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Freshmen Welcome Week: Girls Behind the Boas

BY LISA MILLAR '15

What do you think bowties, pirate hats, sweatbands, and feather boas have in common? (Here's a hint! The answer does not involve a glamorous pirate doing aerobics in a tuxedo!) In addition to making a bold fashion statement, each of these objects has been used to give incoming freshman a warm welcome into the red and white halls of Cor Jesu Academy. This year, freshmen were given feather boas, a name tag, and instructions to keep these on or else beware of the consequences.

How the Class of 2015 felt about baking cookies, the boas, and the seniors:

"I didn't have to bake any cookies!"

Erin O'Brien '15

"I think I became allergic to feathers!"

Rachel Clemens '15

"I hated the feathers."

Hannah Randolph '15

"It was definitely a fun way to start freshman year!"

Abby Schmitt '15

"Even though I hated baking cookies, the seniors were really nice about it!"

Angie Hancock '15

What the Seniors Thought:

"We had a blast! We've been waiting four years for this, and I think it's a really fun way to welcome the new freshmen to the Cor Jesu spirit! I hope we didn't scare any freshmen. I think they realized it was all in good fun, and they'd get their turn eventually."

Caitlin Curcuru '12

Despite being somewhat intimidated by the prospect Welcome Week in the beginning, the freshmen survived, and the seniors had an overall fun time 'welcoming' the them to the hallowed halls of the Academy. Welcome Week was a tremendous start to what will be an amazing school year!



Above: Angie Hancock '15 and Tess Martin '15 proudly show their CJ spirit as they sport their new feather boas.

Photo by Tess Martin '15



Freshmen, Katie Burton and Sarah Jaeger '15 a pose as they show off their fancy boas during Freshmen Welcome Week.

Photo by Katie Burton '15



This group of freshmen went back to gradeschool, trading in their CJ kilts for jumpers, as they took a "Blast from the Past" for their first mixer at Cor Jesu.

Photo by Katie Inserra '15

For Your Entertainment

BY AUDREY TAYLOR '15

With Halloween quickly approaching, new movies, TV shows, and books are generally the horror genre.

Recently released, the movie *Apollo 18* (PG-13) explores the questions, "Why didn't man ever go back to the moon after 17 missions?" and "Was Apollo 17 truly the last flight to the moon?" Apollo 17 was launched December 17th, 1972 and was believed to have been the last manned mission to the moon. What most people don't know is that a year later, in 1973, two astronauts were sent on a secret mission to the moon which was funded by the US Department of Defense.

The film contains the unseen footage from Apollo 18's disturbing flight that reveals new evidence of other life forms. This movie is for fans of *Cloverfield* and *Super 8*. If you can't even sit through *E.T.*, this probably is not the movie for you. While still containing elements of horror, *Apollo 18* is more for Sci-Fi fans. You may not be terrified after seeing this movie, but I can guarantee you won't ever want to venture to the moon.

In the world of TV, the new series *The Secret Circle* is for fans of drama and horror. If you enjoy *Twilight* or *The Vampire Diaries*, you may also like *The Secret Circle*.

The Secret Circle is about Cassie, a 16-year-old girl that moves to Chance Harbor, Washington to live with her grandmother after her mother dies in a sudden fire. Cassie befriends other classmates at her new school and soon learns that they are all witches. They had been waiting for her in order to complete their witchcraft circle so that their spells would reach full power. Cassie's mom had never told Cassie she was a witch because she believed she was saving Cassie from a terrible life. Two critics give two very different reviews: one says that the show isn't that great but since it was only the pilot, she will still going

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The Legacy of Harry Potter Lives On

BY KATIE SAINZ '13

Harry Potter. The name itself brings uncountable memories back to all of its loyal fans. To truly understand the impact this series by J.K. Rowling has on the world, here are a few stats: The books sold over 350 million copies and were translated into over 60 different languages. The movies have brought in almost eight billion dollars in ticket sales worldwide. There have been bands, fan clubs, websites, Lego sets, and theme parks created in its honor. And, because the last movie, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part Two*, came out last summer, many are asking the question "what are Potter fans going to do now?"

Maria Llanos, '13 shares, "There may not be any more movies or books coming out, but the fandom is still there." **Margaret Pate White '13** adds, "I'll probably just re-read them a million more times." What is it about Harry Potter that has created such devoted readers? "The main thing I love about Harry Potter is the imagina-

tion of it. When I read it, I truly feel like I'm in a different world filled with magic," says **Elizabeth Horak '13**, "J.K. Rowling does a fantastic job of keeping the reader hooked. I also like how there is a little bit of mystery in the books. It is amazing how every detail in the books relate to each other and all tie together."

Molly Munsell '14 notes "The great thing about it is that it can be appreciated at any age; I loved the idea of this hidden, magical universe when I was eight, and I still think it's genuinely fun to read and watch." **Dr. Brian Hohlt** proves Munsell's statement true as he confesses to be a HP fan himself. "After reading about the first three books in *Entertainment Weekly*, my pop-cultural lifeline, I read them before the release of *Goblet of Fire* in 2000. After that I bought each remaining book as it was released."

Like Dr. Hohlt, many of the now devoted fans were once skeptics themselves.

Mary Grace Quinlan, '13 shares "I was first introduced to Harry Potter when my parents brought home the first movie. After I watched the movie I began reading the book! It took me a couple of times to get through the first chapter but after that, I LOVED them!!" Some fans, like **Christina Belt '13** can't even remember a time in their lives when they weren't Harry Potter fans. "I have no idea when I was first introduced to Harry Potter...I started reading the books when I was little and I've loved it ever since!"

The same enthusiasm that keeps these fans reading is also reflected in the numerous Harry Potter Wizard Rock bands that have popped up. **Maggie Baine '12** explains, "I fell in love with Wizard wrock first in 8th grade when I heard Harry and the Potters-the first real wizard wrock band. One of the misconceptions people have about wizard wrock is that it is a silly fan thing. But it's not- it's a real honest genre of music that started a movement of musicians to create

music inspired by their favorite books and movies. Many wizard wrock bands come to St. Louis every year because there is always a loyal fan base of wrockers who come to every single concert. I never missed one-you will always find me in the front row singing with every single word." Christina Belt adds, "It's really goofy and fun...gotta love some classic Harry and the Potters."

Another new fan outlet is Pottermore, the online Harry Potter experience that promises to share the scoop on the behind the scenes Harry Potter secrets and character back stories. For those who have been lucky enough to get early access, they happily gush about it. Maria Llanos is one of those lucky people. She says, "I think the most exciting part was getting my wand and getting sorted. For the record, I have a redwood and phoenix feather wand and I'm a Ravenclaw. I really loved all the new

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Hair Fashion

BY MARA HALLER '14

CJ girls have the luxury of being able to wake up, throw a kilt on, and walk out the door. Some of us may think, "What's the point of putting an effort into getting ready in the morning if there is not a single boy on the premises even remotely close to your age?"

CJ may not be New York Fashion Week, but who says we can't have style? **Elise Danter '14** says, "I get up, I get dressed, I put my hair in a ponytail and put on a headband."

The headband is the key part of CJ's stylish updos. It's the only thing in our uniform that doesn't have to be school approved. Whether you rock the bedazzled skinny bands or the regular Walgreens elastics it's all a matter of how you perfect your 'do.

Looking for a new spin on your headband styles? Tie-dye, bedazzle, or even make your own headband with bright bandanas! Don't have time to make a headband? No problem! If you are looking for something a little more fancy look no further than Melanie's near plaza Frontenac. There you can find just about any type of head jewelry you can think of.

Penny Ortman '14 scrounges the walls of \$1 Jewelry Galore, which used to be located in St. Louis City but unfortunately has disappeared into the depths of St. Louis' hidden gems. Don't grieve too much, though. Head to the University City Loop instead and check out the awesome accessories at Pataya right next door to Bread Co. Or if you're more of a West End girl, head to Mary Jane's which has any kind of hair accessory a CJ girl could dream of. Whatever you do with your hair in the morning keep it classy, CJ. And work that up 'do! Own that ponytail!



Brianna Kelly '13 and Caitlyn Slattery '13 keep up with the latest trends by sporting headbands and ponytails.

Photo by Emily Inserra '13



CJ girls express themselves by wearing cute headbands and bows with their uniforms!

Photo by Caitlyn Slattery '13

The Legacy of Harry Potter Lives On

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information on Pottermore, like McGonagall's back story (so sad!) For the rest of us, who haven't gotten in yet, the impatience is mounting. "Pottermore is a touchy subject for me. I still haven't gotten my Welcome E-mail. They should have realized by now that Errol isn't up to long trips anymore," Christina Belt says, trying to make light of her frustrations.

The other Harry Potter attraction that's got people talking is the new Wizarding World of Harry Potter that opened in 2010. Few have had the fortune of going there, Dr. Hohlt among them. He shares, "I've told lots of people that the Wizarding World was exactly what fans would want--if a bunch of obsessive fans had \$5 billion, they'd build it the same way that Universal did. My fave part was touring Hogwarts while waiting in line for The Forbidden Journey--which was crazy-cool. I think it's the only ride that is more mind-blowing than the Islands of Adventure's Spider-Man."

Elizabeth Horak speaks for the rest of us as she says, "I am determined to visit before I go to college. I hear it is amazing!" Maggie Baine sums up the feeling of fans everywhere as she says, "There is a phrase widely spoken throughout the Harry Potter community, 'This is never gonna end'. True fans of Harry aren't just people who read a book, they are the people who went on the train with Harry his first year and stuck with him to the very end. We didn't just listen to a story, we lived it. One of the lessons that we learned from Harry Potter is that friendship and love can defeat anything, and because each and every one of J.K. Rowling's characters have grown with us, they don't end in the books and movies, they live in us. That kind of thing doesn't end."

Fan Favorites

Book:

"I like The Order of the Phoenix best, book and movie. Harry's adolescent angst felt very believable. When you're 15 having an unrequited crush is way harder than battling Dementors."

Dr. Hohlt

"My favorite book is definitely Deathly Hallows...basically the culmination of everything awesome in the series...in one book."

Christina Belt '13

Character:

"My favorite character is Ron Weasley because he is so funny, yet smart at the same time."

Elizabeth Horak '13

"That's difficult, but I'd have to say either Luna Lovegood or Hermione Granger, because, as odd as it sounds, I relate to both of them so much."

Maria Llanos '13

"My favorite characters are Harry, Ron, Hermione, and all of the Weasley's (except Percy)."

Margaret Pate White '13

Movie:

"I'm not a big fan of the Harry Potter movies, but I love the first and second because they are so true to the books. After those two the movies just get further and further away from the actual story. Don't even get me started on the end of the last film..."

Christina Belt '13

"That's difficult too, but for a different reason. Compared to the books, the movies are horrible. However, separating them from the movies, I'd have to say number four."

Maria Llanos '13

"My favorite movie would have to be Half-Blood Prince or Deathly Hallows Part Two."

Rebecca Oliver '15

For Your Entertainment

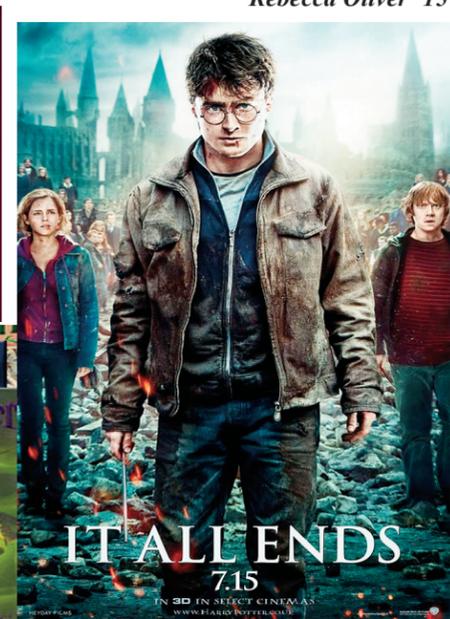
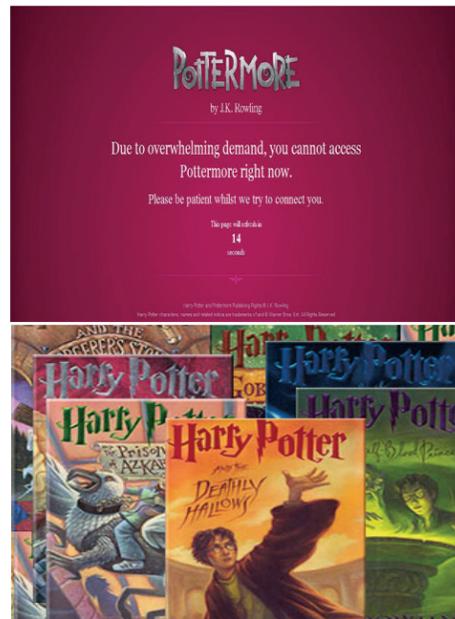
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to give it a chance. The other raved about the show and its creative storyline. Catch the next episode on Thursday at 9/8c on The CW.

For all the bookworms, *Fateful* by Claudia Gray is new this month. *Seventeen* magazine says, "If you like *Twilight*, this book has even more drama."

Fateful is a historical horror book. The book follows 18-year-old Tess Davies, a servant for the Lisles, a wealthy European family. The Lisles decide to sail to America and bring Tess along. But Tess has some plans of her own. She is determined to escape the family and all of their

twisted secrets. They board the RMS Titanic and once in America, Tess is determined to strike out and create a new life for herself. Her focus gets side-tracked when she falls for Alec, a mysterious first class passenger who is in a hurry to leave Europe due to the mysterious murder of the French actress with whom he was romantically involved. Tess finds out about Alec's dark past and werewolves are now hunting them both. Their love will be put to the test during their journey on the Titanic — and we all know how that story ends. If you love the unique mix of werewolves and history, *Fateful* is said to be Claudia Gray's best work.



CJ By The Numbers: Fall Favorites

BY JENN MAYBERGER '15

What is your favorite fall activity?

- Playing a fall sport: 33%
- Attending Dances/Mixers: 27%
- Going to Football games: 23%
- Picking Apples: 17%

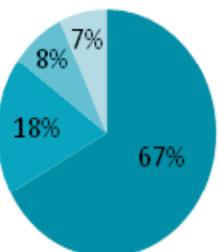
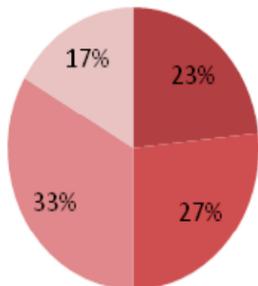
*Based on a poll of sixty students.

"I like playing a fall sport because it allows me to get to know other people."

Andrea Baumann '15

"Sweatshirts and sweatpants are so comfy, and I love to layer!"

Shannon Turner '15



What is the best change from summer to fall?

Being able to wear sweatshirts and sweat pants: 67%.

The leaves changing colors: 18%.

Cooler Weather: 8%

HOT CHOCOLATE: 7%

*Based on a poll of sixty students.

Top Left: In this poll, girls were asked about their favorite fall activity.

Photo by Jenn Mayberger '15

Bottom Left: In this poll, girls were asked about the best change from summer to fall.

Photo by Jenn Mayberger '15

A Taste of China Comes to CJ Jackie Francois: You Are Special

BY ELIZABETH CAPUTA '15

As mentioned in the last edition of Corette, Cor Jesu welcomed two new things this school year: A Chinese program, and a teacher to go with it, Ms. Yanzi Geng. But what students and faculty really want to know is, what is this class like from the perspective of a student who is taking it?

Shannan Cahill '15 has learned to write symbols and has memorized countless vocabulary words already. When asked why she wanted to take Chinese, Cahill replied, "so that I could communicate if I ever go there."

As well as learning the language, the class learns about Chinese culture by learning the proper use of chopsticks and how

to write calligraphy. According to Cahill, the homework load is only half an hour every night.

"About nine students are in the class altogether," Morgan McGauley '12 explains. She enjoys the class and suggests students take it if they can get a chance. McGauley wishes the class could have been offered earlier so she could learn more of the language.

When asked what Ms. Geng is like in class, McGauley smiles and exclaims "Ms. Geng is one of the nicest teachers that I have ever had! She is very cheery and definitely knows how to make the class fun."



Ms. Geng teaches her Chinese class, ranging from freshmen to seniors, about Chinese numbers.

Photos by Emily Inserra '13



BY ELLEN RUPP '15

On September 15, 2011, Jackie Francois graced Cor Jesu Academy with her inspiring and touching words. Jackie's rousing message was to tell the students that they as young women are special. Sometimes it is difficult for girls to realize that they are truly one of a kind. Everyone has their distinct talents which vary from athletics to theater and everything on between. A key element in showcasing individuality is being surrounded by supportive people. If these people make fun, are not the right circle of people to hang out with. One important job that humans have while on earth is to be comfortable and happy with whom they are because God could not be any happier with them. Humans should not hide any side of themselves. They should use the talents God gave them to help them shine. Through their talents, imperfections, trials, and errors, God made them perfect, and He loves everyone just the way they are.

Top Right: Singer and songwriter Jackie Francois spoke to CJ girls with the message that "You are beautiful".

Created by Emily Inserra '13

Bottom Right: Brianna Kelly '13 and Abby Mispagel '13 get a picture with Jackie Francois after her talk.

Photo by Cecilia Detwiler '13



Cheap Places to Hang Out in St. Louis

BY CARA GREENLEY '14

Running out of money to spend on concerts and movies? Look no further. This article is here to help. There are so many fun and inexpensive things to do with friends that you may never have thought of before! As the summer winds to a close and colder weather barges its way in, there are some outdoor activities that you might want to do before it becomes too chilly outside. Lo and behold, the St. Louis Zoo is one of the last free zoos in the country. It has something for everyone and has cute animals to look at. Bored of looking at animals? Visit the Café for a yummy meal. You could also take a basket filled with food to a park for a picnic. Bring your friends

or even a cute boy to chow down under the trees. The perfect twist on regular picnicking is to visit Laumier Park and picnic among all the gorgeous sculptures. If you would rather stay nice and cozy indoors, have a movie night with friends and family! Everyone could bring their favorite movie or TV show. See if you can get your friends hooked on a new TV series! These are just a few ideas of fun and inexpensive weekend plans. There are so many more things you could do! Think outside of the box and you will be able to come up with some great hangout ideas to keep everyone entertained and money still in your pocket.

CJ Fall Sports Report



Left: These Cross Country runners give it their all in hopes of leading their team to victory. Photo by Sarah Blackwell '12

Far Right: Jill Whitman '14 finishes off her race by sprinting to the finish line. Photo by Sarah Blackwell '12

Check out upcoming editions of the Corette for more pictures of the other fall sports' teams!



Left: The JV tennis team bonds together before their match. Photo by Erin Haberkorn, Tennis Coach

Right: Sarah Baldrige '13 gets her head in the game as she prepares for her match on the court. Photo by Erin Haberkorn, Tennis Coach



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