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# The Gap Gazette

## Students Bring Shame Upon St. Columba

Last month I wrote about how unbelievably proud I was of St. Columba and all the students within it...yet days later an outrageous stunt cost two of our pupils their titles and left an entire village talking! Only "2" days following our last publication, a photo began to spread on social media like wild fire. In no time at all, it appeared on my screen and I couldn't believe what I was seeing. The photo appeared to be 2 of our students at Malone's Pub, drunk off their senses. Upon closer investigation, I realized one of them was a girl dressed in a boy's uniform and she was SMOKING too!

Miss Heidi Fessler and Master Sam Aviros appeared to have been invited to the pub by a young girl who is not of our school, or so the story goes. Miss Heidi's discipline record is not a stellar one to begin with so I am rarely surprised by her actions...but Master Sam...one of our youngest and newest students...I was beyond furious and left without words.



Student behavior like that is unacceptable and it is the closest I have ever come to "expulsion". The number of rules broken by this stunt were almost too many to



count and after careful consideration, their "Student Tags" were revoked.

The "St. Columba Student" tag is part of our uniform. It is a badge of honor for students to wear as it demonstrates that they have completed our enrolment demands and met our strict criteria for becoming a student. If a student is seen in uniform with a "St. Columba School" tag rather than "Student", they are typically new and working towards earning their official title. This is the first a title has been revoked and Miss Heidi seemed far more remorseful (pictured left) than Master Sam who just argued with me that he wasn't to blame.

Regardless of who led them to the pub, they knew the rules and understood the consequences for their actions. As of the time of

this publication, both students have re-earned their student titles and made amends for their actions. Yet it is only a matter of time before the next big "hard to decline" adventure comes knocking at their door.

Though we demand perfection, we simply are not and never will be. It is all but impossible to be perfect as Benjamin Franklin experimented with in one of his books. And as Christians, it is our duty to forgive and accept our human flaws and errors. I love this school no less from Miss Heidi and Master Sam's actions. I love them both very much and only want to see them achieve a greater level of discipline in their roles. But another stunt like that and they may find themselves taking refuge in the hangar.

Excellence  
Sarah Anne Sandalwood

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# O'Hare's Happenings

Events and happenings around OHG  
Real Estate and financial reports



by  
Willy  
Sandalwood

Tina's Bakery.....yeah, we have a Bakery in O'Hare's Gap! Oh, by the way, I'm just working my way down Shannon-Limerick Road, so if you have a shop, I will get to you one of these months. I just don't want you to feel left out because of the way I'm selecting the focus of my articles.

Tina's Bakery, quaint and perfect for our town, has something you won't find anywhere else in SL - actual recipes for Irish food! Better yet... she's actually made them and took the pictures herself!

Tina actually made the Irish Beef Stew for me. It was AMAZING! You have got to make some of this stew for yourself. I've always been a fan of beef stew but it's always been along the lines of the canned stuff, or the homemade stew my mother used to make. You really haven't had Beef Stew until you've made yourself some of Tina's Irish Beef Stew. Try the other recipes as well - you won't be sorry.

I do have to put in this plug for the Bakery because as Tina will tell you, I like to eat. When it comes to man-food, Irish dishes are the original man-food. Meat and potatoes type of food. Those cold rainy

and windy Irish days required everyone to eat those hearty meals. You're part of the O'Hare's Gap Irish community, eat more hearty meals! Try Tina's Bakery recipes.

Oh, one last thing. There is no reason why you can't contribute to Tina's Bakery recipes. Find something you like, preferably Irish, but not required, and send it to Tina in notecard form. Don't forget to put whose recipe it is e.g. Grandmother, my own, Cousin Joe Bob, stole it from the internet, etc.

Like in all small towns, people would share their recipes with their neighbors. OHG is no different. Even if you have a family favorite, put the info into a notecard and send it to Tina. Pick some recipes to put in your inventory, try them out, and tell your OHG friends about it. I bet almost all of us like to eat too!

I can't wait to try some of the new recipes! See you at the table!



## Resident Spotlight

Welcome to new residents and  
spotlight stories on existing ones



by  
Tina  
Ludlow



**Ms. Shy Corina Jackson**

Arizona, USA  
dancer

Well, you all remember Jack Jackson who was showcased in last month's gazette. Now we have his lovely wife, Corina Jackson. The two of them have been

OHG's residents for sometime. Always looking fabulous, her smile brightens up a room. Just like most of us women, she loves to shop! I've been lucky enough to get a few landmarks from her too! She along with her hubby have danced the night away at the hangar and have showed their artistic side when decorating for the holidays. Ms. Jackson's love of Ballet started at age 6. Dancing with Ballet Pixelle in Second Life is a dream come true and she is proud to be a part of it.

Corina became a Ballerina for Ballet Pixelle in September of 2014 and has remained an active member since.

She met and Married Action Jackson in July 2014, they are a very committed couple to this day.

Shy loves to choreograph dance and is an actress in plays with her husband. Watch for the future notices for upcoming shows that she is part of. It

is well worth seeing. If you see our lovely Shy Corina Jackson, shout out a friendly hello and let her know you read about her here in the gazette! See you all at the next ballet!

What's going on in OHG? It's time to get those ghosts out of the closet!!! Yep, it is Halloween time!! The smell of the cool air rolling over the hills. But wait! There is a faint smell of something else.... Could it be the ghosts are returning to OHG? As I was walking down the hills, I saw what looked like fingers scratching up through the dirt. Keep your ears clean and your eyes open. The chill may just be from a different source than just the changing seasons. As we approach the Halloween holiday, join in our festivities. There will be a pumpkin hunt with some cash prizes. Since we have people from different time zones, we plan on doing 2 pumpkin hunts. Also, it's time to decorate your store or cottage!! Hopefully we will have visitors from a neighboring town come and judge for the best decorated cottage or store!. If you want to participate in this contest, please send a NC to Tina that you want to enter. A cash prize will be set for this too!. If that isn't enough, let the child in you come out!!

The Annual Halloween Dance will be at Hangar 39, Saturday Oct 30th at 6 pm SLT. Best dressed contest will be awarded that night! All are welcome

to enter. Our very own OHG member Skyrim, will be our DJ. If you have any requests, send them to Tina Ludlow, and she will pass them on.

Also, look for the announcements of the grand opening of a bowling alley!!!!

Hope to see you there!!!



# The Post Office

The OHG Postmasters talk about Post happenings



by MaxymilianHax and Viola Lecker

## MYSTERIOUS SHORTCUT REMAINS A MYSTERY

Last month we published a letter of the king Henry VIII to Anne Boleyn with a mysterious shortcut at the end. It seems that the shortcut remains a mystery. If it has not been decrypted by you, the smartest students in the world, then who will do this? Let's go further with the royal love story.

### LOVE LETTERS OF HENRY VIII TO ANNE BOLEYN

#### \* Letter fifth \*

*For a present so beautiful that nothing could be more so (considering the whole of it), I thank you most cordially, not only on account of the fine diamond and the ship in which the solitary damsel is tossed about, but chiefly for the fine interpretation and the too humble submission which your goodness hath used towards me in this case; for I think it would be very difficult for me to find an occasion to deserve it, if I were not assisted by your great humanity and favour, which I have always sought to seek, and will seek to preserve by all the kindness in my power, in which my hope has placed its unchangeable intention, which says, Aut illic, aut nullibi.*

*The demonstrations of your affection are such, the beautiful mottoes of the letter so cordially expressed, that they oblige me for ever to honour, love, and serve you sincerely, beseeching you to continue in the same firm and constant purpose, assuring you that, on my part, I will surpass it*

*rather than make it reciprocal, if loyalty of heart and a desire to please you can accomplish this.*

*I beg, also, if at any time before this I have in any way offended you, that you would give me the same absolution that you ask, assuring you, that henceforward my heart shall be dedicated to you alone. I wish my person was so too. God can do it, if He pleases, to whom I pray every day for that end, hoping that at length my prayers will be heard. I wish the time may be short, but I shall think it long till we see one another.*

*Written by the hand of that secretary, who in heart, body, and will, is, Your loyal and most assured Servant,*

H. aultrc  ne cherse R.

#### \* Letter sixth \*

*To my Mistress. Because the time seems very long since I heard concerning your health and you, the great affection I have for you has induced me to send you this bearer, to be better informed of your health and pleasure, and because, since my parting from you, I have been told that the opinion in which I left you is totally changed, and that you would not come to court either with your mother, if you could, or in any other manner; which report, if true, I cannot sufficiently marvel at, because I am sure that I have since never done any thing to offend you, and it seems a very poor return for the great love which I bear you to keep me at a distance both from the speech and the person of*

*the woman that I esteem most in the world: and if you love me with as much affection as I hope you do, I am sure that the distance of our two persons would be a little irksome to you, though this does not belong so much to the mistress as to the servant.*

*Consider well, my mistress, that absence from you grieves me sorely, hoping that it is not your will that it should be so; but if I knew for certain that you voluntarily desired it, I could do no other than mourn my ill-fortune, and by degrees abate my great folly. And so, for lack of time, I make an end of this rude letter, beseeching you to give credence to this bearer in all that he will tell you from me.*

*Written by the hand of your entire Servant,*

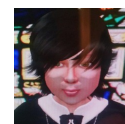
H. R.

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- \* P.O. teleport: <http://maps.secondlife.com/secondlife/Wilde/138/204/25/>

## "At the Movies"

Billy reviews the films playing this month at O'Hare's theater



by Billy J Auster

Did you know O'Hares Gap has it's very own movie theater? Even with FREE ADMISSION there is plenty of room for all to sit back and enjoy a good film! Features change weekly!

If you like, you can follow [THIS LINK](#) to teleport you directly there! You need Quicktime Player installed for the theater to work.



### OCT 9-15 Strawberry Blonde

Mmm.. strawberries.. I like to find them growing wild abundantly in the summer in Ohare's fertile soil. But this movie unfortunately isn't about eating. It's a mushy love story about a guy with a bad temper who is after the heart of a woman who has many suitors.

### OCT 16-22 Flying Wild

When I first heard this title I was absolutely certain Mister Sandalwood had commissioned a documentary film all about his only daughter's hair. But it's even better! It's a story that has both airplanes and spies. Perfection.



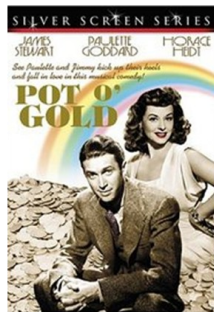
### OCT 23-29 Dr Christian Melody for Three

Mister Sandalwood has turned me into quite a Doctor Christian fan. In this tale that will keep you on the edge of your seat from beginning to end, the doctor not only helps a young boy perfect his violin skills, but attempts to rescue the boy's parents' marriage.

Doctor Christian can multi-task, because he has GOD on his side.

### OCT 30- NOV 05 Pot o' Gold

O.O Just look at all those coins!!! I couldn't WAIT to see this movie. And I'm sure you can't either. This is an Irish boy's dream movie, the one he waits his whole young life for. I could hardly sleep, I tossed and turned the night before wondering what this one was going to be.. were there going to be Leprechauns? Would there be more than one pot? Would there be a plot twist where the pot wasn't actually at the end of the rainbow? Could there possibly be a boy in the story who gets rich too? I won't tell you what the story is actually about, because I fear it might be a bit of a let down.



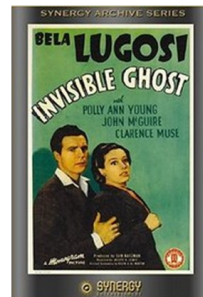
### NOV 06-12 Penny Serenade

I wasn't sure what a "Serenade" was, but I knew what a Penny ARCADE was and I had a hope in the back of my mind that this would be a story all about a fun arcade. Anyways I found out that a serenade is a song, and that's what this movie has a lot of--music --

and the memories that music can bring back to us. Example: I always think of miss Anneke when I hear the song, "Love will keep us Together" by the Captain and Tenille.

### NOV 13-19 Invisible Ghost

I almost couldn't bring myself to watch this one -- because, frankly, ghosts scare me. I think this movie really should have been back during Halloween week.. cause this did turn out to be quite scary.... but fortunately, there were no ghosts. It's more about a man who goes crazy after his wife leaves him. I guess sometimes people become "Bad Company" to one another and then it's "Good Loving Gone Bad."





# Saint Columba Class Report

A summary of school events over the past month



by  
Lucie  
Rose

As I have said briefly last month already, Sister Temple has fixed her choice on our humble school which is not only an extraordinary privilege, but also very exciting.

Indeed we must now be in time in class, and there are more and more students, all nice, we are going to have exams, and there even is official democracy, as we will be able to say what we think of each class at the end of the term, after the exams.

We don't know yet what will be the consequences of a fail or a success at the end of term examinations. But I presume failure will lead to a life of awful frustrations being lost in the devastated desert of failure, bumping into every wall, suffocating of ignorance and eternal absence of all things, laying half dead into a tentacular quicksand pulling us into the limbs.

Success on the other hand will offer a life of accomplishment and ever happiness. It is our choice. Democratically.

So as it was the first week of the new and full schedule, I will make a resume of the experience during this week.

The catechism on Monday is really wonderful. we can be right or wrong and we have no idea why and that is how it should be because we are pupils and here to learn and not to know. it is very nice how Sister Temple accepts and listens to our many propositions when she suggests to think about something.

Tuesday, Madam Danube's class was a festival of tick marks and laughters. Thank you Madam Danube.

On Wednesday then Miss Sarah was about to teach us her first Music class! We were all looking so much forward to it. But unfortunately her puppeteer had an affair with a truck driver this evening

and I had to take over with my deplorable Quote class, which as always, the students raised to excellent, out of nothing.

Thursday, Very unfortunately, Miss Michelle, that I have personally never met yet, was kept away from us, and we will know about her dance class only next week.

Friday, Miss Sarah Finally arrived with some rests of dirty oil on her nails and the tip of her nose. She made us listens to extracts of music made a bit of a quiz and asked us to say a few words about our impressions that she never shared with the rest of the class.

A most intriguing way. But music is, before all, a mystery, and I am very impressed that she was able to make a class of it. I can't wait for the next class. It might well be my favourite class of all.

Saturday, The new History teacher, Brother Handsome Chrissy offers extraordinary teaching, his overwhelming appeal doesn't make him a superficial teacher at all. He taught us about ancient

Egypt the first day and it was very interesting.

I think our school is going in a great direction. There is not much space for other things, and we have no gym.

But this wind of activity is for sure refreshing and terribly exciting.

And it is not the pride to be more in line, but the joy of having more comrades and to see a long line after church, and to see now one full pew at minimum and potentially two pews not exceptionally.

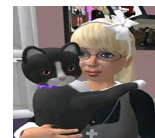
It is a sight :) a nice sight and a nice atmosphere. Thank you Sister Temple And thank you Miss Sarah

The broom



## Ask an Excellence

Miss Sarah answers your questions to life's most puzzling issues in the most Excellent ways!



by  
Sarah A.  
Sandalwood

Miss Sarah, what makes a cat meow?

Sandy

*Sandy, the thing that makes a cat meow is its "meowler"*

Miss Sarah, why did I see a boy standing "inside" the bell on top of the school?

RT44

*RT44, love the name and it makes we wonder what it means...but if you saw a boy standing inside the bell on our school, all I can say is he must be a real "ding-a-ling"!*

Miss Sarah, does your mom REALLY bake that great stuff we see in the bakery?

Rock

*Indeed she does Rock! If you want proof, just look at my daddy's sweaters every time you see him. They just keep getting tighter and tighter! What more proof do you need??*

Miss Sarah, where did you and Master Billy go on your first date?

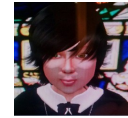
Nona

*Nona, Master Billy and I have never dated so I find that a strange question to ask. Did you hear this somewhere? The truth is that he and I have no interest in each other on that level and besides, Miss Anneke would never...hold on a second here Nona....Nona....why do you seem familiar??...Nona....O.O AN ALT!!! GOSH DARNIT!! SERIOUSLY!?!?! GET A LIFE ANON!! \*MUTED\**

To ask Miss Sarah a question, please submit it on a notecard to sarah nikitin in an IM or via The Post!

# Master Billy's Babblings

Billy needs to babble...and YOU need to listen! :)



by  
Billy J  
Auster

## The "Boy-Girl Ratio" AKA The Balance of Power at Saint Columba

For many a long months at Saint Columba there have only been two boy students: Myself, and the altar boy -- Master Noah. Needless to say, the girls, who outnumbered us easily, took great advantage of this and pushed us boys around. (Not physically of course... that would be silly). But with their mind powers, controlling us with their sheer number and imposing their wills upon us. This took on the form of trying on outfits for them, attending weddings and holding flowers and such, etc etc and the list goes on and on I will spare you any more details for fear of really turning your stomach.

Noah and I, in a desperate bid to seize at least some power back from the girls, attempted to put itching powder in the their dorm beds.... only to see our plan go sour by the ever cleaning "broom" Miss Lucie -- who unknowingly foiled our plans by changing the sheets for a second time in one single day just to fill some idle time.

As the months wore on, Noah and I became hardened and jaded. When there were rumors of a new boy joining the school, we would scoff and mumble "when pigs fly". But, in fact, in due time, new boys DID join! Now life is much better.. and we have often had lines with a boy-girl-boy-girl configuration. Us boys KNEW we had the girls on the ropes when Miss Sarah came up with some sketchy, eyebrow-raising charges against Master Sam and took away his student tag for a short time. But even Miss Sarah's plans can be foiled too because, as the story unfolded, Anneke's cousin (a GIRL I might add) ended up being more at fault than Master Sam.

Knock, knock girls.. the boys are at the doorstep and are on your heels now!



Above is the ONLY known photo of boys outnumbering girls in the student line up. However, as it turns out, when we worked out the math later, we found we were unfortunately mistaken. Master Noah, it seems, was only worth 1/2 since he is really only physically present at any given time. This put the boys down to 2 1/2 and the lone girl, Miss Sarah, being an "excellence" is by rule in fact worth THREE whole students in number, putting the girls again on top 3 to 2. Drat!

## Funnies



### Brilliant Irish Text Message

"Mary, I'm just having one more pint with the lads. If I'm not home in 20 minutes, read this message again."

# The Art of Art

## Arts Review



by  
Anneke Van  
Trijp

Probably Picasso's most famous work, Guernica is certainly his most powerful political statement, painted as an immediate reaction to the Nazi's devastating casual bombing practice on the Basque town of Guernica during Spanish Civil War.

Guernica shows the tragedies of war and the suffering it inflicts upon individuals, particularly innocent civilians. This work has gained a monumental status, becoming a perpetual reminder of the tragedies of war, an anti-war symbol, and an embodiment of peace. On completion Guernica was displayed around the world in a brief tour, becoming famous and widely acclaimed. This tour helped bring the Spanish Civil War to the world's attention.

This work is seen as an amalgamation of pastoral and epic styles. The discarding of color intensifies the drama, producing a reportage quality as in a photographic record. Guernica is blue, black and white, 3.5 meter (11 ft) tall and 7.8 meter (25.6 ft) wide, a mural-size canvas painted in oil. This painting can be seen in the Museo Reina Sofia in Madrid.

Interpretations of Guernica vary widely and contradict one another. This extends, for example, to the mural's two dominant elements: the bull and the horse. Art historian Patricia Failing said, "The bull and the horse are important characters in Spanish culture. Picasso himself certainly used these characters to play many different roles over time. This

has made the task of interpreting the specific meaning of the bull and the horse very tough. Their relationship is a kind of ballet that was conceived in a variety of ways throughout Picasso's career."

Some critics warn against trusting the political message in Guernica. For instance the rampaging bull, a major motif of destruction here, has previously figured, whether as a bull or Minotaur, as Picasso' ego. However, in this instance the bull probably represents the onslaught of Fascism. Picasso said it meant brutality and darkness, presumably reminiscent of his prophetic. He also stated that the horse represented the people of Guernica.

Guernica is a town in the province of Biscay in Basque Country. During the Spanish Civil War, it was regarded as the northern bastion of the Republican resistance movement and the epicenter of

Basque culture, adding to its significance as a target.

The Republican forces were made up of assorted factions (Communists, Socialists, Anarchists, to name a few) with wildly differing approaches to government and eventual aims, but a common opposition to the Nationalists. The Nationalists, led by General Francisco Franco, were also factionalized but to a lesser extent. They sought a return to the golden days of Spain, based on law, order, and traditional Catholic family values.

At about 16:30 on Monday, 26 April 1937, warplanes of the German Condor Legion, commanded by Colonel Wolfram von Richthofen, bombed Guernica for about two hours. Germany, at this time led by Hitler, had lent material support to the Nationalists and were using the war as an opportunity to test out new weapons and tactics. Later, intense aerial bombardment became a crucial preliminary



# SMK Report

## Sarah's Magic Kingdom: Disney Museum News and Financial report



by  
Sarah A.  
Sandalwood

SMK is ready for Halloween! With the traditional "This is Halloween" soundtrack from Nightmare Before Christmas, and the free candy caldron, be sure to drop by for a ride on The Haunted Mansion. This is the season that the 999 happy haunts live for!

Also a new ice cream parlor has opened in Vendor Alley. Stop by and listen to the tunes while enjoying a milkshake, sundae or other frozen confections.





# Saint Columba Student Report



by  
Sarah A.  
Sandalwood

## Public listing of monthly student disciplinary records.

My job at St. Columba as an "Excellence" is not an easy one. In my world, constant vigilance is essential and it is my duty to ensure that St. Columba remains an exceptional institution. With my trusty "Tick Mark Book" always by my side, I record every student infraction and error in hopes of correcting inappropriate behavior. This is a task that I take VERY VERY seriously and the students know it.

After so many infractions, students may have to submit essays, stay behind during field trips or the ultimate punishment, expulsion! Our rulebook is immense and every person who wears the uniform must comply.

Public display of these records help encourage the students to be more diligent in their thoughts and actions. Here are the records for this month..

### Miss Heidi

Sep 13,2016 - Not wearing correct stockings with uniform.  
Sep 17,2016 - Wore boy's uniform  
Sep 17,2016 - Drank beer at the pub  
Sep 17,2016 - Smoked at the pub  
Oct 10,2016 - Went to SMK out of uniform

### Miss Anneke Van Trijp

Sep 26,2016 - Exclaimed "Showoff!" in class.

### Miss Lila:

Oct 10,2016 - Chewed gum in inspection line

### Master William:

Sep 29,2016 - Eating a Popsicle during inspection.

### Master Sam:

Sep 17,2016 - Drank beer in the pub!!  
Sep 22,2016 - Out of uniform  
Sep 22,2016 - Climbed OUR bell tower!  
Oct 3,2016 - Whispers in class  
Oct 3,2016 - Wore green animal boots to church

Oct 3,2016 - No student tag  
Oct 10,2016 - Absolutely CANNOT remain quiet in class

### Miss Sven

Sep 19,2016 - Wore wrong uniform to prayers

### Miss Luz:

Oct 5,2016 - No head cover in church  
Oct 5, 2016 - improper student tag

### Miss Hannah-Marie:

Sep 16,2016 - Wandered around the line during inspection.  
Oct 3,2016 - No head covering in church  
Oct 3,2016 - Speaks while seated and without raising hand during class.

## Opinion

### Reader's submissions and comments



#### An Irish Halloween History by Lila Swanson



There's a chill in the air, glowing pumpkins on the doorsteps, and a general feeling of spookiness. It can only mean one thing - Halloween! While we all know what our modern day Halloween is like, have you ever stopped to ponder it's roots? As it turns out, it began long ago in Ireland with a holiday they called Samhain. Pronounced "Sow-in", it was an ancient Pagan celebration. Our very, very old Irish ancestors, called The Druids, used to break the year up into two parts. The blossoming summer and spring and the cold autumn and winter. Samhain was celebrated on or about our October 31 and represented the day the change happened. During this mystical day, the veil between the dead and living was believed to be it's weakest and they would honor their ancestors who would come through on this day. Superstitious as ever, the Irish would hold bonfires and leave sacrifices out to appease these dead spirits so they wouldn't harm the crops the following year. It may seem like our modern day Halloween seems not much like the one the Druids had but let's take a closer look, shall we? Jack-O-Lanterns provide my most favorite decoration for Halloween, is there anything more satisfying that carving into that orange globe and roasting those delicious seeds? It's debatable if the Druids actually carved them, and though pumpkins weren't in Ireland at the time, many believe the Druids carved gourds and squashes for ornaments for their celebrations. While the black cat has gotten a most unfortunate and ill-deserved rap throughout history, the Druids actually looked quite favorably upon the black kitties (much to this reporter's delight). In fact, black cats were seen as a sign of good luck and coming fortune. I'll bet you thought trick or treating was something designed by the Nestle or Cadbury company to make squillions of dollars, didn't you? Well, you'd be wrong, because actually it has it's place in tradition too. While in England it was traditional for Soul Cakes (small baked pastry) to be handed out from the upper to the middle classes, in Ireland the poor would go around asking for donations of butter,

eggs, and vegetables in order to prepare for the feast of St. Columba. Yes! You heard right! Trick or Treating was to prepare for the feast of St. Columba! So when you see us students heading to your door this October 31, you remember it's all to honor our namesake and our school. However, we'd be MUCH more obliged to take those peanut butter cups and taffy off your hands than your tomatoes and butter. Happy Samhain, everyone!



To submit an opinion to this column, send note card  
via IM to [sarah nikitin](#) or via The Post.  
Please consider space restrictions when writing.

# Saint Columba Student News

## Student Spotlight and New Enrollments



by  
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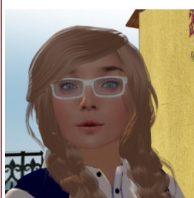
Our student spotlight this month shines on Miss Lila Swansong. Miss Lila is one of our most sincere and caring students and it hasn't gone unnoticed. While we love all of our students, there are always those who try extra hard to be helpful and accommodating and Miss Lila fits that description.

She is more than happy to assist with student prayer services and is always an active participant in class. Her personality is really where Miss Lila shines the most as she is always outgoing and friendly. She is a friend to everyone and never argues or questions her Excellence. :)

If it were possible to frame an example of the "model St. Columba student", Miss Lila more than meets the requirements. I am extremely proud to have her as part of our school.



Welcome  
Newly Enrolled  
Students!



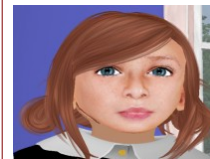
### Miss Lizbet Mercy

Miss Lizbet is one of three sisters who have recently enrolled. At age ten, she comes to us through our teacher, Sister Victoria. Do not ever call her "Lizzy" if you value your nose. We are delighted to have amongst our newest recruits.



### Miss Chloe Mercy

Miss Chloe is the second of three sisters and she likes dancing and buying clothes. Who would wear anything but our uniform?? :) She is 8 years old and we are happy to have her!



### Miss Kirstie Mercy

Miss Kirstie is the oldest of the three sisters at age 12. She is sweet and pleasant. We look forward to her and her sisters spending time at our school and hopes she finds what she is looking for.

### Miss Trille Jespersen

Miss Trille is 10 years old. She came to visit us after her sister, Jytte, attended our prayer service. They are both orphans and we are happy that Miss Trille has found a safe home with St. Columba. Her nickname is "Dukkebarnet", which means "the doll kid".



### Miss Lothana

Miss Lothana is a ten year old orphan who met us through our visit to Berlin. We can already tell she is focused and disciplined even if she runs with scissors. She seems quite focused and determined and may quickly acclimate herself amongst us.

**WELCOME TO THE ST. COLUMBA FAMILY!!**

## O'Hare's Meeting Minutes

A summary of O'Hare's monthly town meetings



by  
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### Town Meeting

After some good jokes, comments about lag, and Miss Ludlow's legendary yawns as soon as it gets technical, some fresh orange juice and a good attendance and atmosphere Lord Sandalwood started to talk about making the monastery, or convent, active.

Everybody applauds the idea of course as indeed it would be wonderful.

I would add here my simplest thoughts about it.

Why do so much Abbeys are growing like mushrooms and poofing off quickly, and why wouldn't someone occupy pre-existing walls?

Because the first motivation is to create one's own vision of what it would be. Someone engaging in such a thing, wants to express something.

This is why the school's first clergy, which came with us when the school moved in Saint Columba, left.

Not enough freedom in creativity, and not enough technical powers.

Fortunately our dear Father Eissmann stayed gently and his constance is remarkable and touching.

It has been also said that your humble servant has no time to take care of the cells.

This is fresh news for me. Of course I could invest more of me to it. But the motivation lacks. Indeed cells

must be part of a community. And this community has to be created. And things have to be given to create a community. Someone will be the boss. And few bosses can work without being totally in charge.

The school cannot be the boss of the monastery. It makes no sense and it should be the other way round ideally.

Another important matter that I hope Lord Sandalwood will consider when producing the miracle, is that we, the school, are very present around there. They should get along with us and us with them. Also, often, people create monasteries for calm and peace. This area is not calm. it is very public and agitated, partly by us the school.

Apart that of course we would love it, as everyone would.

What is to offer, is that unlike most short life monasteries, if the calm lacks, it is because there is a lot of traffic, and one of the most active churches in the whole grid. This is a nice counterpart to offer to a group investing the premises. And dealing with a church implemented in a village, where not everyone cares for its church, for me is a plus, tending to realism. Not an ideal world protected, but confronted to diversity. For me personally it is such a plus, that it is precisely why the school moved here. Diversity is exciting.

O'hare's gap should be ready to give away the Abbey as it is, eventually, or at least let the investors do what they want and give them power to do their thing.

Miss Hunny also was not clearly asked. I think things should be discussed with her first.

Otherwise, Master Sam remarkable boy from our school, wants to make fund raising to create a football field.

I remind our beloved pupil that football fields are used to measure « big » as it is the standard of measurement for something big.

But I think the idea could be kept, for example for temporary means. like for two months or so, or to make a football field the size of a basketball terrain... as it is for children anyway :)

I have made clear though, that we are encouraging the boys to go out to practice boyish activities. They will bring back with them fresh air of adventure and many stories to tell us girls.

The broom



# O'HARE'S GAP




Miss Anneke digs up the dirt and gossip around O'hare's  
 "Don't let the truth stand in the way of a good story"



by  
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Some things you take for granted and some are so surprising, you don't believe its true. The following story is an example of both statements.

From the start of St Columba, a certain girl is attending this school. And of course, like you are used to, writer will not name the girl. But reader will immediately know who it is.

This girl is a little rascal. Eleven years of age, she is the nightmare of all supervisors of St. Columba. Not only is she doing all sorts of naughty things, she has a tick mark list that could fill the Gazette, she has been in contact with the police, even spent some time in jail for arsenal. Thanks to a fantastic Lawyer and comradeship from her fellow students, she was released quickly.

Did that fact make her any better? NO!

Some time ago, she had a sore knee. It was scratched and Dr. Pearl advised her to have it attended to. He volunteered to disinfect it and handle it further, so it would be better soon.. Yours truly assisted the good Doctor in this.

Jokingly the doctor said: "when its not working, we have to amputate the leg". It was kind of funny and we had a good laugh. Even the "victim" laughed about it. And then it happened.... The day after, she contacted her lawyer and sued the good doctor. Now is that gratitude for you, I ask you. It's not!!! In the end, probably advised by her lawyer, she dropped the suit, but next move was, she blackmailed the good doctor. And pressed a dress out of him. We don't teach this kind of behavior at ST. Columba's, I assure you.

And now... The girl at hand wears a halo, presents herself as saintly, didn't receive a tick mark in half a week, and is the sweetness herself. Till a month ago.

She came in the "soup" room dressed like a cow girl.

That is a tick mark in itself. But when she drew a gun on our Miss Sarah, that was unforgivable. It was admirable that Miss Sarah didn't lose her nerve and stood up to her. Now I ask you: what's that halo doing above her head? She sure didn't receive that from our Lord. Probably its the devil himself who handed that "saintly" halo to her.



And now? She has a crush on one of the new boys. That's what happened. We hope against better knowledge, that crush will keep her astray from now on. And not let her be able to corrupt the new students. Because that's a very strong possibility.

One thing she has to do though: she has to go to confession and confess all her sins. So she can have absolution.

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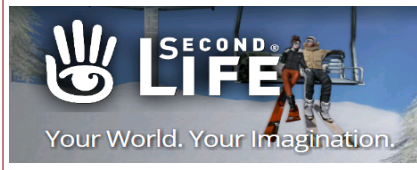
## Good of the Village



Madam Eppy from the Navy took the students on a helicopter tour of O'hare's Gap.



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A mysterious stranger in our midst!  
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