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FJXC SENDS THREE TO STATE FINALS

By: Patrick Carolan

The Father Judge Cross Country team recently capped off another long and successful season on Saturday, November 4th in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Three members of the team, Pat Carolan, Tim Purcell, and Shane Curran, competed against the best runners in the state of Pennsylvania at the PIAA State Cross Country Championships. Although the school year began in September, the athletes on the Cross Country began their 2017 campaign in the middle of June, which continued all throughout the summer in preparation for the various meets that the Crusaders would run in. The dedication to summer workouts and intense training led to many personal bests and strong performances at both Philadelphia Catholic League regular season meets, that were held on Wednesdays at Belmont Plateau, and several Saturday invitationals throughout the months of September and October.

The Crusaders, led by senior captain Pat Carolan and rising sophomore Tim Purcell, travelled to both Delaware and New York City during the regular season to compete against some of the best runners that those states had to offer. These Cross Country athletes were guided by Head Coach Kevin Schultz, who won two Philadelphia Catholic League titles in both 1998 and 1999. Throughout the season, Coach Schultz constantly reminded his athletes to "Never Be Satisfied!" This meant that they should always believe that there is room to improve and become better, no matter how much success is achieved.

On Saturday, October 21st at the Philadelphia Catholic League Championships, the Crusaders finished in an impressive 4th place as a team in the varsity race out of 14 PCL teams at Belmont Plateau. The following Thursday at the District 12 Championship Meet at Belmont, three Crusaders, senior Pat Carolan, sophomore Tim Purcell, and freshman Shane Curran finished inside of the top 20 in the race and qualified for the PIAA State Championship Meet in Hershey, PA.

Besides being the only freshman in the Philadelphia Catholic League to qualify for the State meet, Shane Curran, who ran 17:35, is now the second fastest freshman to complete the 3.1 mile course at Belmont only behind former coach and Lasalle University track and cross country athlete Kevin Carroll, Father Judge class of 2000. The strong performances of Carolan, Purcell, and Curran were a fitting way to finish off the very impressive 2017 cross country season by our Crusaders.



Shane Curran, Patrick Carolan, and Tim Purcell (Below) celebrate with their medals after the District Champs. (photo by Mrs. Carolan)



Jared's Corner...

What you need to know about the new iPhone 8

by Jared Jagielski

The iPhone 8 has an all-glass design to it with, in Apple's words, "the world's most popular camera." Apple has also equipped its new product with a circular charger that does not require any wires. This new iPhone is engineered to be externally water and dust resistant.

There are two purchasable sizes to the iPhone 8, a 4.7-inch, and a 5.5 inch Retina HD displays. Speaking of displays, this new phone has the retina HD display, which Apple says is more beautiful than ever with a 3D touch, and True Tone which automatically adjusts white balance to match the light around you for a better viewing experience everywhere you go - even when you in the direct sunlight you can still see the screen perfectly. The camera has deeper pixels, new color filters, bigger and faster sensors, and optical image stabilization for photos and videos. Portrait mode on iPhone 8 has sharper foregrounds and naturally blurred backgrounds.

Something new with iPhone 8 is A11 Bionic, with four efficiency cores that are almost 70 percent faster than than A10 fusion, and two performance cores that are 25 percent faster. A second generation controller provides more power when you need it with the same battery life. You can charge your new phone using the AirPower Mat. Preorders for the iPhone 8 began on September 15. The price of an iPhone 8 for the 64GB version is \$699, and for the 256GB version, \$849

The Mission Statement of Father Judge High School

Located in Philadelphia, Father Judge High School respects the diversity of each student and provides a climate of academic excellence and college preparation within a safe environment. Rooted in the spirituality of our patron Saint Francis de Sales, Father Judge High School educates the whole young man spiritually, intellectually, physically, emotionally and socially

The annual Haunted House...

The corridors got **DREEPY** (for a good cause)

By Ryan Parkes

With a five dollar admission fee per guest, the Father Judge Haunted House made its scary appearance on October 27th and, in the process, raised money for the Las Vegas shooting victims. This event would not be possible without the great leadership and dedication that Mrs. Scott puts into making sure everything is the best it can be. Mrs. Scott has said that the Haunted House is what makes Judge a "successful" school because it demonstrates the "commitment" that all students and staff have for Judge and the support of our community. She was thankful of the admirable effort the Haunted House committee made to encourage new members to join, almost increasing the number of members by double than last year.

The Haunted House this year contained sections that were dedicated to movies, such as "IT," so scary clowns was one outstanding feature. There was also tour guides that led visitors down the deep, dark, horrifying hallways of Father Judge where scenes were created to shock and amaze the guests. One particular spooky section was designed with the guidance of junior Alex Duda, a principal organizer of the event. According to Alex, the Haunted House is more "organized" and "well put together" than in previous years. With the addition of new members to carry on the tradition, Alex hopes that next year's Haunted House will be even greater, especially with more available supplies and the known creativity of the student participants.



(above) The Haunted House committee poses before opening the attraction.

Archdiocesan-wide Metanoia Held on Temple Campus

Last week, the freshman and sophomores of all Archdiocesan schools, plus a few private academies, joined together to re-instill faith in the young people at the Metanoia event held at Liacouras Center on the Temple University campus. Metanoia, derived from a Greek word meaning "to change," included keynote speakers such as the Metanoia Project, Chris Walsh, and Catholic Relief Services who spoke about changing the mind and heart to think more deeply about the Catholic faith. The students took part in the occasion with singing, community prayer, and performing charity work.

Some of the charity work included food collections sponsored by the Catholic Relief Services. Students from other schools interacted with one another in a time of fun and spiritual awakening to expand friendships and increase their relationship with God. The Metanoia was at times a little chaotic but this might be expected, since it was such a large and new event. The Archdiocese has high hopes for the continuation of the event in the near future, after a process of review and evaluation.



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The Theatre Arts Club rehearses "The Rehearsal"

Fall Show is a comic backstage look of a high school show

Cast features performances by Judge, St. Hubert, and Little Flower Students

By Paul Coates

The Fall Show is sure to be a big hit this year among those who love plays filled with comedy and unexpected turns-of-event. The Rehearsal, beginning on Friday November 17th at 7pm and ending on Sunday November 19th with the closing matinee at 2pm, is this year's production by Father Judge and other local Catholic school students representing the excitement of live theater. The Rehearsal is a comedic play about high school students performing a musical, but then things get out of control and the entire situation turns into a disaster. During the confusion that results, characters argue over their parts in the musical and some of the characters disappear amid all the chaos. Different characters with their own backstories and goals are now forced to work out their problems. It is sure to be appreciated by not only those who want a good laugh but also those who love to see how people may overcome even the biggest of problems that arise.

The technical and acting crews managing the play are thrilled at what they have been planning and they think everyone will agree that this will be one of the best plays ever at Judge. Mr. Tom Dignam, the

Mr. Dailey Explains the New Policies

by Colin Hughes

I sat down with Mr. Dailey, the new school head disciplinarian, to ask him why certain policies were implemented this current school year, and how they are applied.

The two most impacting policies would be the new "Zero-Phone Policy" and the new detention policy. The new cell phone regulations, according to Mr. Dailey, are to rid any "distractions" from students, and this has been working rather well since there has been less than five violations as of September of this school year. The punishment for a first time cell phone violation is a Level 2 JUG, which includes two morning detentions and one deducted conduct point, as stated in the Student Handbook for this school year. However, as soon as the last bell rings, the "Zero-Phone Policy" is no longer in effect, which extends to after school club meetings in the school.

There is now a new policy on how JUGs are distributed, in order to better prevent Student Handbook violations. For example, the last several years students could "work off" detentions for dress code violations and latenesses if they helped clean up the cafeteria at their lunch period, with nothing affecting a student's record. Mr. Dailey said,

"Students did not take it seriously." Hopefully, this will lead students to give students more of an incentive to follow the dress code and be on time for all classes. JUG time as also been changed to 7:15 AM the day the slip is received, in order to benefit students with after school obligations.

Another change that has gotten attention is the required ID around each student and teacher's neck. This is done for pure security reasons to ensure there would be no one in the building that is not a current student, staff member, or guest at Father Judge. There has also been a change regarding the tattoo policy: according to the Student Handbook, all tattoos must be covered, including athletes at sporting events, as well as on social media if determined "vulgar" by the school. One other impactful change is that a student must be present for at least six academic periods in order to be considered present for the day, regardless of if a student is very ill.

Whatever anyone's beliefs are about the new rules that have been implemented, the staff did so because it is what they believe is best for all students.

director of the play, is "excited for people to see the finished product" and people should "have a good laugh and a good time" if you come to the play. Mr. Dignam is not the only one that is excited; one of the cast members, Mike Gaynor, says, "The cast has really worked hard and I think all Father Judge students and others will love this play." Along with

Father Judge students, girls from schools including St. Hubert's and Little Flower are also helping to make this play a huge success.

Go break a leg, Crusaders!

Spotlight on Golf

THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT FOR JUDGE GOLF AND TROY MATTY

Troy Matty has been a starter on the Father Judge varsity golf team for the past three years. His junior season has solidified him as a perennial force to be reckoned with at the top of the Philadelphia Catholic League.

Under the guidance of head varsity coach Dave Smith and assistant coach William Loughlin, Matty has grown from a timid freshman to an outgoing leader as a junior. The duo of coaches most definitely expect Matty to play well each match, as he was designated to start as the team's '#1' in every Catholic League match.

Matty's freshman season saw him taking pointers and watching the likes of Mike Petrucelli '16 and Matt Coyle '16 as they had their own campaign for All-Catholic seasons in 2015. After tryouts his freshman year, Matty was placed as a reserve and set out to play an exhibition practice round at the Union League golf course for his first match. When the results from that unofficial match came in, Smith knew that Matty was a diamond in the rough for the golf team's future. "I know I shot low 40s [on 9 holes] that day, and Mr. Smith told me that next match I was starting at the #3, and the rest is history," Matty recalls about his first match in the Judge uniform. The Bensalem resident would finish the year just out of reach of a

coveted all-Catholic selection, placing his desire to reach that mark his primary goal for the next season.

The 2016 season, Matty's sophomore year, saw him finish the year as Judge's lowest scorer, receive all-Catholic recognition, and compete in the District XII championship match. Assuming the reins of a varsity sport can be challenging for anyone, but for an underclassman, the adversity seems unavoidable. Matty said he tried to be a leader through his actions, "playing every game as well as I could to prove to the rest of the league that I deserved to be noticed." When the season ended, Matty had obtained the coveted twelve point average needed to become an all-Catholic in golf and went on to play in the Catholic League championship match. Matty's performance in the Catholic League championship match garnered him a spot in the District 12 championship match, and just like that the sixteen-year-old was going head to head, swing to swing, putt to putt with the best golfers his age in the city.

Looking back at his sophomore season, Matty is proud but he is not satisfied. As every Salesian student at Father Judge does, he strives to continually improve and practice even harder. When asked about his goals for the culmination of his junior season, Matty answered that



Troy Matty

he wants to "keep playing in the Judge uniform until someone stops him," meaning he wants to play well enough in the district championship to award him a spot in the state championship match. Matty's junior season has been a very reassuring one for the coaching staff, as there seems to be no drop off in Matty's play from the past two years. Matty has acquired the twelve points he needs to attain all-Catholic recognition, and he will moved on to play at the Philadelphia Catholic League championship match.

The future is bright for Judge's golf team and their "#1," as Matty's senior year is looking to be just as prosperous as his first three.

Varsity Football Scores**Ridley HS****38-20 L****Springside Chestnut****27-14 W****Germantown Academy****21-20 L****Archbishop Ryan****20-13 L****Salesianum HS****21-20 W****La Salle College HS****34-0 L****Archbishop Wood****49-19 L****St. Joe's Prep****42-7 L****Archbishop John****Carroll****21-13 W****Roman Catholic HS****14-7 L**

Varsity Soccer Score Board

<i>Pennsbury HS West</i>	<i>William Penn Charter</i>	<i>Archbishop Ryan HS</i>
3-1 L	HS	2-0 L
<i>Holy Ghost Prep.</i>	2-1 L	<i>Conwell-Egan Catholic</i>
4-2 L	<i>Archbishop John</i>	HS
<i>Cardinal O'Hara</i>	<i>Carroll</i>	1-0 L
2-0 W	3-2 W	<i>LaSalle College</i>
<i>Central HS</i>	<i>Roman Catholic HS</i>	1-0 L
6-0 W	4-0 L	<i>Lansdale Catholic HS</i>
<i>Archbishop Wood</i>	<i>Bishop McDevitt HS</i>	2-1 L
1-0 L	2-0 W	<i>Downingtown East HS</i>
<i>Bonner & Prendergast</i>	<i>St. Joe's Prep.</i>	3-1 L
1-0 W	0-0 T	<i>Archbishop Wood</i>
		4-1 L

JV Soccer Stays Undefeated in PCL

By Tim Purcell

This 2017 fall athletics season has been very good to the Father Judge Junior Varsity soccer team. They have, as a team, performed extremely well. Under their Head Coach Bobby Mulvenna, the team has held a 16-1-1 record. They remained undefeated in Philadelphia Catholic League (PCL) games, with two huge wins over tough teams, Roman and Lasalle. Roman was defeated by Mark McDonnell's penalty kick and Tim Donovan's game winning goal coming with just under 6 minutes to play in the second half, beating the cahillites 2-1. Lasalle, another skilled team, was also a thriller as Angelo Primavera tied the game up 1-1 about half-way through the second half. This time the game-winner came from Mark McDonnell as he dribbled through Lasalle defenders to finish with a goal in the final 10 minutes of the game, to complete the second half comeback, and win 2-1 over the explorers.

The JV team is very talented and skilled in almost every aspect of the game. From the defense to the offense, each player on the field plays for the team and the results of each game shows that they can and have performed exceptionally well over the course of the season. They have also shown us that they have the ability to score and create scoring chances when they need to either for themselves, or to set up a scoring opportunity for a teammate.

Against St. Joe's Prep, Judge was able to jump out to an early 2-0 lead in the first half, and managed to close out the game with a 4-2 win. When the team traveled to Archbishop Wood to play its second away game of the season, they scored just minutes into the game. They eventually grabbed a 10-1 blowout victory over Wood.

Other teams like Holy Ghost Prep and Tennet also kept games competitive. In just the second game of the season. Holy Ghost Prep was giving two chances to beat the Junior Varsity squad. In the first matchup, the game stayed close until the end, when Ryan Ovecka scored to put the game out of reach for Ghost, as Judge took a 2-0 win. The second matchup, was kept at 0-0 for the entire first half, but second half goals from Mark McDonnell, Mike Fienman, and Ryan Ovecka, led the crusaders to a 3-0 win.

All in all, the 2017 season has shown that the Father Judge Junior Varsity squad was indeed a dominant and remarkable team.

Varsity Soccer Closes out Its Season

By Matt Purcell

Judge's Varsity soccer team kicked off their 2017 fall season with tryouts in August. The team, led by head coach John Dunlop, contains talented students from all grade levels, from seniors to freshmen. Once the varsity team was established, they immediately began their training sessions on the fields of the Ramp Athletic Complex across the street from Father Judge. Once the end of August arrived, the team had its first preseason game against Council Rock South and a scrimmage against William Tennent High School. Both games ended in a victory for Judge.

The team has been through many ups and downs this season. The first regular season game against Holy Ghost Prep ended in a 4-2 loss, but the team quickly retaliated with two huge wins over Cardinal O'Hara (2-0) and Central (6-0). As the season continued into September and October, the team bounced back and forth between hard-fought wins and tough losses. Intense battles against Roman Catholic High School, Archbishop Wood, St. Joe's Prep, and Archbishop Ryan all ended in defeat for Father Judge. Nevertheless, all players on the team fought valiantly in each game and held their heads high as they continued to prepare for the next one. Many of the varsity players, including captain and

returning starter Marcello Ibarra, have experienced numerous injuries, too, from hamstrings to ankles to wrists, which somewhat set them back; they did not however let this deter them and continued to work hard to compensate for the losses.

Heading into the playoffs, with a 7-9-1 record, were the same allstar players led by the same passionate coach representing the same outstanding school. But the team changed through the course of the tumultuous season, and they emerged stronger and more focused than ever before. Their first playoff game was away against Archbishop Wood on Friday, October 20th, at 6:00pm. Although the team had lost to Wood before, they were determined not to let it happen again. The varsity team went onto the field and played their hearts out against Wood, but in the end they still received a crushing 4-1 loss. This defeat may have destroyed their chance for advancement in the playoffs, but the memories of the challenging yet interesting season will never be destroyed.

Student Government Outlines Its Goals

*Executive President Bill Kelly convenes the Student Council...
...and sets agenda for the year*

By Paul Coates

A new season and school year have arrived with big changes to the Student Government. A newly elected Student Government was recently installed after the results of the school wide election which saw a record amount of votes as there was a new system of voting this year. Voting was completed in the classroom instead of the normal system of voting in the lunchroom. Executive Board members Michael Fehrle and Jim Forsythe both agreed that this year's style of voting was better and more efficient than previous years and "allowed for everyone's voice to be heard." The election results truly reflected the voices of students at Judge.

The newly elected members will be responsible for leading and serving the Father Judge community in a variety of affairs. Elected officers and representatives will strive to live in the ways of St. Francis DeSales and lead the Father Judge Community by giving up their time to help out at fun events for all students. Senior members of the Student Government are ready for the challenge this year. Executive Board member John Matthews and newly elected Senior Class President Sean-Patrick Evans would like to lead by "giving good examples of how to be a Salesian Gentleman and demonstrate abundance of school spirit." Members from other classes are also ready to serve. Re-elected Junior, Matthew Beck, would like to have a "fun experience this year by leading" his

fellow peers. It should be easy to have fun this year under new moderator Mr. Campellone.

Along with other many new changes at Father Judge, Mr. Campellone, Student Affairs Director, is now the moderator for the Student Government and he feels "as a proud alum and 18 year faculty member I am ready for the opportunity to instill Crusader Pride and Salesian values in all students." Some new things Mr. Campellone and the Student Government have planned are the Homeroom challenge, intramurals, new Spirit Week activities, and more surprises along the way. Mr. Campellone and the whole Student Government want every student to get involved in all the activities. Mr. Campellone says that it is important to get involved in the events because going to Judge is not just about class since "getting involved, making friends, and building relationships enhances the Father Judge experience." It's time to get excited for the new things Mr. Campellone and the Student Government have planned this year!

Mr. Cahill hosts the MS Bike-the-Shore...by Don Logan

On the weekend of the 23rd and 24th of September the "Bike MS City-to-Shore" was held to raise money to find a cure for multiple sclerosis and, in the process, to bicycle through the farmlands and pine barrens of South Jersey.

The Significance of "27" for Father Judge High

The "27." The students of Judge see this number often during the day. "27" is not only on the back of our athletic jerseys but also a major part of the November Remembrance Mass and commemorated on the monument in front of school. "27" is far from just being a number, however.

The story of the "27" began with the Vietnam conflict of the 1960's and early 1970's. As a school, Father Judge was only 15 years in existence when many of our graduates began to serve our country's efforts to preserve the democracy of South Vietnam from the communist forces of North Vietnam. As a recent PBS series detailed, the conflict was a near ten year struggle that resulted in the deaths of 50000 American troops. Of the hundreds of Judge graduates who fought in the Vietnam conflict, 27 of our graduates paid the ultimate sacrifice in their military service. Among the first military deaths the school community had ever experienced, this tragic loss of Judge graduates was the highest number of any U.S. Catholic high school. We at Judge take this tragic distinction to heart - we remember those "27" as much as we remember all graduates who have served, and possibly died, in other military actions. Therefore, during the month of November we remember the "27" along with other graduates who have passed away.

In the autumn of 1968, the Judge community dedicated the memorial in the front of school. Each Memorial Day it is rededicated.

The Judge volunteers used an assembly line to make the sandwiches and lunches, or were given the task to cheer on and motivate the hundreds of riders who participated in the charity event. The event finished successfully and Mr. Cahill, one of the organizers of the event, even exclaimed that he could not thank the volunteers enough.

