone to depend upon," she said. Her advice for choosing a spouse is that, "if one day you love to hear a man speak, mar-



Photo by: Mary Kate Caserta

Mrs. Rode, Ms. Reilly, and Mrs. Buehrer offer over 60 years of teaching experience and have taught thousands of students.

ry him as long as he is not an ax-murderer."

These three women have offered memorable quotes for students. Follow these sage words, and you will go far.

And for those of you who still haven't guessed the speaker of the three quotes, Mrs. Buehrer said the first, Mrs. Rode the second, and Ms. Reilly the third.

How to lose Intramurals

By: Sophia Perlini

The upperclassmen have the inside scoop on how to win Intramurals, so here are a few tips for all the underclassmen about what to do if you want to lose.

First, show up late to class. Every tardy earns your class a 50 point deduction. These can add up very quickly.

Second, don't participate. Getting your whole class involved is almost a surefire way to win.

"Teachers can tell how much work you put in," said Emily King, a junior. "The more people participate, the more talent there is."

Third, do everything last minute. This ensures that none of the decorations or dances look their best, and other classes win because of their superior effort and results. Planning ahead makes winners.

Finally, lack enthusiasm. Intramural week is a week full of school spirit, and the louder your class cheers, the more pumped your athletes and performers get. So SUA favorites like the "Legs" cheer and the "Banana" cheer are common. If your class wants to lose, you should stay quiet and text about the Kardashians the entire time.

Don't worry, you won't miss anything too exciting, just one of the most important-and entertaining-weeks at SUA. So please, feel free to sit back and relax.



Photo by: Woodard

The class of 2014 as the Famous Freshmen



Photo by: Woodard

The class of 2015 as the Firefighter Freshmen



Photo by: Woodard

The class of 2016 as the Feline Freshmen

Freshman details advice

By: Tre'Ana King

Being a freshman can be scary, so here are some tips on making it in high school.

If you wait to study the day before the big test, and are too busy during the week to study, change your habits now. Studying and reviewing the material each night may only take 30-60 minutes, so when it comes to the big day you won't feel as overwhelmed.

Making new friends and opening up to new people can be scary. Students from all different schools are combining into one freshman class.

Although some people may seem like a person you don't want to talk to, you could share similar interests. Get past the awkward stage and introduce yourself to someone new.

High school is all about finding yourself and discovering your dreams and talents. Trying out for sports can help you explore new things and meet new people.

If you're not athletic, then try new clubs. There are many clubs to choose from at SUA, and you're not limited to just one.

Don't go into freshman year worried and stressed. Branch out, meet new people and enjoy each moment. Go in with an open mind about everyone and everything, and the next four years will be the best four years of your life!

Pearson gives back to 419 community

By: Ariana Oviahon

Labre. Mission Trip. Within. Junior Cara Pearson truly does it all.

It seems as if there is never a Labre/Within announcement without hearing Cara Pearson's name. Pearson has participated in about 46 out of the 52 Labres. Just last year, alumna Abby Dudek designated Pearson to lead the program Within.

Within is a new program that helps homeless teenagers. The participants feed and provide comfort to adolescents who are on their own or with parents. This past summer Pearson also participated on the mission trip with other SUA students.

Her many hours of service work seem to have many people curious as to what inspires her to volunteer so much. "The summer going into sophomore year, my dad wanted me to check out and help start out this [Labre] program. I went to a meeting, got a chance to see what it was all about, and decided to try it. I ended up really loving it," said Pearson.

"Abby Dudek started Within, and when she graduated last year she passed it down to me because she believed that I was caring enough to handle it," said Pearson. She is now one of the main leaders for the Within program.

Her passion to serve sparked when she came to Ursula. She's been involved with service work since freshman year, but sophomore year is when she really fig-



Photo by: Ariana Oviahon

Cara Pearson's compassion is very evident to students with her dedication to service. ured out it was something she loved to do.

Over the past summer, Cara went on the SUA mission trip sponsored by Catholic Heart. It was in Mishawaka, Indiana where Pearson and the other SUA girls helped refurbish a house for an underprivileged family with a disabled son. "It was the best experience of my life," exclaimed Cara.

"There is no reason why we shouldn't volunteer. It feels good and it's just the right thing to do," said Pearson.

Some students volunteer because they know that they need hours to graduate; Cara is not one of those people. "I volunteer because I know that if I was in that situation, I would love for someone to help me out and make my days better.

There is no reason why we shouldn't volunteer. It feels good and it's just the right thing to do," said Pearson. Cara is always eager to help others become involved in different service opportunities. "I would sign up for Labre and then experience that. If you like it, then you can contact me, and I can help you set up different volunteer opportunities," said Cara. "Cara's service work is truly inspiring," said senior Kyllian Schneider. "She always makes doing Labre and Within seem fun which makes me want to do it. She also has such a nice attitude," said Kelsey Eilerman.

Labre Quick Facts

- Labre started on October 1, 2012
- The group serves meals at Immaculate Conception Church, St. Louis Church, and a residence on Crittenden Street off Broadway
- An average of 4 girls go to Labre every week

Numbers by the week

- 60 sandwiches
- 90 servings of main meals
- 60 servings of chips, crackers, cookies, and brownies
- 100 servings of lemonade or hot chocolate depending on season

JA Corner: Extra curricular activities give alternatives



Photo by: Mallory Nester

The JA STEM club is following in the footsteps of the high school STEM club with conducting experiments.

By: Sydney Pickett

BASKETBALL:

CYO basketball teams for the sixth grade, seventh grade, and the eighth grade have been arranged. An official roster of each team came out October 30th. Sixth grader Brynn McGowan is looking forward to

having fun with the other girls on the team. Practices begin soon; they will play other middle schools from around the area.

HALLOWEEN PARTY:

After school on Oct. 25, a Halloween party was held at Trabbic Farms in Erie, Michigan. Most of the junior academy attended and all families were invited to go. This fun-filled event cost \$6 per person. Activities included hayrides, corn mazes, and a costume party. "I [liked] seeing all of my friends and the corn maze," said Olivia Johnson, sixth grader. Pizza and apple cider were provided.

DANCE CLUB:

Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade dancers meet about once a week to learn contemporary dance, lyrical jazz, and some hip hop. Teacher Ms. DiSalle and freshmen Lexi Keith and Molly McGuire are teaching the dancers techniques and routines. They hope to perform an exhibi-

tion at the Ohio State Dance Camp, on the tentative date of Feb. 8. They will probably order club t-shirts for performances.

STEM:

The JA has recently added a Jr. Science Technology Engineering And Mathematics club. It simulates the high school STEM club, but they do not go to competition. "We are doing experiments. My friend Allison Cooley and I are seeing how people react to different animal videos from YouTube," said sixth grader, Dayna Snow. JA science teacher Ms. Beth Hoffman oversees the club. On Nov. 15, they will be participating in the BG Women in STEM program.

SERVICE:

For the Halloween season, students volunteered for the Ursuline Center. They put together candy bags for the nuns and beautified the Angela statue by planting flowers and removing weeds.



Photo by: cedarpoint.com

When hiring “scaresters,” Cedar Point looks for people who are able to make a fearful first impression.



Photo by: Katie Wawrzyniak

Sarah Manning and Kellie Muneio at MacQueen’s Apple Orchard picking some of the 16 varieties the orchard has to offer.



Photo by: Bree Copley

The class of 2014 enjoyed a great day bonding at Wheeler Farms. Senior Megan Wheeler’s uncle owns the farm.

The fall season creates many options for students

By: Sydney Pickett

Students claim there is not much to do around Toledo, but the fall season has activities to offer. With haunted houses, Cedar Point’s HalloWeekends, apple orchards, and corn mazes, students should have no trouble finding something to do.

Wheeler Farms, located 19 miles from SUA, is a senior favorite. On senior fun day, they enjoyed the petting zoo with chickens, llamas, cows, and miniature horses. Students navigated through a butterfly shaped corn maze and mingled with butterflies. “I thought it was a really good time. I loved having the opportunity to hang out with people that

I don’t usually see,” said Sierra Sturt.

Terror Town, the longest running haunted house in the area, is located at the Lucas County Fairgrounds in Maumee. It is about seven miles from St. Ursula. For \$25, thrill seekers can walk through The House of Dead and The Big Top Terror. Terror Town will stay open until Nov. 2.

HalloWeekends is located at Cedar Point, about 70 miles from St. Ursula. Regular admission tickets cost about \$50, depending on coupons or group rates. Visitors ride coasters, creep through haunted houses, and can’t walk through the park without hitting one of the fright

zones. There are strobe lights, fog, and costumed “ghouls.” They seem to target people who look the most frightened.

At MacQueen’s Apple Orchard, customers pick their own apples, beginning in late September. It is located about 11 miles from St. Ursula. MacQueen’s offers 16 apple varieties, and prices are based on the 1/2 bushel. They also have a bakery shop, which offers home baked pies, doughnuts, cakes, and bread. All of these sweet treats are made using their fresh apples. The abundant apple crop provides plenty of fruit for the bakery and customers. In addition to the fall activities, MacQueen’s offers a Christmas shop.

Roving Reporter: Halloween Edition

What Halloween traditions do you have?

By: Allison Kinor



“My family carves pumpkins together. Afterwards, my mom bakes and salts the pumpkin seeds for a delicious snack.”
Abby Brodie, Freshman

“Every year I make my mom’s chili. This has been a Halloween tradition for the past 38 years.”

Mrs. Huebner, Assistant Principal, Student Affairs



“I enjoy passing out a lot of candy to the trick-or-treaters who visit my neighborhood.”

Mrs. Yuan, Chinese Teacher



What do you do when young adults come to your door?

By: Sophia Perlini



“First I laugh hysterically, then I give them candy and congratulate them on still Trick-or-Treating.”
Spring Baumann, Sophomore

“My dad is a dentist, so we give them packets of toothpaste or handouts on gum disease.”

Anna and Chloe Wagenhauser, Juniors



“I just give up and give them the candy because I figure that there’s a big kid in all of us.”
Mr. Shannon, Director of Campus Ministry

What was your most embarrassing Halloween costume?

By: Sydney Pickett



“I tried to dress up as a Disney princess, but I wore Cinderella’s dress and Sleeping Beauty’s shoes”
Nina Van Tassel, JA

“I was an eagle with an arrow through its head!”

Monica Yeager, Junior



“I was a box one year. My mom made my costume and stenciled the word ‘fragile’ on it.”
Madison Piotrowski, Senior



Crew rows among the best in Boston regatta

By: Tamara Young

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The SUA rowers were among 36 states and 20 countries at Head of the Charles regatta in Boston. Head of the Charles is the world's largest regatta with various countries involved. This regatta is different from others because they usually row against 12 other teams, but at HOOCR, they rowed against 84 teams.

The rowers include sophomores: Steffi McCormick, Madison Wheeler, Savannah Ingle and Hope Moore; juniors: Sophie Perlini, Nadia Ayad, Jessica Bainbridge, Mackenzie Hitch, Christine Long, Audrey Bodie, and Rachel Steinbauer, and senior Alli Studtmann.

"It's a 4,800 meter course with more than 9,000 athletes and more than 400,000 spectators," said junior Mackenzie Hitch. The other competitors were from the United States, United Kingdom, France, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada.

Alli Studtmann, senior coxswain, said the team has been preparing all season for this regatta but really cracked down about a month ago. The team trained for Head of the Charles by practicing hard turns and curves on the Maumee River. They competed against 84 teams in the Women's Youth Eights division.

The rowers followed in the footsteps of the senior boat last year. "Although we didn't place in the first half, we all agreed that our form and pressure was our personal best," said Studtmann.

One challenge they faced during the race

was that they couldn't get the boat set (the oars not hitting the water). According to Jessica Bainbridge, it was also extremely windy.

The crew team enjoyed Boston when they weren't racing. They visited Harvard square, toured the men's Harvard boathouse, and received autographs from Olympic rowers. They also had the opportunity to shop, eat lots of



The SUA crew team practiced for the Boston regatta on the Maumee River.

Italian food, and explore downtown Boston.

Head of the Charles was the team's last 5K regatta. The team had its final regatta last week, and it was a 1K meter race. The results from HOOCR didn't count towards their record. "Head of the Charles was just for fun! We are a young group, so we wanted more experience," said Studtmann.



Teachers and staff signed the crew team's t-shirts for the Boston regatta. This allows the rowers to know teachers and staff "have their backs" while they compete.



Photo by: Tyra Olowa

Senior captain Valerie Joseph has been dancing competitively since she was four.

Dance team prepares for upcoming competition

By: Tyra Olowa

They amaze us every year with their sleek and refined routines. With new coach Mrs. Erin Parseghian, there are big changes on the way.

They are learning a new dance style. "We are learning and competing the style of Pom dancing for the first time time ever at SUA. Many college teams compete in this genre, and many of our dancers go on to dance on college dance teams, so it is very beneficial for them," Mrs. Parseghian explained.

They have been practicing more than before in an effort to get ready for tournaments, including the Universal Dance Association Great Lakes Dance competition held in Clarkson, Michigan on Nov. 16. "This competition is very important because this is the first time we have competed in it," Mrs. Parseghian said.

The other special event will be at the Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators championship with finals in February and regionals in March.

Dancer Ashlee Robinson shared her excitement for the plans ahead. "We are going to UDA in a month, and we haven't done that before. It's a really tough competition, and it challenges us," she said.

Robinson discussed the improvements brought by a new coach. "Having a new coach is better because we are more organized and on top of things. We plan routines earlier, and we are going to several or eight more competitions than last year," she said.

Photo by: Alli Studtmann

Soccer scores winning record

By: Allison Kinor

The soccer team's season wrapped up this past week after the Arrows were barely defeated by the Anthony Wayne Generals. The Arrows lost 1-2, but they shot nearly twice as many shots as the Generals.

The Arrows were led by captains Alli Farrell, Sarah Staelgraeve and Sydney Yeager and have an overall winning record of 10-8 and a league record of 5-2.

The team shared several memorable moments during this season. During the game against Jonathan Alder, senior and goal keeper Sydney Yeager made a record nine saves. Also, the team shut out Toledo Whitmer and beat Northview.

This season, the team faced multiple injuries among some of the varsity players. Junior Alli Farrell collided with a player on

the opposing team and suffered a severe concussion. Freshman Grace Mancy in the back during a game early injured her back after being hit in an early season game, but her injury worsened as she repeatedly fell on her hips during games. She now suffers from a stress fracture in her lower back.

Junior Jen Hoffman fractured her elbow in the game against Ursuline. Senior Shelby Kellar has suffered from shin splints intermittently for the past four years and is suspected to have a stress fracture in her shins.

The majority of the team will be playing club soccer and many of the seniors hope to play in college next year. The players practice and compete with clubs all around the city of Toledo.

As the season ends the girls hang up their jerseys, but prepare to come back kicking next year.



Photo Courtesy of: Woodard

Junior captain Allison Farrell competes for the ball in the game against Central.

Cross country completes strong season

By: Allison Kinor

The cross country team competed at Districts on October 19. Danielle Szczesniak, Kayla Adolph, and Courtney Thebes held the fastest times on the team. Overall, the Arrows placed 7th.

The team, captained by seniors Kellie Muneio



Photo Courtesy of: Woodard

Senior Christina Sullivan and junior Mackenzie Godbey advance ahead of their competition.

and Christina Sullivan, practiced every day after school and competed in meets almost every Saturday. Both Danielle Szczesniak and Abby Schweitzer agree that their most memorable meet was the Tiffin Carnival, the largest cross country meet in the nation with over 250 teams.

“My goal for next year is to make it to states and to have a strong, consistent season,” said junior, Danielle Szczesniak.

The team practiced five to six times a week after school, running in places like Wildwood

and Olander. The team not only practiced running, but they also participated in yoga.

As the runners look forward to next season, they are setting goals. “My goal for next year is to make it to states and have a strong consistent season,” said junior Danielle Szczesniak.

She also wants to run for the University of Michigan. Danielle will be running indoor track this winter, outdoor track in the spring, and conditioning for cross country over the summer.

Abby Schweitzer hopes to run as fast as her freshman times, which were her personal best. The team will be conditioning by participating in both the indoor and outdoor track season.

As for coach Liz Young, she says anyone who is considering joining the cross country team next year should “Be prepared to work and, most of all, have fun doing it. I give a lot and I expect a lot.”

Golf wins districts

By: Allison Kinor

The golf team has received many awards and honors this season. They are district champions, state competitors and recipients of All-District awards. Lizzie Win, Kathryn Young, and Monica Torda were named All-District first team. Jessica and Emily Antypas were named All-District second team, and Caroline Lewandowski received Honorable Mention. At the state tournament, the golfers endured harsh winds, rain, and cold; however, the golfers placed 10th. The team was led by Lizzie Win, who shot a 164, and Kathryn Young, who shot a 170. The girls may be hanging up their clubs for now, but they will come back swinging next year.

Tennis volleys to a close

By: Janet Stengle

St. Ursula tennis served up numerous wins this season. Highlight matches throughout the season, such as Central (4-1), Northview (3-2), and Notre Dame (0-5), prepared the team for state tournaments. The team was runner-up at the the TRAC Championship and at the Northwest Ohio Coaches Tournament. Sydney and Celina also competed in the state tournament, the first SUA appearance at state since 2011. The team wishes seniors Janet Stengle, Hannah Barnes, Angie Jacob, Celina Nowicki, and Sydney Seeley good luck.



Photo Courtesy of: Woodard

Senior Janet Stengle volleys with her opponent while playing singles in tennis.

REVIEWS

A new twist on a old tale: "Romeo and Juliet"

By: Julia Benore

"Romeo and Juliet"- we all know the story, we've all heard the tale. From the Taylor Swift song to freshman year English class, this Shakespearean classic has become one of the greatest pieces in literary history.

And I can honestly say Carol Carle's 2013 movie remake lives up to the name.

Just in case you've been hiding under a rock for most of your life, here's the storyline: two families are bitter enemies, and when two teenagers from the opposing families fall in love, their romance eventually leads to their tragic downfall.

Hailee Steinfeld of "True Grit" stars as Juliet, while Douglas Booth ("LOL," "Great Expectations") plays Romeo. The film was

shot on location in Verona, Italy, and much of Shakespeare's dialogue is kept intact, for the movie is spoken in iambic pentameter.

The costumes, the scenery and the props

are all accurate and detailed, making it feel as though the movie was truly made in the 15th century. The chemistry between Steinfeld and Booth is natural and believable.

Ed Westwick, popular for his role as Chuck Bass in "Gossip Girl," stars as Tybalt, Juliet's protective cousin. His intense personality, performance, and death scene are memorable to say the least.

However, this movie version is more targeted towards teenagers. The film producers acquired young, popular stars, who sometimes have trouble pronouncing Shakespeare's articulate words eloquently. Subsequently, since society today does not speak in iambic pentameter, the diction is also occasionally hard to follow.

Besides these minor setbacks, the 2013 movie version of "Romeo and Juliet" is one that I suggest everyone see.



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Hailee Steinfeld as Juliet Capulet and Douglas Booth as Romeo Montague.

Favorite halloween classics of the Ursuline staff

"Nightmare before Christmas"

By: Mary-Kate Caserta

This animated movie, by Tim Burton, is a Halloween classic about a misunderstood skeleton named Jack. This dark classic came out in 1993, and it is still played annually on "13 Nights of Halloween."



"Halloweentown"

By: Tamara Young

I don't even like Halloween and Halloweentown makes me excited every time it's October. The movie usually comes on Disney channel the first day of October and I make time to watch it every year.

"Monsters Inc."

By: Sophia Perlini

Most students remember being enchanted by the motley trio of Mike, Sully, and Boo, and this film contin-

ues to delight viewers. Whether viewers are five or seventy five, the sweet storyline is enough to create a great Pixar classic.



"Scary Godmother Halloween Spooktakular"

By: Sydney Pickett

This Cartoon Network movie is about a girl who gets locked in a haunted house by her pesky cousin. Her "scary godmother" comes and invites her to an annual Halloween party, where she meets funny and charming monsters.

"The Goonies"

By: Allison Kinor

With hilarity, mischief and childish drama, "The Goonies" delights all ages and provides classic Halloween fun.

"Twitches"

By: Tyra Olwa

"Twitches" is my favorite Halloween mov-

ie because I've always been a fan of Tia and Tamera Mowry. Also the movie has amazing special effects and detailed costumes.

"Beetlejuice"

By: Ariana Oviahon

"Beetlejuice" is about a recently deceased couple who become ghosts haunting their former home. Beetlejuice is from the underworld and he tries to scare away the new inhabitants. Unless you want to be haunted by Beetlejuice this Halloween, don't say his name three times!



"Hocus Pocus"

By: Julia Benore

It is the perfect Halloween movie with comedy, romance, and adventure. Let's be honest, who doesn't love to sing along to "I'll Put a Spell on You."

