

FRESHMAN FLASH

November, 2014 Edition

Upcoming Events

*XLT 11/5

*Winter Sports
Begin 11/8

*Drama Club
Production:
Carousel 11/22 &
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*High School
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Firebird 12/11

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iPads Debut



The incoming class of 2018 made history in August by being the first Kellenberg students ever to receive iPad Airs to use in the classroom. They were given their iPads on the second day of Triple A (August 28) and have used them in classes ever since. After setting up the iPad and its apps, the new Kellenberg students got to take them home for the first time. The iPads have helped in the classroom with the kids using them to take notes, read iBooks, download worksheets, and even complete interactive work like making educational videos. Besides making the classroom better, the iPads help a lot in the hallways and at home, too - "With the iPads, I never have to stop at my locker and I don't have to worry about forgetting books," says Catherine LoScalzo of 9K. This new addition to Kellenberg students' backpacks has helped in so many different aspects of their school experience.

By: Kimberly Lores, 9K



Kellenberg Memorial High School



AAA

When September rolls around, it means a new school year. For new freshmen at Kellenberg it also means adjusting to new friends and a new school. AAA allows freshmen to get adjusted to our new homeroom teacher and classmates, become aware of our school surroundings from the courtyard to the lunchroom, and get a feel for the school before the school year finally takes off.

Starting a new school and leaving friends behind takes guts. AAA gives students a wave of action for what to expect, with help, of course. Marianist mentors, teachers, and even freshmen that were originally in the Joseph C. Fox Latin School were there to assist those who couldn't open our lockers or couldn't find our way to the gymnasium. Someone was always there to get us adjusted.

AAA started off with an introduction to our classrooms, our lockers, and fellow students. We also had a couple games to learn the favorite color, television show, and the first name of fellow students - after all, they would be with us for 4 years. The family crest, the spiritual tour, and meeting through the teachers and going through the schedule - those are the things that make Kellenberg...Kellenberg!

New freshmen also learned the layout of the school, and other facilities like the bathrooms and the general office, received information about activities, sports, and the school that would be useful for years to come. Students learned about C.O.R - civility, order, and respect.

Triple A concluded with a presentation by the principal, getting our schedules, going from class to class meeting our new teachers, and getting our ID pictures taken. With our fellow classmates and teachers to help us through, Triple A proved that working together with God and each other, both spiritual and physically anything can go from a nerve-racking experience to a good time.

By: Danielle Urban, 9P

For video highlights, check out:
<http://www.kellenberg.org/video-highlights-from-2014-triple-a>

Sports Update

The Freshman Football Team has been off to a great and energetic start! Their first game was home against Holy Cross. Kellenberg's student section was overflowing, and everyone was cheering on their Firebirds. The football team was led by the captains courageous talk and immense effort. The cheerleaders were led by coach Fernandez and gave energy to the crowd as well as to the players. Even if you haven't been to one of the games, at the Pep Rally we got to see a glimpse of their amazing skills. Both teams were in a stalemate in the fourth quarter, going back and forth with one another. They had a tough game and tied 6-6 against Holy Cross. The team has been pushing itself and practicing every day to become prepared for games to follow.

Next up for your Firebird teams are the JV-A and JV-B boys soccer teams. Boys JV-A soccer has been performing well. They have been picking up wins and losses here and there against St. Anthony's, Chaminade, Oceanside, St. Mary's, and a few more led by captains Ray Minewiser, Kristian Abuin, and Giuseppe Coppola. On the other side, the boys JV-B soccer team has been performing outstanding! The team scored over 15 goals in just three of their games! The team's offense and defense has been clicking and they have been keeping possession of the ball for a majority of the game. Also, the team has been working as one unit, picking up win after win and a loss here and there led by captains Donny Kelly, Giancarlo Servedio, and Matt Duran. Be a part of the student section and support your firebirds as they look to gain a spot in the playoff berth.

Other Firebird teams are the JV-A and JV-B girls soccer teams. Both teams have been playing phenomenal! The girls JV-A kicked off their season 2-0 and took winning matters into their own hands. The girls on both teams have tremendous chemistry with one another, resulting in their many wins! They have also been working as a unit and communicating with one another by talking on the field. As a matter of fact, both of the teams have clinched playoff berth.

Finally, for Firebird teams are Boys Frosh XC and Girls Frosh XC. After training and pushing themselves at every practice and meet, both teams have been succeeding and are competing for Championship spots. Can you imagine running 7 miles some days and sprinting miles other days? Well, imagine doing this almost every single day of the week! That's how talented these young runners are. Both the girls and boys team have been to invitational competitions and have performed very well in all of them, taking home medals in some races.

By: Thomas Cava, 9C

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XLT

On October 1st, the first XLT of the school year occurred. Once a month, Kellenberg holds XLT from 6-8. Previously, XLT was held in the auditorium. This year, it is being held in the Millennium Room. XLT stands for exalt, which means someone or something held in high regard. The night started off with a dinner in the cafeteria. Then, the students were brought up to the Millennium room. When they got there, the XLT band was already there, playing our favorite school tunes including "Banner of Love" and "God's Great Dance Floor". At this XLT, Mr. York was the guest speaker. Mr. York spoke of the importance of having God in every aspect of life. His emphasis is found in this way of thinking: the word Christian. Take out the word Christ, and you are left with ian, which is an acronym for I Am Nothing. Many people can agree that without Jesus in our life, we don't have a strong basis to lean on. As we steer away from Him, we are only left to rely on our decisions and opinions. After his speech, After all the excitement, we all brought ourselves to a state of reverence as the monstrance was brought in for Eucharistic Adoration. Adoration began with Father Tom bringing out the Most Blessed Sacrament. For 35 minutes, everyone was lead in solemn prayer, with meditative songs by the XLT band under the direction of Mr. Bursig and Mr. Harnisch. Finally, to close off Adoration, Salve Regina was sung. To finish off a spectacular night, the XLT band once again played songs. The next XLT is November 5; I encourage you to come to hang out with your friends and experience God's love in a unique and fun way.

By: Ismenia Ginebra, 9G



Freshman Faith Friday Dance 2014

On October 17, 2014, the gym was totally redecorated for the first freshman dance of the year. Strobe lights danced on the ceiling, and black light illuminated the light clothes of an occasional passerby. Glow sticks were highlighting the dark area, as were flashes of neon color. The most popular decoration was the surprise hanging on the bleachers. Members of GSO used glow in the dark paint to make hand-prints on a enormous banner on which was painted the letters "Class of 2014". This outstanding piece of artwork was the background to almost every picture students took, and prompted smiles everywhere. Even the infamous "DJ OB" made an appearance, as Mr. O'Brien was more than happy to play "God's Great Dance Floor" several times. A computer-generated "#djob" sign not only proclaimed his attendance but also invoked more than a few giggles from students in his class. Favorites like "Living on a Prayer" and "Don't Stop Believing" were only challenged by exhilarating spontaneous group dancing to the "Cupid Shuffle" and "Cotton-Eye Joe". In short, the class of 2018 had an incredible week. This first freshman dance was the icing on the cake for a fantastic string of memories that students will carry with them until senior year and beyond.

By: Madison Callinan, 9C



SOCCER

This year, JV B boys soccer team had an amazing season. They finished with a 9-4-1 record and exceeded all expectations set at the start of the season. The offense was stellar in scoring goals to put this Kellenberg team over the top again and again. The defense created a stonewall and sparked the team. With all of the ups and downs and a lot of hard work, the JV B team was able to clinch a playoff spot as a third seed. They would face the highly-hyped Chaminade Flyers. During that playoff game, the Kellenberg Firebirds showed their true colors and played the game of their lives. Not quitting, not giving up, not being scared of the logo on the other team's jersey, they were able to force the game into OT. They would continue the fight into the second half of OT. There with only 1:30 minutes left, Chaminade put the ball in the back of the net. Yet, even with a loss in the semi-finals, this Kellenberg team showed extreme heart and courage. And for that, this season should be considered a win for the Kellenberg JV B boys soccer team.

By: Christopher Gharagozlo, 9G