

Quick Notes from Leadership

Principal Galfer "Welcome back Bulldogs! We're off to a great start to this school year. We have already had a great opening Community Day, several field trips, and some record breaking attendance! We are excited about the year ahead and look forward to building the most student centered school in Chicago! Oo-Rah!"

Major Harrison "The relationship between cadet officers and cadet enlisted men/women should in no sense be that of superior and inferior nor that of master and servant, but rather that of teacher and scholar [i.e., student]. In fact, it should partake in the nature of the relationship between - father and son; mother and daughter, to the extent that cadet officers, especially cadet commanding officers, are responsible for the physical, mental, and moral welfare, as well as the discipline and cadet training, of the young men/women under their command..."

Hispanic Heritage Month

During National Hispanic Heritage Month which runs from September 15th to October 15th, we recognize the importance and contributions of Hispanics during this month. Some Hispanic countries also celebrate their independence during this time frame. These countries include: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. All of these countries declared independence in 1821. Mexico celebrates its independence on September 16th. Each country has something everyone likes. For example, a Mexican actor named Mario Moreno and known professionally as Cantinflas, starred in at least 35 movies over the course of his career. We celebrate this month for what each country has been able to accomplish and the contributions that their descendants have on the world at large.

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Remembering 9/11

On September 11, 2001, a group of Islamic extremists from Osama Bin Laden's al Qaida organization hijacked 2 U.S aircraft and slammed into the World Trade Center in New York City. A third plane was taken and flown into the Pentagon in Virginia. Finally, a fourth plane was hijacked and crashed into a field in Pennsylvania. In almost 2 hours, both towers of the World Trade Center collapsed, killing 2,753 people. Also, the west side of the Pentagon collapsed, killing 125 people and 44 people died in the crash in Pennsylvania. The citizens who have been killed and attacked by terrorists will never be forgotten. Family members mourn for all the employees that were in the buildings. 9/11 falls on a day when classes are usually in session. The classes usually have a moment of silence. It's a day in history that happened 17 years ago. Places like New York City, Ground Zero, have a big memorial ceremony. Citizens come together around the area where both buildings collapsed, to commemorate all the loves ones that passed away.

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Anti-Bullying

Bullying- the use of force, threat, or coercion to abuse, intimidate, or aggressively dominate other. The behavior is often repeated and habitual.

Anti-Bullying Contact: Ms.Pagan in rm.107

National Bullying Hotline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Anti-bullying committee have many activities planned for the month of October. These activities will include:

- 10/2/17- Bullying awareness buttons and signing of Anti-bullying board
- 10/10/17- Advisories cover bullying awareness lesson plans (Blue Day)
- 10/19/17 @ 5:00pm - Parent bullying awareness night
- 10/24/17- Kind Notes Day
- 10/30/17- Kick off Mentoring Program apply with Ms.Pagan in room 107

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America, Land of the Free and Home of the Brave

Student Perspectives on a Contemporary Social Issue

“O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave!” That is the last line of our national anthem, which holds our pride for our fore fathers, the ones who had gone before us, who sacrificed and honored to make this country great and free as it is today. For the longest, America has been known for its freedoms: Freedom of speech, freedom to press, freedom of equality, etc. But the most important principle that people seem to appreciate the most is the freedom to live, and work towards the American Dream.

However, there are people who would classify us as the lowest members of the society, as defined by class. In order to have our voices heard in the public crowd, we are the ones that do all the “dirty” work in order to make the American’s economy so great; we are the ones that make up most of the America’s backbone in the modern era. Nevertheless, there was a plot twist in the 45th Presidential election that has changed the way Americans view on immigration.

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If you want to be part of the anti-bullying planning committee there will be a meeting every lunch period until the end of September in Rm.107

Need Service Learning Hours?

See Ms. Cosby in room 216 to get more information.

Seniors...stay on top of your post-secondary plans. Make sure to communicate with your Senior Seminar teacher and with Mr. Lyke.

EDITORIAL

When President Trump first took office, the first thing that he commented about immigration was “Anyone who is in the United States illegally is subject to deportation.” This, obviously, caused some concern across the United States. Some additional comments including, “When Mexico sends its people, they’re not sending their best...” caused additional controversy across the country. No matter where you stand on the issue of immigration, think of the following...In the United States, doesn’t everybody have the freedom of speech? As a citizen, we have to respect that privilege because it was one of the American rights that was included in the 1st Amendment to the United States Constitution.

A. Le, '18 and P. Montalvo, '18



In our next issue...we will continue to probe our conscience AND to look at both sides of the issue. Stay tuned.

Dear Bulldog... Here is some advice from your peers as you move forward.

- Get involved in extracurricular activities

There are so many benefits from joining sports and clubs in school. You can bond with others who share the same interests as you, so you already know people and can easily get along with them; you don't have to go straight home every day; and it looks great on college applications!!!! So get involved right away, don't "wait for your life to begin" because it's already happening.

- Wear your uniform correctly at ALL times

A lot of cadets tend to not care enough about wearing the uniform the right way, especially at the beginning of their high school years. The way you wear your uniform is the way you will be seen by your instructors, teachers, and peers. If you are always looking squared away and act responsible in your uniform, then teachers will tend to trust you. Your peers will look to you as an example and your instructors will see potential in you. Once your instructors see that potential, you will be more likely to move up in rank and earn a leadership position as well.

- Have a balance

Yes, it's very important to focus on your grades; but it's also important to take time for yourself. Your well-being is just as important as getting A's and B's. Try doing as much of your work as you can at school, so when you get home you do not have to do as much and you will have more free time.

- Stay on track

It's so important to keep up with your classes. You will be receiving a lot of work in class and homework; if you end up fooling around in class or don't attempt to do homework, you will be left behind. Pay attention, do the work and come to class prepared.

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MLA Sports:

Soccer:

Boys- the Boys soccer team has a record of 8 wins 1 loss and 1 tied game.

Girls - Interested in playing girls soccer? Let Coach Salgado know. He's located in the Main Office. You can also see Coach Tipre.

The girls have open field and use the weight room on selected days. You can also let any of the soccer girls know so that they can add you to the MLA girls' soccer group chat where you will be informed of the practice schedule, including girls middle school.

Football: The boys have a record 2 wins and 1 loss. If you are interested in joining the team, let security guard Cano or Migut know. Additionally, you can also speak with Coach Lyke or Coach Tim. The football team usually is either on the field or weight room on certain days when available but they may also be preparing for upcoming games and plays in classrooms. If you would like any more information, you can talk to any of the football players about the football team's group chat for games and practice or tryouts.

Volleyball: It looks like the Girls volleyball team is going undefeated this year in their conference. They have a record of 4-0 and 5-0 overall. They have an upcoming game Tuesday, September 19 vs. Disney II. If you are interested in joining, see Coach Singleton at the front desk. Middle school girls' volleyball has tryouts Friday September 15, 2017. See Ms. Aulisio for more information.

New sport? If you want to start a new sport you will need to get a group of people who also want to start that sport. Take that idea to a teacher or counselor and tell them about your idea. If they agree to help you participate in the sport, the request is then sent to Principal Galfer for final approval.

For everyone who doesn't know there is a sports fee... the fee will need to be paid if you are interested in playing.

High School students will need to pay \$100 dollars if you didn't play any sports and if you played sports you will need to pay.

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