

# The Gap Gazette

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## Welcome Back to the Gap Gazette!

By Emily Pickery



Welcome to another fine, yet overdue, issue of the Gazette. I have the pleasure of giving a recap to all readers. What a jam packed time it has been for the school! We have had students come and students go (though more coming than going!). We've had several successful terms, kept our choir going and participated in supporting Relay for Life.

This term we also had a journalism class so there isn't a more fitting time to release a new issue of the paper. The class learned about the basic tenets of journalism, how to conduct an interview, field reporting, investigative reporting and took turns writing their own observations. One thing Columba students are always up for is a challenge.



(students check the scene of a car accident to get the scoop)



(we interview the owner of the pizza shop)

The students also had Geography, Religion, and Writing and have really embraced keeping the principal of cleanliness being next to godliness by turning up faithfully every Friday to clean. Over the years it has been an ever changing evolution in how the terms go with improvements every year.

In addition to the evolving curriculum, student achievements and relations with the school are also growing and I would like to personally commend a few of those outstanding students. Master Billy Auster for leading the charge as a prefect. A natural leader, Billy envelopes the heart and spirit of the school. Newer student Master Kyle Buckingham has also stepped up with dedication to leading some of our services. God and the school stand proud.

Lastly, I would like to extend my heartfelt best wishes to Madam Victoria Temple as she embarks on her next chapter and has completed her final term with us and will no longer be teaching at Columba. Your dedication and enthusiasm for the school will be sorely missed and we are sad to see you go. You are a wonderful instructor, mentor and colleague and your departure will leave a hole at Columba that is not easily filled. Godspeed, Madam Temple.

With all of that being said, I look forward to another successful term at the school and I wish you safety and happiness on summer break. Just because there will be no classes for a short spell, does not mean students should not come to the school. Watch the notices and the Discord for some activities I will be planning.

God bless you all and have a wonderful summer.

Madam Emily Jane Pickery



# O'Hare's Happenings

Community Information  
Real Estate and financial reports



by Willy Sandalwood

I was told when we first started O'Hare's Gap (OHG) that themed sims don't last very long. Ha! We all proved that wrong didn't we? We've been here for over 12 years now. We're here because of all of our fine community members and our long term residents.

I don't consider myself much of a businessman. When the concept of OHG came about I knew I needed some kind of model for income as I couldn't afford to pay for the sims out of my pocket. At first I was told "charge L\$3 per prim and you'll be fine." I wasn't sure if that was supposed to be a day, a week, a month, or what. Since then I've concluded that it was meant to be per week. The hard part was managing the number of prims that I could make available for rent. Why was that so hard? A themed sim isn't just rental buildings and prims. Its landscaping, props, and things to look at to support the theme. My rates for rentals went up, they went down, we offered discounts, we offered free rentals. In the long run, I settled on L\$17 per prim per MONTH.

Another factor that played into that was that I knew we couldn't expect to be rented at 100% all the time. I settled on 70% as the target. What that means is if we offered 1000 prims for rent, I expected 700 (70%) to be my break-even point. So if we had 10 rentals all offering 100 prims each, I expected 7 of them to be rented at all times to be able to pay the tier on the sims. Anything

over that would be left over to pay those times that renters were below 70%. Anything less, then we had to beg for donations.

I think I hit that number a few times. That means like 2 or 3 times! We had more than 70% of the rentals rented out! Unfortunately the next month we had fewer than 70%. So any funds that we made the previous month went to pay the next month's tier. Yes we get some donations from visitors. Do you know that most visitors still consider L\$1 a suitable donation? I'm not complaining except L\$1 equals .004 US cents. It takes a lot of those to make the over \$450 US dollars that it takes to pay the tier each month. I really do appreciate the donations as every little bit helps.

We've certainly had our ups and downs. Starting out with one sim, then two, then three, then four, then back to two. We've grown and shrunk with the rise and fall of SL traffic. We are regularly not making the 70%. I know that it is due in part to the drop in traffic across the grid.

I had someone mention to me in the last week that nobody stops to say hi at OHG anymore. That surprised me a little. Is everyone not trying to show that Irish hospitality any longer? I know a few years back that the school kids were expected to spend time in town to interact with the visitors, making them feel at home and that Irish hospitality was something they wanted to be a part of.

Have we lost that? I hope not.

I HATE asking for donations! Until we get our rented out at 70% or more, asking for donations seems to be a regular thing.

I want you to ask yourself a few questions:

1 - If you aren't donating, why not; Aren't you getting something out of OHG, the church, the school, SMK? Shouldn't you give something back?

2 - If you aren't interacting with visitors and the other residents, why not; Aren't you proud of what we have and what you represent?

3 - Are you talking to other people outside of OHG about what we offer; Wouldn't it be nice to not have to get my donation pleas?

We have a great community here and you are part of that. Let's not sit back and watch it shrink with the diminishing SL traffic.

Thanks for all you do!

## ST. COLUMBA'S ADVENTURES

### IN Spider Attack

by Annie Auster

FT. Billy, Sarah, Anneke & Annie.



# SCCBS Admin News

## St. C School News and Information



by  
Sarah  
Sandalwood  
Horten

A lot of amazing things happened at school over the past year. Even I have issues trying to remember everything and I'm only 8! The biggest news was that we held a large gala in honor of SCCBS turning 7 years old in mid April. Details of that event can be found later in the gazette... we had some amazing classes this year that both educated and stimulated young minds.

Our newest teacher, Madam Shasta Brown taught both Cooking and Geography. Coming from the Baltimore Maryland area, it's safe to say she's taught the kids some unique words and has a language all her own. But the students love her and the unique perspective and ideas she has brought to SCCBS.



One of our own students, Master Kyle Auster, decided to grow up and follow his dream of entering the priesthood. As he turned 18, he was ordained a deacon and due to his love of St. Columba, he became our daily prayer leader and will teach religion this fall. We hope to watch his journey progress and wish him the best of luck!

The tickbook has gone digital with our new "Tickmaster 5000". My job has gotten much easier to record and manage student infractions with the swipe of my finger. Running reports and issuing multiple ticks has never been easier! Technology can be such a burden but if it makes for easy ticks, I'm all in favor of it!



Inspections were plentiful in the past year. No matter the weather or temperature, we conducted countless inspections before class each day. An SCCBS staple!



Fridays have become school cleaning day. Each Friday we arm ourselves with brooms and divide into groups to clean the school from top to bottom. Many hands lighten the load and the boy's dorm always seems to get pretty grubby by the end of the week.



For the first time in SCCBS history, I treated everyone to pizza after a lot of hard work and elbow grease. The time and energy that was put forth was well rewarded.



Though the strangest event of the year is when Miss Lila brought a haunted doll to Show-N-Tell. Her name was "Miss Clara" and she belonged to Lila's Aunt, Madam Pickery.

Rumor has it that Miss Clara contained the soul of a young girl that died years ago. Though she did not speak, she watched everything we did, conjured up indoor storms, bats, spiders...anything she thought might scare us if we ever said anything bad about her. She wouldn't leave until she was ready and I do believe it was over a half a year until she went home. Needless to say, Miss Lila is barred from ever bringing anything to Show-N-Tell again!



Master Billy had his leg broken after Master Allie pinned him into the wall with a snowmobile. While showing little to no remorse, Master Allie was to become Master Billy's servant and tend to him until his leg healed. But sadly over the months that it took, Master Allie did nothing more than make Master Billy some frogs legs. Billy sure was a trooper through it all.



Seeing Lucie again was amazing! She said it was strange being brought back from the dead to experience our 7 year anniversary. But it couldn't have been a celebration without the young lady that started our school all those years ago.

As always...it is an honor and privilege to be your Excellence at SCCBS! You are all my extended school family and the reason I love what I do. Without each of you, the love and comradery that makes our school so unique and truly unlike anything else on the grid...well you know the rest. But I can never say it enough! ^\_^

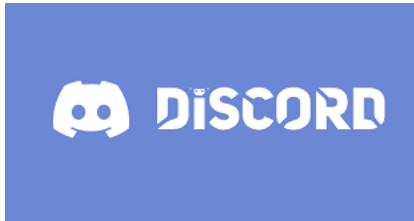
# SCCBS Admin News

## St. C School News and Information



by Sarah Sandalwood Horten

### WE'RE ON DISCORD! ARE YOU!?



Throughout our school's history, we have always used our Facebook group to share stories, photos and announcements. But in the past year, we left Facebook and moved over to Discord. If you are unaware, Discord is a platform that was created for gamers, groups,

enthusiasts and communities to share photos, stories, videos and so much more...all for free!

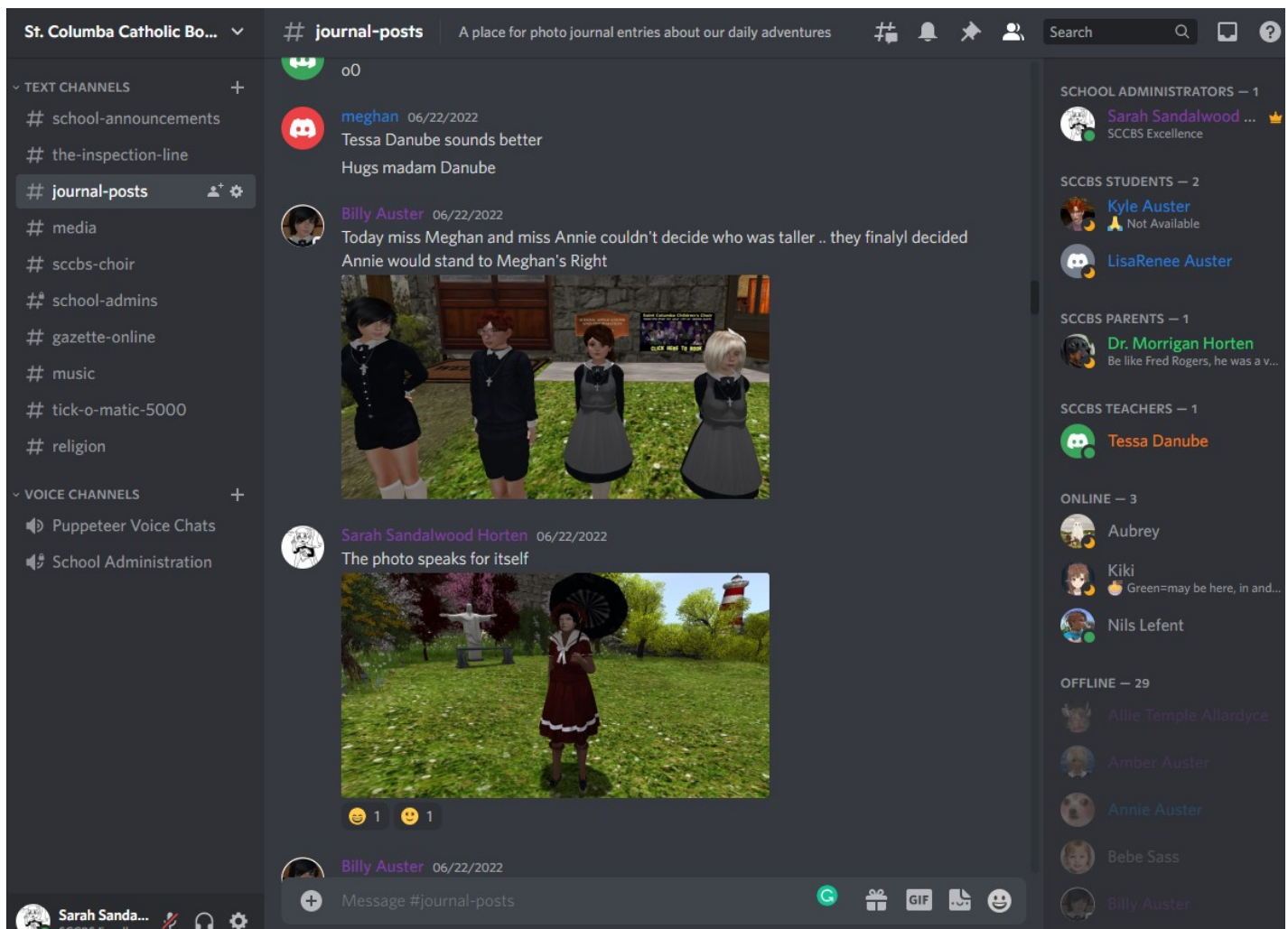
This web based service works on any internet browser or via the smartphone app and allows users to chat in real time, upload files of all kinds, speak privately with one another, use voice if desired and even do full video chats.

The SCCBS Server (groups are called "servers") is divided into different "channels" like School Announcements, The Inspection Line, Journal Posts....etc.

We use the journal channel to post photos of our daily adventures and other funny comments that staff and students might otherwise have

missed that day. To get a free Discord account, simply go to

[www.discord.com](http://www.discord.com) and set one up. And because we keep our server private, you must ask Miss Sarah for an "invite code" to join the SCCBS Discord Server. We do not want the general public hopping into our server and grieving or causing issues. When we are not in school, the fun carries over into Discord where the adventures never end! Hope to see you there!



# Miss Annie Sends Her Love....

Artwork by  
Miss Annie  
Auster



## Second Life Advice



By  
**Schlomo  
Israel  
Lipshitz,**

### Schlomo's Second Life Advice

By: Schlomo Israel Lipshitz, C.P.A.

**Q:** Should I be in a second life relationship?

**A:** You should be in a second life relationship only after marriage, not before. Furthermore you may hold hands and look each other in the eyes after you say "I do".

**Q:** Where is a good place to buy a home in second life?

**A:** Any place within walking distance of free soup is best. Try looking at places near catholic shuls.

**Q:** What is the best way to make gelt?

**A:** You go buy chocolate a day after any holiday and let it sit around for five years. Give it to anyone in place of a linden coin.

**Q:** What is the best way to get a small glass of water?

**A:** You have to whisper to a boyal and ask for it. Do this repeatedly until said boyal gets you a refreshment.

**Q:** How high should a hat flip?

**A:** At least two feet. Make sure it makes noise.

**Q:** Should I pay for free school soup?

**A:** Absolutely not! The best things in second life are free.

# Student Articles

Students write about different topics including "What I Do When Not at School"

Ahum.....

I am not really a long time in school, only about half a year. So I dont have a lot of memories. What I do remember, I love to share with all of you. Here it is.

When I first visited the school, there were not a lot of people around. Only one boy, who I know now was Billy. He told me, he was a boy and I was a girl. I didnt know the difference back then, nobody ever told me.

Billy asked me if I wanted to join the school. And since my mamas told me to look for one, I said "yes". It wasnt strange i landed at St. Columba, because my mama Naomi was already teacher here.

Anyways, Billy showed me around on the school premises and he told me all about St. Columba. I was so impressed (well.... like I said, mama Naomi told me to join here) that same day I filled in the papers and not long after that miss Sarah and me we had the intake chat.

Since that day, I came to the school almost every day. I LOVE the school, even when I get ticks I dont deserve now and then.

Oh and my best friend forever, she is also in school and gets a lot more ticks than me. Miss Sarah tells me I shouldnt listen to her because she's a "bad lot". but to me miss Heidi is always sweet and I love her and she helps me when I need help.

Thank you for listening.

Miss Meghan

I have several things I like to do when I am not at school. One of them is hanging out with my family and playing games. Our favorites are Ludo and Blitz 31. We have 4 sims and are currently busy renovating one to be Rivendell from LOTR. i also have my own island I am renovating it this summer. I also run an Oyster Cafe music venue! Check my picks for landmarks! I hope to show you all sometime! I also like to ride my bike on the weekly grid drives from Drivers of SL group. And, of course, I like to shop! With so many events these days, there's just never enough Lindens is there?!

Miss Lila

We have been asked to write briefly on what we like to do outside of school.

My latest major project is that I am preparing to be consecrated a Catholic Deacon on July 8, and then a Catholic Priest on October 1. I am studying for the Archdiocese of Tranquility/Chaillet. Fr. Liam Steele is my formation director and mentor. After I am made a priest, I will serve at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

This move toward priesthood is the culmination of many years of being attracted to the priesthood as a vocation. My Puppeteer is a former seminarian, Benedictine monk, and Music Minister, now retired. He holds advanced degrees in theology, philosophy, and music.



The other area where I am most active is in support of my uncle's live music performances in Second Life. He performs several times a week, and I help out behind the scenes making sure all equipment is in good working order. I often to his shows to be a supportive person

in the audience when he performs.

Other than that, I enjoy spending time with friends, and my sisters and brothers as a member of the Auster family.

Master Kyle

Ode To Popcorn

Popcorn, O, Popcorn  
O, glorious Popcorn  
You are my favorite salty treat.

Popcorn, O, Popcorn  
Light, fluffy Popcorn  
You are such a delight to eat.

The sound of your popping brings joy to my ear, just as it has been for many a year.  
Your scent wafts in from my kitchen to tease that craving I have only you can appease.

I take you out of the mic with pride, hoping you have one more pop left inside.  
The feel of that last pop, a smile does cause, but one thing I see, well, it gives me some pause.

I see that a dark spot has formed while you popped, a spot on the bag that says I should have stopped.  
I open your bag with the utmost of care, knowing we might have a problem in there.

For if you are burnt, oh, a turn for the worse we'd have on our hands, and I'd have to curse.  
For the smell would assault all my senses, you see. Though, that would not stop me from devouring thee.

Well, phew, it does seem that you're all in tact, and still quite delicious, as a matter of fact.  
Lightly salted, some butter, but not too much fat. Still warm to the touch and I like you like that.

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Master Cameron

What I do outside of school hours

By Billy Auster

Summer 2022

In the early years of the school, after class I would often sit on my bed in the boys' dorm, and just stare at my single Linden coin for hours on end, praying that someday I would double my riches and have two ! Sometimes I would look out the window on rainy days, searching the landscape for Leprechauns. Sometimes I would fish outside or catch a film at the OHG theater. (I think Mister



Willy must have been cheap because all the movies were always in black and white.) Occasionally, I would get out a laptop computer that my brothers had given me, and play a game called Third Life. It's very fun, you can be anything you want, and everyone should try it at least once.

Once I was finally adopted into a family, my after-school activities moved away from the school and more to our family house. Playing Third Life didn't seem so interesting anymore either, because my second life became so fulfilling. At home I feed our dog Kiba, daily, a big bowl of kibbles and he eats every last piece of kibble as if it was his last. If any little pieces drop and hide under the side of his dish, or under a kitchen table, he sniffs and sniffs and sniffs for it until he finds it! And if its out of reach of his mouth he can stretch his tongue pretty far to snag them. I think he likes kibbles almost or more than I like soup. Which is a lot. We must feed him promptly otherwise he starts chewing on the sofa.

I help my mum on the farm a lot. He likes growing corn and beans the best. Yes, we have things like corn and beans and carrots and such, but we also have crocodiles, and we have to brush their tummies and feed them. Even though you might think having crocodiles would be dangerous and they might want to feed on us people, they actually wont bite if you if you brush them regularly and feed them crocodile food before their mouth starts watering at us people.

I watch television with my sisters and friends sometimes. We each take turns picking a song or video, and play it for one another and talk about it. Sometimes my mum makes us chocolate cake from her farm. Its the most delicious tasting cake you can imagine. It comes in a mix and made by the brand "D.F.S." You can't imagine a more chocolatey taste.

A lot of times we sit on the beach and just talk or swim, or both. My skin is very pale so I have to remember to put sun lotion on or my skin turns red and hurts. When that happens I can't even sit in a chair without pain. It helps me remember to put on the lotion for next time.

Hey, babies! Shasta here. When 'ole Miss Sarah asked me to come and teach here, I was stunned. After all, I hadn't neva taught nothin' to nobody before. I can still remember the conversation:

MISS SARAH: Can you read well?  
ME: No.  
MISS SARAH: Can you write well?  
ME: No.  
MISS SARAH: Do you have any teaching experience?  
ME: No.  
MISS SARAH: Did you ever study geography?  
ME: No.  
MISS SARAH: Are you a carbon-based life form?  
ME: Uh, yeah, I guess so.  
MISS SARAH: Congratulations! You're our new geography teacher!

'Den 'dere was no lookin' back for old Shasta. I have now taught two classes here, and I must say it's been a hoot. Some of you - I won't mention names but his initials are "Billy Auster" - are always late, and some, like Heidi, have all the cultured manners of a bull that's been hit with a cattle-prod. But, in general, you are good and smart children, and teaching you was fun. It would have been a joy if the pay had been better. Maybe I'll do it again next year. But I see one lizard crawl from a certain student's pocket, I'm gunna start flinging ticks as quickly as drunken sailors on shore-leave get hurled out of waterfront bars.

# Student Articles

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## What Is Messianic Judaism?

Judaism does hold the belief that a savior will come to redeem the Jewish people, but they do not believe that Jesus fulfilled that role. Messianic Jews, on the other hand, do believe that Jesus came to the earth as the Messiah.

Those in other denominations may have heard the term "Messianic Jew" or "Messianic Judaism" before but may not know what these terms mean.

Perhaps you have met a Christian who says they are a Messianic Jew, but you may not know the history of Messianic Judaism.

A Messianic Jew is a person of Jewish heritage who believes in Yeshua (Jesus) as their Savior and Lord. The very name of Jesus means 'salvation'. The first believers were Jews - Messianic Jews, if you will. But there is a whole history in the Messianic Judaism.

### A Brief History of Messianic Judaism

As I wrote above, the Messianic Jewish movement started on Pentecost (circa 33 AD) The disciples of Yeshua were Jews and on Pentecost they were indwelt by the Holy Spirit:

Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them (Acts 2:2-4).

As far as the explicit movement of "Messianic Judaism," where Jewish believers in Yeshua went by this name, it happened a little later in church history than the first century AD.

According to the Jews for Jesus website, the movement has gone under different names. After a split of Jewish Christians and Gentile Christians after the fall of Rome, many Jewish Christians who simultaneously practiced the Torah and practiced the teachings of the New Testament went under the name of Nazarenes, a name that still exists for Jewish-Christians today.

Sadly, many anti-Semitic movements drove many Jewish-Christians away from the churches in the early centuries, because many believed God had rejected the Jews and Jewish practices.

Nevertheless, a remnant of Jewish-Christians remained throughout the centuries of church history.

"The first functioning place of worship for Jewish believers was Christ Church in Jerusalem, which was completed in 1849, with a Jewish believer called Solomon Alexander as the first protestant bishop in Israel," according to One for Israel. (A side note, many Messianic communities do not accept the moniker, "Protestant", because they were not a part of the history Protestant movement.

In the 1800s, the Messianic Jewish movement became more active.

In the 1960s and 70s, the popularity of the group grew, and they went under the name "Jews for Jesus"

The movement continues to grow so much that one-third of Jewish people in the United States claim that Jesus being the Messiah is compatible with Judaism, according to a 2013 study.

### Pillars of Messianic Judaism

We must begin by drawing a distinction between Judaism and Messianic Judaism.

The former does believe that a savior will come to redeem the Jewish people, but they do not believe that Jesus fulfilled that role. Messianic Jews do believe that Jesus came to the earth as the Messiah.

Most Messianic Jews observe both instructions from the New Covenant and practices from the Torah. This also might mean they observe Sabbaths, Jewish holidays, and strict dietary laws. I for one do not hold to the strict dietary laws but I do observe the Sabbaths and the Jewish holidays, particularly Passover, the most meaningful holy day. Messianic Jews will celebrate their Jewish heritage, and hold fast to the idea that Yeshua (Jesus) is the Messiah.

Why Should I Know about Messianic Judaism?

The church has a difficult history of anti-Semitism, especially in the early centuries. This conflict has occurred since even the New Testament times (Acts 6:1; Romans 2). Many Jews and Gentiles in the church would discriminate amongst one another, believing the other was not holy enough or did not deserve a spot in being called a child of God.

Many Jewish peoples felt ostracized or abandoned. Nevertheless, many Jewish people came to faith throughout the centuries observing practices from the Torah. We should know about their history because it can better help us understand Messianic Judaism.

It's important to also know the differences between Messianic Judaism's practices and those of strictly Christian denominations.

Master Cameron

### WHEN I'M NOT AT SCHOOL....

My puppeteer is a super funny girl. She only puts me in the Second World (that's what she calls our world) when its school time. As soon as class is over, sometimes she allows me to have some soup, but most of the times, she "puts me away" on a shelf. I can tell you, its very dark there and a bit dusty too. I don't think my puppeteer ever cleans it there. Anyway, there I am, on a shelf, in the dark. Thinking about what happened that day, or make plans for the next day.

Now, I am not a student very long (about half a year) and I don't know much about the school history. So (and please don't tell me puppeteer) I sneak in a lamplight and starts reading first of all the rules, most of them which I know now, and the St. Columba history. That last book is a very interesting book, and I love to read it. Its about a miss Lucie who lived on the dark side of SL, miss Sarah who is the opposite and always looks at the bright side. But its also about my bestie, miss Heidi, who was really really a bad girl in the passed. And it was about master Billy and his girlfriend Anneke, who were inseparable. So that is what I do in the time when I'm not at school.

Miss Meghan

### Why St. Columba's?

At first, St. Columba's school looks like one of those weird places where they spank and humiliate people, but it is far from it.

St. Columba's is a safe and friendly place with lots of good people. It is an old-fashioned place where I can learn to be a proper lady in a traditional setting while receiving support from some of the kindest people around.

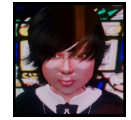
Miss Sarah keeps the place running. At first she seems like a strict disciplinarian but she is not like those people who are hunting for trouble. She is so kind and runs a school that not just works but has thrived over the years as many close down.

The school has religious studies, journalism, science, geography, dancing, and theater! It has something everyone is sure to love.

St. Columba's has been the school I am proud to be a part of. I love being here and don't want to be anywhere else!

Miss Hannah B. Utherwurdly

# SCCBS 7 Year Gala



by  
Billy J  
Auster

## The Saint Columba 7th year Anniversary Gala

June 2022

By Billy Auster

In the spring of 2015, I stood by the fountain at SMK. I was just standing there, contemplating my fairly average second life. I was about to throw my only linden coin into the water (to make a wish for more linden coins) when I noticed a girl about my age standing nearby, rocking back and forth with a mischievous grin on her face. I paused, put the coin back into my trousers, and approached her to say hello. She was friendly and spoke of her school nearby. She said she was supposed to be asleep in her dorm but had snuck out! Her demeanor and her school uniform both intrigued me and within a day or two I paid a visit to the school. As with many others who paid such a visit, I found myself happily enrolled, and never left. As you may have guessed, the school turned out to be Saint Columba. And the girl turned out to be a student named Miss Caroline. Now, seven years later almost to the day, the same Caroline sat again with all of us at the school's 7th year anniversary gala -- though no longer a "Miss", but a queen! Now, it must be said that not all students who attend Saint Columba go on to be kings or queens. However, Queen Caroline has proven it to be in the realm of possibility.

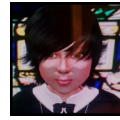


For any who might be unaware, the school was originally founded by Miss Lucie Rose, had many different names and locations, and it's history prior to O'Hares Gap can be found in the May 2018 issue of the Gazette. Lucie left Saint Columba not too long after bringing it here. Perhaps as the eldest student, she had outgrown it. So many years have gone by since then, there had been rumors that she had passed away. However, we were pleasantly surprised to see her walk into the room with all of us, her skin much paler but yet very much alive.

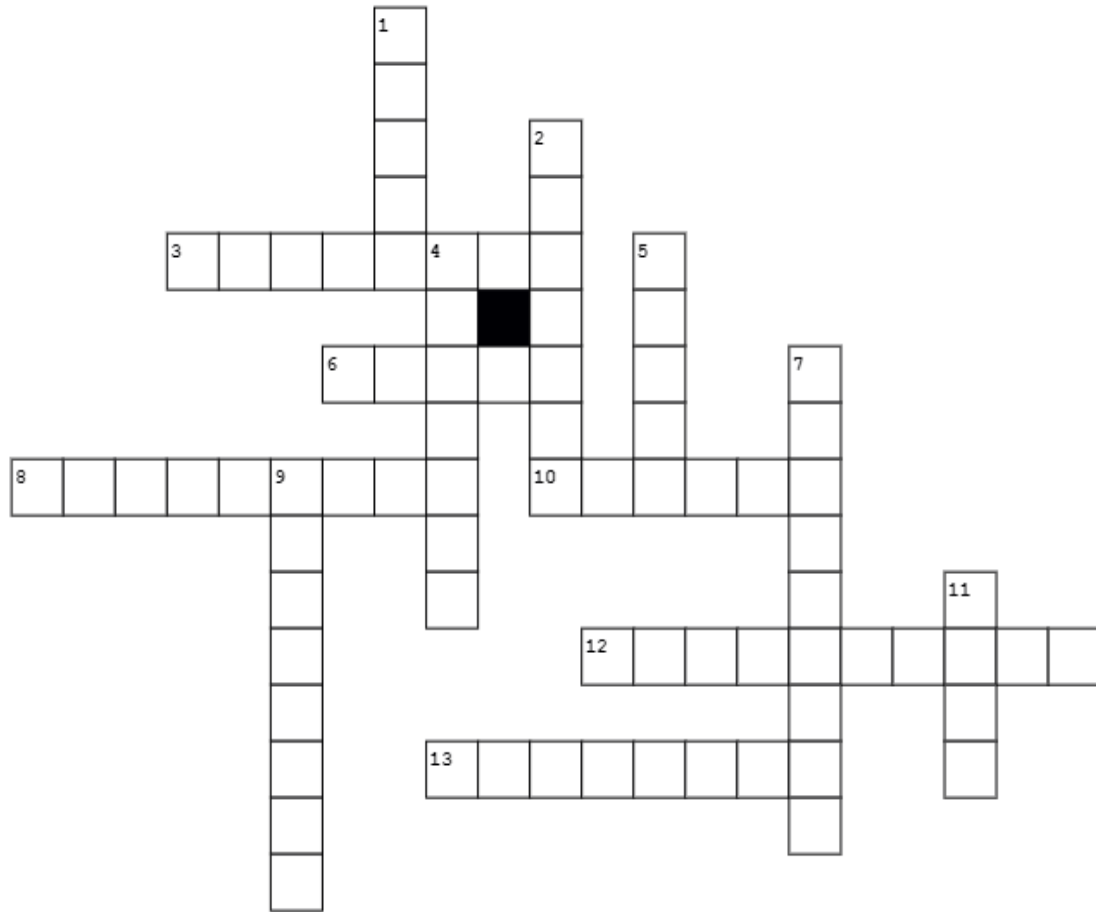


There was much laughter and merriment at the gala. Many speeches were given! Many memories shared. There were very many in attendance, celebrating and recognizing how special this school really was. What does this school mean to each of its students? That is difficult to say. Unlike other schools which aim to over-pamper or over-punish their students, this school has offered something unique and refreshing that could be found nowhere else. And that "something" was a feeling of true comradery, and true friendships. Because at the end of the day, it is the friendships that we build in our lives that actually mean something. What we experience here at Saint Columba are not just fleeting moments, easily forgotten. The feelings actually continue to resonate for days, weeks, years, with each of us. At least, they do with me. I told Miss Lucie once, "You have created something here which is very much like a story, a story which none of us ever want to end."





### Saint Columba Crossword



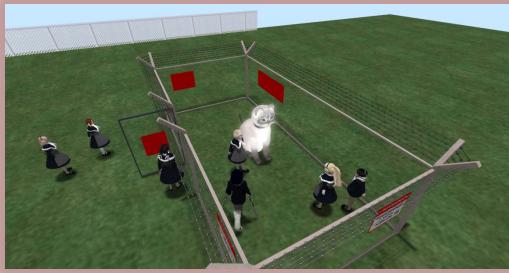
**Across**

- 3. Miss Sarah hates
- 6. Legendary founder of St C
- 8. Good luck charm
- 10. Geography teacher
- 12. Legendary little man
- 13. Daily prayer

**Down**

- 1. Miss Sarah loves
- 2. Miss Sarah ALSO hates
- 4. At least 100 years old
- 5. Heidi's headgear
- 7. St C Mascot
- 9. Symbol of the Irish
- 11. Miss Sarah ALSO loves

# Our Year in Photos



Brandelyn is catnapped and we go on a riddle-solving adventure to find her.



Some students from the 7 year anniversary gala



Master Billy gets his cast removed by Madam Pickery



Master Cameron gives a blessing before dinner



Master Kyle and Master Cameron have a serious discussion in the dorm.



Miss Sarah and Master Billy stare frightened at Miss Clara who refuses to leave the school before she's ready.



Madam Brown shows a photo of her and her mother when they lived in Chicago

# Inside Story Headline



A perfect summary of Miss Sarah's mood after a choir practice with Miss Heidi



Madam Auster gave "driving lessons" to the kids...uh huh



School Halloween Party



Master Pink Hair—Can you say TICK!?



Master Billy attends to the school iguana



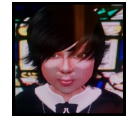
Miss Annie is so upset with Master Allie, she cannot eat her soup.



When a winged demon appeared at school, Schlomo Lipshitz pushed Miss Sarah forward and said "Take this child. Spare the rest!"



Madam Pickery when she gets wet. Yeah, scared us too!



by  
Billy J  
Auster

## It's All Fun and Games....

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### Saint Columba Student Scramble!

If you can unscramble all these student names, you know your class well!

Scrambled Words

1. MGNEAH
2. IHDEI
3. ALEIL
4. AHARS
5. LAIS
6. INAEUPL
7. RDAOOTL
8. NUKTESIA
9. ARBEM
10. MARNCEO
11. YLIAHE
12. HAAHNN
13. ILYBL
14. EMJAI
15. ALIL
16. EYKL
17. EYSRIHL
18. SISAL
19. NVASEJ



## “Rumor Has It...”



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#### SCHLOMO'S REVENGE

Or: don't let the truth stand in the way of a good story

Last term we had a lot of field trips, every student of St. Columba who attends on a regular basis, knows that, and love them. The teacher who organized those field trips, was no one else than our famous miss Pickery. Although an ancient person, she still has "what it takes" to entertain us, kids.

Now before I go into the field trips, I have to explain something. Miss Pickery, ancient as she is, has a suitor. Or rather, a wannabe suitor. Not surprisingly the guy himself is ancient too. You may say: both ancient, a man and a woman, miss Pickery should count her blessings. But then, you don't know miss Pickery, and you don't know her wannabe suitor, which is mister Schlomo.

Now let me tell you about mister Schlomo (who is family of the Auster family by the way). Far is it from me to speak bad about older people, let alone ancient people (I may receive zillions of ticks when I did that). Mister Schlomo is the prototype of a traditional Jew. He wears a sort of cap, which flips when he disagrees on something, he constantly tries to economize on money (which he calls "gelt") and he tries to undermine our Catholic beliefs all the time. Now that's the guy who fancies miss Pickery who is devoted Catholic. Reader will understand he makes no chance in the world, not even the second world.

Back to the field trip. As I wrote, miss Pickery took us on several field trips, that for the class "journalism". Miss Pickery had the idea she could make us all great journalists. We learned about how to interview people, like a music man and other men. I think we did not do too bad, because none of us got any ticks for being a bad student. Not that I heard of anyway. And I must say, the classes were very instructive. I don't think I would have been able to write this when I hadn't been on those classes.

Now where in all of this does mister Schlomo come in. Let me tell you, all the men we interviewed were friends of miss Pickery. Perhaps even close friends, hearing how they talked to each other. Of course there was never any wrong doing on either side, remember, miss Pickery is an ancient woman while those men were just old, I guess 30 or so. No problems there. But fact remains, they all were friends of miss Pickery. Now mister Schlomo, often confessed his affection to miss Pickery, they even set up a marriage. Well... according to miss Pickery a fake one, but never the less, mister Schlomo took it very serious. And suspicious as he is, he didn't like the idea of miss Pickery having so many male friends at all.

Now here's the thing. When we returned from the field trips to the classroom, I noticed, mister Schlomo was nowhere to be seen. And more particular, after the field trips, those friends of miss Pickery were nowhere to be seen either. Is there a reason for that? Mister Schlomo who is totally in love with miss Pickery? And her friends, who disappeared from the second earth? Is there a connection? I wonder.

Perhaps we have to alarm garda JoAnne about the missing persons. Or is it a worse scenario? Are we talking about murder? Do we have a mass murderer among us? I leave the conclusions to the readers.

Miss Anneke

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## Good of the Village



Master Allie sneaks into the girl's dorm to see Miss Annie

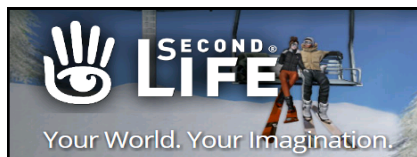


The Christmas show always manages to bring down the house!



Master Billy plays an organ made of cats for the talent show

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When no staff is present at inspection time, carrying on is the main course on the menu