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O'HARE'S GAP

The Gap Gazette

The Sound of Music!

St. Columba Catholic Boarding School officially started The St. Columba Catholic Children's Choir in 2017 with the first official show at the abbey on Feb 5th.

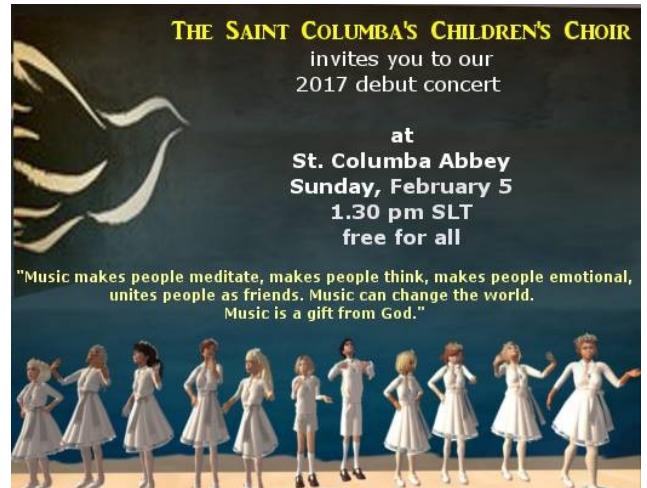
What an absolutely AMAZING addition this has turned out to be for our school! The students practiced for hours preparing and have in turn found something else to hold great pride in, just when we thought St. Columba Catholic Boarding School couldn't get any better!

Our hour long show covers 16 songs from contemporary to Christian and features several student solos throughout. Our debut concert packed over 58 people into St. Columba Abbey and the audience loved it. To date, we have performed 3 concerts and raised over L\$ 29,000 for our school!!! YES!!! You read that correctly!

With backstage nerves before each show, we support each other and learn the beauty of sharing music with the world. And taking our show on the road means we are exposing the school and O'Hare's Gap to a world that doesn't even know we exist. With a lighthearted and fun tone, we extend love and goodwill to others and take great pride in our school and ourselves. It is said pride is a sin. But when bringing joy to others, it is all but unavoidable. We are human after all.

If you missed the debut concert or just wish to see it again, the next performance is at Sarah's Magic Kingdom (SMK) on March 26th at 1:30 PM SLT (up on the hilltop).

Miss Sarah Sandalwood
Editor-in-Chief



The children's choir is under the direction of Mr. Sebby
Choreography by Miss Michelle Avery Wroth
Video recording by Master Billy Auster
Stream and DJ Services provided by Miss Sarah Sandalwood
To book the choir, contact Miss Lourdes (princesslourdes)

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O'Hare's Happenings

Events and happenings around OHG
Real Estate and financial reports



by
Willy
Sandalwood

I think I was directed by the kids at the school to use this column for making you aware of the sim/town finances. I've tried NOT to do that in most all of the previous publications. This month I'm going to finally stray into that territory.

As you know, we have 4 sims here that make up the whole of O'Hare's Gap. We've talked about what it costs me each month to keep all 4 sims. I want to talk about one specific sim... Velbert. You don't know which one is Velbert? If you look north, its to your left. Or if you look West, then you're facing it. Its the sim that has the Cliffs of Moher and O'Brien's Tower and it is the tallest sim I think I've ever seen.

Now that we know which sim that we're talking about I need to share with you that its the worst performing sim of the 4. Performing? Let me reword that... its the worst of the 4 sims for bringing in rent money which goes directly to pay for its monthly tier.

How do we fix that? Besides the usual answer of getting more renters; which IS the right answer. We may need to consider WHY its the worst. Right? Just agree with me.

How about a little background first...When I first got that sim, I had to build it quickly because monthly tier comes fast and it wasn't like I had renters on a waiting list. My approach was to parcel it off for the Tower and for the Cliffs and maybe 14 cottages. 14? you say? Yeah, it was a bit crowded compared to the 5 that were at that time on Tabary and the 5 that were on Toyah, and the small handful on Wilde. My thought was to provide some low prim cottages with varying degrees of rent amounts/prim allowances. That idea kind of worked. The rentals were never enough as the sim month after month was losing large amounts of money for me. You remember my earlier article about how I've never even broke even on the sims in the 7+years I've had them? Velbert has been sucking it dry.

Solution time? Velbert, while interesting in its steep hills, never really looked inviting to me. I'm sure you would agree. It is time to clean up Velbert and make it interesting. Make it what my first vision was. It wont have 14 cottages like it initially did. But I think its looking better already. I'm adding landscaping. The roads are much better. Fencing will outline each parcel. Each cottage will have its own security system. Its going to look great!

Thanks for being patient while the upgrading takes place. I'm doing it the right way this time, which takes a bit longer. Just thought you might be interested in what's going on with Velbert. Slan!



Resident Spotlight

Welcome to new residents and
spotlight stories on existing ones



by
Tina
Ludlow

No report this issue

The Post Office

The OHG Postmasters talk about Post happenings



POST

by MaxymilianHax and Viola Lecker

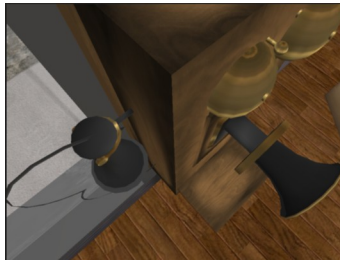
HI-TECH

The post aim is to enable communication at a distance. Therefore new communication tools appeared at the post office recently. The tools are extremely modern and communications distance is measured now from meters to light years.



1. TeleGraph

The first tool is the Morse telegraph which allows communication by dots and dashes (heard also as sounds) between visitors of the O'Hare's Gap Post and the Dreamville Post. How to use this social media tool you can check by touching the telegraph sender or receiver put at the telegraphist's desk. It is really easy, no need to be a cryptographer, just use alphabet.



2. TelePhone

The second tool is the telephone which allows communication with artificial resident of other world. Not the First Life resident yet, which seems going to be the most artificial world, but the Third Life resident. The resident calls to the post office very often. Check by yourself by touching the phone to pick it up and try to be more talkative than the caller.



3. Radio Receiver

The third tool is the old radio with modernized frequency scanner, which receives space signals. Take part in a funny play of collecting and decoding messages coming from Cosmos (usually twice an hour) - simple instruction available after using radio knob. We will inform which cosmic object heard on the radio was the farthest away from Earth and who caught its message. We will publish the results in the Gap Gazette too. Each month the best result collector will get one fabulous stamp of his/her choice for free from our postal vendor.

LOVE LETTERS

We got a huge amount of requests via our main social tool called mailboxes, asking when will be next part of the love letters written by king Henry VIII to Anne Boleyn. We asked the king, of course in a letter, for his permission to publish more of his correspondence and he agreed while looking at St. Valentine's Day in his sixteenth century mobile calendar. In a meantime we got a telegram from Anne Boleyn and she agreed as well to publish one of her letter to the king after we promised to send her the greenest Irish shamrock we find during St. Patrick's Day. So as soon as we receive more love epistles created by this couple we will publish it. Stay tuned.

Must have links:

- * P.O. website: <http://bit.ly/postoffices/>
- * P.O. fanpage <https://www.facebook.com/postoffices/>
- * 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.

Billy spotlights a few of the upcoming movies that you really shouldn't miss!



March 13-19 Swamp Woman

It would seem again that mister Sandalwood just truly enjoys bringing movies in that scare the pants off the young, and innocent. Imagine my relief when I found out there was no horrible "swamp woman" walking like a zombie out of the mud to snatch unsuspecting kids, after all!! Instead, its just a clever little tale about a woman from the south on the run with some friends and a crazy love triangle ensues. So much more.

March 27-April 02 Father's Little Dividend

This one sounded like a script miss Sarah might write: A rich girl's father leaves her a nice little allowance to start a small cat grooming business or tick-mark book making factory. But actually the "little dividend" turns out to be a "little baby" (brought by stork of course) when a father takes the news hard of the new child-- as it will make him a grandfather!



April 17-23 Made for Each Other

This one I was really looking forward to. I figured this one was gonna tell the tale of two young well-liked Catholic kids who fall in love and find a way to get married, and live happily ever after. Well, it turns out to be a love story as we expect but it's quite a rough one! Two

people get married after only knowing one another for a single day and deal with the harsh realities that follow. I've heard of love at first sight but, boy! I hope they at least bothered to have a proper Catholic wedding.

April 24-30 Meet Dr. Christian

This is a movie about a small-town doctor trying to open shop but a mayor who won't let him. Gosh, I hope Doctor Tom doesn't have the same trouble with Mister Sandalwood!



April 31-May 07 Slightly Honorable

This movie is about a lawyer who is accused of murder! Boy, lawyers can't get a break anywhere, can they? If they aren't being accused of killing someone they are blamed for setting killers free!

Saint Columba Class Report

A summary of school events over the past 2 months



by Sister Victoria

The last term was a trial for some things. We tried with a new governess, and we tried with doctors, we tried having more classes. Lets just say everything did not work. Which made us remind ourselves that we have limitations, such as time zones and people that wants new initiatives vs people that do not.

Time zones we cannot do anything about

When we do new things, we found its important to take our time and think if it is needed and if it fits in with the schools aims and traditions. Miss Sarah plans on starting a school council, where we can discuss how things are at the school and if anything can be better.

We also have a pow-wow when we can, in which we also want to hear how pupils are. Saint Columba's knows many consider this as a home and family. We also want them to know that they are heard.

We can never please everyone, but we can try and make Saint Columba's better for as many as possible, and at the same time not fixing things that are not broken.

One good thing was the choir. We will have visited 5-6 sims and met so many people. We expect donations that is used for the school to be around 25000L.

The choir is the pride of many pupils, who take it serious. You can see their smiles after a concert and they know we are all proud of them. I am not boasting when i say they have touched many peoples hearts.

It also enables them to see each other in another way than they would in a classroom. They take ownership of the choir and consider it THEIR choir. This can be seen in their performance, where they look like a family!

We were also honored when Sister Catherine got blessed at the Abbey. It is our way of helping the sim celebrate.

As i wrote else where, we will be looking at new songs soon and deciding how active the choir should be.

Lucie is the heart and soul of our school and everyone misses her. She is not here as often as she was, but still comes. I am sure or i hope at some stage, she will be active again. However for now, i would like to publicly thank her for all she done at the school and OHG, and all she will do in the future! I hope Lucie knows how important she is for us.

One of Lucie's ideas was a farm. We now have a farm that can be used by the school and convent. Thanks to one of our teachers, Mr. Mercy for donating the farm to us. The farm is meant for an activity children can do in their free time. It has animals and plants as well as an outdoors kitchen. We may get bread, soup or apple juice!

We have called the farm "Father Eissmann" farm for all our priest does for us. The outdoor kitchen is called "Lucie's kitchen"

Classes have started again and they were once again voted in by pupils. We are trying to make them more interactive where its not just the teacher that talks, but it is also more of a dialog between the teachers and pupils. Classes are also shorter.

As i said before, why fix something that is not broken. The school had a great set up outside classes, and we wish to strengthen this. This is one reason why classes are shorter. It means we have time for Inspection, soup, bedtime story and bedtime prayers.

We had exams in the last term. Everyone did so well. Here are the top 5:

- 1 Kirsten
- 2 Lila
- 3 Annie
- 4 Billy
- 5 Chloe

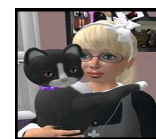
There is not much to say except how lucky and privileged I am to be here, and how I feel like this is one big family

Sister V



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, I am building my own house and I purchased 4x4 wood studs instead of 2x4. Can I use them or should I take them back?

Bob T. Builder

Bob, if you take the square root of the right angle and divide it by the hypotenuse of an Isosceles triangle and carry the 1 then solve for the Cosign of the Tangent while leaving out the Epsilon YET not ignoring the Helix coefficient, THAT will answer your question!

Miss Sarah, who's the worst student at Saint Columbus?

Simon R.

Simon, first off it's St. "Columba"! Not the dude that discovered America!!

That is a very harsh question to ask and puts me into a difficult position. ALL students at St. Columba are wonderful but to say anything negative about Miss Heidi may hurt her feelings. So I will decline to say who the worst student is. You simple must respect that.

Miss Sarah, you haven't talked about Master Billy lately. Is the romance over? Did you get married? Did you make little "excellences"? You go easy on him with tick marks..admit it! He gets more soup than anyone right??

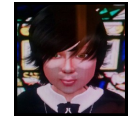
Simon R.

Simon, sadly you may not send more than one submission. Bet you're sorry you wasted it on Miss Heidi.

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

For those of you who regularly read the Gazette, you are undoubtedly familiar with previous articles explaining the infamous "Columba Triangle" which ebbs and tides in its mysterious ways just beside the school and abbey, swallowing poor students and residents up whole and sometimes never letting them back out. At least, that's the legend.

You may also be familiar with the strange fact that "girl power" (at least in numbers) at Saint Columba Boarding School still reigns supreme, always has, and maybe always will. Why is this exactly? If the triangle is a mysterious force of nature, why is it seemingly so much hungrier to eat up the boys than girls? Girls are often relatively lighter than their stouter counterparts -- wouldn't the triangle have an easier time lifting them off helplessly into its depths?

Perhaps the answer isn't a scientific one. Perhaps the triangle is only partially to blame?

Perhaps there is something more sinister going on.

Since the boarding school opened in Ohares there have been a total of 13 male students that I am aware of. Most of those 13 are, inexplicably, now nowhere to be found. This really is an epidemic!! But, since it happens so slowly, so subtly, that it goes unnoticed in its true scale. Let's look at the evidence:

Within the past month... two startling things have happened. First, a UFO was spotted over Ohare's Gap (see Figure 2). To date there is no explanation, nothing whatsoever. Mister Sandalwood and Madam Tina are remaining suspiciously tight-lipped about it. Even the alien fanatics aren't surfacing and keeping mum which surprises me even more. Are they all in the know about something ?



Figure 2

The other thing that happened was Sister Catherine and Madam Hunny were spotted taking joyrides and doing donuts in a monstrous truck when it started getting icy outside. (See Figure 3 for photographic proof). I don't know about you, but an Abbess doing stunts in a car seems sketchy to me. What else were these women up to? Is there some kind of conspiracy happening where boys are carted off helplessly in the night? The photo does not show the back of the truck they were driving so I should not speculate anything further. Let's give them their rights and not vilify them. I urge mister Sandalwood to conduct his own thorough investigation that would be more effective than what a mere 12-year-old boy like myself can accomplish.



Figure 3

Most of these boys are just simple MISSING. Have you seen them????



Notes on asterisks: Allie disappeared into the triangle originally, only to come back out and re-enroll, but his new self is scarcely seen. Doctor Pearl wasn't a student but he was MALE! So you see the correlation?? Master Mago and Master Tyler are fairly new... and my hope is that we get this solved before they go bye-bye. Master Noah. . well.. um.... I guess he is a boy so he and I are the only two known boy survivors.

Funnies



The Art of Art

Arts Review



by
Anneke Van
Trijp

Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn was born on 15 July 1606 in Leiden, in the Dutch Republic, now the Netherlands. He was the ninth child born to Harmen Gerritszoon van Rijn and Neeltgen Willemsdochter van Zuijtbroeck. His family was quite well-to-do; his father was a miller and his mother was a baker's daughter. Religion is a central theme in Rembrandt's paintings and the religiously fraught period in which he lived makes his faith a matter of interest. His mother was Roman Catholic, and his father belonged to the Dutch Reformed Church. While his work reveals deep Christian faith, there is no evidence that Rembrandt formally belonged to any church, although he had five of his children christened in Dutch Reformed churches in Amsterdam: four in the Oude Kerk (Old Church) and one, Titus, in the Zuiderkerk (Southern Church).

As a boy he attended Latin school and was enrolled at the University of Leiden, although according to a contemporary he had a greater inclination towards painting; he was soon apprenticed to a Leiden history painter, Jacob van Swanenburgh, with whom he spent three years. After a brief but important apprenticeship of six months with the painter Pieter Lastman in Amsterdam, Rembrandt stayed a few months with Jacob Pynas and then started his own workshop, though Simon van Leeuwen claimed that Joris van Schooten taught Rembrandt in Leiden. Unlike many of his contemporaries who traveled to Italy as part of their artistic training, Rembrandt never left the Dutch Republic during his lifetime.

He opened a studio in Leiden in 1624 or 1625, which he shared with friend and colleague Jan Lievens. In 1627, Rembrandt began to accept students, among them Gerrit Dou in 1628.

In 1629, Rembrandt was discovered by the statesman Constantijn Huygens (father of the Dutch mathematician and physicist Christiaan Huygens), who procured for Rembrandt important commissions from the court of The Hague. As a result of this connection, Prince Frederik Hendrik continued to purchase paintings from Rembrandt until 1646.

At the end of 1631 Rembrandt moved to Amsterdam, then rapidly expanding as the new business capital of the Neth-

erlands, and began to practice as a professional portraitist for the first time, with great success. He initially stayed with an art dealer, Hendrick van Uylenburgh, and in 1634, married Hendrick's cousin, Saskia van Uylenburgh. Saskia came from a good family: her father had been a lawyer and the burgemeester (mayor) of Leeuwarden. When Saskia, as the youngest daughter, became an orphan, she lived with an older sister in Het Bildt. Rembrandt and Saskia were married in the local church of St. Annaparochie without the presence of Rembrandt's relatives. In the same year, Rembrandt became a burgher of Amsterdam and a member of the local guild of painters. He also acquired a number of students, among them Ferdinand Bol and Govert Flinck.

Portrait of Saskia van Uylenburgh, ca. 1635

In 1635 Rembrandt and Saskia moved into their own house, renting in fashionable Nieuwe Doelenstraat. In 1639 they moved to a prominent newly built house (now the Rembrandt House Museum) in the upscale 'Breestraat' (eng.: 'Broadway'), today known as Jodenbreestraat (Jodenbreestraat 4,1011 NK Amsterdam-now) in what was becoming the Jewish quarter; then a young upcoming neighborhood. The mortgage to finance the 13,000 guilder purchase would be a primary cause for later financial difficulties. Rembrandt should easily have been able to pay the house off with his large income, but it appears his spending always kept pace with his income, and he may have made some unsuccessful investments. It was there that Rembrandt frequently sought his Jewish neighbors to model for his Old Testament scenes. Although they were by now affluent, the couple suffered several personal setbacks; their son Rumbartus died two months after his birth in 1635 and their daughter Cornelia died at just three weeks of age in 1638. In 1640, they had a second daughter, also named Cornelia, who died after living barely over a month. Only their fourth child, Titus, who was born in 1641, survived into adulthood. Saskia died in 1642 soon after Titus's birth, probably from tuberculosis. Rembrandt's drawings of her on her sick and death bed are among his most moving works.

During Saskia's illness, Geertje Dirx was hired as Titus' caretaker and nurse and also became Rembrandt's lover. She would later charge Rembrandt with breach of promise (a euphemism for seduction under [breached] promise to

marry) and was awarded alimony of 200 guilders a year. Rembrandt worked to have her committed for twelve years to an asylum or poorhouse (called a "bridewell") at Gouda, after learning she had pawned jewelry that had once belonged to Saskia and that he had given to her.

In the late 1640s Rembrandt began a relationship with the much younger Hendrickje Stoffels, who had initially been his maid. In 1654 they had a daughter, Cornelia, bringing Hendrickje a summons from the Reformed Church to answer the charge "that she had committed the acts of a whore with Rembrandt the painter". She admitted this and was banned from receiving communion. Rembrandt was not summoned to appear for the Church council because he was not a member of the Reformed Church. The two were considered legally wed under common law, but Rembrandt had not married Hendrickje. Had he remarried he would have lost access to a trust set up for Titus in Saskia's will.

Rembrandt Memorial Marker Westerkerk Amsterdam

Rembrandt outlived both Hendrickje, who died in 1663, and Titus, who died in 1668, leaving a baby daughter. He died within a year of his son, on 4 October 1669 in Amsterdam, and was buried as a poor man. in an unknown grave in the Westerkerk. It was in a numbered 'kerkgraf' (grave owned by the church) somewhere under a tombstone in the church. After twenty years, his remains were taken away and destroyed, as was customary with the remains of poor people at the time.



SMK Report

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



by
Sarah A.
Sandalwood

We are still waiting for the big unveiling of Space Mountain! Nance has been hard at work adding more and more detail to the ride so that it will be worth your time exploring it.

Peter Pan received some upgrades/refurbishments to improve your ride experience.

All shops and attractions are rented or sponsored!

But the MOST exciting is that the St. Columba choir performs in MouseWorld Memorial Hall on March 26th at 1:30PM SLT. We hope you come and enjoy it!



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.

Ticks reset each month. After 3 - verbal warning. After 5- loss of student tag. After 8 - Student becomes an Attendant. After 10 - possible expulsion.

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

Master Tyler:

Mar 2,2017 - Doing handstands and jumping around on a field trip.
Mar 9,2017 - Spoke during inspection calling Master Billy a "Drama Queen"
Mar 9, 2017 - Called Sister Miss rather than "Sister"

Miss Annie:

Jan 2,2017 - Wrong tag
Jan 2,2017 - Whispering in class
Jan 23,2017 - Wrong tag

Miss Anneke:

Jan 2,2017 - Whispers in class
Jan 3, 2017 - Challenged GrandMaster during inspection
Jan 20,2017 - Fought with Miss Heidi after class
Jan 24, 2017 - Standing inside the boy's dorm.
Feb 2,2017 - Talking with Billy in class
Feb 14, 2017 - Disregarded Miss Lavinette's request to come for dinner.
Feb 16, 2017 - Not wearing regulation tights
Mar 2,2017 - Not wearing regulation tights.

Miss Heidi:

Jan 2, 2017 - Talked out loud in class.
Jan 7,2017 - Sent to stand in corner for complaining in choir
Jan 8,2017 - Showed up in wrong uniform and with hat and cane
Jan 17,2017 - Went into the boy's dorm
Jan 20,2017 - Fought with Miss Anneke after class

Jan 20,2017 - Eating Snickers in bed
Jan 21, 2017 - Outside in her nightgown
Jan 21,2017 - Yelled profanity in front of guests.
Feb 4,2017 - Wearing earrings
Feb 4,2017 - Used profanity
Feb 8,2017 - Placed spider nest under Miss Anneke's bed!
Feb 8,2017 - Infected MY bed with spiders inadvertently!
Feb 8,2017 - Did not wear head cover before entering the church.
Feb 10, 2017 - Crying and makeup was running....which she should not be wearing
Feb 18,2017 - Wearing the wrong uniform for a Saturday
Feb 22, 2017 - Goofing off in class
Feb 22,2017 - Sat before prayers and started eating.
Mar 14,2017 - Kept pushing Master Sean in inspection line.
Mar 14,2017 - Very bad attitude during inspection.

Miss Kirstie:

Feb 13,2017 - Missing Student tag

Miss Chloe:

Jan 3, 2017 - Did not stand at attention for Hail Mary
Jan 16,2017 - Spoke out in class without standing
Jan 30,2017 - Did not fill in the front row

Master Billy:

Jan 5,2017 - Entered girl's dorm, though for noble cause.
Jan 11,2017 - Wrong tag
Jan 30,1017 - Spoke while seated in class
Feb 2,2017 - Speaking with Anneke in class
Feb 5,2017 - Called Lucie "Miss"
Feb 14, 2017 - Disregarded Miss Lavinette's request to come for dinner.
Feb 15, 2017 - Incorrect tag in church
Mar 9,2017 - Speaking out in class

Miss Lourdes:

Jan 6,2017 - Played "Highway to Hell" on the video screen in the classroom.
Jan 8,2017 - Put something in Master Billy's soup to reduce his age by 4 years.
Jan 11,2017 - Not wearing proper winter socks
Jan 13,2017 - Carrying gum, makeup and slingshot in her pockets
Jan 14,2017 - Trying to sneak makeup into Miss Sarah's pocket.
Jan 18,2017 - Wearing "Princess" tag

Miss Sven:

Jan 8,2017 - Invalid tag
Jan 16,2017 - Wearing pink hat in uniform
Jan 16,2017 - Spoke out in class without standing
Jan 17,2017 - Wearing unauthorized necklace
Jan 23, 2017 - No student tag
Feb 6,2017 - Wrong tag
Feb 6, 2017 - Called an attendant Miss
Feb 6, 2017 - Called an attendant Miss
Mar 9,2017 - Wrong tag

Miss Lila:

Jan 8,2017 - Wearing bright red lipstick to school
Jan 10,2016 - Chewing gum in school
Jan 16, 2017 - Not wearing winter tights
Jan 20,2017 - Eating Gobstoppers in bed
Feb 12, 2017 - No headcover in church
Feb 12,2017 - Wrong Sunday uniform

Miss Lothana:

Jan 26,2017 - Wearing kitty earrings
Jan 30,2017 - Wearing a coat in class

Miss Jasmine:

Jan 8, 2017 - Did not stand when speaking in class.
Jan 30,2017 - Did not fill in the front row

Miss Lizbet:

Feb 7,2017 - Did not remove shoes indoors
Feb 13,2017 - Missing student tag

Master Mutt:

Feb 8,2017 - Used "Miss" with an attendant
Feb 10,2017 - Sat in class before permission was granted
Feb 14, 2017 - Disregarded Miss Lavinette's request to come for dinner.

Miss Loinnir:

Feb 8,2017 - Hair extends through back of hair cover.

Opinion



Reader's submissions and comments

Editorial response to Miss Anneke Gossip Column:

I have read your editorial about changes, and you are right, there has been changes. A good school or town changes as time goes by, when new people comes in and when development is needed.

The same goes for a school and orphanage.

We have many new pupils and some new adults, plus the nuns becoming more active. This does mean we have to adopt to things and in some cases, make changes or tweaks.

I can assure you, that a lot goes into whatever changes we make. Miss Sarah first thinks if it goes against the schools and sims aims and goals. Tradition is also a huge factor here. If i make a suggestion, it could be a month before we even say lets try it. The bottom line is not to change what already works and improve Saint Columba's quality.

You mention merging with a school. I do not consider merging with SSG a merger. It was Saint Columba telling the pupils and staff that they can come here. They would have to join like any new member and go through the same procedure. It was basically a takeover.

We tried having classes with two other schools, and our current policy is that this does not work. This is because other schools do not have the same goals and purpose as we do.

As for Lucie. She was and is consulted in most things. Lucie is one of the school founders, and She is the heart and soul of the school. Lucie has chosen to try other things, and i support that. I do miss her a lot and wish she would be here all the time. If she is happy at other places, then i am happy. I will say i am delighted she comes once in a while and she still and always will have a say. She will have a

seat on the new school council.

Libby has nothing to do with other schools. She came and she was hired as an attendant, with Lucie's blessing.

You mention the classes being voted upon. This was decided between Lucie, Miss Sarah, myself and one pupil. Again it is to have the classes that the majority wants. It also enables us to bring some new subjects in, and have a new life.

concerning quotes:
27% said they wanted it
55% voted they did not want it
rest were undecided.

We have many that said the classes were too late. So yes, we tried earlier classes. These were days in which the majority of people that votes wished for. It is no secret we stopped doing this, as we found out that some who really wanted to come could not, and the attendance was very low.

The main point is we tried...

The choir was a big gamble, and some said we will never be able to do it. Some would ask why we started with a choir? is it not just standing on some animations and listening to stream music? Not to mention the moving around

The answer of course is no

Being part of a choir means team work. From the people who found the music, to the dj, to the stage layout, and the filming. We hope that as many as possible can come, as we need each other! It is nice being needed.

During the concert, we are in deep communication with

each other, on who does the next solo, when do we use huds etc.

When things do not go right, mostly because of lag, we support one another. We are proud of each other, there is no fighting over who does a solo or not. We are happy with each other. At the end, we feel pride and knows people are proud of us,

So choir is about teamwork, communication and being needed and part of the school. We have some concerts planned, but planned after to evaluate the choir. if it is something we will do and how often, and how we can make it better. This could mean new songs.

The songs were presented to everyone before we even started practicing and there were no complaints. I disagree that all songs have to be Church songs. Music is a gift from God. This is also the songs that does not mention his name

In a month or so, we will be looking at a new set up, and everyone will be involved.

As for tickmarks, you may have misunderstood something.. Loosing the school tag and possible expulsion has always been there, and no one has been expelled for too many ticks. I think you know the school will not spank. It is not even an option.

Finally, any changes are to improve the quality. Sarah does plan a council where we discuss things and look at it from all sides. We also have pow-wows. in which we can ask or say where we are not happy.

My door is always open to people that wants to speak

Sister Victoria.

Saint Columba Student News

School Spotlight and New Enrollments



by
Sarah A.
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Miss Kirstie Mercy

This month's student spotlight shines upon Miss Kirstie for her overall outstanding performance as a student of St. Columba. Miss Kirstie scored highest in overall grading for term #2 in both exams and behavior.

One of three Mercy sisters enrolled at St. Columba, Kirstie appears to be the leader of her sisters and has the most consistent attendance. For the most part, she remains quiet and reserved, doing what she needs to be doing without making a fuss. She is an exemplar example of what a St. Columba student is, and that's why she is this issue's spotlight.



Welcome
Newly Enrolled
Students!

Libby



Libby is not a student but rather a new attendant. At age 23, she has taken on the daily chores of school maintenance and cooking. Libby is very dedicated to the task and we're delighted to have her.

Miss Julie Narnia Smith

Miss Julie is an 11 year old that has often toyed with the notion about joining St. C and now has made the plunge. We welcome her!

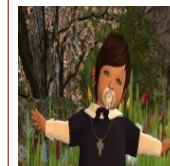


Master Mago

Master Mago is an 11 year old boy who speaks with us via translator. He is a lovable and caring person and we never know what his translator will hilariously "mis"translate!

Master Tyler Watts

Master Tyler is also a charming 11 year old boy. But like other boys his age, he can be a bit rambunctious. He recently made the leap into uniform so let's see how well he knows the rules. :)



Master Sean Short

Master Sean is a wee little lad far too young to enroll at St. C. But when he made his own uniform, we couldn't help but make him an "honorary" student and know that one day, he will grow up to be a valuable asset.

WELCOME TO THE ST. COLUMBA FAMILY!!

Notes from Miss Sarah:

We've tried some new things recently to expand our appeal to all students. Ideas that prove popular receive my full support while those that don't are cut or removed. This term, I am assembling a counsel to help keep me better informed in what issues we face. While I still maintain final decisions in all matters, know that I will always choose what serves our school best. It has changed a lot in the past year but I truly believe these changes have only been for the better. I will never drift from the founding principles of St. Columba and will always maintain the core beliefs I fell in love with years ago. We are strict, intense, supportive and a loving home for kids who want a safe yet entertaining experience in their second lives. There is no other school like St. Columba and that's why you are here. Trust me to keep it that way!

O'Hare's Meeting Minutes

A summary of O'Hare's monthly town meetings



by Lila
Swansong

Amidst frothy pints of Guinness and mugs of milkshakes, the town's meeting commences every first Wednesday of the month. A good turnout for the month of February as many of our town citizens and Columba students crammed the pub. The first order of business was primms. How many and how do you check were the queries covered. You know the old saying "You can never be too rich or have too many primms (at least I think that's how it goes). Mayor Sandalwood reminded everyone how to check their prim counter and how to contact him if purchasing additional ones were required. Issues regarding how to add members to the OHG group as well as rez rights of tenants and sub tents were also addressed. With the serious business out of the way, holiday party talk commenced. Miss Liath discussed her plans to decorate Malone's and to host a Valentine's dance. Miss Hunny graciously offered her DJ services for Mardi Gras. A full wrap up of this is available in the Out and About section. And in other more slightly personal news, Miss

Liath announced her arrival of a new baby. I think I speak for all of us when we wish her a resounding congratulations. We look forward to all the new life OHG has in store for us this spring!

Much like last month, March had a wonderful attendance as well. It is great to see so many of the citizens participation in the community. Mayor opened the meeting with discussing some necessary changes and moves. The old chapel has been moved for prim and avatar accommodation and Roscommon was recently renovated with our delightful new residents, Albert and Jane Petersen, taking up residence. Mayor also announced plans to build 12-14 new cottages and their style was discussed. Looks like OHG really will be blooming this spring! Additionally, the hill can be used for sledding next winter. I believe I speak for the student body when I give this a hearty round of applause. The meeting was somewhat broken up temporarily by some revelers who stumbled in

quite intoxicated and loudly, but they are politely shown the door. These things are not unheard of in an Irish pub I assume though. Mr Petersen discussed some repair work in town he would like to see and volunteered his services. Mrs. Petersen was kind enough to volunteer her services as interim nurse with her Red Cross experience until the new doctor is established, a very much appreciated thing as we do have accident prone students like a certain young Miss Heidi. Discussions about the convent and the service to confirm Sister Catherine as Abbess were also covered. With all the serious business out of the way, plans for the upcoming St. Patrick's Day festival were under way! One of the biggest celebrations of the year is coming to OHG and there all be much to do Stay tuned for more info and please be sure to check the event list by the hangar. It's shaping up to be a busy and prosperous year at OHG and we hope to see many of our wonderful citizens and visitors around for it all!

Out and About

Miss Lila heads out into O'Hare's to see what's going on....



by Lila Swansong

The long, cold winter came to O'Hare's but the citizens didn't get the blues at all. In fact, it gave us more of a reason to get those dancing or bowling shoes on and just have fun. In case you missed any of the events, I'm here to sum them up for you. Back after the holidays, when the post-Christmas blues threatened to come, the citizens washed them away with a Margarita per Jimmy Buffett's suggestion when Brightest Day Productions threw a concert at the hangar. All the classics were blasting as Jimmy and the crew kept us dancing to songs like Cheeseburgers In Paradise and Hey Good Lookin'. Be sure to follow their group for more info. They are concerts not to miss. And for heaven's sake, stay away from the lobster. He's their roadie, NOT an appetizer.



February is not just for Valentine's. It's also about Fat Tuesday and celebrating Mardi Gras and the most colorful party around happened at the hangar. Hunny Spiritweaver lent her DJ skills and kept us rockin' to big band classics like My Toot Toot and Jambalaya. Witty and constantly cracking jokes, she was truly the heart and soul of the party. The hangar was decked out in full splendor with color absolutely bursting from every decoration and so were the patrons. Breydon Lane and Flip Thatcher flipped their hats in the hair and took the dance lead. Aryn Sorbet was there and her sister treated us to the musical delights of her saxophone. Vincent Marcovic, Keshia Crawley, Jackson, Miss Liath, and of course the mayor and Tina were just some of the familiar faces. The beignets and beads were plentiful and we look forward to doing it again next year!



If you haven't been to the new bowling alley by the hangar, you better start practicing if you hope to keep us with the OHG citizens. On Saturday, March 3rd the first official bowling tournament was held. Clergy versus townfolk and I have to say, I suspect the clergy may not *always* be in prayer when they say they are retiring for the evening. I suspect they are really just grabbing their chalk and their shoes and bowling every chance they can because they absolutely showed up the townfolk who's who when it came time for ninepins. The townies showed up in their new custom OHG shirts and, while not the victors, they certainly gave them a run for their money. Mrs. Petersen was the official strike queen as she threw one after another all while wearing some serious stilettos. Mr. Petersen complemented her strikes by throwing spare after spare. Miss Tina put up a fight as she and Hunny Spiritweaver served as our best cheerleaders supporting us all. The mayor showed us his skills by coming in at over 200 but we still couldn't quite top Brother Manolo and Sister Catherine who rounded out their team also with Vincent Marcovic from Lepanto. Amidst the scorecards and nachos and friendly smack talk, we certainly had a wonderfully fun night to remember. Hope to see you at the next one!

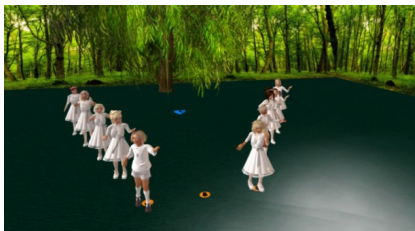


Mercy Murmurings

The Three Mercy Sisters share their musings...

by The Mercy Sisters

St Columba choir concerts, by Lizbet Mercy



I was very excited when it was announced that we were going to have a school choir.

It was nice as well to dress up in our white dresses for rehearsals and the concerts, I think we did look so smart.

We have done three concerts so far, and we were all very nervous at the beginning of each one of them, but as they went on, we gained in confidence and judging by the clapping and the comments after, our audiences thought we were great.

I felt very proud being in the choir, doing something that I could do well for the school!

I thought I'd tell you a little bit about some of the songs we sang, and choose some of my favourites.

We sang 16 songs in all, and I've picked six of them..

They are in the order that we have sung them at the concerts.

The first one I have chosen is Imagine, and it was written and sung by John Lennon of Beatles fame.

I think it is important that you try to listen to the words of this song, it is encouraging us to imagine a world at peace, with no borders and no arguments about religion and nationality. It encourages us to think we should be living a life unconnected with material things. It is a very very popular song, and one organization even named it as one of the hundred most performed songs in the 20th century.

My next choice is Amhran na geala.

When it was first mentioned, I wondered what on Earth it was, but when I heard the music playing for the first time I knew straight-away.

It is a song sung in Irish, and it's an Irish version of Rod Stewart's song, I am sailing.

I'm afraid I don't know enough Irish to know how close it is to the original, but that doesn't matter in the least, it's a beautiful song in any language.

This Little Light of Mine is a gospel song, it is lovely to sing, it is really catchy. Apparently it was written around 1920 as a children's song. It is very suitable for a school like ours, teaching us we are to be lights in the world. The light is our faith in Jesus, and we let it shine so that we can share it with others!

Oh Happy Day is another gospel song. It started life as a hymn written in the 18th century, and in the 19th century a chorus was added to it, and it was often used for baptismal or confirmation ceremonies.

It has appeared in many movies, probably the best-known of which is Whoopi Goldberg's Sister Act.

Make me a Channel of your Peace is widely known as a prayer called the Prayer of St Francis. It has been thought that it is associated with the Italian saint, St Francis of Assisi but in fact the prayer in its present form hasn't been traced back further than 1912 when it was first printed in French.

The song, Make me a Channel of your peace is the anthem of the Royal British Legion, and is often sung at its annual Festival of Remembrance.

Heal the World is a Michael Jackson song.

He said that Heal the World was a song he was most proud to have created. He also founded the Heal the World foundation, a charitable organization designed to improve the lives of children and to teach children how to help each other.



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"



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St. Columba's Boarding School is a nice little Irish school, strictly catholic, and the children attending there are all well mannered Catholics. You may think, whatever can ever be happening in a small school like that. Well, dear readers, be surprised. Yours truly has absolutely no problem in filling this gossip column, on the contrary, she has to decide, every time again, what stays in and what goes out.

This month your reporter decided to write something about changes that were happening the new year. As you probably know, children don't like changes at all. So its no wonder, some of the kids there had to swallow a lot when they were confronted by all the changes. Let me tell you what those changes were.

First of all, there was the co-operation between schools. Now, some people think its just that, a co-operation. But your reporter asks herself this: why is sister Victoria all over sudden one of the leading persons in the school, and where did Lucie go! Did the schools merge? Or did a school just take over? Lucie was replaced by Libby. Has that anything to do with the "co-operation"? Of course we all love sister Victoria very much and she gives fine classes, but it does make you wonder, doesn't it.

Then, out of the blue, brand new lessons were given and old ones disappeared. And, some were given before prayers!! That meant, that some of the "old gang" couldn't join all the classes anymore. Lucies class: "quotes" disappeared. A class that lot of people liked. Is that a coincidence? Or is that on purpose?? That's the question, isn't it.

And then there is the new started choir. "What", could you ask, "is wrong with a good catholic choir". I would answer, nothing at all. Every catholic school should have one. With the right repertoire, a choir can tribute to a flourishing catholic life. Speaking of the right repertoire, There is something severely wrong with this choir's one. Of course when you read "Hallelujah", what could be bad about that. There is nothing wrong with Händel's Hallelujah. Only, what the choir brings is not that, its Cohen's Hallelujah, a popular song!! And that's not the only wrong song in the list. What to think about Imagine (there's no heaven), Nothing Else

Matters (Metallica). That's not to be sung in a church is it. Why not perform good catholic songs like Salve Regina, Ave Verum Corpus, Adeste Fidelis, Ave Maria, and of course Song of St. Bernadette!

I leave it to the reader to make up his or her mind.

Thanks to the Lord, some stayed the same, as yours truly found out much to her disgrace. Miss Sarah still hands out tick marks by the dozen. But o dear, now there are consequences far more heavy than reporting *them in our gazette. It can even go so far, that a very naughty student can be expelled from school!! What ever happened to a smack on the bottom like in a strict catholic school is common.*

I wonder if the students from the other school have the same punishments. If not, i think it would be unfair. But that's something for reader theses to judge.

Of course your reporter can be wrong, and all is set up with the best of intentions. After all, your reporter is a child herself, so of course she doesn't like changes being made. And hopefully your reporter is completely wrong and everything turns out for the best.

But.... when its not, somebody has to confess a lot for absolution.

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Good of the Village



Master Billy receives his review and final scores for the term by Sister Victoria and Miss Sarah



Miss Annie shows us what the world looks like when caught in "The St. Columba Triangle"



Dinner time at St. Columba

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