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### News & Notes

#### Winter/Spring 2021 Academic Planners...

... are on the way to student homes! They should arrive to you sometime between now and when classes resume on January 6. If you have not received your planner by January 6, please contact Dean of Studies Gretchen Hurtt at [ghurtt@standrews-de.org](mailto:ghurtt@standrews-de.org). In the meantime, a full PDF of the planner can be viewed and downloaded [here](#).

#### Standardized Test Prep for the Class of 2022

This winter and spring, St. Andrew's will offer small group online SAT or ACT test prep courses through [Revolution Prep](#) to students in the Class of 2022. Click [here](#) to learn more about the courses, schedules, and pricing. Revolution Prep offers financial assistance, and there is also a \$200 discount available for students who do not qualify for assistance if they register for the program **before December 31, 2020**. To register your child for either course, or if you have additional questions, please contact Hope Goldberger at [hope.goldberger@revolutionprep.com](mailto:hope.goldberger@revolutionprep.com) or 267-776-4098.

#### Host Families Needed!

A huge, heartfelt thank you to all St. Andrew's families who have hosted an international student this spring, summer, or fall. The hospitality and generosity of the SAS community has made it possible for students from around the globe to be on campus this autumn.

Because of the extraordinary challenges with regards to travel, visa, and mandatory quarantines, our international students will face challenges returning to campus in the spring. **We are looking for a few families, living within a couple hours' drive from St. Andrew's, who can offer a spare bedroom to an international student in February.** If you are interested and willing to host a student, please contact Matt Wolinski at [mwolinski@standrews-de.org](mailto:mwolinski@standrews-de.org).

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## ***In Case You Missed It...***

**Sunday, December 6**

[Sunday Chapel featuring the Reverend Marta Illueca](#)

**Wednesday, December 9**

[Chapel featuring Ms. Jack](#)  
[School Meeting](#)

**Friday, December 11**

[Chapel - Holiday Traditions from Around the World](#)

**Sunday, December 13**

[Chapel - Service of Lessons & Carols](#)

**Wednesday, December 16**

[Chapel - Sunday School Christmas Pageant](#)  
[School Meeting](#)

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## ***No Carol Shout? No Problem!***

Since we are on virtual term and couldn't have our traditional Carol Shout to close out the first semester, we thought we'd bring the Carol Shout to you. We encourage you to gather with your family or Zoom with your friends and sing and scream along to this video!

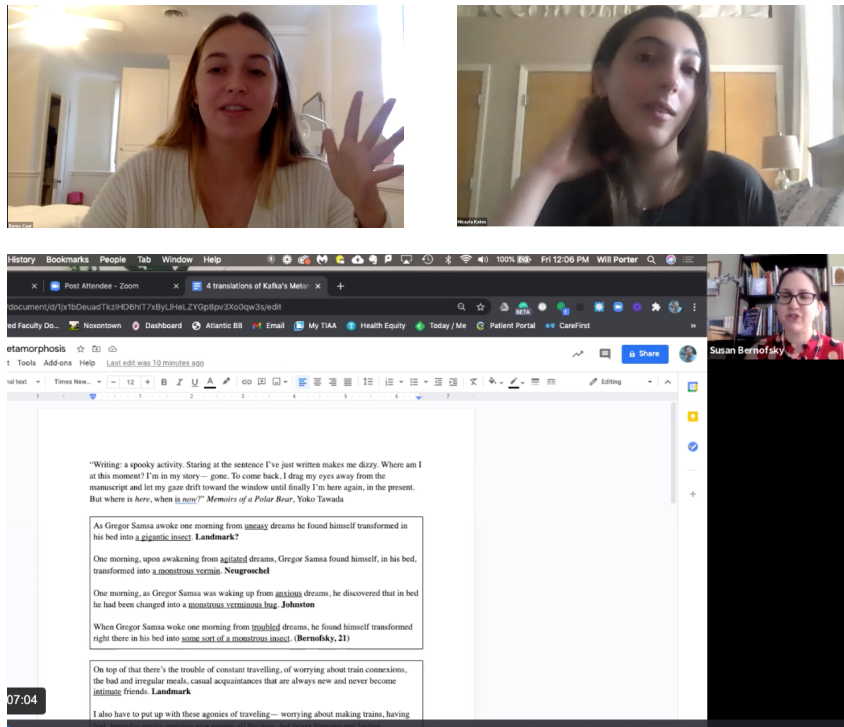


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## ***Ethos is Everywhere***

Susan Bernofsky, director of the [Literary Translation program at Columbia University](#), visited Mr. Porter's English 3 class last Friday. Bernofsky translated [the most recent Norton edition of Kafka's \*Metamorphosis\*](#). Students have been reading and discussing different translations of the novella and talked with "Professor Bernofsky about what she was trying to achieve with her translation," Mr. Porter said. "For instance, to enhance the absurdity of a scene when Gregor Samsa gets stuck in a door, she showed us how she split a German verb into two English verbs." Below are some screenshots from their Zoom discussion.





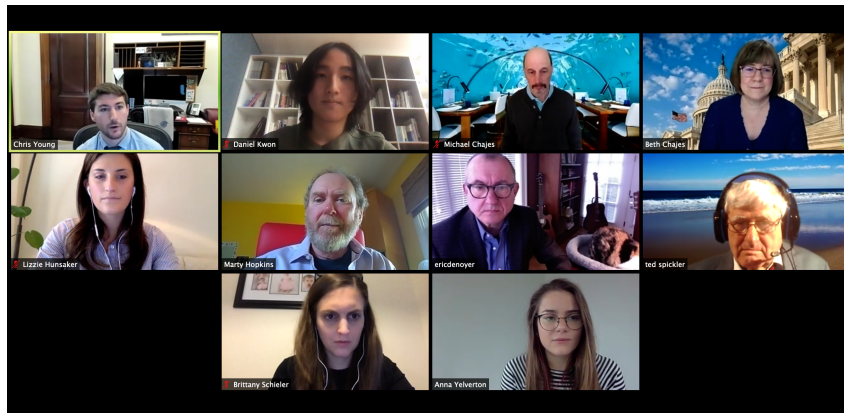
Six Andrew's students—Zhenia Khalabadzakh '22, Pearl Mallick '22, Pranay Sanwal '22, Nikki Tora '23, Emily Wei '23, and Tracy Yuan '22—attended the (virtual) 2020 Student Diversity Leadership Conference (SDLC) during the week of November 30-December 4. All six students are seen below on Zoom during the conference; they shared brief reflections after the fact, which you can read [here](#).



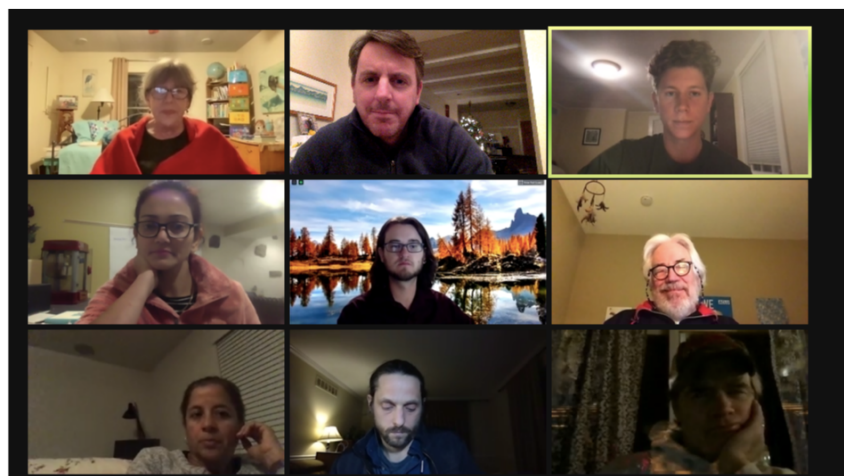
Chinese students invited their family and friends (including alumni Nick Wilmerding '19 and Alice Hilton '19) to sing Merry Christmas in Chinese on Zoom at this week's School Meeting (which is a tradition for in-person School Meetings as well).



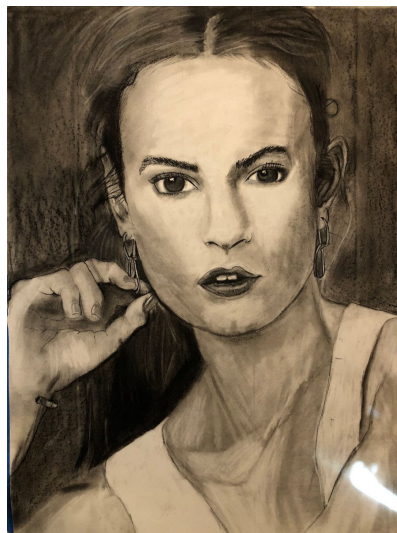
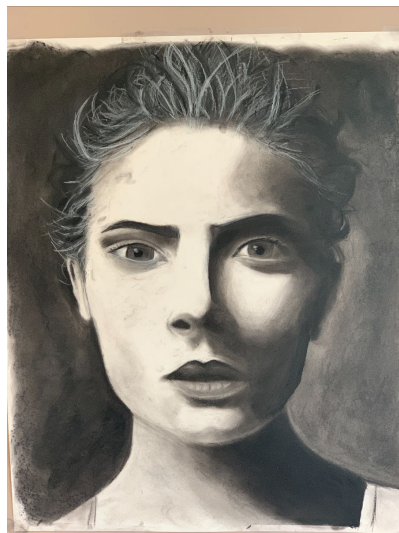
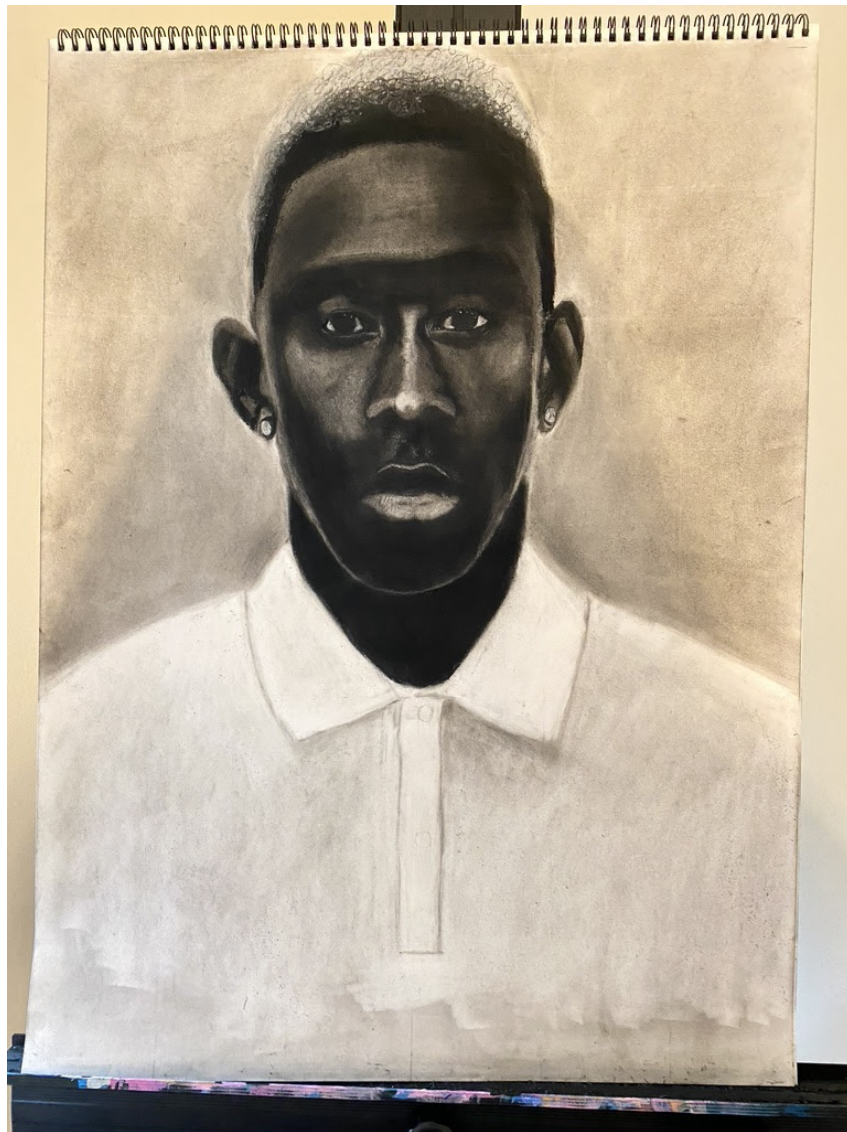
Sustainable Saints! Daniel Kwon '22 recently Zoomed in from South Korea to a [Citizens Climate Lobby](#) meeting, where he discussed the [Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019](#) with representatives from the office of Delaware Senator Chris Coons....

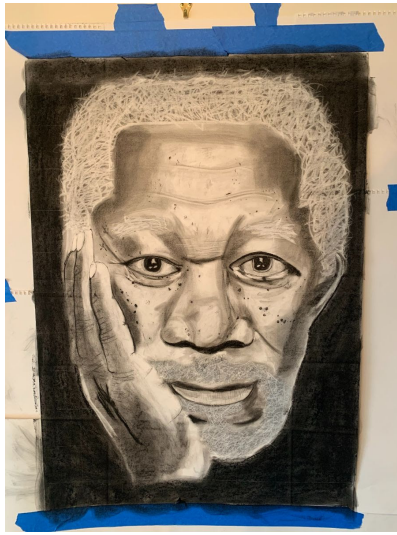


... and Teddy Pyle '21 recently organized a "crash course in renewable energy in Delaware" through the [Delaware Intercampus Climate Coalition](#), a climate advocacy group for Delaware college students.



Ms. Kelsey's Drawing 1 students have been finishing up their charcoal portraits at home and the results are stunning!

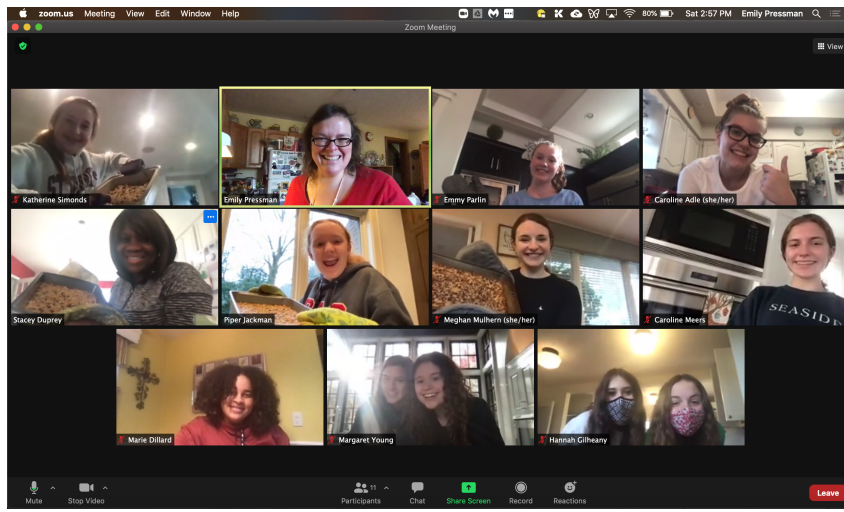




And Ingrid Tuveson '24 is seen here working in her "home studio" on an assignment for Painting 1.



Pell Dorm had a function last week in which residents and dorm faculty learned how to make Ms. Pressman's famous Seven Layer Bars. If you're in the mood to do some holiday baking, Ms. Pressman's recipe can be found [here](#).



### *Saints at Home*

Over Thanksgiving Break, Piper Jackman '21 and Leila Warren '21 (who was staying with Piper in Pittsburgh for the holiday) arranged for a surprise outdoor meetup with Marvi Ali '21 (who also lives in the Pittsburgh area) to wish Marvi a happy birthday!



Riley Baker '21 has been working weekends at Oberweis Ice Cream & Dairy store in her hometown of Northfield, IL during the virtual term (her sister Ellison '23 snapped this photo of her at the end of a recent shift).



Tech Team member Beth Crook has been on seven weeks of medical leave for spinal surgery, recovery, and physical therapy. She was proud to wear her St. Andrew's gear while practicing her short kicks at PT in early December.



On the first day of Thanksgiving Break, Classics teacher Erin Ferguson ran a 50 mile race—the [JFK 50 Miler](#) in Hagerstown, MD. "I decided in late March that since I had so much time on my hands I might as well train for this, and then I did it!," said Ms. Ferguson. "It was great. But it was loooooong. Like this pandemic. It just kept going forever. And all I could do was keep moving forward." Good advice for all of us!



***As Seen Around Campus***

The mornings and evenings have been pretty gorgeous at SAS this month. Hannah Gilheany '24 and Elsbeth Daly '24 snapped this shot of the sunset while walking by the retention pond on December 15...



... and Associate Dean of Admission Lou Berl shared this photo of a sunrise on December 9.



Campus had a dusting of snow (then a lot of sleet and ice) earlier this week. Facilities Team member Mike Rivera shared this video of snow falling on the T-Dock.



### *We Leave You With This*



Associate Dean of Counseling Lindsay Roznowski asked her Wellness class to take a zany photo on Zoom so that they might be featured in the Friday News. All semester, her students have been developing a list of Questions to Ponder (QTPs). "It's a tradition

we started on day one of class and carried through until the end, rotating through the whole class," explained Ms. Roz. "Each student would pose a deep question about life for all of us to ponder and then we would share our thoughts and responses." So, we leave you with this fantastic list of QTPs, and with the hope that you get some quiet time for reflection over Winter Break.

- Can you ever know your true self?
- What is something you're incredibly grateful for?
- How would humanity change if we lived to 500 years old?
- If your basic needs were covered, what/who would you bring with you to a deserted island?
- If you could go back two years in time, what would you say to yourself about COVID-19?
- When are you most comfortable with yourself for exactly who you are? What do you picture yourself doing? Who do you picture yourself with?
- If you could leave any legacy behind at the end of your life, what would it be?
- What is the biggest change you want to make within the next year?
- Are you at your best? Why or why not?
- What impact do you want to make on the world?

