



Dear St. Andrew's Family,

Commencement is less than two weeks away and the nostalgia is mixed with excitement, bucket lists, and a heightened sense of appreciating time with others. These feelings became remarkably evident last night as my book was interrupted by the sound of V and VI Form girls in Mein Hall belting out ABBA's "Dancing Queen."

There's so much joy and energy in the student body right now as we head into Arts Weekend. Consider this abbreviated list of announcements from School Meeting on Thursday:

- Associate Headmaster **Will Speers** started us off by previewing the weekend, thanking the seniors for their leadership, and wishing Tad Roach a very happy birthday.
- Math Chair **Eric Finch** congratulates **Bill Hu '16** for scoring among the top 270 students in the country in the Mathematical Association of America's AMC10/12. The students immediately give Bill a wild standing ovation.
- **Samir Arrington '18** performs a dance he choreographed. ([Video](#))



- **Evan Zhong '15** presents a climate action plan he's created to help the School envision a carbon-neutral campus.
- The "Tad-Off-Tones" sing Sam Smith's *Stay With Me*. ([Video](#))
- **Grace Egan '16, Isabelle Wilcox '16, Eleni Scurletis '16, and Louisa Belk '16** ask for support for their fundraisers this weekend to help fund education in Uganda, Andrew's Place in Wilmington, and to help families who cannot afford funerals.
- The Banditos (freshman lacrosse players) perform a choreographed dance to the classic, *Baby, Now That I've Found You*. ([Video](#))



- **Kat Kornegay '16** and **Olivia Gumbs '16** introduce the question, "What if white people like black people as much as they like black culture?" Students are encouraged to come discuss the question at a Headmaster's Forum that night.
- The underformers on SWAG thank their senior leaders for a truly fantastic year.
- **Ana Ramirez** presents Moxies to Class of 2015 Co-Presidents **Eliza Wainwright '15** and **Pranav Singhania '15** to thank them for their leadership.

Today we welcomed the Bishop to Chapel and right now **Alphonso Ramirez '15** is preparing to conduct the St. Andrew's Orchestra in Engelhard Hall in a piece he composed. Here's the [livestream](#) for events all weekend. I'm heading out to catch it.

Have a wonderful weekend,
 Will Robinson '97
 Dean of Students
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Congratulations, Bill Hu!

The only thing greater than Bill Hu's math ability is his humility. We believe he is the first St. Andrean to be invited to take the U.S.A. Mathematical Olympiad, but he was completely uninterested in having his picture taken for the *Friday News*.

What is the USAMO? It's a nine-hour, six-question math exam administered to the top 270 math students in the country (based on scores from the American Invitational Mathematics Exam). From there, the top 12 students will be invited to Carnegie Mellon University this summer to train for the International Mathematical Olympiad.

Bill received a standing ovation at School Meeting (he was sitting in the back), and we had to drag him out of a practice room today to oblige us with the shots below.

We love you, Bill!



In the Classroom

What a gift to have U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Stuart Jones and Barbara Jones P'16 on campus this week. The two spent time in Terence Gilheany's History of the Middle East class yesterday where they discussed the factors that led to the current geopolitical landscape in the country and region.



The woods are lovely, dark, and deep and the perfect outdoor classroom for Dan O'Connell and his Introduction to Biology students.



Olivia Decker '15 and Ramsey Shindell '15 share their display created during their study of British ceramicist and author Edmund de Waal with Elizabeth McGiff.



Intro to Biology students dissect pigs in the biology lab.



John McGiff treats his Painting 2 students (including Spanish teacher Julia Smith) to the azalea garden in nearby Odessa.



Everyday Oddities

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Opening Reception

May 9, 2015 6-8p.m.

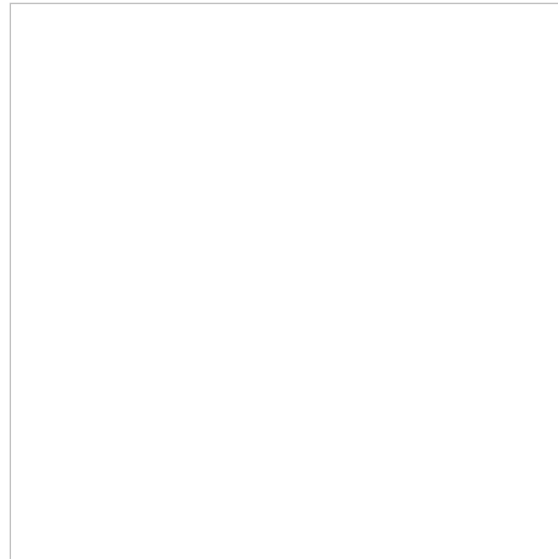
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Go Saints!

Clockwise, from Top Left: The Boys V8+ take out the **Rob Colburn '80** for the first time. Thanks to Lindsay Brown for posting [this video](#); **Kellie Doucette '88, P'18, '18** shared this photo of the boys' tennis team cheering on #2 **Nik Malhotra '17; Grace Saliba '12** and **Aly Saliba '14** celebrate with the Centennial Conference championship trophy. Grace was a unanimous first-team all-conference selection and will lead the 17-2 Diplomats into the NCAA DIII Tournament as the #3 seed this weekend; The girls second V8+ enjoy a treat after swimming the crew course on Sunday; **Taylor Cameron '90, P'18** treated the girls' varsity lacrosse team to ice cream this week.





In the Chapel

We welcomed Bishop Wayne Wright to campus today to help celebrate the baptism of one student and confirmation of five others.





**25th HOWARD M. SMITH
DIAMOND STATE MASTERS REGATTA**

Noxontown Pond, Middletown, DE

**Saturday and Sunday, July 25th and 26th, 2015
8:00 am to 4:00 pm both days**

Registration information: www.diamondstatemasters.com
Sponsored by *The Wilmington Rowing Center*

Creative Campus

[Click here for the full Arts Weekend schedule.](#)



Around Campus

V Form boys ushered in a new season of the SAFFL (St. Andrew's Flag Football League) this week. Below is a shot of the faculty team taking it to some VI Form boys. It was a close game, but the faculty prevailed with a majestic, last-second, diving touchdown catch by Taylor Foehl (far right).



Saints in Service

Eliza Phillips sent in this picture of students (and her son) working at Andrew's Place this week. Students and faculty visit the homeless shelter several times a month to talk with residents and serve dinner.



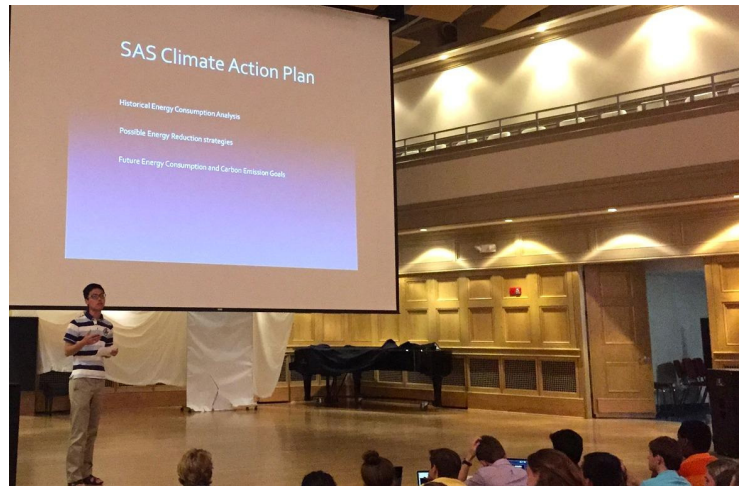
SWAG Appreciations

Nice work SWAG underformers (previously known as SAC) for thanking their senior leaders during School meeting on a fantastic job planning and weekend activities this year. It's one of the most important and difficult student jobs and these seniors deserve many hugs and many thanks.



Sustainable Saints

What a great moment with Evan Zhong '15 this week as he shared his work creating a Climate Action Plan for the School. Evan took on the project with Director of Sustainability Diana Burk and managed to find several avenues that could lead the School to carbon neutrality by 2025.



Students pick green beans in the Organic Garden.



Can't Help But Connect

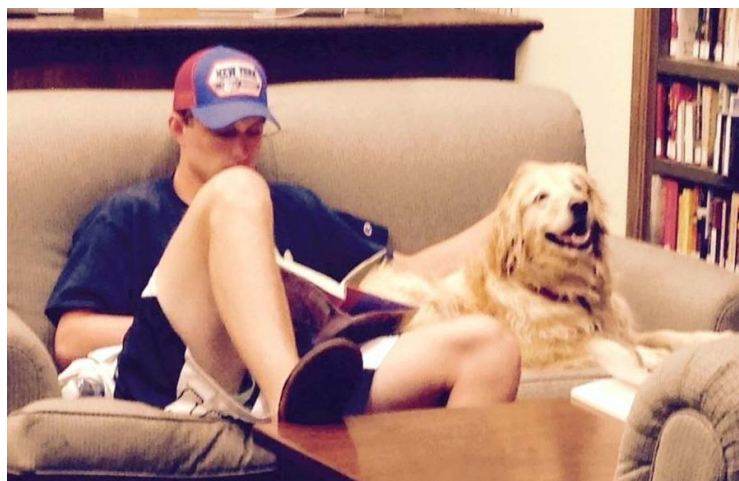
David Fowler '06 ran into Joshua Speers '09 at one of his shows this week. "I was a menace to this guy as a freshman in high school," said Joshua. "People do grow up!"

Please send your planned (or unplanned) moments to [Bernadette Devine '99](#).



A St. Andrew's Moment

Canines and quiet in the Irene duPont Library.



Upcoming Events

May 8-10 — Arts Weekend (*RSVP*)

May 9 — New Crew Shell Dedication and Christening Ceremony, "Rob Colburn '80," Washburn Cove, 12:15

May 14 — Classics Colloquium, O'Brien Arts Center, Gahagan Room, 6:30 p.m.

May 17 — 5K for Ryan, Middletown High School, 10:15 a.m. (*Information*)

May 17 — VI Form Alumni Dinner (*RSVP*)

May 20 — Awards Night

May 21 — Commencement

May 30 — Summer Vacation

June 5 — 24th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament, Wild Quail Golf Club (*Register*)

June 5-7 — Reunion (*Register*)

June 30 — 2015 Annual Fund Ends

2015-2016 Events

October 23-25 — Parents Weekend

November 13-14 — Alumni in Medicine & Science Weekend, sponsored by the Women's Network, Keynote Address from Dr. Janice Nevin '77

November 14 — Homecoming, Cannon Game

[Full School Calendar](#) || [Athletics Calendar](#)



Bonus Photos! — Group Hug Edition!

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Emily Pressman sent in this photo of the III Form girls and boys dorms enjoying a campfire on the Front Lawn.



IV Form girls at Kassy and Tom Fritz's house this week.



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