

The Freshman Flash

April, 2015 Edition



Communion Breakfast 2015

Upcoming Events

*May 1st: Special
Assembly: Anthem
Lights

*May 4th: Fine Arts
Week

*May 7th: Student
Concert

*May 14th:
Ascension
Thursday

*Spring Concert
Dates

Firebird 5/7

On Sunday, March 22, 2015, the Kellenberg Memorial Family celebrated the Twenty-Eighth Annual Communion Breakfast for the sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth grades. Countless students came in early to help and serve more than 800 people in attendance. The ninth grade, as the oldest grade, was the spotlight of all the festivities and activities. The Scripture Timeline Projects were displayed throughout the lobby, with incredibly creative ideas such as life-sized trees, waterfalls, and outsized Bibles that attracted the attention of incoming parents and faculty. Freshmen, stationed among the projects, explained the ideas and warmly greeted everyone entering. Freshman holding crosses and banners accompanied Mrs. Zider and the choir.

Ushers dressed in light blue blazers, also part of the class of 2018, brought up the gifts and assisted in Communion. Jason Kopp and Anna Gallego lectored and read the scripture beautifully. The celebrants were Fr. Albert Bertoni, S.M., Fr. Philip Eichner, S.M. Fr. Tom Cardone, S.M. said the homily and spoke enthusiastically about how we should serve others with joy, and yield abundant service. We must be selfless and not let our E.G.O. (Edge God Out) drive us away from God. "To die before you die" was the chant that rang throughout the auditorium. Fr. Tom left the congregation with the thought that one should rather live life doing something than rust out doing nothing. After freshmen directed the assembly to the cafeteria to find their seats, upperclassmen representing SALT and SPICE conducted families to the gymnasium, where rows of buffet trays and plates of breakfast items and treats were ready to satisfy hunger. Once stomachs were full and conversations exchanged, Sister Ann Thomas, OP, of the KMHS class of 2009 was introduced by Brother Kenneth Hoagland, S.M. as the guest speaker. Reflecting on the signs she was given by God, Sister Ann reviewed how her faith life grew at Kellenberg and, how through prayer, she worked her way through confusion to join the consecrated life. Pope Francis declared this year a year of consecrated life, and she talked about how she has found true joy finding where she belongs. With the closing remarks spoken by Brother Ken and the Benediction prayed by Fr. Philip, the joyous morning concluded. The Twenty-Eighth Annual Communion Breakfast was an incredible testament to love and faith present daily at Kellenberg Memorial.

By: Madison Callinan, 9C



Sodality

After the New Year, one of the most popular and exciting new clubs for Freshmen is Sodality. After filling out forms based on their Catholic faith, Freshmen joined up with their friends, in order to be in the same sodality with them. Then, both Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Moran put the forms into groups with teachers who didn't have a Sodality as of this year. During homeroom, students received a yellow piece of paper containing their Sodality moderator and their room. The first meeting took place after February break when students met their fellow Sodality members. Many people were excited about their group. Students met people that they never knew, some they were familiar with, and students who were friends even before joining the club. If you currently aren't involved in Sodality, it's not too late to join. You are able to join your best friend's sodality if you want to. Sodality is a club that shouldn't be missed out on: it's fun, it runs for all four years of high school, and not too demanding as it runs from 3-3:30. Since there are no other club meetings or practices at that time, why not give it a try?

By: Danielle Urban, 9R



Movie Review: *Jerusalem*

On March 9, 2015, the entire freshman class took a pilgrimage to the Cradle of Aviation. On this trip, the class toured the museum and prayed the Stations of the Cross. But one of the most interesting parts of the day was when everyone got to sit in the giant dome theatre at the museum and watch the movie *Jerusalem* together.

Jerusalem was an hour long film that discussed the ancient history of the city as well as the current situation for people of all different faiths living there. It began by telling the story of the first inhabitants of the city, who were polytheistic and worshipped one of their gods on an outcrop of bedrock. This bedrock became the foundation for the city.

While telling many historical and Biblical tales (such as the binding of Isaac on that very rock), the movie then brings you to present day. It shows the lives of three different teenage girls living in the city with their families - one Jewish, one Muslim, and one Christian. They each live in one of the different quarters of the old city, and even though they all reside within a mile of each other, they never cross paths due to their different religions. Each of these girls spoke of the rich heritage of the city and the personal connection she felt to it. The Muslim girl spoke of going to the mosque, wearing a headdress and reading the Scriptures on the floor quietly, and how this brought her closer to Allah. The Jewish girl spoke of her grandfather, who had moved to Jerusalem before World War II and had fallen in love with the city, writing several books about it. She said that moving back to the city was returning to the Promised Land. Finally, the Christian girl spoke about Easter services in Jerusalem, carrying a cross through the old city and waving palms, and how she felt lucky to be able to visit the Church of the Holy Sepulcher so often.

The film *Jerusalem* not only informed us about the city's rich past, filled with different cultures and religions, but also about how the past is affecting present day in the city. It promoted interfaith understanding and showed us that these girls, although believing in different religions, lived very similar lives. The movie ultimately was inspirational and gave us hope that one day, the people of these different faiths could live side by side in the city, completely peacefully.

By: Kimberly Lores, 9K

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Scripture Projects, 2015

Right before Easter break, the Freshman class had to complete a Scripture project to depict a timeline of the Old Testament. The freshman class really came out firing. These projects were creative and awesome. There were some board games, Noah arks, an altar, ladders, and even a life size Chris Tomlin! The class really used their creative and really did an outstanding job. Fortunately, since so many of them were displayed in the lobby, both the parents and incoming Freshman class were able to see them during the Open House for Accepted Candidates.

By: Christopher Gharagozlo, 9G

Freshmen Lenten Pilgrimage

On March 9, 2015 the freshman class went on a Lenten pilgrimage to see the documentary *Jerusalem*. All the freshman walked together as one family while holding up crosses, banners, and flags to show the people passing by that we were truly a Catholic school. The day started off with a small prayer service in the auditorium. The itinerary was discussed and the freshman class prayed together to put ourselves in prayerful spirits. Afterwards, the whole class headed out. The Nassau County Police Department aided us by stopping traffic to cross at stop lights. When the people driving by saw what we were doing, they knew that we were showing our faith in a strong way.

After walking 2.4 miles to the Cradle of Aviation, the freshmen class settled in, and the tour guides divided us into groups. There were three parts to the day while at the Cradle of Aviation. For the first part of the day, students would watch the documentary, *Jerusalem* in an IMAX theater. After studying the Middle East in World History, the students had a firm understanding of the concept of the documentary and took good lessons out of it. Afterwards, a tour guide assisted students on a tour about aircraft and about flying technology. The tour fascinated many students and there were even many models or examples that students could watch or see to have a better understanding of the tour. The final part of the day was the Stations of the Cross, led by the Kellenberg Gregorian Consortium and Father Tom. Students held up stations and Father Tom would explain each one thoroughly and clearly, so it made you feel like you were there. In between every few stations, the Gregorian would sing a few meditation songs to put us even more into the presence of God. After all three major events at the Cradle of Aviation, the freshmen class truly had a great experience learning about the diverse religions and life in Jerusalem, aircraft and flight technology, and about how Jesus suffered on the cross for us. The freshmen class then departed and headed back to Kellenberg for lunch. Students sat with their friends and discussed the impact of the experience.

This Lenten Pilgrimage was truly an event where every student was able to deepen their faith in God and have a more intimate relationship with Him. The Lenten Pilgrimage taught us about what sacrifice truly means and what it means to suffer. This was one of the "only at Kellenberg" events and it is a lifetime memory for everyone!

By: Thomas Cava, 9C