

VOL. 26 No. 4
KELLENBERG
MEMORIAL HIGH
SCHOOL
WINTER 2013
www.kellenberg.org

The Phoenix

25
Years of
Marianist
Tradition



Nearly 1500 Celebrate Midnight Mass at KMHS

Kimberly Capuder '14

Nearly fifteen hundred Kellenberg family member gathered on December 25, 2012, as Christmas Eve transformed into Christmas Day, in Kellenberg Memorial's filled-to-capacity auditorium as the clock read 12 a.m. Christmas morning for its annual Midnight Mass.

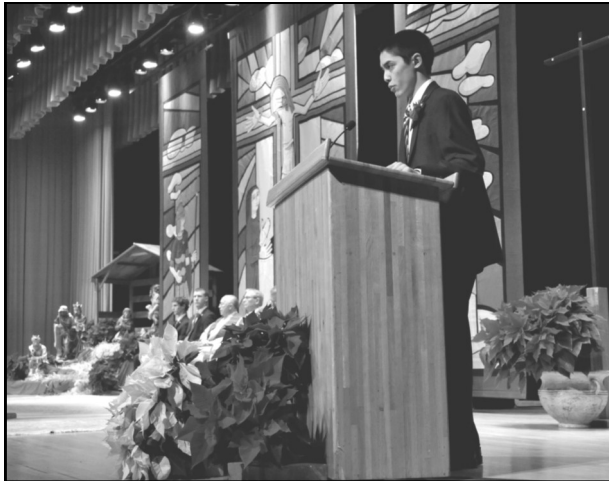
Bro. Michael Gillen, S.M., explains, "The celebration of the Midnight Mass of Christmas was a Kellenberg family event. Graduates, parents, faculty and students were all in attendance. In the same way that we prepare our homes for a Christmas gathering of family and friends, we prepare here."

The preparation of the auditorium for this blessed gathering took place after first trimester exams ended just after noon. Setting up for the occasion would not be feasible without the hard work of many people. Bro. Michael reveals, "Kellenberg's maintenance assisted in the set-up of the altar, banner and crèche. Several students assisted in preparing the altar and chalices, setting the vestments, and poinsettias."

Kellenberg's choir, commonly referred to as "St. Greg's," has been performing at Midnight Mass since 2000 and holds its traditional Christmas Mass practice on December 23. Mr. Basile, the musical director of The Gregorian Consortium, reveals that St. Greg's participation in the Christmas Eve service affirms that "there is no greater joy than being with the people you love, especially when singing God's praises is

involved."

Maura Collins, a junior at Kellenberg, has been a member of Gregorian for two years and loves the experience. She states, "The best part of St. Greg's is being able to share a faith experience



As lector, Brian Seitz leads the congregation the mass responses.

with your friends at every mass and practice."

The Lessons and Carols Service led by The Gregorian Consortium began at 11:30 p.m. It consisted of a great number of famous Christmas carols, many of which are popular among the congregation. For Mr. Basile, the traditional Christmas music inspires the same "incredible joy."

He elucidates the excitement at this time, explaining, "During this time many alumni come back to Kellenberg to reconnect with faculty and former classmates. The anticipation of Christmas combined with the joy of reuniting

with the important people in our lives is what we experience on this blessed night. People who participate in this liturgy always express their gratitude."

At precisely 12 o'clock, the mass began when Bro. David Bruner, S.M. read to the excited congregation a proclamation of events of ancient times. Junior Emily Aratoon has been attending Midnight Mass at Kellenberg for ten years and this is her favorite part of the celebration. Then the mass procession started while the choir led the congregation with a jubilant version of the hymn "Joy to the World." The principal celebrant of the mass was Fr. Albert Bertoni, S.M. However, Fr. Philip Eichner, S.M. and Fr. Thomas Cardone, S.M. along with a large number of students participated in the liturgy as well. Bro. Michael states, "During the mass itself, over fifty students assisted in the Christmas liturgy as servers, readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, singers and ushers."

After the Gospel of St. Luke, which told of the night Mary gave birth to Jesus, Fr. Albert gave his homily. He started off by referring to the Christmas Carol "Silent Night." The lyrics of the famous song begin with "silent night, holy night." He explained that the words of the hymn can be applied to tonight, while we are calm and take deep breaths, we recognize we are in good hands, the hands of God.

Fr. Albert also mentioned the words of the Prophet Isaiah who reminded us that we are *Continued on page 11*

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF:

William Benke

EDITORS:

Kimberly Capuder
Marc Lee
Ava Mack
James Taglienti

COPY & PRODUCTION EDITOR:

Casey Toy

FACULTY MODERATORS:

Mr. Michael Flood, Miss Coleen Zabala,
Miss Jacqueline Spiegel



THE PHOENIX

GENERAL STAFF:

Ryan Bannon, Ajani Bazile -Dutes, Catherine Broshek, Mark Campmier, Amanda Duncklee, Madeline Fitzpatrick, Mackenzie Freeman, Meghan Freeman, Sierra Hajdu, Brian Keane, Timothy Landers, Kimberly Loes, Michael Manukian, Sarah Massoni, Christian McCartney, Kristen Perrone, Pauline Pokoradi, Noreen Prunier, Suzanne Vignola

VERY SPECIAL THANKS:

Brother Roger Poletti, S.M.
Digital Graphics Imagery Corp.
Photography Club

Established November 1987. Published seven times a year by the students of Kellenberg Memorial High School.

Kellenberg Perpetuates Chaminade's Legacy

Timothy Landers '13

Kellenberg Memorial High School is a school steeped in the centuries old tradition of the Society of Mary, which was founded on May 1 in 1817 in Bordeaux, France. In 2013, the religious priests and brothers, faculty and the entire student body celebrate the Society and its founder with a mass on Wednesday, January 24, and a day off on Friday, January 26.

Father Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, the founder of the Society of Mary, was born on April 8, 1761 in Pergueux, in southwest France. After his ordination to the priesthood in 1785, he would go on to become a professor and a chaplain of the college-seminary. Bl. Chaminade came to know that the education of young men would be his life's goal.

This goal would soon be discouraged due to the outbreak of the revolution in 1789 and the ensuing anti-church legislation. He had to relocate to the busy city of Bordeaux, where he hid from the revolutionary police and courageously ministered to the laity in the city. Unfortunately, due to a legal error he was exiled in Saragossa, Spain for three years where he could only pray for the laity of France and prepare himself for a return. Here Bl. Chaminade developed his devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and a greater understanding of the intimate connection between Mother and Son. He committed himself to assisting the blessed Virgin in bringing her son to the World. Regarding this, Fr. Thomas Cardone, S.M., the Chaplain of KMHS, said, "Fr. Chaminade believed that Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was the founding force behind this new congregation."

In November of 1800, under Napoleon's newly formed government, Bl. Chaminade returned to Bordeaux where he quickly saw that the situation of Catholicism in France was moribund. Children had grown up without even having the option to go to mass and were ignorant of the basic tenets of the Chris-

tian faith that we take for granted today. Bl. Chaminade immediately reestab-

and the idea behind the Sodality was to create little communities of faith who

Chaminade's legacy lives on through the Marianist community at Kellenberg Memorial, a high school dedicated to Bl. Father Chaminade's goal of bringing a Christian education to the world.

would strengthen each other and then bear witness to Christ in families, neighborhoods, and workplaces." The focus of these sodalities was to encourage young men and women to consecrate themselves to Christ but it expanded to include the older and married. The focus of the sodalities was very apostolic with members

rechristianizing French society. The Sodality of the Immaculate Conception

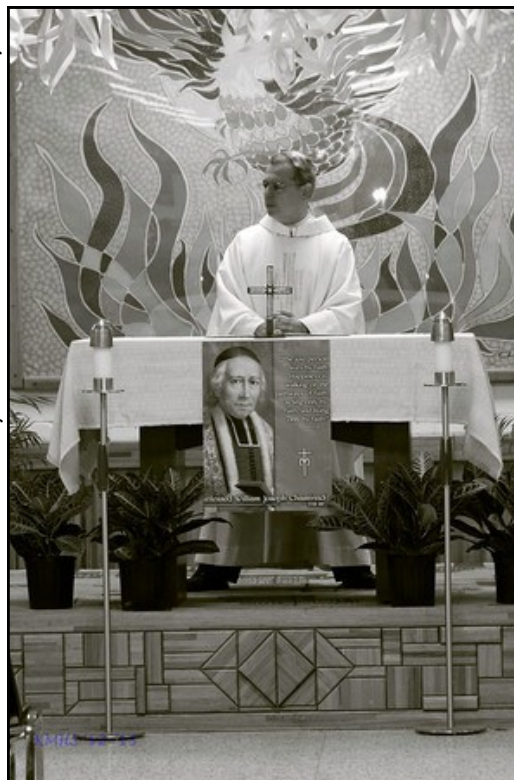
going out and rechristianizing French society.

The Sodality continued to grow throughout France and many members started taking the Evangelical Counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience which led to the formation of the Daughters of Mary (a sister society) in 1816 and led Bl. Chaminade to found the Society of Mary when men agreed to take the Evangelical Counsels and live in a community with Bl. Chaminade as its superior. The Society immediately turned to education in elementary and secondary schools which would finally fulfill Bl. Chaminade's goal and dream of Christian education in France. After many years of strife and turmoil while guiding his juvenile order, Bl. William Joseph Chaminade died in 1850 on January 22 and was beatified in 2000 by Pope Blessed John Paul II. His cause for canonization is underway and almost at an end.

Bl. Chaminade's story is all too relevant today; this relevance and the efforts of the Marianists are what keeps Bl. Chaminade's life story alive today. Mr. James Krug, President of the Long Island chapter of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, and a teacher at KMHS com-

mented,

"We live in a time where knowledge of the Faith has hit real low, similar to the time Fr. Chaminade lived in." In the example of Bl. Chaminade centuries



Fr. Tom commemorates Fr. Chaminade at the Founder's Day Mass on January 24, 2013.

so that people could receive the Eucharist and participate in a Christian community. Bro. Kenneth Hoagland, S.M., principal of Kellenberg commented, "Before founding the Society of Mary, Fr. Chaminade established Sodality

Continued on page 7

Faith Friday Junior Class Film

Mark Campmier

In response to Pope Benedict's call for the "Year of Faith," January 18, 2013, there was a "Faith Friday" event for the junior class called the "Junior Film Night."

The event was widely advertised by members of the Junior C.R.O.S.S., Christians Reaching Out Spreading Spirituality, who helped to organize the event. The night started out in the auditorium with Fr. Thomas Cardone, S.M., leading the juniors in prayer in honor of Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, the founder of the Society of Mary. Evening prayers were ended with the chanting of the Salve Regina lead by Mr. Basile, the director of the Gregorian Consortium, and several students from the Phoenix Chorus.

The juniors then moved into the cafeteria where they enjoyed a meal of macaroni, chicken and salad prepared by the Kellenberg Cafeteria staff and served by members of S.A.L.T., the community service club at Kellenberg. Students enjoyed eating dinner with their friends while they were waiting in anticipation of the movie they were

about to view. After the meal was over, the group moved back to the auditorium to watch the film.

The film for the evening was *Life is Beautiful*, a tragic comedy about a Jewish Italian man and his family's experience during the Holocaust. In the movie, the father named Guido attempts to shield his four year old son Giosuè from the horrors of the Nazi concentration camp by convincing him that it is all a game where he must gain points by obeying the prison guards and doing work. The boy loses points if he complains, asks to see his mother who is also imprisoned, or asks for more food. In the end, his father promises his son that if he gains one thousand points he would win a tank. Coincidentally just at the point when the boy wins one thousand points, the camp is liberated by the American tank division which allows the ecstatic boy to ride around with them.

This film was chosen because of its historic and philosophical significance to the curriculum of the junior religion program. All students in the junior class

have read or are reading Viktor Frankl's *Man's Search for Meaning*, which chronicles a psychiatrist's experience in the Nazi death camp Auschwitz and how he came to find the meaning of life through his suffering. The movie night was meant to illustrate the suffering in the camps and to show the power of love and faith despite how hopeless a situation may be.

The juniors who attended enjoyed the film and overall atmosphere of the night very much. Joseph Hinshaw, a C.R.O.S.S. member, said, "I had a great time, and everyone I was with thought that the movie was amazing. It really was extremely touching and poignant." The moderators of the night also noticed how the film affected the class. Bro. Michael Gillen, S.M., said, "Those juniors who attended the evening shared in this Year of Faith in a special way. Events like Kellenberg's 'Faith Fridays' have the power to transform our lives and even those around us. They are not just talk; they are a way of life."

Un-decking the Halls

Meghan Freeman '14

On January 7, 2013, the first Monday of the new trimester, Kellenberg students participated in a morning assembly with each of their homerooms to de-decorate their classrooms for the conclusion of a wonderful Christmas season.

The students packed up the trees, ornaments and lights and began their first full week of the second trimester. After weeks of having classrooms full of Christmas trees, lights and tinsel, the students were understandably upset over seeing the bare classrooms.

"The Christmas season is so full of excitement, and I loved seeing all the decorations everywhere, so it's an empty feeling having to put it all away," said junior Alexandra Ryan. Many people can connect with the bittersweet emotions of ending such a joyful season. Over break, countless Kellenberg families also participated in this clean-up, putting away their Christmas trees,

saying good-bye to loved ones and embarking on New Year's resolutions.

The Epiphany celebrated on Sun-



Ryan Korzekwinski, Ryan LaFaye, and Tom Kozakiewicz carry their homeroom's decorations back to the library.

day, January 6, officially ended the Christmas season in the Church. The wreaths and poinsettias are put away and replaced with the green colors of Ordinary Time. The return to school and the removal of the Christmas deco-

rations represents a return to normalcy for the students and faculty. A new year and a new trimester signify a fresh start for many of the students. After a relaxing break, many determined scholars have returned with refreshed study habits and work ethics with a pledge to strive for higher academic achievement in this second trimester.

Amidst the craze of the holiday season, students and faculty can become too wrapped up in the Hallmark Christmas, or the stress of trimester exams, to focus on the true reason for the season. By stripping classrooms and hallways of the holiday decorations, the past year is put away, and a new year is ready to begin. Christmas trees will be replaced next year, and the excitement of presents can wear off, but the true gift we receive on Christmas, the presence of Jesus in our lives, can never fade.

Freshman Mentors Retreat to Founder's

Noreen Prunier '13

For most of the Freshman Marianist Mentors, the retreat on December 9 was their last time at Founders Hollow. Marianist Mentors are a collection of students from the senior division who were chosen to alleviate the transition of the freshmen into Kellenberg. Those selected sacrifice their time and work diligently to guide the incoming students.

Bro. Roger Poletti S.M., assistant principal for activities, and the coordinator of Marianist Mentors, announced that the retreat's theme was journey since senior year is a concluding journey, while Marianist Mentors help the freshman class begin their own. Recognizing her approaching graduation, Natalie Jean commented, "This retreat made me realize that the end of the year is quickly coming up, and that I should enjoy every bit of high school left!" The faith filled yet boisterous retreat was a great way to begin the students' last year.

Scarcely an hour after arriving and settling into rooms, together the mentors hiked the extensive wooded trails to a massive hill surrounded by towering trees and a view of distant mountains. Suddenly an intense football game commenced, and an equally passionate soccer game proceeded. Later on, group discussions over the stress and anticipation of senior year, accompanied by our hopeful plans for the future took place. Given magazines and construction paper, the students cut out images portraying both their feelings associated with senior year so far, and also their desires for the upcoming years.

Emphasizing the focus on journey, the classic movie *The Wizard of Oz* was one of the main facets of the retreat. Although already familiar to most stu-

dents, the movie was discussed in the context of the Enneagram, a nine-type personality system, is introduced to juniors but becomes a critical aspect of the senior year curriculum. Pieces of the film were shown following an examination of each character's positive and negative qualities throughout the three days. The characters each represent an Enneagram type or one of the three triads in the Enneagram: the Scarecrow exemplifies the mental center, the Tin man the heart center, the Lion the gut triad, while the Wizard embodies the Enneagram number three with his longing to project a powerful image.

In addition, the Enneagram was incorporated into the retreat with skits. Split into two teams, the mentors were asked to generate creative skits of situations with a freshman. Six distinct setups were required to positively and negatively utilize the three triads in the Enneagram-head, heart and gut. The first team included a bullying incident to employ the heart triad. In the negative use of the triad, the Marianist Mentors chose not to interfere in the maltreatment taking place; however, they quickly stepped in during the positive enactment. As the students performed roles, Bro. Roger, and retreat chaperones, Mrs. Graham, Mr.

Moran and Mrs. Klimkowski judged each skit. The lighthearted and comical nature of this activity contributed to the reason why many students chose this as their favorite part of the retreat.

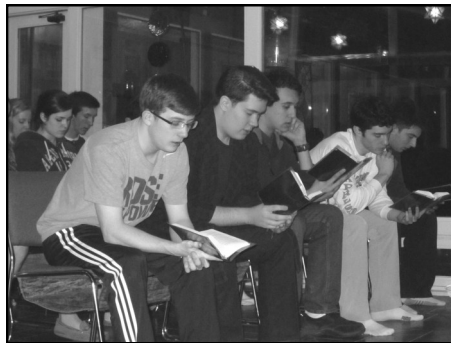
The fun prevailed throughout the free time allotted to the students with a spontaneous game of manhunt. While one team strategically hid behind trees, and even in bushes, the other anxiously waited to run out of the house to send their concealed opponents to the jail.

The exciting activities were punctuated by a prayerful atmosphere, as the Mentors filed into the chapel for adoration on the first night, and engaged in morning and evening prayer every day.

On the last night, students wrote letters to their Secret Santa,

which was chosen on the first day. Rather than giving a material gift, the mentors concentrated on a God given gift their partner possessed. While roasting marshmallows in the fireplace, and watching *The Polar Express*, students created thoughtful hand-made notes for their Secret Santa. Mentor CapriAnna Pappalardo noted, "I loved how during the Secret Santa we had the chance to find something special in a peer who we may not have been close with, and point out a unique and positive quality. It was a great way to spread the true Christmas spirit!" On the next day, everyone delivered a gift to their respective partner in the chapel, and enjoyed reading about their own latent or overt talents which stand out to others. Those willing were able to read aloud their letter to the rest of the mentors, such as Erin Costello who made an Olympic medal for her Secret Santa, James McQuade, a talented member of Kellenberg's track team. In addition, Catherine Edwards presented her note to Christopher Dalton, which displayed Chris's fun-loving and energetic nature.

Moments like these made this retreat one of the most memorable because the students developed and strengthened bonds between one another, along with evolving into better role models for their freshmen.



Mentors reflect on a reading during an evening prayer service.



Freshman mentors gather for a group picture by the cross.

Mothers and Daughters Dance the Night Away

Katie Broshek '14

On Friday, December 7 2012, the eve of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, over 400 mothers and daughters gathered together in the Kellenberg cafeteria for the annual Magnificat Dinner.

The night was a huge success, complete with great food, raffle baskets, an insightful speaker, and dancing. The Magnificat Dinner was a wonderful way to celebrate Advent and the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mother.

The Magnificat Dinner began in 2006 as an event to celebrate motherhood. We celebrate Mary as the mother of Jesus, and the relationship the young ladies at Kellenberg have with their mothers. Every year, the event slightly changes its focus. Last year, the theme was the talent of the young women at Kellenberg. This year, the central focus was the guest speaker, Laura Cassell, the CEO of Catholic Charities.

Like most events at Kellenberg, the dedicated members of SALT set up and worked the dinner. Under the supervision of Mr. Karchinski, Mrs. Rodney and Bro. Kenneth Hoagland, S.M., students turned the cafeteria into a “winter wonderland,” complete with centerpieces assembled by SALT students.

According to Mr. Karchinski, who planned the event, “The event ran flawlessly. A great deal of time and energy is required to plan a large event, such as the Magnificat Dinner. The real challenge is taking all of those ideas and preparations and bringing them to life to execute a spectacular event.” One of the major reasons why this event was so successful was because of the hard work, passion and dedication displayed by the members of SALT. Two shifts of SALT members volunteered their time to set-up and then assist with dinner service. Their willingness to serve their school and their peers never fails. It is a continuous testament of the

spirit of the Kellenberg Memorial student body.

Senior Marc Lee said, “SALT isn’t just about serving food or setting up tables, it’s about a commitment to the mothers and daughters there, ensuring they had the best time possible.”

A highlight of any Kellenberg event is the delicious food prepared by the Phoenix Cafe staff. The evening

one of us, as a person of faith, is also chosen by God.” The speaker emphasized how Catholic Charities ministries are all invitations to put faith into action as Good Samaritans who respond to struggling neighbors.

Cassell also included several points about the importance of being pro-life. “The miracle of life has been divinely gifted to women of faith,” said Cassell. There will undoubtedly be times of confusion and uncertainty in a woman’s life, but faith allows a Christian to follow Mary example, trusting that we’ll find many ways to respect and honor that gift at every stage of life. “It was my hope that we would all be reminded to rediscover the inner beauty that is the Christ child within us as we together began our Advent journey,” said Cassell regarding her speech.

The guest speaker was an excellent addition to this year’s Magnificat Dinner, and her speech was extremely well received. Maggie Friel ‘14 noted,

“The speaker was wonderful. She is a great role model and clearly represents strong Catholic values.”

After announcing the winners of the wonderful raffle baskets organized by Mrs. Rodney, (which included a Juicy Couture themed basket and a KMHS bookstore basket,) the night ended with everyone having a great time out on the dance floor. Senior SALT volunteer Rebecca Hernandez stated, “The event was extremely high energy and everyone seemed like they were having a lot of fun.”

Bro. Michael Gillen, S.M. observed that “each year the event takes on a different ‘flavor,’ but it always has the same central theme: the celebration of Mary and all mothers.” The Magnificat Dinner is a certainly highlight of every Advent season for all attending mothers and daughters.



A group of friends pose for a picture while enjoying a lovely evening full of fun, foods, friends and family.

began with assorted hors d’oeuvres, cheese and fruit boards, and vegetable crudities. For dinner, five different buffet tables were prepared in the lobby, making self-service efficient and easy, feeding over 400 people in under 30 minutes. The menu included five delicious salads, chicken milanese, stuffed roast pork loin, butternut squash ravioli, pan roasted cod, and many more tasty dishes. For dessert there were various chocolates and sherbet. All the food was delicious and there was definitely something on the menu for everyone.

The best part of the evening was the eloquent guest speaker, Laura Cassell, CEO of Catholic Charities in Rockville Centre. Her speech was framed around the song Breadth of Heaven by Amy Grant and Chris Easton. Cassell discussed the importance of saying “yes” to God, and remaining steadfast in faith, even in times of doubt and confusion. Ms. Cassell suggested, “Each

Freshmen Start Sodality

Marc Lee '13

At Kellenberg Memorial, clubs and activities are perhaps the life of the school once the final bell rings, and with all different clubs meeting each day throughout the school, it is hard to imagine any period of time going by without one or more of these clubs occurring. Yet, every Monday, for one half hour after the dismissal bell rings, no clubs happen, no sports are played, no extra help is given and detention is not in session. The reason for this Kellenberg anomaly is Sodality.

Sodalities had their origin in France after the revolutions and were used as tools to spread the faith throughout a country that had nearly lost it during times of war. Blessed Father Chaminade, the founder of the Marianist community, is noted particularly for his sodalities to re-inspire the youth of war torn France. As a Catholic school in the Marianist tradition, we have continued our founder's practice of meeting in small groups to discuss the different aspects of faith and how they play into our lives each day.

"From the beginning of Freshman year, one of the main things we had heard from teachers and some of the older students was Sodality. They explained to us that it was a really important part of Kellenberg and that it was all about growing in our relationship with God while being with our friends and teachers," said Elizabeth

Perrone, a new freshman this year. This statement reflects the basics of what Sodality is primarily about, bringing each person, the moderator included,



A sodality meets on Monday afternoon in the yearbook office to talk about faith with friends.

closer to God through the people around them. Brendan Kassebaum, a senior who has been in a Sodality for four years, echoes these sentiments. He said, "Through the small group that I have been with through four years, I can honestly say that my spiritual life has reached heights that I had not expected it to from spending a half an hour a week in a room with my friends."

Meeting for a half hour each week

and talking about God with friends may seem appealing enough as a reason to join a sodality, but, as junior Molly O'Keefe mentioned, "Sodality meetings are a great time for personal growth, but the meetings were also fun opportunities to talk to people who I may not have ever had the chance to speak with before. In three years of being in a sodality, I have made some of my absolute best friends just from talking during a sodality pizza party or after a weekly meeting, and if I hadn't taken my sister's advice and joined a sodality, I might never have met them." When asked about his favorite experiences in his Kellenberg career, Brendan Kassebaum listed his sodality in the top 10, and sophomore Cara Lee, who has only been in a sodality for one year, had some of her most memorable experiences from freshman year at Sodality.

The official freshman sodality sign-ups occurred during the week of January 14, however, it is never too late to join a sodality. Some students, like senior Courtney Gillis, only joined a sodality in their junior year but have still come to love every minute that they spend there. "All in all," said junior Molly O'Keefe, "there really isn't a reason why anyone should miss out on joining a sodality, it may just be one of the best decisions you ever make, I know it was for me."

Continued from page 3 ago, Kellenberg Memorial and Chaminade are educating adolescents about the faith all four years of their high school education and run mandatory retreats for individual classes of each grade. Most importantly, the tradition of the Sodality is preserved at both high schools, which helps students to live out their Catholicism and proclaim it to those around them. Bro. Kenneth commented, "We encourage our students to grow in their faith so that they can be good witnesses to the Gospel." This makes the Sodality

integral to the New Evangelization



Students throughout Kellenberg participate in the Founders' Day Mass and remember Fr. Chaminade.

called for by Pope Benedict XVI and is a great service to commemorate the Year of Faith also decreed by Pope Benedict XVI.

The Marian devotion of the Marianists is still alive and well; all classrooms have a statue of Mary holding the infant Jesus symbolically bringing Him to the students through the strong devotion to education that characterizes the Society of Mary. Mr. Krug added, "You have to start with the young people because they're open and then they can bring the Faith to their homes."

Online Resources Assist Student Research

Brian Keane '15

Kellenberg offers databases that tremendously aid its pupils in writing research papers, thus databases are naturally beloved by students and faculty. Infobase eBooks, Gale group, Thompson Gale Databases from the New York State Library System, Facts on File, and Oxford University Press have eliminated meticulous, long hunts across libraries into simply typing a word or words into a search bar or clicking several links.

These databases collectively jam worlds of knowledge concerning core academic subjects, art, music, theology, current events, pop culture, social sciences, collegiate admission, employment chances, reference, biographies, literature and literary criticisms and specific trades into five websites. The variety of specific trades held is enormous. Agriculture, culinary arts, economics, hospitality, tourism, medicine, criminal justice, landscaping, communications, and technology are included. Its social science collections consist of psychology as well as gender and diversity studies.

The websites organize bounties of documents fantastically. Thompson Gale Databases neatly categorize images, magazines, newspapers, audios, academic journals, primary sources, web links, videos, reference, statistics, and access to related topics on one page. There are many ways to locate a subject in particular categories of information. A biography may be pinpointed by naming the person or his or her occupation, nationality, birthplace, or death place.

Gale group heavily stocks itself with strong artillery of literary works. It holds over a hundred thousand poems. Gale group houses a plethora of other pieces: plays, television episodes, sacred texts, speeches, songs, short stories, and collections of them, series, sculptures, podcasts, photographs, paintings, operas, novels, nonfictional works, musical work, letter, folktale, essays and collections of them, diaries, criticisms, comic strips, cantatas, ballets, books, autobiographies, artworks, and biographies. They are subcategorized into biog-

raphies, multimedia, primary sources and literary works, and topic and work overviews. Infobase shares its side-notes of many of these texts with pupils.

The love of databases is profoundly evident in students. Senior Mary Calabro says, "Gale group is easier to use [than print sources]. It is accessible from your home, so you do not have to go out to the library. All of Gale's resources are right at your fingertips, so you do not have to search through endless shelves of books. Gale group gives me reliable, genuine sources. It has im-

"Gale group is easier to use than print sources. It is accessible from your home, so you do not have to search through endless shelves of books."

proved my research immensely because the website contains both literary works and criticism of those stories; everything I need is right there."

Senior Noreen Prunier adds, "Kellenberg enables us to use this, which is amazing because this is what I'll be using when I go to college. I'm so happy I'm learning how to use it now." Gale especially delights Noreen because "it's so much easier to use than print sources because all I need to do is type in an author's name."

Kellenberg librarians approve of the monumental advancements in research. Bro. David Bruner S.M. says that, thanks to the databases, "the amount of material is incredibly magnified." Mrs. Bradley exclaims: "It's all that the English Department could wish for!"

Any student may access every database by visiting the Kellenberg website,

according to Bro. David. On the site, the student rests his or her mouse on the 'students' tab. Next, the pupil clicks the 'library' button, revealing a new page featuring links to a database's website. Finally, he or she follows the password instructions, specific to each individual database, to enter the site.

Kellenberg students are provided these databases twofold, according to Bro. David. The school administration purchased four privately and New York State hands Thompson Gale Databases to all its schools. The latter's edition is more advanced. Bro. David says that New York State government's version, "gives more and wider literary criticisms, information about controversial issues, biographies, and more information about history and science." After one visits each database, the visitor will certainly be most impressed by Thompson's overwhelming material levels, dwarfing the others.

Gale group has gained powerful honors from notable *Library Journal* magazine. According to <http://news.cengage.com> "Gale Virtual Reference Library (GVRL), was voted "Best Overall Database" by the readers of *Library Journal* magazine." Also, "GVRL was selected as the "Best Overall" for its depth and features – it hosts more than 9,000 full-text titles from Gale and more than 80 other publishers."

Cengage Learning, Gale group's parent company, is beginning another key move. "Two former business units – Gale, and the Academic and Professional Group (APG) _ will now operate as a single group along with the company's international operations," according to <http://www.libraryjournal.com> . The Academic and Professional Group is a revered company in its industry and close connections with Gale group will improve Cengage Learning.

Quick. Easy. Huge. What more powerful tool could be forged?

Eye on the Latin School

Kimberly Lores '18



The Latin School Geography Bee contestants all pose for a photo after some fierce competition.



The Latin School boys basketball team show their spirit at the winter pep rally.

The 2013 Latin School Geography Bee was a fierce and exhilarating battle of the wits.

The annual Latin School Geography Bee was held on Wednesday, January 9, 2013. There were a total of twenty-eight contestants, with two contestants representing each Latin School history class. The students who did not participate in the Geography Bee eagerly filed into the auditorium to watch the contest unfold a little after 8:30 a.m.

Mr. Kirk read the questions for the competition. The contenders in the Geography Bee were doing exceptional-

ly well and acing their questions until the dreaded continent section began, which eliminated multiple contestants in one round.

At the end of the Bee, two adroit contestants were left – Julia Liguori of 7C and Maggie Oriani of 8D. The two battled back and forth for several rounds before Maggie Oriani came out on top. Seventh-grader Julia Liguori came in second place and was deemed an impressive runner-up.

The winner now takes a written test to qualify for the more difficult state competition. A win in the state

bee would mean moving onto the national competition in Washington D.C.

Tons of congratulations were showered upon the winner and runner-up in the halls. “I am baffled how I got past the first round,” says runner-up Julia Liguori. “I am happy with my position in the bee.”

One thing is for sure. We can’t wait for the Latin School Geography Bee next year!



Maggie Oriani '17 stands proudly after beating out the competition at the annual Latin School Geography Bee.



Squire Marissa Manzione focuses on her music during the 2012 Christmas concert.

Mayans Flop

Ava Mack '13

Most of us today are able to say we've survived several apocalypses and doomsdays, the year 2000, 6/6/06, the May 21, 2011 apocalypse, and now the granddaddy of all disaster, 12/21/12.

According to a Reuters poll, 10% of the global population believed that the end of the Mayan calendar meant the end of the world as we knew it. A slighter 8% of people worldwide admitted to having anxiety over the coming of the predicted apocalypse. Generally, 14% of people believe that the world will come to an end in their lifetimes. The country with the highest percent of people who believed that the world as we knew it would end along with the Mayan calendar in 2012 was China with 20% and the lowest were Indonesia and Germany with 4%.

But what was the hype really all about? Is it a coincidence that in the years leading up to 2012 there were dozens of books published, multi-million dollar movies made, documentaries filmed, polls taken and provisions accounted for? Every few years it seems the media launches a new apocalyptic theme to capture the minds and attention of people worldwide. It has become a form of entertainment to anticipate what might happen if the world as we knew it really did end.

It's also a logical way of thinking in troubling times. A large-scale catastrophe provides an all-encompassing answer to problems currently facing humanity such as environmental calamity, economic recession and depression, unemployment and warfare. Uncertainty in a future that doesn't look as promising as our past naturally opens the door for supernatural solutions.

There are endless possibilities as to what could happen during the "end of the world as we know it": each one of biblical proportions. Consumption of the planet in fire and brimstone, severe catastrophic natural disasters converging into massive super storms, a wide spread epidemic equal to that of the Black Plague or the four horsemen of Hell riding forth have all been speculated. Every theory has been publicized from the movie 2012 to the popular TV

show about the zombie apocalypse, *The Walking Dead*. All these disasters seem to fit the vague definition of the "end of the world as we know it."

What did the Mayan calendar, so advanced for its time that we still put so much emphasis and belief into it today, say exactly about the magic date of De-

Drawing by Alexandra Burdo



Mayans thought they had the answer, but the forces of nature and mankind had other plans.

ember 21, 2012? The calendar on that date cycles back to zero, or ends. But what the frenzied masses seemed to forget is that the calendar begins again. The last time this cycle happened was 3114 B.C., and the ancient people of that day took it as a sign of doomsday as they did natural phenomena such as eclipses and meteor showers. Some beliefs never change.

Feeding the superstition of the 2012 apocalypse is the sinister idea that the Mayans predicted their own downfall as a civilization accurately; to the day. Other local events such as Hurricane Sandy and the Nor'easter that followed

effectively played up the apocalyptic theme and the emotions of the populace. Even the most conservative minds must have had some curious thoughts the night of December 20. Curiosity didn't just get the cat; it got us humans as well.

The biggest failure and miscalculation that apocalyptic predictions encountered, however, was the sun rising on December 22, 2012 the same as it has for millions of years. Whatever divine beginning or ending happened on 12/21/12 remains invisible and undetectable to us and skeptics can say they told us so and devil's advocates can scratch their heads and continue the search for more prophetic writings by Nostradamus.

It is generally agreed, after the fact of course, that the whole idea was ludicrous to begin with. Senior Billy Lawlor agreed emphatically with this school of thought. He said, "To think that the entire human race would become extinct, obsolete or forever changed on one 'special' day is irrational. The human race changes day by day, and December 21, 2012 was nothing so radically different to me than October 3, January 14 or April 6."

While we can all breathe a little easier that the world is still turning with all of us on it, and that the sun still rises and sets as it always has, there will always be an element of superstition and wonder attached to the date December 21, 2012. Senior Amanda Riiska explained our fascination with the world's end best when she said, "The apocalypse sparked interest and wonder in us, but scared us concurrently. When all is put in perspective, no one wants to imagine what life would be like without our unruffled daily routines and idiosyncrasies. I think everyone was slightly relieved when doomsday became just another fanatical speculation."

Whether appeased or disappointed by the lack of annihilation and upheaval on December 21, 2012, none was more relieved than I having successfully lived through my supposedly ill-timed and inopportune eighteenth birthday.

Drama Club Preps for Murder Mystery

Suzanne Vignola '13

Every Spring Kellenberg Memorial High School hosts its annual spring play production. This year's spring drama production is Albert De Courville's *And Then There Were None*, based upon the original novel by Agatha Christie.

This murder story, about eleven characters who meet their death one-by-one until there are none, takes place in a mansion on an island off the coast of Devon, England. Set in the 1930's on a dark and stormy night, the play begins with ten invited guests, whom apparently are all murderers and have never met one another, nor their host, before. A display of ten figurines in military dress rest upon the dining room table. While the guests are assembled for cocktails prior to going to dinner, a voice comes out of the air accusing everyone present, including the two

house servants, each of murder. As the guests sit and talk about themselves, one of the ten little toy soldiers topples off the mantelpiece and breaks, making perfectly clear that someone has died.

nately want to make it special this year, we have so many members. Everybody in the club has been on stage performance before, so basically this year its all old-timers." Drama club moderator

Mr. Murphy is equally enthusiastic about the upcoming performance, "the students have been working really hard this year to make this play special. I hope that we can make this a better per-

formance than last time and that it will leave good memories for the many seniors in the club."

The play's official performance dates are Saturday, March 1st and Sunday, March 2nd and will be performed in the auditorium. *And Then There Were None* will have you on the edge of your seat, so come see who did it!

Performance dates:

Friday, March 1 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 2 8:00 p.m.

With one down and nine to go the excitement begins and never stops until the final scene, a comically gruesome denouement which involves clues, explanations, suspicions, and terror. Senior Diana Liguori calls it "A really good way to end with a bang!"

Senior Richard Townsend says, "It feels good to be in a show with a different cast, only eleven people. We defi-

Continued from page 2

people who walked in darkness until we saw the great light of Jesus. Fr. Albert continued to say that these words have a new meaning for the northeast this Christmas as it has experienced the darkness of Hurricane Sandy. Fr. Albert also provided comedy in his homily as he read some e-mails from children to Santa Claus. At the conclusion of the homily, senior Mary Fitzgerald sang an inspiring reflection song titled "Be Born in Me."

After the homily, student-ushers passed baskets containing Kellenberg ornaments down the rows of the congregation. Each member of the congregation received an ornament to take home and place on the Christmas tree. Then there was the special practice of blessing the altar with incense while preparing for the consecration of the Eucharist. In typical Kellenberg fashion, Mass was closed with the Marian Incantation of "Salve Regina" and the recessional song "Angels We Have Heard on High."

One of the most wonderful aspects of Midnight Mass is that it is a mixture of members of the Kellenberg family who have been attending Mid-

night Mass for many years joined by newcomers who are experiencing it for



Mitchell Dull carries the incense before the cross in the Processional.

the very first time. This year was junior Jillian Pallone's first time at the mass. She explained, "I've always wanted to

have this experience. It was absolutely wonderful and everything about it was great. I am definitely going to be attending next year. I would encourage everyone to go to Midnight Mass." When asked about her favorite part of the Mass, she said, "I loved being able to celebrate the birth of Jesus with my friends and it was a fantastic start to my Christmas." Maura Collins has been attending this mass since 2004. Her favorite part of the mass is the homilies because "they always teach a good lesson and I always learn something new." Emily Aratoon concludes by saying, "Kellenberg has been a part of my entire life and I enjoy spending Christmas Mass with the school that I have become so fond of."

Kellenberg's Midnight Mass was an exhilarating start to the Christmas day. Even though the mass ended at 1:30 in the morning, the congregation left Kellenberg not feeling tired, but feeling more awake than ever. Everybody that was in attendance at Midnight Mass agrees that it was a marvelous experience because it was spent together with friends and family of the Kellenberg community.

Kellenberg Brings Joy to Queen of Peace Residents

Madeline Fitzpatrick '14

On several occasions during the Christmas season, students from Kellenberg Memorial High School visited the Queen of Peace Nursing Home to spread some holiday cheer to the residents and staff. Every year, students and faculty members travel to Queen of Peace in Queens Village to engage with the elderly generation and bring some Christmas spirit.

On December 11, 2012, members of the Senior Phoenix Chorus under the direction of Mr. Blanton, visited the Queen of Peace Nursing Home to perform their highly anticipated Christmas Concert. The chorus had been practicing several holiday classics to perform for the elderly residents. Over a hundred students from the junior and senior class gathered in the Queen of Peace Chapel to sing festive songs and carols. The Phoenix offered a beautiful rendition of "O Holy Night" and "Betelehemu." They also rejoiced in singing "Joy in the Morning," "Hallelujah," and "A Soulful Celebration." The residents of the nursing home watched with delight as Kellenberg's most talented musicians and vocalists filled the room with angelic harmonies.

After the chorus had jubilantly performed its last song, students joined the elderly in the church pews to sing several familiar Christmas carols. The singing had lasted around twenty minutes and brought seasonal smiles to everyone in the chapel. "The Queen of Peace Visitation is truly an amazing way to spread the Christmas spirit," said junior Sabrina Franza. "The festive carols and

songs bring happiness to all the members of the home and put a smile on everyone's face. I look forward to visiting the residents of Queen of Peace again and I cannot wait to sing the newly prepared songs!"

On January 20, 2013, several Kellenberg students from all grade levels made a second visit to The Queen of Peace Nursing Home. After the final trimester exam, forty students enthusiastically traveled to Queens Village to sing Christmas carols and give gifts to the elderly. Armed with gifts and good cheer, Santa and several Kellenberg students roamed the halls as residents waited in their rooms in anticipation. Many of the elderly and staff members sat by the doors waiting for the Kellenberg students to arrive with gifts and to sing Christmas carols.

Bro. Michael Gillen said, "The Queen of Peace Christmas Visitation has become a favorite visit for many of our students. That these students suspend their long awaited and much deserved Christmas vacation in order to provide a joyful service illustrates what Kellenberg is very much about: that which we for the least of our brothers." Many of the students who came to the nursing home this year have attended and enjoyed the visit in years past. They love bringing joy to members of the older generation and plan on attending again next year.

Once all the gifts had been handed out, the students and elderly met in the Chapel with the Little Sisters of the Poor to have a Lessons and Carols Ser-

vice. The Kellenberg volunteers gathered around the residents in the chapel pews and read from the sacred scriptures. Together as a community of faith in Christ, the students assisted the elderly in singing Christmas carols and spiritual meditations.

During the meditation, over a hundred candles were lit and held by everyone in the chapel. The candles were the only source of light throughout the entire prayer service. The final carol, "Silent Night," concluded the prayer service. Junior Kristina Cabello remarked, "I thought of myself and my classmates as the Magi, bringing gifts to Christ. In a weird way, we transposed the story. The Kings brought gifts to the child, but now we were children bringing gifts to the elderly."

Students said goodbye to their new friends and wished them a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year.

The Queen of Peace Christmas Visitations provided the elderly residents with the Christmas spirit and helped brighten the holidays. The festive carols and beautiful hymns brightened the day of the many of the residents and staff. Members of the Phoenix Chorus and students from all divisions were models of Christ bringing kindness and generosity to the older generation. The visitations have become a rewarding and enjoyable experience for both the students and residents of The Queen of Peace Nursing Home.

continued from page 20 boys excitedly gathered in a huddle in the middle of the court to praise their dodge ball conquerors and to celebrate the win as a team. After a group picture with the Dodge Bowl trophy was taken, the floor cleared once again for an animated performance from the Varsity Dance Team to conclude the rally.

Athletes responded to this exhilarating afternoon just as well as onlookers did. "Pep Rally is a great opportunity for the rest of the school to see how



The co-hosts of the Pep Rally, seniors Jeremy Arthur and Stephanie Staiano, start the show by pumping up the crowd.

much we dedicate to our sport and how important it is to us," shared Bowling Tri-Captain Katie Duran '13, who fended for her team in several dodge ball matches. "We get to support our teammates, and it brings us closer together as a group."

Pep Rally delivers a sense of the unpredictable frenzy only the world of sports can provide. Each sports season, Kellenberg offers students a look into this adrenaline-charged life and promotes a surplus of excitement for its dedicated sports teams.

Kellenberg Musicians Raise the Christmas Spirit

James Taglienti '14

On Friday, December 14, the Phoenix orchestra, chorus, and band performed their annual Christmas concert to inspire a festive spirit among the spectators. The combined ensemble performed music that they have been working diligently on since the beginning days of the school year. It was a night filled with quality entertainment for all that began with the orchestra.

The orchestra started its portion of the concert with the song, "The Shepherds' Farewell," composed by Hector Berlioz. With all the string instruments sounding consonant to the ear, the song was a great way to begin the night.

The orchestra closed their set with the popular song, "Dance of the Sugarplum Fairies," originally composed by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky.

Senior Richard Townsend, a keyboard soloist, commented, "Playing a piece of that style, which required three percussionists, a keyboard, and the entirety of the Phoenix Orchestra, in only a few days after returning from hurricane Sandy was a truly remarkable task to undertake, and we are very proud of our performance from that evening."

Although the song was definitely a challenge to perform, it was executed perfectly and the captivating beat set the audience members in good spirits for the chorus portion of the night.

The chorus poured into the auditorium cheerfully singing, "Carol of the Bells," written by M. Leontovich as they stepped onto the risers in front of the stage. Wasting no time, the chorus started up the Nigerian Carol, "Betelehemu" sung in the native language, Yoruba, and accompanied by the appropriate African drum the djembe, played by junior Kenneth Doyle; it is a rope-tuned, skin-covered goblet drum played with bare hands.

Choral Director, Mr. Blanton stated, "It was difficult to bring together all the concert pieces in the shortened time we had due to the hurricane. Although it was sometimes a struggle, I believe the

chorus pulled it out in the end and gave a phenomenal performance. I was very



Senior Noreen Prunier concentrates as she plays her viola.

proud of the hard work and effort they put into delivering a strong performance."

The chorus closed their perform-



Freshman Kyle Christie contributes to the band with strong trumpet accompaniment.

mance with the upbeat and soulful "Hallelujah," from Handel's Messiah during which included a solo from Isabella Caneda '13. The crowd's reaction was stellar and the members of the chorus were pleased with the concert they delivered.

Senior member Diana Liguori said, "Although it was challenging to prepare

for the concert after losing so much rehearsal time because of Hurricane Sandy, Mr. Blanton and the chorus really worked hard to get where we needed to be in order to put on a great performance."

Adding to the already powerful set, was a solo by senior Daniella Hernandez of the song "O Holy Night," backed up by the chorus. The moving rendition of the song resonated with the audience members as a standing ovation followed, facilitating the transition between the chorus and band.

The Phoenix Band opened their set with the popular Christmas carol, "Sleigh Ride," written by Leroy Anderson which featured a bugle solo from senior Joseph Mistrion. The energetic response from the audience facilitated the Phoenix Band to conclude an impressive night of performances.

Band member Emily Berg '14 added, "I thought we performed well and pleased the audience with what we played. We practiced hard but it was all worth it after giving the solid performance that we did."

The closing song for the band was, "Overture to a Winter Celebration," arranged by James M. Stephenson which was definitely an acceptable way to leave the crowd before the grand finale.

Band Director, Mr. Vegas stated, "Even with the lost rehearsal time, the band persevered and delivered a fantastic performance. I was extremely proud of the work they did and the overall outcome was a great reflection of that work. I am looking forward to working with this group for the spring concert."

The finale combined all components of the concert: the band, chorus, and orchestra. The medley, "A Jubilant Christmas," combined the Christmas selections, "Angels We Have Heard on High," "We Three Kings" and "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing." The performers received a standing ovation and could not have been more pleased.

The Christmas concert was definitely a success and a delightful way to start the Christmas season.

ND Fights (Themselves?) for Old Glory

Ryan Bannon '13

You know how they say that everybody's Irish on St. Paddy's Day? In a similar way I think everybody's Irish when it comes to NCAA football and the Notre Dame "Fighting Irish" football team.

I mean, did anyone *other* than the truly Crimson-blooded fans of Alabama want the Irish to *lose* in the BCS title game?

And if you're Catholic? Tsk,tsk. How dare you root against the Irish of Our Lady?

But, boy, the 2012 Irish of South Bend are testing my fealty!

The Irish have enjoyed a long and illustrious history in college football. Dating back to 1887, the program has recorded 11 national titles between 1924 and 1988. The team has the second highest all-time winning percentage in FBS Division I football, second only to Michigan. The institution can also boast the NCAA records for most Heisman trophy winners and All-American players.

However, for a program so steeped in a winning tradition, the Fighting Irish have not been meeting the expectations of years past. The last five years have ended dismally, unranked in the AP national poll with records that hover around a .500 winning percentage. Notre Dame fans would like to see the team return to the era of Knute Rockne and Frank Leahy, head coaches who each won three national championships in the 20s and 40s, or most recently, the undefeated season of 1988 under Lou Holtz.

"I am not a college football fan," says history teacher and junior varsity football coach Mr. A'Hearn. "But, I still watch the Notre Dame games because of the history and backdrop of their home field. This season has been interesting, it has resurrected the ghosts of the past and given us a taste from the time when college football was the premier sport of this country and the Irish were at the center of it. For a traditionalist like myself it was fun to watch

the reemergence of the Irish as a football power and the attention it garnered. It will certainly be interesting to see if Notre Dame can maintain their current level of success and possibly even win the national championship."

In spite of that history and as a result

a poor impression in the minds of Irish fans, since Brian Kelly declared his current position with Notre Dame as "a dream job" and that leaving "is not an option." The school managed to keep Kelly, but no one can be sure for how many more seasons or whether fans will

approve of him in the coming months.

In a second potential catastrophe for the athletic department of Notre Dame, captain and Heisman Trophy finalist Manti Te'o's "fake girlfriend hoax" was brought to life. Earlier in the season, when Notre Dame was gaining notoriety across the nation, Te'o claimed that both his grandmother and his girlfriend from Stanford had passed away within a day of each other. He made a pledge to her that he would keep on playing for her and his team, and that he will move on through the tragedy with his head held high. Te'o and the athletic department are on their heels now as the sports blog Deadspin launched an investigation into Te'o's girlfriend to find no records of her even existing. Manti claims that he himself has been duped and is part of a sick joke, but as questions continue to arise, stories continue to contradict each other and excuses are added to the drama daily.

Despite an already turbulent off-season, Notre Dame football still has a shot at redemption next year for a BCS title. The 2013 schedule is a sweet mixture of strong teams to beat to earn a higher ranking but not powerful enough to pose a monumental obstacle in what could be another successful regular season. The team will lose many seniors, including Manti Te'o, to the NFL this spring, but with a strong recruiting class and the proven expertise of Brian Kelly, Fighting Irish fans have a dog in the wild fight of college football.

*But, boy, the
2012 Irish of
South Bend
are testing my
fealty!*

of their lackluster play of late, the team entered the 2012 season unranked in the AP poll.

Hoping to defy detractors, Notre Dame began its season in Dublin, Ireland, in the Emerald Isle Classic with a 50-10 trouncing of Navy, which earned the Fighting Irish a national ranking of #22. The team took the momentum of their first game and ran with it, garnering a perfect 12-0 regular season and a trip to the BCS National title game.

Unfortunately, the Fighting Irish's miracle season fell short in their loss to #2 Alabama in the BCS National Championship game on January 7, 2013. Alabama had tight control over the championship game for four quarters and won 42-14.

In the wake of the championship loss, things have only gotten worse for the Fighting Irish. Head Coach Brian Kelly, only days after the loss, started interviewing for a head coaching job with the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles. This has left

Soccer Star Christina Akalski Scores Big

Sierra Hajdu '13

She's a member of Kellenberg Memorial High School's Class of 2013 and a prospective student at the University of Scranton. She's an ardent, passionate and devoted soccer player and the winner of numerous, distinctive awards. She's Christina Akalski, or as they call her on the field, "Tina."

For the majority of her life, Akalski has played soccer. She began playing the sport fourteen years ago and has spent six of those fourteen years playing for Kellenberg, two of which were played while she attended the Brother Joseph C. Fox Latin School.

During those fourteen years, she has blossomed into quite the talented soccer player. Proof of her talent lies in the five awards Akalski received at the most recent athletic awards ceremony. The young soccer star received the Most Valuable Player for Kellenberg, All League Player, Player of the Year for the girls' soccer league, All Long Island 1st Team and All State 2nd Team.

Of these accolades Christina exclaimed, "I'm so proud of all the awards I have won, but winning the All Long Island Team and then winning the State Team surprised me a lot!"

Mrs. Finn, her soccer coach, also remarked on Christina's impressive showing at the awards, "I am most proud of her receiving the All Long Island award. Without this award, she would not have gotten All State. She has received the recognition of all coaches across Long Island in both Nassau and Suffolk. This award is great for her but also for our team and school. We are getting recognition as a program that we never received before."

Mrs. Finn has been coaching the Girls Varsity Soccer team for 6 years. She has had the honor of coaching

Christina for the last three. "It was an absolute joy to see her train at practice," she said when asked about

"She had an absolute joy and passion for the team and sport that she would instill in veteran and younger players alike."

"I would try to instruct Tina on a particular skill and if she was having some difficulty with it and getting frustrated, she would get it after just a few attempts. She would then apply that skill during a game and have great success. She had an absolute joy and passion for the team and sport that she would instill in veteran and younger players alike. I also loved seeing how opposing teams would change their playing style to defend Tina or to take her. That is a huge compliment as a player: that a team gives you that much respect to change their playing because they see you as such a threat."

As for Christina's favorite part about playing soccer for Kellenberg, Akalski commented, "My favorite part of being on the team has definitely been all the friends I have made throughout the last six years. I have gotten so close to girls I normally never see in school. When the soccer season ends, I still stay close with them! I made a lot of friends including some girls whom I know I will stay in touch with for the rest of my life."

It certainly will not be doubted that Akalski will continue to maintain friendships with her teammates and friends as she embarks on a new chapter of her life: college. Currently, she plans to play soccer for the University of Scranton in the fall and is anxiously, excitedly awaiting this opportunity. While she is there, Coach Finn advises Christina not to change her style of playing soccer, but to add to it. "Many coaches will want to shape a member of their team into a player that they want. Ideally, Tina would take her coach's style and her style to create a perfect complement of the two."



Christina exhibits her fancy foot work on the field.

Christina's progress over her high school athletic career. She then noted,

Intramurals Successfully Begin

Christian McCartney '13

It's Thursday afternoon. It's been a long day. You need to blow off a little steam after the school day. If you enjoy casual games of basketball or ping pong, Kellenberg's intramurals are for you, especially if you stay after school most days of the week.

The common student looking for a lighthearted pickup basketball will be hard-pressed to find a game that doesn't involve heavy sweatshirts and freezing fingers at this time of the year. The private gyms around Long Island are full of varsity teams running practice and games, and joining these gyms is often very expensive and certainly not worth the cost for someone just looking for the occasional pickup game. That's where the Kellenberg gym comes into play.

Every Thursday, the gym opens up after school from 3 to 4pm to any Latin school or high school student interested. The program is run by the Sophomore GSO. Oftentimes a school's intramurals will be exclusively offered to older children, but Kellenberg's system gives the younger ones a chance to play as much as the older ones. If you have shorts, a t-shirt, and sneakers, you'll be playing ball in no time.

The first intramural department sprang up on the campuses of Ohio State University and the University of Michigan in 1913. The word "intramural" itself is derived from the Latin words "intra" and "muros," literally meaning "within walls." Elmer Mitchell, a graduate student at the time, was named the first Director of Intramural Sports at the University of Michigan in 1919 when the first recreational sports facility in the country was opened on campus. He is now heralded as "The Father of Intramural Sports" and went on to write two books on the subject of intramurals. What differentiates most intramural programs

from varsity and junior varsity programs is the lack of travel; an intramural team or league only competes within a set area.

Often underclassmen that did not make a school basketball team will use intramurals as a chance to grow and develop their game, all while impressing the coaches of the teams they hope to make the following year. "I didn't make the squad this year," said sophomore Thomas Mascia. "I knew that I didn't impress in tryouts, and I've been working on my game ever since. A lot of times, some of the coaches will come down and watch us play. If I play well enough to stick in a coach's head, I know I'll have a much better chance of making it the next time around."

For others, much less competitive than the potential athletes, the intramural program is used simply to have fun and stay in shape. "I enjoy it; it's relaxing to go out and have a good time for a few hours after school," said Christopher McDaniels '15. The spirit of intramurals itself is a calm, non-competitive environment.

Intramural games range from one on one to a full five on five, with the winning team the first to score either eleven points for the smaller games or twenty-one for the larger games. Teams vary each game, as is customary with pickup games, although you'll find a few groups of friends who stick together game after game. It's the chemistry

they developed on a playground somewhere out on Long Island, and now, thanks to intramurals, they can show off

their skills to other friends, picking up bragging rights along the way.

Intramurals are not just for the amateur basketball players of Kellenberg. The uniqueness of Kellenberg's intramural program lies within its countless games of ping pong. The structure of this loosely formed intramural ping pong league is almost identical to that of the basketball league. Find a partner, find a table, and play a few games, just like any of the many beach clubs feature. However, those clubs are closed now in the winter, and if people want to stay sharp for the summer or just have a little fun on a weekday afternoon, the ping pong tables will draw their attention.

The rules for these table tennis games are the standard, with games to 21, win by two. Oftentimes groups of students will play matches, usually best two out of three. The skill of the ping pong players ranges from your blossoming Latin Schoolers to your pro freshman and sophomores, with the occasional upper classmen joining in.

Mr. Fechtmann, the Director of Athletics, explained, "The Marianist education philosophy is to educate the whole student, the heart, the mind and the body. With not all students at Kellenberg able to participate in interscholastic sports, the intramural program allows them to combine physical activity with student organized competition."

All in all, an afternoon spent with some relaxing intramurals is a weekday afternoon well spent. Whether it's winter time conditioning to an after school hobby, intramurals has something for just about every student at Kellenberg. The spirit of intramurals is fun and light hearted, and Kellenberg's intramurals are no different.



Senior James Malebranche enthusiastically enjoys a game of basketball.



Senior David Lee watches his fellow classmate, Dylan Murphy, shoot a basket.

Student Athletes Look to Their Future

Ajani Bazile-Dutes '14

On November 29, 2012, in the library of Kellenberg Memorial High School, four seniors signed the National Letter of Intent, a document that determines a student athlete's commitment to playing a college sport. The students' parents were invited to watch their children sign their letters. Mr. Fechtmann, Kellenberg's athletic director, and a photographer were on hand to commemorate the event.

The four seniors who signed were Amanda Crimarco, Stephanie Staiano, Connor Powers and Matthew Weissheier. Crimarco and Staiano both signed for softball, Crimarco with Rider University and Staiano with Dowling College. Powers and Weissheier signed for baseball, Powers with the University of Rhode Island and Weissheier with Hofstra.

The students discussed some of the opportunities they look forward to and what they hope their experience might be like. Crimarco stated that some of her joys about going to college are playing softball, meeting new people, and bonding with her teammates. However, she is concerned about the struggle of

being a student athlete. When asked about his fears, Matthew Weissheier said, "For the most part I don't have any fears. It's going to be a challenge playing against players three years older



Amanda Crimarco, Connor Powers, Stephanie Staiano, and Matthew Weissheier prepare to sign the National Letter of Intent.

than I am, but it's going to be a great experience. I can't wait to take on the challenge." He stated that he is extremely excited to play college baseball and commented, "I am blessed to be given this opportunity, and I can't wait to get on the field at Hofstra."

Powers looks forward to playing his favorite sport and believes that this pro-

gram will help him focus on athletics and academics at the same time. Some of his fears include the competition being very tough and fitting in with the college program. Connor said, "I expect college to be a well-rounded experience for me with ups and downs. Hopefully it will have more ups than downs."

Depending on commitments made between student athletes and colleges in the upcoming months, Kellenberg may be hosting a similar signing event in the spring. For now, all four seniors who signed on November 29 share the relief that their college search is over. Amanda Crimarco was stressed when it came time for applying to colleges but is now relieved that she has signed with a college. Powers, too, feels great knowing that while some of his classmates

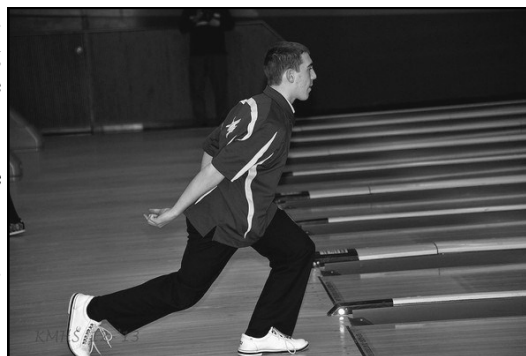
still have to go through the college application process, he no longer has to worry. Echoing the same sentiment, Matthew Weissheier said, "Knowing where I'm going to college feels like a weight has been lifted off my shoulders. I don't have to stress out about getting numerous college applications. I'm able to sit back and enjoy my senior year."

Bowling Rolls Towards Victory

Michael Manukian '14

The 2012-2013 Kellenberg Memorial Boys and Girls bowling teams have demonstrated a true sense of skill, sportsmanship and competitiveness throughout their seasons. With an overall record of 5-4 for the Boys Bowling team and the Girls Bowling team's record of 5-0, they have played fiercely and proven their skills throughout the year.

Coach Casalnuovo very enthusiastically explained his excitement for this season: "I'm very pleased with how the season is going so far. I do set high standards for my team, and with the league as balanced as it is this year, I'm hoping for a big win in the end. If the boys' team wins the next two matches this week against St. Anthony's and St.



Senior Thomas DeMicco concentrates as he throws the bowling ball down the lane.

Mary's, we will be in third place going into the playoffs. There is definitely a great sense of depth in this league and I do hope that our team will peak by

playoff time."

Seconding this thought, junior James Taglienti commented, "I think our team is doing great this season and better than we have ever done in the past two years."

The same amount of pride goes into the hard working and very dedicated Girls Bowling team. They have proven again and again, especially with their undefeated record this season, that they are a true competitor in this league. With playoffs around the corner, everyone will be full of anticipation to see who wins it all.

Boys Basketball Breaks Away from the Competition

Amanda Dunklee '14

Beginning with the opening game of the season on Friday, November 3, 2012, the Boys Varsity Basketball team has been playing tenaciously to make it to the top. The team consists of dedicated juniors and seniors who were adept enough to earn a position on the team. Under the expertise coaching of Mr. McCutcheon, now in his seventh year as coach of the team, the boys have grown tremendously.

In addition to developing their abilities and relationships as a team, the boys had a remarkable opportunity to grow as men. At the beginning of the season, the team ventured to Breezy Point, a town that was particularly damaged due to Hurricane Sandy. The boys on the team selflessly gave their time to assist those who were in need. Coach McCutcheon proudly remarked, "It was a great experience for the boys helping out, and it is something they will never forget. This gave them a good perspec-

tive on life and what's really important."

On the court this year, the team has won several important games and continues to succeed. On December 28, 2012, the team won the South Side Holiday Classic, a superb highlight of the season. In addition to this outstanding accomplishment, the boys were victorious over Thomas Edison High School, an AA New York City public school team, in St. John the Baptist High School's Holiday Tournament.

Ryan Durney '14, who plays small forward on the team, said that his favorite part of the game is the fourth quarter. "If we're ever behind, it feels incredible for the team to make a comeback," said Ryan, contemplating past victories. A personal highlight for him as well as the team was winning the aforementioned South Side Christmas Tournament. "It felt really good winning," commented Ryan.

Darryl Edouard '14 is the manager of the Boys Varsity Basketball team. While he does not actually play in the games, Darryl's job is no less important than any of the players. "I keep the record book, keep track of points, fouls and game statistics," explained Darryl. "I used to do scoreboards, but Coach McCutcheon asked me to be the team manager. The best part is the feeling of being a part of the team," Darryl added.

With the season ending on Tuesday, February 19, which is also Senior Night, the Boys Varsity Basketball team certainly has much to work towards. Following the end of the season, the team participates in playoffs, which determine the team's overall victory. With all this in consideration, the team is certainly working hard to ensure victory in the remainder of the season as well as in the playoffs.

Girls Basketball: A Bright Future

Sarah Massoni '14

The Girls Varsity Basketball team began their season in November, and since then the team has collected several thrilling wins against schools such as Holy Trinity, Our Lady of Mercy Academy and Sacred Heart Academy. Their skill and teamwork are visibly displayed for all to see on the court, and their many positive traits are what have led the team to their successes so far. Despite the loss of junior Taylor Casey, who is out for the season due to an injury, the team has rallied and seems more determined than ever to make it to the top.

The team's resolve manifests itself in practice, where they work tirelessly on improving their game play. According to the head coach, Mr. Heitner, the girls have been focusing especially on conditioning and execution. Coach Heitner commented, "If we want to beat the really good teams, conditioning is a must, and we have to work on the execution of our game plan." Miss Watson,

the team's assistant coach, also added, "The chemistry is really good this year, and the girls work well together."

Sadly, the team's multiple wins have also come with several losses. Their unfortunate loss to league rival St. Anthony's, however, did not discourage the girls. "Losses are learning experiences. They help us understand what we need to work on," Coach Heitner said.

A high percentage of the team this year consists of juniors. This has led to a strong connection between the girls and has certainly strengthened and increased their team play. "We've been playing together since before freshman year, so we work really well together," junior co-captain Kaitlyn Stackpole stated. "We have a lot of heart." This is obvious to anyone who watches the team during one of their games. The girls are completely in tune with each other while on the court, and the girls on the sidelines shout constant encour-

agement to their teammates.

The loss of the four seniors will be sorely felt next season. Despite the graduation of seniors Amanda Cimarco, Kathleen Meyer, Mary-Katherine O'Connell and Alexa Sadowski, however, the team is poised to be a force to be reckoned with next year. Some standout juniors include Candace Belvedere as the leading rebounder, and Kaitlyn Stackpole with the most steals so far this season.

The Girls Varsity Basketball team, under the direction of Coach Heitner and assistant coaches Watson and Agostinacchio, has not had an easy season thus far, yet they have swept through the first half of their season with strength and ferocity. The girls have several games left in the season, and they will doubtlessly give every match their all.

Girls Track Treks Towards Victory

Mackenzie Freeman '14

This winter season the Lady Firebirds Track and Field team exploded off the starting line with wins at multiple meets at the New Balance Armory and St. Anthony's High School. The all-star team is led under the direction of captains Brittany LeJouan, Jamie Gordon, Liz Magno and junior Melany Belot. "The girls have already performed incredibly this season, and there is so much talent and potential to do even better. We've been working really hard and giving everything we have at every practice and every meet and it has completely paid off," said Gordon. This year's team has a huge legacy to live up to after the outstanding performance of the team last year during the 2011-2012 season.

Kellenberg's illustrious Shuttle Hurdle Relay has always been an elite group that consistently delivers at championship meets including Leagues, Intersectionals, States and even Nationals. The unbelievable 34 second relay this year (#1 in League and State, #6 in the country) includes senior Mary Camarano and juniors Danielle Correia, Vanessa Lawrence-Fulton and Melany Belot. "We are excited to be able to keep up the tradition and hope to place well at Nationals this year. We train hard every day and take all our practice seriously," commented the girls. The other sprinters and hurdlers including sophomores Bridget McNierney and Kerryann Ladouceur, and seniors Courtney Thomas, Dorie Ervilus and Carly Montgomery have also turned in excellent races at meets such as the North Shore Invitational and Marine Corps Classic. "So far, the girls are in great shape for the rest of this season. We have been working so hard to accomplish more than last year and we have added motivation to win this year because we are defending champions. The loss of All-Americans Odrine Belot and Katie Cavanaugh from the Class of 2012 posed no problem for the new Shuttle Hurdle replacements to step up, deliver and plan to do even better this season," said Melany Belot.

Kellenberg's field events have also

shone this season with outstanding performances in the high jump, triple jump,



Senior sensation Mia Imbesi strides toward a fine finish.

long jump, pole vaulting and shot-put. Captains Brittany LeJouan and Melany Belot have shone in the triple jump with LeJouan's PR of 34' and Belot's 36'4". LeJouan has also prevailed in the high jump with the Catholic League record of 5'2" along with junior Ali Ré's record of 4'8". "We've done really well so far this season, and I'm so proud of all the girls on the team. I look forward to the girls as a whole coming together to win at Leagues and Intersectionals," said LeJouan. This season Kellenberg has also begun a new tradition with junior Mackenzie Freeman and freshman Deirdre Lewin competing in pole vaulting. Bridget McNierney and Mary Camarano have turned in excellent performances in the long jump with McNierney's 16'06" and Camarano's 15'6". Senior captain Natalie Jean has also excelled in the field events with impressive standings as #1 in the Catholic League and in Kellenberg history, #2 in the state, and #11 in the entire country for shot-put record of 40'6", along with senior Michelle Rispoli's 34'11" record and #2 standing in the League, and junior Megan Nugent's 28'10". "As

a team, we all improve together. When one does well, we all do well. Though we each excel in different events, we all come together as a whole to achieve personal and team goals as a family with our faith at the center," added Jean.

The distance runners this year also have great things planned for their competition the rest of this upcoming season. Sophomore Jazmine Fray has had outstanding performances with a 5:03 mile (#1 in the League and #7 in the country), a 2:55 1000 meter, and 2:10 800 meter races. The competitive 4x800 meter relay has featured a constant rotation of striving girls that has currently earned it the ranking as #1 in the Catholic League and New York State and #4 in the country. Freshman Deirdre Lewin and Sarah Newman, sophomores Emily O'Hara, Katie Elnick, Celine Gellineau and Raquel Lopez, juniors Daniella Joyce and Emily Gomez, and seniors Liz Magno and Mia Imbesi have all turned in excellent performances and personal bests this winter.

The team could not have reached its amazing accomplishments this season without the help of its incredible coaching staff. "This year we have a wonderful, well-balanced team. We've been building up so much coming into Champs and so far we have had a season of accolades. Our #1 goal is to beat our rival St. Anthony's, and we anticipate a good championship meet during these upcoming weeks," commented Head Coach Brown. Sprinter and hurdler coach Selina McLaren has assisted the team as a whole with her additional help as a physical therapist. "We have had many personal bests so far this winter, and the group works hard and practices as a team. They stick together through good and bad as a family, and I can't wait for the victories in these upcoming championship meets just like last year," added Coach McLaren.

The Lady Firebirds Track and Field team has had an excellent season so far and will continue to move forward with additional wins in these upcoming weeks.

Boys Track Victorious in Dodge Bowl VII

Kristen Perrone '13

On Friday, January 11, the Kellenberg halls were filled with bursts of blue, gold and festivity as student athletes donned their team jerseys or sweatshirts to represent their beloved sport at the culmination of Winter Spirit Week. As soon as the bell ending ninth period rang, students excitedly flocked to various corners of the school to partake in their respective Winter Pep Rallies.

The members of the Latin School held a rally in the cafeteria and the freshman class celebrated their sports division in the auditorium. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors gathered in the gym for the most elaborate and vigorous demonstration of school spirit. "Pep Rally is really enjoyable!" exclaimed spectator Caitlin McKeon-Castaneda '13. "It brings together all of the grades, and then you get to see your friends compete against each other. There's great energy and I love it!"

The High School Pep Rally had the theme of "Dodge Bowl," now a seven-year-old Winter Rally tradition. In the Dodge Bowl, representatives from each varsity sports team face off against each other in rounds of dodge ball until one team emerges victorious. This year, a new element was introduced to the already intense game. A bowling pin was placed on each team's side of the court, and if players knocked down the other team's pin with a ball, they earned

themselves an automatic win for their sport.

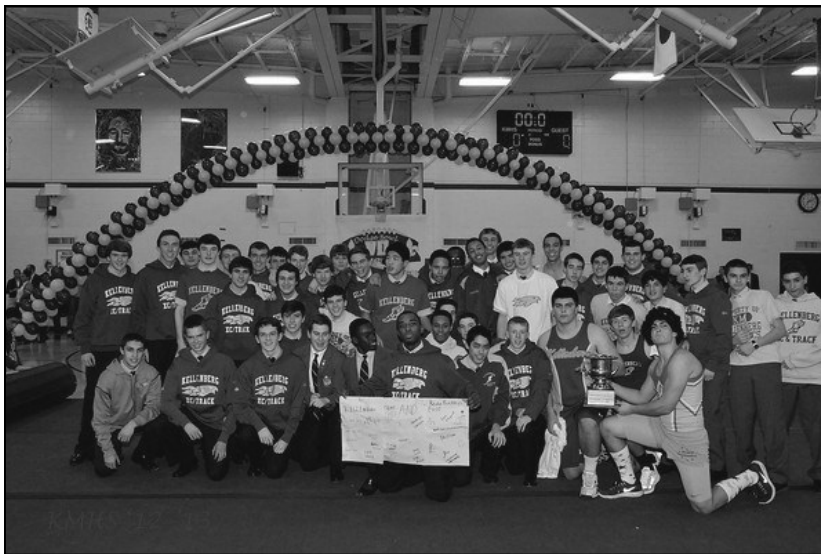
The ceremony kicked off with the Parade of Athletes, each team displaying a colorful poster and wide smiles as they entered the gym. When both the athletes and remaining student body were seated, Richard Townsend '13 sang the National Anthem for the crowd. With the competitive spirit palpable to everyone, seniors Jeremy Arthur and Stephanie Staiano were intro-

Track & Field, Swimming and Diving, Boys and Girls Bowling, Wrestling and Dance. Thrown into the mix was Team "Strong Island," composed of senior A.C.E. members Anthony Caputo, Chris Santina, Joe Ferriso, and Sean Farrell. "I think it was very witty and clever how Team Strong Island customized their shirts with nicknames and wore sunglasses or sweatbands," remarked Kathleen Quinn '13. "It really expressed their enthusiastic spirit towards the event and showed their local pride as well."

The competition was close, but in the end the game came down to an intense play between Boys Track and Strong Island. Declaring a winner, however, failed to occur before the buzzer signaled the end of the match. The four-member dodge ball teams slowly dwindled in size as the match entered double overtime. Even a tough set between only runner Dylan Murphy '13 and Strong Island repre-

sentative Ferriso was not enough to pronounce a victor. "The pep rally games always go into overtime, but this was the first game I've seen played for so much extra time," said Quinn. "It was definitely an unexpected twist!" All players were reinstated into the game for triple overtime, and the Boys Track team finally prevailed. The

continued on page 12



The Boys Track team celebrates their big win in dodge bowl at the pep rally.

duced as the emcees. Representing the Basketball and Bowling teams respectively, Jeremy and Stephanie proved to be the perfect suppliers of energy and humor for the audience.

After an enthusiastic cheerleading routine, the games officially began. The students witnessed the face-offs of all varsity teams – Boys and Girls Basketball, Cheerleading, Boys and Girls

THE PHOENIX

Kellenberg Memorial High School
1400 Glenn Curtiss Boulevard
Uniondale, NY 11553

Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Uniondale, N.Y.
Permit No. 10