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We highlight the outstanding performance of students, we promote schools' activities, and we support different causes that influence adults and teenagers alike.

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Bella Rodriguez-Torres

Our VIP ANGEL

There is not a single human being on Earth who has not been affected by cancer. The medical and research community continues to study and bring forth breakthroughs primarily in the area of adult cancers. Unfortunately the funding, research protocols and primary focus overlooks childhood cancers. The overwhelming majority of drugs given to children are over 20 years old and they are very toxic. There are many factors for this unfortunate and sad truth.



- Globally, a child is diagnosed with cancer every 3 minutes.
- Everyday in the USA seven children die from cancer.
- Cancer is the deadliest childhood disease.

Children deserve an equal opportunity at cutting edge research. Families of children fighting cancer also deserve access to support and educational programs. Lastly, they also deserve to HAVE FUN and to Live Like Bella™!
For this reason and in memory of our daughter Bella, the Live Like Bella™ Foundation exists. We advocate and fund ONLY for pediatric cancer research and we offer support for families. Our children deserve the best. Join us to END childhood cancer and to help families in the fight!

-The Rodriguez-Torres Family

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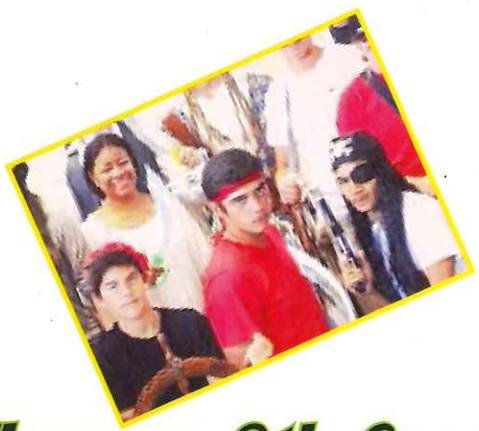
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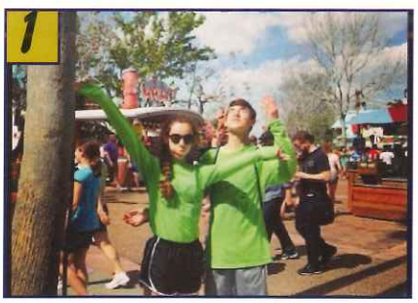




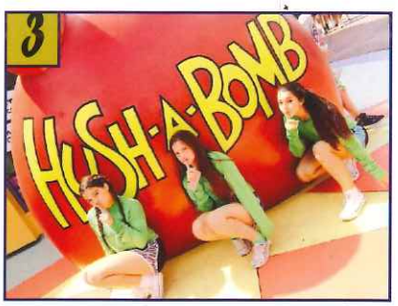





St. Theresa 8th Grade Class Trip













1.- Victoria and Ricky 2.- Daniella, Lauren, Alexia, Lucia, Natasha, Gianna, Sarah, Megan 3.- Natasha, Sarah and Lucia

4.- Erin, Maggie, Andie, Gisy, Carolina, Jordan, Victoria, Daniella, Isabella. 5.- Lucas, Mickey and Anthony

6.- Olivia, Karorila, Bella,, Amanda, Kata, Sofia

Happy Birthday to all our friends that celebrate their Birthday in April.



Jessica Alba - April 28th



Jackie Chan - April 7th



Michicela -April 21st



Michi - April 16
Madi- April 12th



Brandon - April 26th



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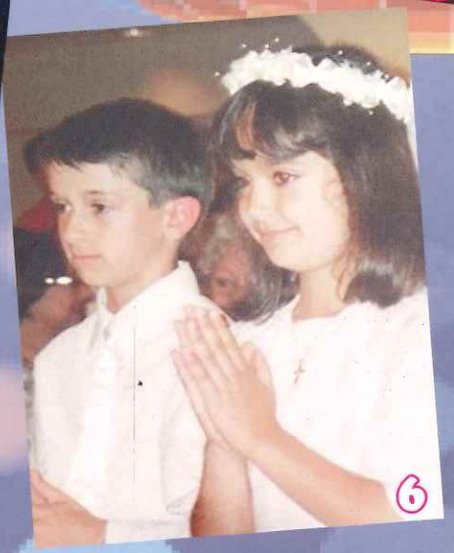
















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BELEN JESUIT WOLVERINES

Congratulations to both the **Belen Jesuit Concert and Jazz Bands** and their teachers! They competed March 15 & 16 at the **Disney Music Festival in Orlando** and got Excellent ratings. The Jazz Band fell short by point-two to receive a Superior Rating & finished the competition with a score of 89.8.

Congratulations to Mrs. Annette Antón, Dr. Reyes-Garcia & the team of 16 students who competed in the **Spanish State Competition** in Orlando on March 15 and received first place in the State out of 48 schools and a score of 996 out of 1,000 possible points.

Junior, **Oscar Pinate** was one of ten high school students selected nationwide by the Young Marines of the Marine Corps League to attend the **Reunion of Honor** on March 19 at Iwo Jima. The Young Marines commemorated the World War II Pacific Campaign battle of Iwo Jima fought by the U.S. Marines February 19- March 26, 1945. After a solemn ceremony, YM Sergeant Major Pinate raised the Belen flag on Mount Suribachi.

Congratulations to the seventeen members of **Belen's Troupe 4666 of the International Thespian Society** competed in the State Festival I and captured two excellent and five superior ratings from the judges

Congratulations to Ryan Rodriguez '15 set a new school record in the 1600-Meter run at the FSU relays by running a 4:15.87. He broke the 11-year-old record held by Jose M. Garcia '03 when he won the State Championship with a time of 4:15.99.

Varsity Track and Field took first place at the Walter Jshmobach Memorial Invitational hosted by Martin County & the Ferguson Falcons Invitational.

COMING UP: Belen Jesuit Presents, **"The Living Stations of the Cross"** featuring Students from Our Lady of Lourdes Academy on **Tuesday, April 15 at 7 p.m.** This presentation will take place in various locations throughout the Belen Jesuit campus. **All are welcome to attend.**

U.S. Congresswomen Speaks to Belen Jesuit Students



On March 31, U.S. Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen spoke to the National Junior Honor Society and other Belen Jesuit students in the Coscolluela Hall

The Congresswoman spoke to the students about Leadership and the importance of Leadership in the 21st Century, about her role in Congress and the importance to give back to your community



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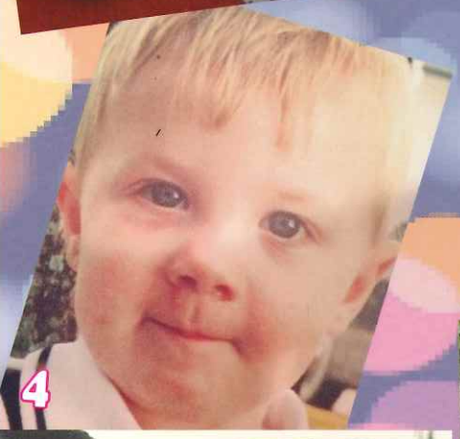


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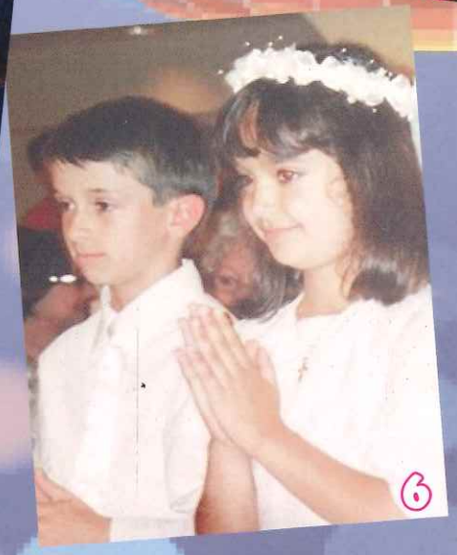
















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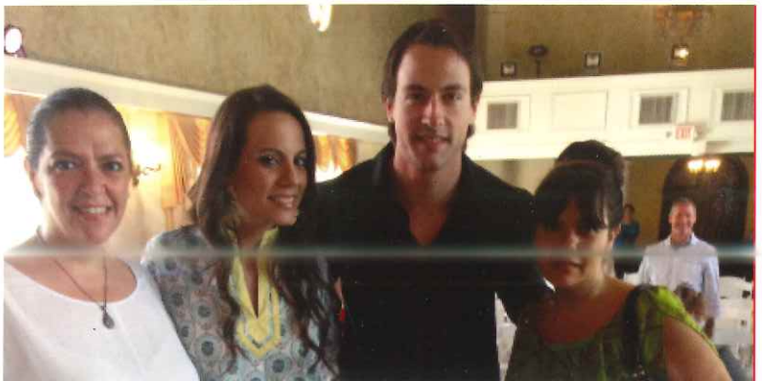
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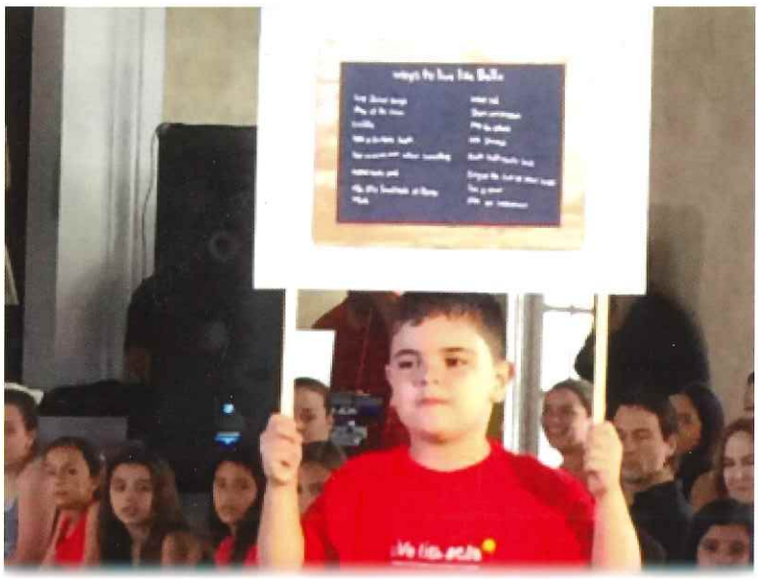




On Sunday, April 13th, 2014, Mes Amis Children
show debuted many new looks, all part of their spr
exciting display of this seasons trendiest looks for
ents with the crowd as the emcees for the event that
Cynthia Costa. These celebrities all contributed of th
the charitable organization that profited from the
after the death of Bella Rodriguez Torres in 2013.
hood cancer as well as providing funding for
much ne



Gaby Borges and Carlos Sanz were the
Emcee from "Find Your Happiness"



Happiness By Mes Amis

Boutique held their "Find Your Happiness" Fashion Show. The
g and summer collection. All guests and patrons enjoyed an
rls of all ages. Gaby Borges and Carlos Sanz, shared their tal-
as attended by over 200 guests including, Gustavo Leone and
r time, talent and donations to the Live Like Bella Foundation,
ent. The Live Like Bella Foundation was established shortly
he Foundation raises funds to help families affected by child-
dditional pediatric cancer related expenditures such as
ded clinical trials.



















Mes Amis strives to provide "girls, tweens, and teens with the trends they love to wear". Privatto Events helped to put on the event that featured, a red carpet reception followed by a beautiful vendor bazaar pre-show area that culminated with the main event in the ballroom of the Coconut Women's Club. Kiara Guzman and Sandra Cruz interviewed guests for VIPSOS as they arrived on the red carpet. The fashion show was "fun to be a part of and I can't wait until the next one" said model, Becky Jimenez, who sported a "southwest meets the sand" look on the runway. For more pictures and information follow @itsmesamis on Instagram.

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"The Magic of SAS" was indeed patterned after the Disney slogan. The fashion show featured students from grades pre-k through eight modeling clothing inspired by attractions at the Magic Kingdom, including Aladdin's Flying Carpets, Big Thunder Mountain Railroad and Ariel's Undersea Adventure - all leading up to the "When You Wish Upon a Star" grand finale.



















Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll High School

PRESENT:

ACC Got Talent ...









The show demonstrated a wide array of the talent pool found at ACC and made the school community proud.
Every performance was of high caliber and all were in good taste. Congratulations !! and for those of you who missed it the following students were among the top winners of the night.

1st Place: Luis Ibarra
2nd Place: Epsilon Band (current members: Gabriel Cuevas and Nathalie Vinas/ Alumns: Marcus Noga and Ed Escalante)
3rd Place: Gaby Argimon

Many others in the school: Emily Gil, Katelyn Bourke, Raphael Murat and Gaby Arguello also had spectacular performances so if you see them and others who performed please congratulate them. We wish could remember all the names for you all but were not forgotten!

The judges: Kelly Blanco from NBC6, Karent Sierra from The Real Housewives of Miami and Monique Abbadie from The Voice
The emcee: Brandon Lopez Class '11 and Associate Producer at NBC 6



APRIL IS AUTISM MONTH



Los diagnósticos de **Autismo** siguen aumentando.

Actualmente, 1 de 68 niños en los Estados Unidos está diagnosticado con esta condición, y por eso es primordial seguir educando a todos en nuestra comunidad sobre los mitos y realidades del Autismo. El jueves, 13 de marzo, nos unimos a la administración del Mercy Hospital para realizar una presentación para todos los empleados del hospital sobre las verdaderas características de las personas con autismo, en particular los niños. Gracias a todos los que vinieron a nuestra orientación y en especial a los estudiantes con Autismo de la escuela elemental Auburndale.



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El domingo, 6 de abril, nos unimos a mas de 30,000 personas en el JC Bermudez Park en la ciudad del Doral y caminamos para recaudar fondos para el **Autismo.** Gracias a todos los que participaron y ayudaron a colectar mas de $630, 000.

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Aquarius January 20- February 18
Turn it on, Aquarius! Gear up with your smartphone, your iPad, your laptop...as the Sun moves through in Aries, your third house of communications, you are definitely feeling plugged in. Under this information-hungry influence, digest all the news, conversations and stories you can—it's all grist for the inspiration mill.

Pisces February 19- March 20
Buckle down, Pisces. The Sun is in Aries, your productive second house, until April 19, putting you in workhorse mode. No more of your famous daydreaming binges for the next three weeks. Roll up those sleeves and tackle a plan of action, crossing items off your list systematically.

Aries March 21- Abril 19
April is an active month in the stars, to put it mildly! The Sun is visiting Aries until March 19, fueling you with solar-powered birthday energy—which you might run through pretty quickly, so try to pace yourself. You'll need to keep a full tank for the second half of the month, when it will seem like every major area of your life is shifting, which could be both thrilling and exhausting.

Taurus April 21- May 21
Sleepy days are here again. While the rest of the world may be frolicking in the cherry-blossom-laden springtime air, you're feeling low-key and in need of shuteye—all thanks to the Sun's retreat to Aries, your twelfth house of closure and rest. Your golden rule: stay in bed a little longer than usual. Go out dancing if you please, but maybe after a disco nap.

Gemini May 22- June 21
The wider world is calling, Gemini, and this month is prime time to connect with your tribe. The Sun spends the first three weeks of April in Aries, your eleventh house of group activity, putting you in the collaborative spirits that your sign adores.

Cancer June 22- July 22
Go big or go home? The Sun is in Aries, your tenth house of career and worldly achievements, until April 19. You could be busy with your lofty pursuits, especially since expansive Jupiter is zooming through Cancer until July 16, putting your personal agenda front and center. With communicator Mercury also in Aries from April 7-22, it's time to dial up the VIPs and claim your rightful spot at the top of the food chain. Movin' on up indeed!

Leo July 23- August 22
The first three weeks of the month are all about pushing the current limits of your life and mind. A healthy optimism infects your daily mood—and not a moment too soon. Perhaps you'll lock down that summer jaunt through Europe.

Virgo August 23- September 23
Skip the small talk, Virgo. The Sun burns through Aries, your eighth house of intensity and merging, until April 19. You need a little seclusion and space to contemplate the deeper mysteries of life—or, well, of your own life.

Libra September 24- October 23
How sweet it is to be loved by you, Libra. This month, the Sun visits the most relationship-centric zones of your chart, first to Aries, your seventh house of committed relationships, and then in Taurus, your eighth house of soul merging.

Scorpio October 24- November 22
Forget "location, location, location." This month, you're all about "organization, organization, organization," as the Sun in Aries travels through your sixth house of efficiency and systems. From your work life to your personal life to that easy-to-forget drawer in the study, you're all about getting things in clear and clean order.

Sagittarius November 22- December 21
Ah, spring fever! The Sun is making its annual visit to Aries, your fifth house of passion, play and romance, until April 19. You're feeling back to your feisty fire-sign ways under these skies, ready to dance off any of the stress that built up over the past three months. .

Capricorn December 22- January 21
You're craving deeper roots, Capricorn, but you may have to pull up a few weeds this month before you can plant those hearty bulbs. The Sun decamps to Aries, your fourth house of home and family, until April 19. This annual month-long cycle is perfect for taking a much-needed break from this busy year and reconnecting with your loved ones—and yourself.

* For Entertainment Purposes Only

Special Corner

Empathy and compassion for others...



Wilson is a student who attends the Marian Center School, which is a Catholic school serving students with disabilities. Wilson along with his fellow students, teachers and staff were encouraged during this Lenten season to improve upon three areas in their lives. These areas included – Praying, Sharing and Thanking. As part of a school-wide outreach goal the students, teachers and staff were asked to participate in sharing and thereby promote a sense of giving, by donating items of their own to the poor.

Wilson is a boy thirteen years of age and he was born in Guatemala and adopted by American parents. He resides in South Florida with his parents and six other siblings. This young man was chosen as our Very Important Person, because of his unselfish actions shown towards helping others, specifically 'the poor'. When Wilson heard that the students should consider bringing something of their own to give to the poor, he immediately seemed rather concerned and one morning he brought in a tattered little Guatemalan doll, but one that seemed like it was shown a lot of love. This little doll was formerly Wilson's when he was a younger child, and he felt a special connection with his doll and he thought it would've been an appropriate gift for a poor child to also enjoy the way in which he did. The only problem was this doll was too tattered to give to another, and this was explained to Wilson. His teachers told him that he did a very thoughtful act by wanting to give away something that he still loves and that God is very pleased with his actions; however, the same way in which he was able to have a new doll and make it his own, then so should the poor child receiving a gift be able to do so too. Wilson understood and agreed.



At the end of each month the students with perfect attendance for that month are usually awarded with a certificate, and in Wilson's class the teachers add a little something extra by allowing these students to select items from a treasure box. Wilson doesn't always receive a Perfect Attendance certificate, but for the month of March he was self-motivated in having one. It seems in Wilson's mind he had planned to earn a gift from the treasure box in order to have something of his own, which was fairly new, in order to give it to the poor.

Wilson achieved his goal and was awarded a certificate, and in class he was told to take two items from the treasure box for his own. Upon selecting these items, Wilson immediately told his teachers that he wanted to give them away to the poor. When the teachers asked Wilson if he was certain that this is what he wanted to do, Wilson said, "Oh yes! That's okay; I would like to give these to help the poor people!" The teachers asked Wilson why he wanted to help the poor and he quickly replied by saying, "Well, you see on my way to school I always pass someone standing and holding a sign asking for money, and I always feel sad to see the poor guy. So I want to help the poor"

Recently Wilson had to participate in a skit depicting the story of the Good Samaritan, and two groups of students had to pass by and deny help to students playing the homeless people, while one group of students would stop and give the homeless shelter. Wilson was completely beside himself and could not accept the part in which he would have to deny others help and he asked his teachers to let him be the one to give the homeless help. He said, "Please, I would like to help the poor, I do not want to be in the group that says no, I can't do that!"

For all these reasons, Wilson was chosen as our VIP, because he possesses such empathy and compassion for others, whether they are friends or strangers.

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