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CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2018!



Goodbye 8th Grade

By Kiana Paredes

As humans, we can only do things once, hence a memory. These experiences could be scary, sad, exciting, or enjoyable. No matter what your age, you will always look back to one memory and say, "Hey, I really enjoyed that."

Sometimes we are able to relive that moment through similar experiences, but our eighth graders have some irreplaceable memories that (I'm fairly certain) can't be relived but in that moment. As many of you know, eighth grade is graduating this year and heading into the great big world outside of our cozy St. Finn Barr family.

As they prepare venture into a new learning environment, we questioned our class of 2018, what their fondest memories were. Many have commented on their past experiences in field trips including Yosemite National Park in seventh grade and the eighth grade retreat, recently this school year.

As they fly away from the warm and familiar St. Finn Barr nest, with its pep rallies, dances, and brilliant teachers; may the eighth grade continue making memories beyond replacement.

Goodbye St. Finn Barr

By Sophia Carrasquilla

From mischievous little kindergarteners and the new kids on the block, to the young adults setting the face of St. Finn Barr for 2017-2018, this class is the best. We have seen so many people come and go but every person, whether or not they are with us now, made our class what it is today: a bunch of weirdos who laugh over everything.

Nobody could ever beat this close, strong bonded, enthusiastic, crazy, loud class. There are so many memories that have been made in the nine years we've been together, all are filled with laughter. Trips such as Rock N' Waters in 4th grade, Marin Headlands in 6th grade, to the Unity retreat in the 8th grade, have left us with weird and exciting adventures.

We have come so far and have experienced so much with each other over these trips and in these last days we can call ourselves Shamrocks. It's time to take our last steps in the St. Finn Barr yard and time to say goodbye to the teachers that have pushed us and taught us so much. Everyone in the class of 2018 will shine brightly in their own unique way. Goodbye class of 2018. Thank you for nine years of memories that will forever be cherished.

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The votes are in! Check out who our new student leaders are for next year!

8TH GRADERS' FAVORITE MEMORIES

BY MADELINE DANAHER, KIANA PAREDES & DOMINIK KEITH

Here's what SFB's class of 2018 has to remember about their time at the school with a small community, but a big heart.

YOSEMITE

KYLIE

When we were at Yosemite and the girls destroyed the boys' snow fort (after they destroyed ours).



JAVIER

My favorite moment with my friends was on the 8th grade Yosemite trip. Having a fort battle, Mexican stand-off and all out snow brawl was a blast.

DIEGO

When Javier kept singing Moana in Yosemite.

EMMA O

One of my favorite memories was when we were at Yosemite, and a group of us were walking downhill and Dave slipped and fell off a cliff. So we were all "did we just witness somebody's death?" We were scared, and we look over the ledge... and he's just fine, even if he's bleeding on his forehead.

SFB Festival

Rose

My favorite memory is when we were at the festival and a few people in our class went into the bounce house and we all had so much fun and one of us almost died.

Kaila

My favorite memory was during the festival and a group of us went to the bouncy house and basically tipped it over. It was so funny.

MADELINE

When we went to Yosemite. I was with Kylie and I got a sugar high and started acting really crazy. Also, at Crane Flat we had a snowball fight and built snow forts. It was so much fun.

SOPHIA

In Yosemite when a group came back from a hike and saw the girls' fort ruined. What we did in revenge was to destroy theirs which turned into a snowball fight. Just going to Yosemite and other overnight trips from 7th to 8th because we are so close and so weird with each other.

MINH

We had a giant snowball fight in Yosemite at Crane Flat.



EMMA W

My favorite memory was snowball fights at Crane Flat, hiking near the waterfalls, and going through the spider caves.

THE AQUARIUM

CELINIA

At the aquarium, hanging out with friends.



The Retreat

Fiona

On the retreat when half the class went on a huge hike then proceeded to get lost. But it was all good because we are all here now.

Gabby

When we were down by the river messing around on the retreat.

Angel

My favorite memory of the 8th grade really has to be going on the retreat. It really brought us closer together and strengthened many relationships. It was a memorable place to be with my fellow classmates and really brought us to attention how much we all mean to one another. That has to be my favorite 8th grade memory. (Including going on hikes on free time, hiding under the cabins past midnight).

MURILLO

Playing "Infected" at the retreat.

Maria

Drinking hot chocolate many times a day at the retreat. Also, Celina and I targeting people when playing Uno.

sean

Playing "Infected" at night.

Manolo

Playing night tag.

Nathan

Playing Night Infected.

SPECIAL FRIENDS

MIA

When my imaginary friend Patricia was brought into sixth grade and was a member of our squad team. RIP Patricia.



Anayssa

Mia protests because she makes me laugh. When we went on a hike with a small group of kids on our retreat and we got lost in the woods. I was wearing my nice shoes not knowing what I was getting myself into and they got completely covered in mud.

SOPHIA

At the retreat we played so many games, and it got so violent. It was Anayssa vs. Nathan and we got to do this really great game, where we had to put a ball between our legs and walk with it. I am going to miss everyone's craziness especially at the retreat.

Decian

Getting chased by Manolo at night during "Infected" tag at the retreat.

Hailey

Mia and I protesting against Anayssa because I laughed a lot.

Angel Island

Emma O

How tired we were after our Angel Island trip in fifth grade. Doing night patrol was exhausting.



TEACHERS' FAVORITE MEMORIES

BY CELINA LIEU +
MADELINE DANAHER

It's the teachers last year with the 8th graders, there were hard times teachers faced with this class and happy times. It all went by so fast. Now it's time to share the favorite memories they have with the 8th graders.



Mrs. O'Reilly

One of my favorite memories happened this year during Topsy-Turvy day. The 8th grade came to Kindergarten and had playtime just like we used to do when they were in Kindergarten. It brought back memories of how much fun they had in Kindergarten during playtime! It has been wonderful to see the students grow into young men and women as they prepare for high school.

Pasty Bouvet

The memory with the class of 2018 that I will cherish forever occurred during our trip to Yosemite. We played Uno on the floor of the girl's cabin, ate a ton of spaghetti, and when we woke up, there was snow everywhere! It was truly magical.



Jordan Heller

Yosemite 2017 when all the 8th graders were able to put charcoal markings on each others faces. Also Yosemite 2017 when everyone kept falling on the snow and when we got to go sledding on our bottoms down hills.

Mr. Talamantes

My favorite memory of the 8th grade was when I subbed for them in 5th grade. They were loud. I had a lot of headaches and lost my voice from trying to talk over them, but it was a lot of fun.

Mrs. Herzstein

One of my favorite memories was in 5th grade, when they did their own play with the vocabulary of the city and countries, in Spanish. It was fun to see them perform. To all, I wish them all the best and I encourage them to learn other languages, to have fun, and always try their hardest, in whatever they want to accomplish. Deseándoles a todos muchos éxitos.



Mrs. Hoja

I remember the grandparents mass, which our class was in charge of, it was so nice to see the students who were so close to their grandparents, and to see how supportive the students' entire families were. I remember seeing Declan with his grandparents, and Fiona with her grandparents, and seeing how important the grandparents were to the SFB community.

Mrs. Richardson

Eighth grade is memorable to me because they were my first larger class size. I remember them being very bright, creative, and shall I say...loud. There was a ton of personality in that class and I remember having a lot of fun and laughter throughout the year. It seems like we had a lot of jokes with Miss McHugh, like when we would pronounce Illinois incorrectly to annoy her because it was one of our spelling words. I'm excited to see what their future holds.



Ms. Jordan

I remember when I had to substitute for your class on Halloween, and I had only been at the school for about a month or two. I loved seeing everyone's costumes because Halloween is my favorite holiday, but more importantly, everyone behaved so well and I was very appreciative of that, because I was super nervous to substitute for the first time!

Ben Poland

While still in third grade, the current eighth graders decided that their fame and fortune would be made on the kickball court. Every day, a kicker would kick the ball and either advance to a base or be thrown out. This was followed by 15 minutes of arguing about whether or not there had been cheating on only one side or if both sides had cheated. Every few days, an actual inning of kickball was played. It was the golden age of kickball, and I can say that I was there to witness it.



Megan Kimble

So many great memories are shared with this class, but my favorite is from our 8th Grade Retreat this spring. We were forced indoors because it was too cold to have a campfire outside. After a while, the whole class started to create a circle to play musical chairs. Someone asked if they could borrow my phone for the music, but my phone's battery charge too low so Minh stepped right up and started playing music on the piano. It was so fun to see everyone having so much fun and listening to Minh's selections as the game became more intense. Everyone was relaxed and enjoying themselves and I knew that would become one of my favorite memories from my three years with this class!



High School Bound!

The Next Chapter for the Class of 2018

By Madeline Danaher



Nathan Bura: Balboa High School
 Sophia Carrasquilla: Mercy SF
 Madeline Danaher: St. Ignatius
 Gabriella Diagson: Balboa High School
 Sean DiNicola: Archbishop Riordan
 Angel Fontanilla III: Archbishop Riordan
 Rose Gargollo: Washington High School
 Kylie Gaynor: Sacred Heart
 Celina Lieu: Mercy SF
 Minh Ly: Lick Wilmerding
 Maya McGillivray: Mercy SF
 Declan McNulty: St. Ignatius
 Murillo Oliveira: Archbishop Riordan
 Emma O'Reilly: St. Ignatius
 Mia Perdue: Mercy SF
 Anayssa Perez: El Camino High School
 Javier Sanchez: Archbishop Riordan
 Bobby Sanchez: Archbishop Riordan
 Maya Torres: Mercy SF
 Emma Whitehurst: Sacred Heart
 Kaila Vong: Lincoln High School
 Hailey Woo: Sacred Heart

A SOPHOMORE'S ADVICE FOR INCOMING FRESHMAN

By Emma O'Reilly

As the 8th grade departs for high school, they take with them the skills and lessons they've learned here at St. Finn Barr. And why not take a little advice with them as well?

My brother, Aidan, is currently a sophomore at St. Ignatius and a graduate at St. Finn Barr. He has helpful advice he'd like to share with the eighth graders so they know what to expect and how to comfortably adjust to a different environment where they'll be spending their next four years.

What is your advice for the first day of school?

Don't get nervous. Remember that every freshman is in the same boat as you. Try to branch out and talk to people on your first day or hang out with your middle school friends. It is always a great idea to make a set group of friends early so you don't have to struggle finding friends later after they already have their group figured out. Joining clubs or sports team is always great for finding new friends. Be yourself on your first day and begin to get adjusted to high school.

What fun activities take place in high school as a freshman?

There aren't many fun activities for freshmen, mostly you are just trying to get through your first year. We have dances and fun sports events like the Bruce Mahoney. The football game is at Kezar stadium and all the high schools attend although the game is only between Sacred Heart and St. Ignatius.

What was your freshman year like?

It is a year for adjustment. I had to adjust to being in a



big school with lots of kids that come from different middle schools. Although freshman year isn't the most thrilling, in my opinion, your later years will be packed with fun. Remember that you have to learn your class schedule, stay organized as it will make life a whole lot easier, participate in class, and work hard on your assignments. These are all things I learned throughout my freshman year.

How do you study for midterms and finals and what is it like?

Midterms and finals are hard to study for. I hate to admit that they are days full of stress. Everyone is just in desperation to relax and get all this testing over with. For midterms, review what you've learned from past quarter and study each unit extensively. For finals, review what you've learned through the whole semester and review key details in lessons. You should look back on class notes to prepare for your test.

As for my advice and what I've taken from this interview is that every St. Finn Barr graduate should try to make the most out of high school because it only happens once. I've heard that high school is a journey full of memories and important lessons. We soon await an experience that will shape or future!

8th Grade Retreat: A Time to Connect With God and Each Other

By Sophia Carrasquilla



The 8th grade class went away for the weekend to find better connections with God and each other. We spent three days at the CYO Retreat Center in Occidental, working on team building and spiritual findings with our inner-selves.

During the hour and 15 minute drive, some girls listened to music while playing competitive Uno. The boys, of course, were talking. The weather at the retreat center was always changing: one second it was sunny then it would be raining, sometimes with hail. In the girls' cabins we were

always playing games, eating and singing. The first day, we focused on setting up and getting familiar with the area. Some girls tried to go on a hike but then it started raining so we went back inside to play a game Fiona brought called Truth Bomb - a very fun game. We all pretty much died of laughter.

Once the rain finally stopped, it was time to head to the main hall for dinner and to start some spiritual activities. THE FOOD WAS AMAZING. The first night we had a salad bar with rice and fish. Then for dessert we had chocolate chip cookies. After dinner we came up to the fireplace and talked as a group.

After all was said and done, we were dismissed to our cabins to get ready for bed, but to be honest, none of us wanted to go to sleep. The boys went outside to play infected or went hiking, while most of the girls stayed inside and played games while listening to music. We all stayed up pretty late.

The first full day there it was church/spiritual day. Ms. P came to join the party and to lead our mass and other activities we had throughout the day. During the day, everyone went back to the kitchen to make hot chocolate or tea. We all looked like we were at a conference. The sun shined for most of the day but we stayed inside.

Father Francis was the pastor for our retreat mass and confession. After mass, Ms. P had a surprise for us. She had made a slide-show to show our friendships over the years. Some tears and laughs were shared throughout the whole presentation.

We also had some time explore. Many of us went on a hike and got to see more of the area. Others stayed in their cabins and played games, went to the court to play basketball, drank hot chocolate or went to the chapel. After we had our fun and exploring time, it was time to get back to activities with the whole group. Ms. Kimble

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Teachers' Advice for the Graduating Class

By Sophia Carrasquilla

From the beginning of our adventure to the end, many teachers have watched us grow from the little kids in kindergarten to the young adults who are seeing the last days with this community. Mrs. O'Reilly, our very first teacher, sends us off with this advice:

"I think the best advice I can give is to stay organized and do all your assignments on time. Also, feel confident with asking for help if you need it from teachers, counselors, and your parents. And have FUN. High school is a wonderful time to have new experiences and make friends. I am so excited for you and all the 8th graders as they move on to High School!"

Ms. Kimble, our 8th grade teacher, was able to experience the magic of our class at the very end of our journey. She send us off with these words:

"Do not be afraid to try new things! I dabbled in a little bit of everything when I was in high school and have no regrets. I met so many different kinds of people and as a result, made so many different kinds of friends that I still keep in touch with today. It was so fun to explore different groups and try on different hats. It's one of the only times in life you are given such a great opportunity, why not take

advantage of it? You never know what you might enjoy unless you try!"

Two more teachers that have been with us throughout middle school also shared some advice. Ms. Heller sends us off to the future with these helpful words: "Work hard, stay motivated in high school, make new friends, try new things. When picking colleges, make sure you find a place you want to go because it is ultimately your choice. Make sure your choice reflects who you are and your values."

Ms. Bouvet sends us on our way with this letter: "Dear Graduating Class of 2018, I have so enjoyed watching you all grow from awkward, timid, yet bright and kind 11-year-olds to diligent, thoughtful, and accomplished 14 year-olds. I will forever cherish the memories we shared and the adventures we have been on together. You all amaze me every single day."

"Your laughter, charisma, confidence, and creativity are truly unique. As you move into high school, I want you to remember to stay true to yourself and hold fast to what sets you apart from others. Don't let distractions stand in the way of your dreams. Study hard, make time for your family and friends,

be kind, and trust your instincts. We talked for the past three years about making good choices in school and pursuing avenues of learning that excite you. Now it's time to apply that to the bigger world of high school. Take risks and learn from your mistakes, which will make you stronger. There are numerous opportunities waiting for you to seek them out and seize them, so go do it. Take over the world and fill it with love, innovation, and compassion. Class of 2018, you are in my heart forever. Ms. Bouvet"

Lastly a goodbye letter from our Sharkseperience teacher, Ms. Kitty. While we only spent two years in her class, we've made such a strong bond with her. She says her final goodbye in this letter:

"To the SFB class of 2018: Shakespeare wrote about high stakes and staying true to who you are... quite fitting to each of you. You and your courage, you lionhearts. Your remarkable vulnerability, your grace and wicked smarts. It has been my privilege and pleasure to work with each of you (will you, nill you!!) but what's more, it is a true honor to know you. So, my pieces of perfection, BON VOYAGE! To your new adventure and beautiful lives... I wonder what you'll do next?! All my heart, always. To you, my princesses and princes of Shakespeare. Love -Kitty"

MEET OUR NEW STUDENT COUNCIL!



By Austin Halladay & Alex Diaz

Members of the student council are the behind the scenes event planners that make all the fun activities at our school possible. They allow us to have fun without working, because they do the work. The student council works to make events, like the Middle School Dance, affordable yet enjoyable. They don't get to decide the events, but they do decide the themes and the games played (in Spring Fling and Pep Rallies).

On that note let's introduce next years members of this year's elections. The winning candidates being:

7th grade representatives: Sean Walker and Lilia Cardenas

8th grade representatives: Caleb Kha, Drew Davis, Leslie Nuñez, and Mia Gregory

Historians: Gabriella Ramirez and Gabriel Wico

Spirit coordinator: Elliott Leopard

Faith coordinator: Kiana Paredes

Treasurer: Mateo Campos

Secretary: Amara Halladay

Vice President: Austin Halladay

President: Samantha Ramos

Congratulations everyone! The student council is the perfect way to get involved in the school community. Once you are in 5th grade, you can vote, but once you are in 6th grade you can run for student council. But, president and vice president is for the 7th graders who have won a position before. So, upcoming 6th graders should prepare their speeches if they want to run and upcoming 7th graders should start practicing their presidential speeches!



This article shows you that teachers have a fun time out of school campus! We asked a couple of teachers what they are doing in the summer.

Ms. Heller - Completing grad school summer course.

Ms. J - Helping out at St.Finn Barr summer camps.

Ms. Kimble - Work, visiting family, and grad school. Ms. Bouvet - Training her 3 month old puppy Max.

Mr. B - Running art camp, selling art at art convention, working at other job, exercising/ reading, and visiting family

In conclusion, teachers have fun things to do in the summer! And that's all...FOLKS!

Letter to Middle Schoolers

By Kylie Gaynor

Dear Middle Schoolers,

Okay, so you are probably wondering why there is an article about you in bold. You are going to be facing a lot of information in this, so it's not a bad idea to take some notes. Now, before you get bored and turn the page to the word search, riddles or whatever, what I am about to tell you is **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!**

So, now finally to what this whole letter is about, **HIGH SCHOOL (dundundun)**. Now, if you are like me, as a 6th or 7th grader, you haven't really thought about high school or how you're going to get there. Let me tell you, you are in for a ride and a half.

If you live in San Francisco and wish to a public high school other than Lowell or Asawa SOTA, your life won't be as chaotic as everyone else's. Notice how I said *as*. I say that because you aren't completely off the hook. Now let's get into what is about to happen.

When applying to go to a private, parochial, and public high school you have to do a few things (keep in mind every school is slightly different). Details on the significance of shadow dates and open houses are included towards the end of this article, as well as tips and tricks for test taking. **SAVE THIS AND GIVE IT TO YOUR PARENTS, IT COULD BE A LIFESAVER!**

ALL Public High Schools in the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) require everyone who would like to attend a public school in San Francisco to submit a General SFUSD Enrollment Form which is where you request all schools you wish to attend, first choice to last. Lowell and SOTA have different requirements which I will get to in a second. The SFUSD will try to put you in one of the top schools that you requested, however there is no guarantee. If this happens the SFUSD will assign you a school.

If there are more applicants for a single school than spots, the applicants go through a tiebreaker process. The SFUSD describes tiebreakers as, "preferences used to help place students in a requested school when the number of requests for a school is greater than the number of spaces available." The tie-breakers can include things like whether you have a sibling already at a particular school, if student attended Willie Brown Middle School (this does not apply for Lowell or SOTA), or

lottery where a bunch of names are put but in a container and drawn out, however this lottery is done on a computer. Assignments from the lottery are the school that you are placed in.

Here are some steps to the application process:

Inquiry Forms: This will allow you or your parent to receive emails about school events that will help you get familiar with the school's community.

Shadow Days: These fill up quickly, so make sure you know what day they are released so you can sign up. Shadows help you get an idea of what the average school days are like.

Open Houses: These also fill up quickly. Open houses give you a better idea of the campus.

Submitting an application: This is very time-consuming. Some students finish all of them at once (which I did but I wouldn't recommend this because I had several mental breakdowns and major stress during this process). A better plan is to use a calendar and span out when you will work on it. If you do a little every day it will be complete in no time. Stay on top of when application is available so you can get started early in the school year.

Taking a placement test(s) - "The Basics"

-Private schools require either the SSAT or ISEE (check with the school you are applying to, some schools only accept one of them)
- ALL Parochial schools require the HSPT

Okay, I do not care if you are the best test taker the world has ever seen. You have to start studying for this test NOW! The placement test consists of about 150+ questions (word problems) in less than two hours. It is very intense and stressful, to say the least. If you talk to any student in the class of 2018 you will find out how stressed and unprepared they felt.

The best thing you can do in order to avoid driving yourself into a frenzy is to begin studying for it now. Studying a little bit every day will make the whole process less overwhelming. When the test is coming up, review all the material you have been going over. However, **DO NOT STUDY THE DAY BEFORE THE TEST!!!** All this did was freak me out, and I found that on the other tests that I had to take, when I didn't study or stress myself out, I preformed much better. My final piece of advice is to get plenty of sleep the night prior and have a light breakfast (but eat something so your stomach doesn't growl really loud in the dead silent classroom when everyone is taking their test, I am speaking from personal experience here).

Parochial High Schools

ex: Mercy, Riodian, Sacred Heart Cathedral:

Optional, but highly recommended:

- Submit an inquiry form
- Register for a Shadow Day
- Register for an Open House

Mandatory:

- Submit an application
- Submit teacher recommendations (schools specify which teachers)
- Submit pastor recommendation (only mandatory if applying for financial aid)
- Take the HSPT (high school placement test)

Private/Independent High Schools

ex: Lick Wilmerding, The Bay School, Drew School:

Optional, but highly recommended:

- Submit an inquiry form
- Register for a Shadow Day
- Register for an Open House

Mandatory:

- Submit an application
- Get teacher recommendations (schools specify which teachers)
- Take the SSAT/ISEE test (check with the school which tests they will accept)

Public Schools

ex: Balboa, Washington, Lincoln, SOTA*, Lowell*:

- Submit General Enrollment form
- * **Have testing requirements**

SOTA (Ruth Asawa School of the Arts):

Optional:

- Take a group tour
- Register for a Shadow day

Mandatory:

- Submit the General Enrollment form
- Submit an application
- Do a student essay (1-2 pages)
- Get teacher recommendations
- Submit a portfolio for chosen art discipline

Lowell High School:

Optional:

- Take a group tour
- Register to go to "Lowell Night" (Ms. Kimble will email information)

Note: There is no shadowing program at Lowell.

Mandatory:

- Submit the General Enrollment form
- Submit an application
- Take the Lowell placement test



What Do You Hear?

By Sean DiNicola & Javier Sanchez

Recently in the media, there has been a trend going on called "Yanny or Laurel". The original video was posted on Twitter and soon after, the internet blew up with bewilderment and confusion. The video sparked interest in many, for people heard it differently. Some heard the name Laurel, and others hear the name Yanny. We asked some people in journalism what names they heard, and here are the results:

Sophia- Laurel
 Kylie- Both names
 Hailey- Both names
 Madeline- Both names
 Alex- Yanny
 McKaila- Yanny
 Gabriel- Laurel
 Ally- Both names
 Kiana- Laurel

Most people said they heard both names, but some said they only heard Yanny or Laurel. You are probably wondering why this is and we are about to

answer your question. The reason why people hear different names is because they are played at different frequencies and pitches, so what you are actually hearing is a jumbled mess.

After looking through the audio of the video, people have figured out that the video does not play one but both names: Yanny and Laurel. Your brain only picks out one pitch and recognizes it, so you only hear one name instead of both. Yanny is played at a higher frequency, while Laurel is played at a lower frequency. If you practice a little bit, you can actually hear both names being played at the same time, something like; "Yaurel" or "Lanny" or even "Larnny". Other people can straight up control which name they hear just by wanting to hear it.

This trend was an interesting one. It was like an optical illusion but for your ears. Basically, it explains how your brain focuses on one thing based on recognition.

8th Grade Retreat (Continued from Page 4)

led the unity activities. We played one game where we had to put a ball between two people and race with each other without dropping the ball. This was very challenging because the ball was slippery and there were positions, like the crab walk, that make the game even more difficult.

The next game was really fun and knowing our class, of course, it turned into a competition. The game was to walk in a circle then when the music stopped you had to go to the person closest to you and shake their hand. One scenario was that you saw an old friend and had to do your special secret handshake. There were three rounds then we had to go back to each person who you shook hands with and recreate it. Our class did this as an competition, who could do it the fastest. Afterwards, we had dinner.

That night was pasta night, I remember Madeline always wanting more garlic bread sticks. We could play games and hang around the fire after we ate dinner. There were games such as Uno, Exploding Kittens, Truth Bomb and many others. That night we were supposed to go outside and sit by the fire pit but it was so cold. We still made what we had work. We set up the fireplace and

played the best game ever: HUMAN JENGA. In this game, you have four people resting their heads on the others' legs then the chair is pulled from under them. They had to keep themselves in the air. I was in the first group that succeeded. Also, it seems that the older you get, the more fun musical chairs is. It's more competitive. Minh was showing off his piano skills, too. After we had our fun, it was time to head to our cabins. The night wasn't over yet. Here's where our creativity shined.

The girls had games, music, a facial cleaning tutorial, and work-out session. Finally around midnight, we all passed out. The next morning was time to say goodbye to CYO. We got the whole group and did some activities, including writing what we liked about each other and opening letters from our family members.

I had an amazing time with everyone. Our class already had the strongest bond. This was just a great way to say goodbye before high school. Class of 2018 has made every trip one to cherish, especially this one. So many weird and unique qualities is what made every overnight and field trip amazing.

THROUGH OUR EYES

By Kylie Gaynor



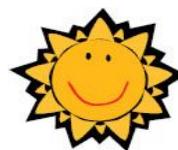
MADELINE'S ARE BLUE,
 BROWN ARE ROSE'S,
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 SO, AS WE SAY GOODBYE TO THE CLASS OF 2018:
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 TEAM,
 THE CLEAR SKY IS CAPTURED IN MADELINE'S,
 A BRIGHT OCEAN IN EMMA O'S,
 EMMA W'S REMIND ME OF THE WORLD,
 SOPHIA'S ARE A GOLDEN HUE WHEN PLACED IN
 THE SUN,
 MAYA M'S ARE NOBLE OAK,
 MAYA T'S SHOW HOPE,
 MARIA'S ARE LIKE A BEAUTIFUL HIKE,
 SEAN'S ARE LIKE A LAKE,
 A SPRINGFIELD IS SHOWN IN FIONA'S,
 A WATERFALL IS TRAPPED IN DECLAN'S,
 NATHAN'S ARE LIKE A HUMBLE FOREST,
 ANGEL'S SHOW A MODEST MAHOGANY,
 A NIGHT SKY REPRESENTED IN MINH'S,
 MURILLO'S ARE AN ENERGETIC COFFEE BEAN,
 A BRIGHT SUNSET IN REFLECTED IN ROSE'S
 HAILEY'S SHOW A FRESH WALNUT,
 A WHOLE UNIVERSE IS PLACED IN KAILA'S
 CELINA'S ARE THE TEXT OF A GOOD BOOK,
 ANAYSSA'S SHOW THE FIERCENESS OF A LION,
 AN ACORN IS TRAPPED IN JAVIER'S,
 BOBBY'S ARE THAT OF A TRAILBLAZERS
 FOOTSTEPS,
 A PEACEFUL DESERT ARE PLACED IN DIEGO'S
 MIA'S ARE LIKE A LOYAL PUPPY,
 A POWERFUL REDWOOD IS PUT IN GABBIE'S
 MANOLO'S ARE LIKE A WATER BUFFALO HORN,
 KYLIE'S EYES ARE LIKE AUTUMN LEAVES.

WE HAVE LEARNED LIFE'S LESSONS AND
 CHALLENGES THROUGH THESE EYES. AS THE
 CLASS OF 2018 SAYS IT'S FINAL GOODBYE, TRY
 TO THINK OF THE SFB EXPERIENCE, THROUGH
 OUR EYES.

Just for Fun!

#RELATABLE

By: Lilia Cardinas



WELCOME SUMMER

C X A G N B H R C I Y J D L M K R A P E M E H T
 A A T E P A R T I E S V F R U G A D H B T I J N
 M L R H J W K K E Y S E I L F E R I F B L E U K
 P B M N T K E O Y F P O U Q I W X R I H F S M O
 I L D V I C E C R E A M R X S D W Y R G L Y P Z
 N A P B O V C G P D S H E R H F S S E G I V R H
 G R P H U L A H O O P S I J I J J A W K P H O L
 M O D N A O F L O P G Q J R N S K N O T F U P V
 W L F X P Y J Z L A A W E S G B L D R C L P E D
 E L H F J G O H X I Q J W E K R L A K G O M H N
 O E B S P C A U G U S T Q I C R X L S U P Z T M
 V R G U H T D E R T H J K V L O H S B T S D R G
 D C H N R V J T N C H A R O M H R L E E D E A F
 P O P S I C L E S T T Y U M O Y L K K C I N H G
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 S S T R N O N N E G H W O E V X B P A R A D E S
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 A E S E T D F F Q W T M E R E T A Y U I H S O P
 A R S N A D F G H A J M K L L Z C X C V S B N S
 M Q W E L R T U C T I I O P K A H S D A A F G C
 H J K L I Z X A C V B N N M N Q R W L E L N U I
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 Z X N C V B N F D H J T R H R J N K L E S G W C
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| AUGUST | FUN | POPSICLES |
| BEACH | HULA HOOPS | ROLLERCOASTER |
| BIKES | ICE CREAM | SANDALS |
| CAMPING | JULY | SPLASH |
| CARNIVAL | JUMPROPE | SPRINKLER |
| COOKOUTS | JUNE | SNOWCONES |
| FIREFLIES | MOVIES | SUNGLASSES |
| FIREWORKS | PARADES | SUNSCREEN |
| FISHING | PARTIES | SWIMMING |
| FLIPFLOPS | PICNICS | THEME PARK |
| | POOL | VACATION |

- Answers:
 1. Tuesday, Thursday, today and tomorrow.
 2. They were a grandmother, mother and daughter.
 3. Seven (take away the 's' and it becomes 'even').
 4. $888+88+8+8 = 1,000$.
 5. They read the same right side up and upside down.

Riddles!

1. NAME FOUR DAYS OF THE WEEK THAT START WITH THE LETTER "T"?
2. TWO MOTHERS AND TWO DAUGHTERS WENT OUT TO EAT, EVERYONE ATE ONE BURGER, YET ONLY THREE BURGERS WERE EATEN IN ALL. HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE
3. I AM AN ODD NUMBER. TAKE AWAY ONE LETTER AND I BECOME EVEN. WHAT NUMBER AM I?
4. USING ONLY ADDITION, HOW DO YOU ADD EIGHT 8'S AND GET THE NUMBER 1000?
5. WHAT DO THE NUMBERS 11, 69, AND 88 ALL HAVE IN COMMON?

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