

Box Village raises thousands of dollars for charity



This past Saturday night, Dec. 19 through Sunday morning, Dec. 20, 96 Prep students endured the freezing Erie weather and earned over \$6,000 for a great cause in the annual Box Village. From 6 p.m. on Saturday until noon on Sunday, the students and

supervisors camped out on the front lawn of the 9th Street side of Prep. Every person had to bring their own box to sleep in for the night. They were not permitted to bring any sort of technology so they could focus on their service.

When the volunteers weren't spending time by the fire or inside their boxes, they stood on the street corner and stood in the shoes of those less fortunate than them in the Erie community by asking for money. All of the proceeds went to the Emmaus Soup Kitchen, which is still recovering from a fire that occurred in the summer. Food was graciously provided by parent and alumni donations. There was also a midnight mass, which was a time to come together as a small but powerful faith community.

Cathedral Prep campus minister Fr. Jason Feigh organized the whole event, and had a few words to describe it. "Box Village is a great way to form brotherhood and to live out the Catholic faith in a positive way right before Christmas," he said. Service makes up a major part of the Prep identity, and there is no better time than Christmas to help out those in need and to spread the Gospel.

2016 CYO season preview



Erie, Pa., is small blue collar town known for Smith's Hotdogs, Pepperoni Balls, the Erie Otters, Odis 12, but most of all CYO Basketball. Erie represents a hotbed of CYO talent with some of the best squads in the entire country (or at least the state) located right here in your own back yard. Where else can you

find screaming parents, unsportsmanlike conduct, a surplus of three pointers, and some of the craziest lay ups you have ever seen? This time of the year the talk of the town shifts from football to CYO.

Last season, before being disqualified OLP made the highly sought after trip to Harrisburg for the state playoffs. They were ultimately snubbed a championship by disqualification because supposedly you cannot score 46 points in a game without previously being a varsity basketball player? The season begins in January and teams will finally be able to let their ballin' do the talking. Now for our predictions on who will make some noise this upcoming season.

#1 OLP

Coming off one of the best seasons in OLP's history, the dynasty looks to continue their success this upcoming season. They start the preseason ranked at the number one spot despite losing illegal superstar Matt Falconer to graduation. Returning for the Crusaders is Jake Mays, who has the potential to lead OLP to the promised land, the self

proclaimed messiah Jeremy Hill, two-year starter and super attractive Christopher Callari, Timmy "McDevitt's Worst Nightmare" Beveridge, Downtown Zach Brown aka Kyle Korver, and Connor Robbins who claims OLP's motto this season is "Above the Rim" (There is a better chance Harborcreek Youth goes to states than Connor Robbins throwing down a dunk in a game).

OLP also had a major offseason by bringing in Antonio Simora to replace superstar and last year's entire team Matt Falconer. OLP also has one of the top benches in the league led by the "Hawaiian Lion" Ivhan Relampagos (Note: he's not Hawaiian), Ryan Bogniak, ex-Prep baller Adam Lawson, Jack "Air Jordan" Knox, Marty Kaverman, and last and certainly the worst Tim Evans. Look for OLP to start hot, but they will follow a similar path as defending college football national champions Ohio State #Choke.

#2 St George

Let's start this off by saying St George is similar to the 1988-89 Detroit Pistons because the only people that like them is their parents. They are a program that returns a lot of experience led by the overall best player in the league, Hunter Horn. Horn has been a starter his entire career and is craving the taste of a diocesan championship. Another familiar name in the St George CYO program is Michael Carrara. Both players have proved themselves in the past and the expectations remain high for their final season. To go along with Horn and Carrara, St George also snatched up some ballers from the Millcreek area who we decided not to name.

Senior Noah Corapi has put together one of the best off seasons in CYO history as he has added another signature move (behind the back dribble) to go along with his spin fadeaway that everyone in the league has come to know. Mike Chrzanowski, who peaked in grade school will be able to make major contributions from the sideline as a morale booster. Dave Rahner will be able to add some lank and athleticism to

this year's team. When asked who he would compare his game to Rahner confidently replied "Zydrunas Ilgauskas." Mike Zonno also plays for this team if anyone was wondering. Ending the lineup for the Lancers are the Causgrove brothers, Mike and Fats who will add some great minutes off the bench. Mike used to be one of the top big men in the diocese and don't be surprised if he reclaims that title. Look for St. George to be a serious contender who could ultimately be the team that punches their tickets to Philly for a run at the state title.

#3 St. Jude's

St Jude seems to have a trend going on in terms of rebuilding from year to year as they always find new shooters to replace those from the previous season. In my eyes the Raiders can be compared to an undersized Wisconsin team from last year's college basketball season. They shoot the ball just as good if not better than every team in the entire league. Grade school superstar Brandon Sauers is making a return to the basketball world and seems to have gotten better without even touching a ball. Matt Fessler has forgone his high school career and has decided to take his talents to the more competitive CYO league. Look for those two to run the show as they can fast break with the best of them and will be a very tough tandem to slow down.

The most underrated player in the league is Alex Gorny, whose lefty fade-away will have your girlfriend suddenly second-guessing your relationship. John Fessler, older brother of Matt, has made his name by being one of the top shooters in St Jude history and he will showcase that talent in the next few weeks. The phrase "don't judge a book by its cover" is completely accurate when speaking about Daniel Brugger. He is one of the top three point shooters on the team and can pass out more dimes than the bank. Sullivan Johnson will thrive on his ability to talk smack and play some ruthless defense. If he can start making his threes he could play a major role in St Jude's success. Owen Means is another young gun who decided

to come out of retirement and help lead St Jude's to their destiny. Fair warning, this kid can shoot it. Colin Williams has been cleared by his girlfriend to play this season and should make some big contributions for the team.

Blaise Konzel is a lacrosse superstar, and everyone knows basketball and lacrosse are very closely related so be on the lookout for the Blaise Konzel effect. Mason Fillak and Nick Paglia also will be suiting up this year for St. Jude, and quite frankly all you need to know is these kids can flat out ball. Jared Heidt, David Clark, and Matt Zimmerman are the three freshman. I highly suggest you remember these names because these kids are the future of CYO. This team also has the honor to house Dillon Elliot and Evan Presta who are currently projects but should be great snack captains this year. St Jude has been getting doubted due to their lack of experience but don't be surprised if they take the league by storm.

#4 St. Peter's

Cathedral Center boasts a respectable starting lineup of returning seniors Preston Kidder and Alex Blatt with new additions Pat Steele, Noah Vroman, and Shaggy (Nick Woll) rounding out the rest of the starters. When asked for a quote on the team Noah Vroman said, "It's the Noah Vroman Foundation. I'm helping out the less fortunate." Preston Kidder said, "I carry the team." In response to his teammates' quotes Steele said, "This is the Pat Steele show!" Meanwhile three-year starter Alex Blatt said, "I'm getting a majority of the shots." With only one ball on a team full of ballhandlers and an obvious chemistry issue, the 4th seeded team could fall from grace soon.

"I'm the only one that works defensively," said senior defensive anchor, Preston Kidder's twin. The utter lack of chemistry could spell disaster. Another major contributor for the Dukes is Jack Zaphris, but his asthma may limit the

minutes he can play. The only player that will truly bring this team together is the athletic monstrosity that is Radar, Dan Scutella. Rumor is that senior Daniel Klebanski has finally mastered the slam dunk and is not afraid to use it this upcoming season. David Tullio is begging to be featured in this article so here you go kid, go nuts. A lot of women attend St Peter's games and that can be credited to the Justin Bieber look alike, Nick Hardner. The Dukes look great on paper but chemistry could be an issue later in the season.

#5 St James

St. James is claiming to be "the team to beat" this year in the league, but the other teams consider that statement hilarious. Coming out of the blue collar hard working town of Wesleyville this team is certain to be gritty and grindy, even though it's their first year back on the scene. Although they are not the highest ranked squad, many of the players are extremely confident and ready to shock the world this season. Led by sharpshooter/floor general Ben Ladaika, the fierce Bryce Vogel, the muscle John Churchill, and dunker Nick Hess, this team is certain to impress.

The Panthers do not lack depth. Adam Figurski will be battling for a starting position and will be a match up nightmare for other teams as he is one of the few players who can play one hundred miles an hour and never take a break. With the aggressiveness supplied by Jake "Cheese" Chimera, corner shots from Kevin Bello and solid defense from Will Lewis teams should be weary when St. James shows up on the schedule. Harborcreek resident Adam Zelinski also will provide vital height throughout the duration of the season. Will Lewis has boldly predicted that St. James "will not lose a game." Spirits are running high with the Panthers.

#6 Blessed Sacrament

With an improvement over last year's starting five, BS's

combination of speed, length, athleticism, and defensive versatility could show huge dividends. This year's starting five consists of seniors Thomas Rosenthal, Dominic Frisina, Joe Sala, new addition to the team Mitch Clark, and returning starter from last year Tanner Ziacik. This team will thrive off the playmaking abilities of Ziacik and "Bobble Head Soup" Clark while also having speed demons, T. Rose and D tear teams apart in the fast break. Center Joe Sala will combine his athleticism and rebounding ability with his sweet shooting touch to be the closest living resemblance to DeMarcus Cousins.

BS possesses a hidden gem in the "Pink Mamba" also known as Tyler Smith who brings the winning mentality of Brian Scalabrine and the sweet shooting touch of J.J. Redick. BS will wreak havoc on the opposition when it unleashes its frenetic fast-paced lineup of not one, not two, but three wild Frisinas this year. With a more potent and well-rounded starting five and a deep bench, BS could be a force to be reckoned with.

#7 Harborcreek Youth

Harborcreek Youth, as always, will bring a mixed bag of talent. This year they could possibly have one of the deepest most skilled and athletic rosters, or not. It's anyone's guess. However it's a guarantee that HCY will be a formidable opponent, or not. Harborcreek Youth is like a box of chocolates; you never know what you are going to get.

Preseason Player Rankings

First Team

Brandon Sauers (G) St Jude's
Michael Carrara (G) St George
Jake Mays (F) OLP
Hunter Horn (F) St George
Bryce Vogel (C) St James

Second Team

Noah Vroman (G) St Peter's
Mitch Clark (G) Blessed Sacrament
Tanner Ziack (G) Blessed Sacrament
Daniel Brugger (F) St Jude's
Timmy Beveridge (C) OLP

Third Team

Ryan Bogniak (G) OLP
Pat Steele (G) St Peter's
Chris Callari (F) OLP
Tyler Smith (F) Blessed Sacrament
Daniel Scutella (C) St Peter's

Get out to some games, and we personally guarantee that you will not be disappointed.

College Football Playoff preview and predictions

The time college football fans have been waiting for is finally here: the College Football Playoff. The bracket has officially been released and play begins on New Year's Eve. Debates continue to go on whether certain teams got snubbed or if the whole entire thing is rigged. (It is not, Ohio State fans.) Luckily for me Penn State lost all hope of qualifying after dropping the season opener to Temple.

Overall this season has been very unpredictable to say the least, as only two of the teams in the playoff started in the top ten (Alabama 3rd and Michigan State 5th). Clemson started

out at the 12th spot, and Oklahoma followed all the way back at 19th. The playoff picture is set in stone with the opening game between current number 1 seed and undefeated Clemson against 4-seed Oklahoma who is currently favored by four points. Next up is the more favorable matchup of Nick Saban and Alabama versus Mark Dantonio and Michigan State. Let's dive deeper into the games and get some background on the teams who are still fighting for the highly craved national championship.

#1 Clemson vs #4 Oklahoma, 4:00 p.m. on ESPN

This game is destined for greatness as undefeated Clemson battles the one loss, red hot Oklahoma Sooners. Clemson is led by Deshaun Watson who is know across the country as one of defense's worst nightmares. Besides being able to score a large number of points, Clemson is even more known for their defense as they have only had three games all season where they allowed more then 27 points.

On the other side the Oklahoma Sooners have been playing some of the best football in the nation and ended their season with consecutive wins over Baylor, TCU, and rival Oklahoma State. Freshman Baker Mayfield has become one of the nation's fan favorites and rightfully so. The kid can flat out ball. He continues to fool defenses at will and excels at giving defensive coordinators major headaches. Along with Mayfield the Sooners' offense receives much help from the two headed monster of Samaje Perine and Joe Mixon. Together the two have combined for over seventeen hundred yards to go along with 21 touchdowns.

This game could end up being one for the ages, and I predict the Oklahoma Sooners will be too much for Clemson as they will pull out a tight win 31-27.

#2 Alabama vs #3 Michigan State 8:00 p.m. on ESPN

The night game brings a different flavor as we get to watch

two of the teams that find themselves at the top of the rankings year after year after year. Both teams are led by two of the best coaches to ever coach football at the college level. Alabama has made its name under Nick Saban by having a deadly defense mixed with an NFL-sized offensive line followed by a NFL ready running back. This season is no different as they have Heisman trophy winner Derrick Henry who is the top running back in the nation. Henry has rushed for over 100 yards in every game this season except for three. However, Alabama does have a major weakness that can be found at quarterback. Jake Coker is the man under center and, to say the least, he is super average. The other three teams in the playoff have quarterbacks who are NFL prospects but not Alabama. Unfortunately the quarterback position is huge in winning a championship, so we will have to wait and see if Coker can silence all the haters, myself included.

As far as Michigan State, they are very lucky to be in the spot they are currently in. They escaped a tight game with Michigan that came down to the worst play of the entire NCAA season a returned "punt" for a touchdown as the clock expired. The Spartans are led by senior Connor Cook (even though I believe Damion Terry is better) who is putting together a season that Spartan fans will remember forever. The Spartans don't have a clear front runner at running back but LJ Scott, Gerald Holmes, Madre London, and Cathedral Prep grad Delton Williams all make large contributions. Michigan State's success can be credited to their defense who only allowed one team to reach over 30 points all season, not to mention they held the defending national champs to a mere 14 points.

Once again we have another great matchup between two of the best college football programs ever, but I believe Alabama will get the best of the Spartans 38-24.

For sports fans this New Year's Eve will certainly be a great way to end the year. It features teams that have dominated over the past couple years along with teams who are starting

to make a name for their programs of late. The playoffs are an opportunity for these student-athletes to get their names down as some of the best to ever play game. Make sure you don't miss out on some of the best games of the 2015 season and tune in this New Year's Eve.

The College Football Playoff National Championship will be played on Monday, Jan. 11, and I predict the Oklahoma Sooners will be victorious over the Alabama Crimson Tide 35-31.

Fantasy Football Week 15 Start/Sit

Quarterback

Start: Blake Bortles (JAX) – Bortles has been on a roll lately, and he should be trusted against the Falcons in the second week of the fantasy playoffs. He has connected with Allen Robinson and Allen Hurns all year, and now Julius Thomas is coming along. T.J. Yeldon is out, meaning the pass should be an even bigger part of the offense. The Falcons have been pretty good against the pass, but Cam Newton was able to expose them last week.

Tyrod Taylor (BUF) – The Bills are starting to let Tyrod run more since coming back from his knee injury. They should have absolutely nothing to lose in letting him loose this week, as the Bills have little to no chance at the playoffs. Also, the Redskins have given up at least 20 fantasy points to seven different QB's this year.

Matthew Stafford (DET) – The Saints defense is still terrible, and Stafford is still pretty good. This game should be a high-

scoring affair with big passing numbers. Drew Brees is an obvious start, but Stafford is sometimes overlooked in fantasy. Expect big numbers for both players in week 15.

Sit: Eli Manning (NYG) – Eli was great last week against the Dolphins, scoring 27 points for his third best fantasy game all year. However, this week should be a different story. The Carolina Panthers have picked off more passes (21) than touchdowns given up (16) and Josh Norman will at least limit OBJ's production.

Ryan Tannehill (MIA) – The MIA should stand for missing in action, as Tannehill has looked awful the last two games. After a bounce back game in week 12 where he had 351 yards and three touchdowns against the Jets, he had less yards and only two touchdowns total against the Ravens and Giants. Number two receiver Rishard Matthews will likely not play, and the Chargers have improved mightily on passing defense.

Running Back

Start: Bryce Brown (SEA) – The true story in Seattle should be their offensive line, who have come together even without Max Unger. Russel Wilson has more time and room to move than ever, and they have helped make two running backs look like Pro-Bowlers. Without Lynch and Rawls, Bryce Brown steps in as the number one back. He has looked good in spurts with the Eagles and Bills and now has a great chance against the Browns.

Tim Hightower (NO) – Hightower did as much as he good last week filling in for Mark Ingram. He only averaged about 3 yards a carry against a good Tampa rushing defense, but he cashed in with 15 fantasy points. He faces the Lions, who gave up 140 yards and 2 scores to Todd Gurley in week 14, this week.

Melvin Gordon (SD) – The rookie has been pretty disappointing all year, not scoring a single touchdown. However, he should be trusted more this week than any other all year. The

Dolphins have given up 25 points or more to opposing RB groups seven times this season.

Sit: Ronnie Hillman and C.J. Anderson (DEN) – Hillman has done nothing in the past two weeks, and C.J. is still battling an ankle injury. Even if both were in peak form, neither should be started this week. The Broncos opponent, the Steelers, give up the third fewest points to running backs.

Isaiah Crowell (CLE) – Crowell went off last week, which might give reason for people to have him in their lineups. He might be able to get 27 fantasy points against an extinct 49er defense, but he should have almost no success against the Seahawks. Seattle should show that last week's performance was a fluke for Crowell.

Wide Receiver

Start: Jeremy Maclin (KC) – The Baltimore Ravens give up by far the most points to opposing receivers, and Maclin is easily the best in Kansas City. Although he didn't do much last week, he did have 245 yards and three touchdowns in the previous two games combined. Expect another big outing from Jeremy in week 15.

Ted Ginn Jr. (CAR) – Ginn has an incredible 200 yards and four touchdowns in the past two games, and his having one of his best years as a wide receiver. Granted, he only had 7 total catches in those games, but he could match that facing a struggling Giants defense.

Tyler Lockett (SEA) – Lockett had a tremendous game against that awful Ravens defense, scoring twice and catching his first 100 yard game. The Browns have not been much better, giving up seven touchdowns to receivers in four games. He is owned in only about half of ESPN leagues, so he is a great option if you need to fill a spot.

Sit: Jordan Matthews (PHI) – The so-called number one receiver

in Philadelphia has not really looked like on this year, scoring the 40th most points from the receiver position in the NFL. The Arizona Cardinals have only let a receiver enter the end zone twice in five games, and they should make Sam Bradford look more like a punter than he already did.

Dez Bryant (DAL) – Dez has not caught more than five balls in a game all year, and he only has six total catches in the past three games. Even though the Jets secondary has not been great as a whole, they still have Darrelle Revis, who will definitely be on the struggling Dez.

Tight End

Start: Richard Rogers (GB) – After catching a Hail Mary and having a great overall game against the Lions on Thursday Night Football, Rogers only had one single catch last week. However, things should turn right back around for him as he plays the Oakland Raiders, who have allowed four tight ends to achieve the 100 yard mark and give up the second most points to the position.

Jacob Tamme (ATL) – Matt Ryan will likely have a mediocre game, but he might be forced to throw some quick routes to his tight end. Tamme has been awful quiet lately, but this week might be his week. The Jaguars give up the fourth most points to TE's, including three performances of 19 points or more in the last five weeks.

Sit: Jason Witten (DAL) – It has been sad watching Witten, usually one of the top players in the league, do nothing week after week. He hasn't caught a touchdown since the first game of the season, and the Jets, his opponent, haven't given up one from a tight end since week 7.

Dreaming of a (green?) Christmas: lack of snow unusual for this time of year in Erie



This picture shot right outside Cathedral Prep on Dec. 16 displays the lack of snow, which is unusual for this time of year.

Citizens who have lived in Erie for the majority of their lives have come to recognize a few constants they can rely on seeing every year. Typically, we are used to seeing an early fall that gives way to a long harsh winter. However, this year the trend appears to be breaking. On Dec. 9 students began loosening their ties as a “heat wave” came through with temperatures nearing the low 60s. For this time of year, it is a shock to feel weather this warm, especially with the snow outputs from recent years. Prep senior Austin Hancock commented, “I do enjoy the warmer weather this time of year, but would like to see some snow on Christmas and New Years. It just won’t be the same without it.”

Last year, snow had begun falling well before Thanksgiving. The legendary snowfall in Buffalo was only the precursor to

what would end up being one of the harshest winters in recent memory. Nov. 13 was the snowiest day of all last year in Erie, when a whopping 12.6 inches fell. With the snowfall this year, however, it seems as though we are approaching anything but a white Christmas much to the dismay of many Cathedral Prep students. Senior Daniel Anthony added, "I miss being able to do doughnuts in the West Erie Plaza parking lot."

The snow totals have been well below average this season, with record warm temperatures on more than one occasion so far this December. So far, this winter has been a complete turnaround from last year's brutal weather. By this time last year, we had persistent lake effect snow, which led to Erie being in the top 5 cities for total snow fall. Although many citizens are loving this weather, it's only a matter of time before the snow starts falling.

Dr. Jerry Clark speaks to Prep forensic science class



On Monday, Dec. 14, the Cathedral Prep forensic science honors class took a trip to nearby Gannon University, where they were able to experience the field of forensic science. The trip was arranged and supervised by Mr. Wahlmark, a Prep science teacher. The trip lasted

approximately two hours and was at no cost for the students.

The students on the trip got to experience the real atmosphere of forensic science. Their host and presenter was a retired FBI agent, Dr. Clark, who is currently a professor at Gannon and a Prep alum. He holds many degrees and experience under his belt, and he brought an



incredible amount of enthusiasm to the presentation. The presentation started out with his introduction and continued to his primary account of the Pizza Bomber case. Initially a four-hour presentation, due to its complexity and never-ending interesting details, it was chopped down to about an hour. Even then, the students were very engaged and interacted with Dr. Clark to narrow in on the most important details of the case.

The Pizza Bomber, otherwise known as Collar Bomber, happened right here in Erie. Dr. Clark also brought in some of his own colleagues, also retired special agents, to provide more background details. Details included tracking down a suspect based off of the misspelling of three words; the suspect was given a paragraph to write down which had nothing to do with the case but contained three words that were misspelled in a taunting letter sent to the agents. Another detail, which discredited the accuracy of TV shows, was that it takes at least 12 hours for a warrant to be approved to search a house, even for a high-profile case. The last detail was provided by the special agent who stated that going in a house with a warrant and a shoot-off in the middle of nowhere were the two most dangerous things any law that any law enforcer goes through.



To end the day, one of Dr. Clark's colleagues walked the students through a police training simulator that prepared trainees about when to and not to shoot. This, to the participating students, seemed the perfect way to end the day. They were tested in a scenario

in which they have their non-functional guns drawn and ready to decide if to shoot and not shoot. That is when they learned that a police officer goes through three stages in which he or she confronts conflict: verbal commands, hands-on or use of pepper spray or taser, and use of lethal weapons such as guns.

Mr. Wahlmark came across the idea of planning the trip when some the parents mentioned Dr. Clark and his experience in the field. That sparked the idea in which he contacted the office and got the approval to do the trip. "It was fairly easy to organize it because it did not cost anything, and it was a very close trip to Gannon," said Mr. Wahlmark. His expectations were positive, as it was his first field trip. He thought it through and made sure that the students were in and out in time. The feedback was very positive. "The students told me what they liked on the way back, [and] the professors seemed very enthusiastic," said Mr. Wahlmark. "Students asked brilliant questions and had great answers to the questions they were asked."

Noah Lesik, a Prep senior that went on the trip had a great experience. "[I] got to learn new things about the pizza bomber case that I did not know of," Lesik said. This also gave Mr. Wahlmark some great ideas to add to his class.

It Grinds My Gears When...

Today marks the historic first installment of *The Rambler's* new regular series, *It Grinds My Gears When...*, a recurring column in which members of *The Rambler* staff vent about what really "grinds their gears." In this installment, we will go into the frustration felt when things get blocked on our school iPads.

We all know that the Internet is a vast expanse, full of many things that may not be appropriate for school use. These things most definitely should be blocked. However, it really grinds my gears when something gets blocked that does no harm to me, and in fact, may actually be beneficial to me. Many times when clicking on a Google images photo, the aforementioned photo is from a blocked website, and I am unable to use it in a project. That really grinds my gears.

Even more infuriating is when a source of learning is blocked. The other day I tried to access Yahoo Answers to learn whether or not it is safe to stick a fork in the toaster, but Yahoo Answers was blocked. I then had to discover the answer on my own. It was a shocking experience to say the least. It grinds my gears very much when I get electrocuted, but more on that in another article.



Another thing that grinds my gears is when multiplayer games get blocked during school. One game in particular grinds my gears to even speak of these days, because of the memories that it brings back. When the name Nova 3 is even hinted to me

I get choked up and by instinct a tear slowly crawls down my cheek. A game in which I had so much fun in playing with my friends is now blocked on the school servers. Nova 3 was a fun

first-person shooter game that didn't grind my gears in which you could make funny usernames and compete against your friends to win the game. This game brought joy to my school day, and I know this is true for many of the other innocent students at Cathedral Prep. It grinds my gears when the tech office just assumes the power to block the fun games on our iPads.

As you can see, the unnecessary blocking of things on our iPads really grinds our gears.

Top scorers on 2015 Cathedral Preparatory School Entrance Exam honored

The following students received the top ten scores on the 2015 Cathedral Preparatory School Entrance Exam. Their results are extraordinary in a highly competitive field and we are very proud of their accomplishments.

This year, almost 200 eighth grade students representing nearly 40 different parochial, public, and private schools sat for the exam. Clearly this is no small achievement on their part.

Devan Bailey (Fort LeBoeuf Middle School): \$1,000 Tuition Scholarship

Sean Zhao (Erie Day School): \$1,000 Tuition Scholarship

Michael Oblich (Saint George School): \$1,000 Tuition Scholarship

Mark DiPietro (Our Lady of Peace School): \$1,000 Tuition Scholarship

Christian Girts (Saint Gregory School): \$1,000 Tuition Scholarship

Michael Rahner (Saint George School): \$500 Tuition Scholarship

Kail Rounds (Iroquois Jr. High School): \$500 Tuition Scholarship

Mark Miller (Saint Luke School): \$500 Tuition Scholarship

Robert Lupo (Walnut Creek Middle School): \$500 Tuition Scholarship

Benjamin Ott (Saint George School): \$500 Tuition Scholarship

Students honored at first quarter sessions of 2015-16 school year

On Nov. 20 the first quarter sessions of the school year took place. Quarter sessions is the time when the students who excelled in academics are recognized for their achievements. However, this quarter sessions was different. It was the first assembly where the new rule came into effect. The old rule that stated all first honor cards are awarded to students who achieved 90-99 average range in all classes for that quarter was changed. Students now must score in the 93-99 range to earn first honors. This cut the first honor cards down significantly, but also further separated the people who really deserve the recognition, as a 4.0 for the quarter is quite the accomplishment.



Freshmen were awarded a total of 11 first honor cards and 58 second honor cards for a total of 69 and a class percentage of 51.49 percent. This is a very good percentage of students who are excelling, but it was not enough to rank as the best class

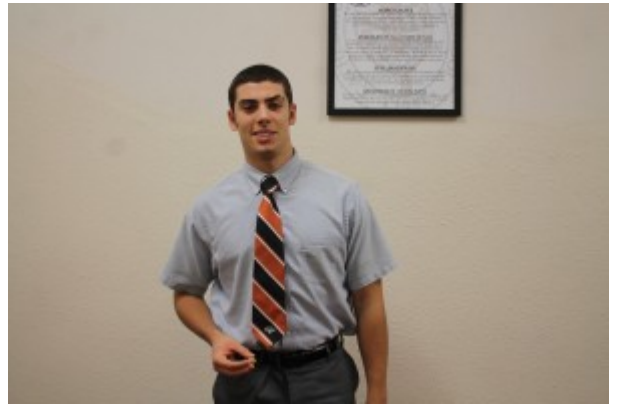
percentage. Also, Jared Heidt, Jack Hilbrich, Owen Jacobson, Alexander Kolodychak, Dominic MacArthur, Ryan Sweny, and Matthew Whaley were awarded for having the highest QPA in the freshman class.

The sophomores were awarded a total of 10 first honor cards and 72 second honor cards for a total of 82 and a class percentage of 58.99 percent. The sophomore class achieved the highest percentage of students with honor cards this past quarter. Also, their top student with the highest QPA was Christopher Parks.



The juniors were awarded a total of 8 first honor cards and 51 second honor cards for a total of 59 and a class percentage of 48.36 percent. Andrew Haverly was awarded for having the highest QPA in the junior class.

Last, but certainly not least, the senior class. They were awarded a total of 4 first honor cards and 70 second honor cards for a total of 74 honor cards and a class percentage of 46.84 percent. The seniors achieved the worst percentage of student honor cards. This might be a sign of early senioritis. However, Joseph Redinger did not give up just yet. He achieved the highest QPA in the Senior class.



The guest speaker that came to enlighten the students of Cathedral Prep about how the real world works and how great a Prep diploma really is, was Dr. Christopher Clark. Dr. Clark was a graduate of the Class of 1987 and his diploma has greatly affected the way his life shaped out. He was able to go to Boston College and get his master's in biology. He is now a doctor at St. Vincent's and is very successful there.

Congratulations to everyone for their success and accomplishments and keep up the hard work.

The hidden treasures of Cathedral Prep's library

Sitting in the Hilbert Family Library Commons during just about every day of my Cathedral Prep career my mind would

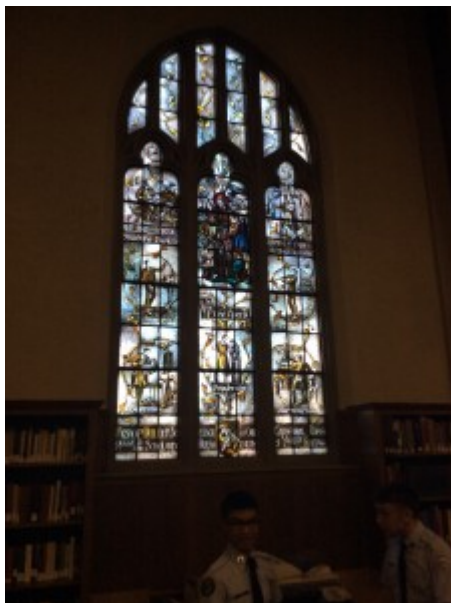
wonder what the library has other than just a lounge for students in study hall or between classes. So I finally decided to dive deeper into the realm of the library and document my findings.



- **Pleasantine Roulette**

While wandering around the library looking for hidden treasures buried deep in the book cases, from across the library I hear a scream of excitement of senior Jack Zaphiris. When investigating what he found it turned out to be a portable Roulette game. Little did I know that students can check out more than just books in the library but gambling games also.

- **The stained glass windows**



After spending several class periods looking into all of this information behind the library I decided to relax on a couch. When looking up I noticed the stained glass windows. Then I realized how

underappreciated said windows are. In my four years at Prep I have always known their presence but never took the time to actually look at them.



Mr. Bhatti told me that the place we call the library today was actually being built to be a church for the school. However, when looking into verifying this information, I was disappointed when Fr. Hahn informed me this is a common misconception. But Fr. Hahn was able to enlighten me, informing me that the windows on the west side are all about the traditional subjects that educated people are supposed to know. On the east the windows represent those communities that all of us are connected to and the virtues they promote.

▪ **The secret table**



Still wandering around the library I spotted what appeared to be a cupboard of some sort across the library. After venturing up to the mezzanine I attempted opening this supposed

cupboard. To my surprise a large plank folded out into a table. So the next time you're in the library and there's nowhere to sit head up to the secret table for the guaranteed seat.

- ***Time Flies* by Bill Cosby**

Almost every organization who has recognized Bill Cosby has recalled his awards or recognition after the numerous scandals surfaced. With the mass criticism surrounding Cosby you would think Cathedral Prep would remove anything related to to him. To my dismay I found a book titled "Time Flies" by Bill Cosby still available at the library.