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JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNOCOLOR DREAMCOAT

By Paul Coates '18

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, beginning on Thursday March 22nd at 7pm and ending on Sunday March 25th with the closing matinee at 2pm, is this year's production by the Father Judge Theater Arts program and it promises to be a wild ride of different song genres from country western to rock in relating the story of Joseph from the Old Testament. If you remember the Bible story, Jacob, a prophet, had 12 sons, one of which was Joseph, portrayed by Sophomore Pat McGlynn. Joseph was hated by his many brothers and they wanted to kill him, but instead sold Joseph to slavery in Egypt. As the years went on, Joseph became a high ranking advisor to the Pharaoh. In an amazing turn of events, Joseph's brothers return and beg the Pharaoh and Joseph for food. Will Joseph listen to the plea of the brothers who sold him to slavery? Find out Joseph's decision and enjoy the fast paced musical performance from the great troupe of actors.



Sophomore Pat McGlynn makes his entrance as Joseph

The technical and acting crews managing the play are enthusiastic at what they have been planning and they think everyone will agree that this will be one of the Judge's memorable productions. This will be a particularly memorable play for Seniors Aaron Talabis and Mike Gaynor. They are the only two seniors from Father Judge in the play this year, and could not more excited to show everyone their last

performance. Aaron says that he is "on the edge of his seat" waiting to give his final performance. Fellow Senior Mike Gaynor also believes the play will be a worthwhile experience for the audience. Along with Father Judge students, girls from schools including St. Hubert's, Little Flower, and Benjamin Rush High School are also helping to make this play a huge success. Break a leg, Crusaders!

Spotlight on:

The Finishing Trades Institute and Internship Program

By Colin Hughes '19

Father Judge is partnered with the Finishing Trades Institute (FTI) in a program, the Vocational Internship Program (VIP), to work with upperclassmen who are interested in a trade. I sat down with several students who were or are currently involved with the program for more insight.

The program teaches students about several trades and allows them to obtain hands-on experience within each available trade: glazing, paperhanging, drywall finishing, and painting. Covered topics include: trade math, labor history, blueprint reading, and scale drawing. Students will also be taught interview skills, life and finance skills, aptitude testing preparation, as well as environmental awareness in construction. All trades are taught by retired tradespeople, overseen by North Catholic alumni Dennis McDonough. Each student gets to experience each trade once a day for two weeks over a 15 week period, lasting one semester. Juniors go to FTI every Tuesday from 9 A.M.-2 P.M. and seniors go every Thursday from 9 A.M.- 2 P.M. in addition to a full Father Judge roster; however, each student is responsible for the work that they missed. If a student successfully completes this course, he will receive nine transferable college credits (3 in health and safety, 3 in environmental science, and 3 in communication).

The program is recommended for all those interested in a finishing trade, or those who are undecided about their future. This program is a very good way to get experience and perspectives from outside the traditional classroom, making it an excellent stepping stone for future plans. For example, Sean Patrick Evans, a senior who participated

in the program last year, was undecided about his future. After he had heard about the program, he joined to see if he could be successful in a trade. Sean explained that he learned responsibility and punctuality, which was highly stressed by the instructors to create reliable workers. Nick Quiles, a senior currently enrolled in the course, was interested in a trade, and, now thanks to the program, he knows that he wants to join the electrician union, despite that trade not being available in the program. Zach McHale, another senior currently involved in the FTI program, said he wanted to learn skills outside the traditional classroom environment. Even if students are not interested in the trades available or find out that they are no longer interested in trades at all, the program offers valuable, real-world lessons. Student recommend the program to other students, saying it is a great experience, and a good way to make contacts in the field. If students want to partake in the program they must average 70 or above in each class; have no more than five lateness per year; have no more than 5 absences throughout the year; and maintain a 70 or above in the VIP program classes.

If a student is interested in the Finishing Trade Institute, applications and more information are available with Dr. Lockwood, the Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs.

The Finishing Trades Institute and the Vocational Internship Program allow students to earn credits and experience for a career after high school.

No Place for Hate and ADL Set Agenda

by Paul Coates

Mass for St. Francis de Sales celebrates the seven virtues with senior recognition.

Father Judge students always show reverence to its patron saint Francis DeSales. At Judge, students are taught the mottos and lessons of St. Francis De Sales and they try to follow his life styles to "Live Jesus." Recently, our annual Salesian Week was held to honor our patron and remember his great actions. Throughout the week there were events occurring including a Salesian Family Celebration in the evening, free ice cream sandwiches at lunch for a feast day treat, and cool shirts being sold at lunches to show Salesian Pride. Finally at the end of the week, there was a mass to celebrate St. Francis De Sales. During the mass Salesian Seven awards were distributed to seven seniors who resemble the seven virtues of St. Francis De Sales during their regular school day. The seven students were Christopher Hunter, Robert Gaczias, Joseph Knuttel, Michael Fehrle, Sean-Patrick Evans, Paul Coates, and Aaron Talabis. While these students were recognized, all students should follow or continue to follow the seven virtues of St. Francis De Sales each day. As St. Francis De Sales was a leader Father Judge students are leading as well.

Recently students took a trip to an ADL leadership conference to learn more about how to lead their community and listen to the unique leading experience of others. These student came back determined to lead. They will soon be starting Peer-Training to help people at Father Judge deal with problems like bullying. Since Father Judge is a no bullying zone, we soon we having No Place for Hate Week to spread peace at Father Judge, condemn bullying, and embrace all cultures. Meals at lunch will be sold to honor a culture each day.

The Student Government also recently went on a retreat to find better ways of leading there peers. Students Ed Patterson and Tom Smyth both enjoyed the retreat. Tom thought that "amazing ideas were developed" and students will "love" what is coming soon. Ed said, "I thought the meeting was productive and I hope more students get involved in the fun ideas we have planned." Mr. Campellone and Deacon Moser held the event and each thought it was a success. Mr. Campellone wants more students to come to games and enjoy the upcoming fun events we have planned. There are many fun times ahead at Judge, don't miss out!

EAGLES WIN THE SUPERBOWL!

After a year filled with hardships and many surprises, the Philadelphia Eagles triumphed and became champions of the world. What a wonderful season it was for the Eagles, who built a team loaded with grit and determination to win the Lombardi Trophy. The definition of a team is a group of people who work together to achieve a goal. The Eagles embraced and added to this definition by working as a team to complete their goal no matter what obstacles are created and ignoring all doubters. A true "underdog" mentality was created and followed.

The doubters from the national media were there from the beginning. Before the first game of the NFL season, Michael Lombardi, host of the Ringer podcast, said that Eagles head coach Doug Pederson was the least qualified coach in the league and would be fired soon. Well Doug Pederson proved to be a great coach, leading his team to a 13-3 record. After winning the opening game, Doug Pederson was given a gatorade bath, which showed everyone how the team loved him and a sign for the success to come. During the rest of the season the Eagles won in a huge fashion by blowing most teams out by the third quarter. Although there was success, there were major injuries which most teams would not overcome. They lost their kicker, top offensive linemen, running back, top linebacker, and their star quarterback, but still survived. The Eagles went on to win the playoff games with Nick Foles at Quarterback to get to the Super Bowl. The Eagles then WON IT ALL, beating the best QB and coach duo in NFL history.

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Swim Team Ends its Season... takes 3rd Place in Division 12

by Matt Purcell

The Father Judge Swim Team started off the new year with intense competition against La Salle College High School and St. Joe's Prep. The team practiced with intense dedication and came to both meets ready to swim their hardest. Although both meets ended in defeat, they gave it everything they had, and the losses made them even more focused on preparing for not only future meets but for PCLs and Districts when they would be facing La Salle and St. Joe's Prep swimmers again.

The team traveled to the North Penn YMCA, Widener University, and Bucks County Community College for other meets against competitors like Lansdale Catholic, Roman Catholic, Cardinal O'Hara, and Archbishop Wood. These meets were a bunch of ups and downs, and the season was not as incredible as the team had hoped it would be, but the last meet of the year against Archbishop Wood proved that Judge was still a great swim team. The Father Judge swimmers dominated the pool, taking a substantial lead early on and displaying the skill and power that everyone knew they had. The meet ended in a victory for Judge, but the day was bittersweet because after the meet the team had to say goodbye to their three great seniors: Chris Hunter, Colin Reilly, and Mike Sauer. Nevertheless, the team used their outstanding performance that Sunday to propel them with positivity into the weekend of PCLs and Districts.

The night before the big weekend, the team got together for a pasta party at captain Mike Sauer's house in order to "carb up" for their races. Freshman Jeremy Cox, freshman Liam Biddle, and sophomore Joe Nescio got their heads shaved by other members of the team, an old swimming tradition. With the excitement and preparation from the pasta party and the Wood meet, the Crusaders were itching to prove themselves strong swimmers throughout the next two days, and so they did.

The mornings of February 23rd and 24th were PCLs, when the members of all teams

in the Philadelphia Catholic League compete against each other at La Salle University. Father Judge competed ferociously and ended up with 2nd place in the 200 yard medley relay (Nikita Timoshenko, Colin Reilly, Christian Batley, and Mike Sauer), 1st place in the 100 yard butterfly (Colin Reilly), 1st place in the 100 yard freestyle (Colin Reilly), 6th place in the 500 yard freestyle (Mike Sauer), 2nd place in the 200 yard freestyle relay (Colin Reilly, Joe Nescio, Christian Batley, and Tom Lamplugh), 3rd place in the 100 yard backstroke (Nikita Timoshenko), and 4th place in the 400 yard freestyle relay (Joe Nescio, Mike Sauer, Tom Lamplugh, and Nikita Timoshenko). The Father Judge Swim Team as a whole finished 3rd in the PCL, behind La Salle and St. Joe's Prep. Seniors Colin Reilly and Mike Sauer as well as sophomores Christian Batley, Tom Lamplugh, Joe Nescio, and Nikita Timoshenko received 1st Team All-Catholic for their performances at PCLs.

However the weekend held still more for the Father Judge Swim Team: the nights of 2/23 and 2/24 were Districts, a special event where swimmers in District 12 whose times qualify for entry compete against each other at La Salle University. Once again Father Judge proved themselves to be a serious force, finishing with a myriad of accomplishments, like 3rd place in the 200 yard medley relay (Jeremy Cox, Jim Cehlar, Matt Purcell, and Christian Batley), 1st place in the 100 yard butterfly (Colin Reilly), 2nd place in the 100 yard freestyle (Colin Reilly), 6th place in the 500 yard freestyle (Mike Sauer), 3rd place in the 200 yard freestyle relay (Colin Reilly, Nikita Timoshenko, Mike Sauer, and Joe Nescio), 2nd place in the 100 yard backstroke (Nikita Timoshenko), and 4th place in the 400 yard freestyle relay (Mike Sauer, Joe Nescio, Nikita Timoshenko, and Colin Reilly). All these successes, and many others, earned Father Judge 3rd place in the AAA Division of District 12, with Colin Reilly qualifying to go to represent Judge at States in the 100 butterfly and 100 freestyle. Colin achieved

3rd place in States for his efforts, and the entire Judge swim team is proud of him and of each other as well for persevering through a difficult season to come out in the end with success, which is especially attributed to the outstanding coaches -- Ed Quarry, Joe Fitzgerald, and Coach John - - whose leadership, experience, and motivation gave the Judge swimmers just what they needed to succeed.

Senior Colin Reilly earned fourth place in the butterfly at the PIAA state championships!