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VIP 305

Holiday Edition 2018

MIMI CICERO Releases 1st Christmas EP

SLAM's 6th Annual Golf Tournament

VIP 305 Miami's Take the Mic Competition

VIP Principal
St. Brendan High School
Mr. Jose "Pepe" Rodelgo-Bueno
St. Brendan Elementary School
Mrs. Cristina Capote-Alonso

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December 1, 2018 - 8AM



Interview with Mimi Cicero

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1. When was the first time you realized that music was your passion and you wanted to pursue this as a career?

I've known that I wanted to be a singer since a very, very young age. I was always the girl walking around with the iPod and earbuds obsessing over music. When I was 5 years old, I knew that this was what I wanted to do so I begged my mom to put me in voice lessons. From there, still at the age of 5, I started performing on different stages for large audiences. For me, there was just no other option: I had to make music. Although I always knew this is what I wanted to do, at such a young age with parents that are absolutely amazing but weren't involved in music at all, I just didn't know where to start. When I was 12, for Christmas, all I wanted was to record a song at a studio. So, I was lucky enough to do so and from the moment I walked in I remember thinking "yeah this feels like home. This is where I belong". As for songwriting, in either 3rd or 4th grade, I got totally obsessed with the "Don't Forget" album by Demi Lovato and was fascinated by the fact that she had her own songs. That made me want my own songs so I began writing melodies and lyrics and haven't stopped since.



2. Tell us about your future goals and what you aspire to do with your music career.

I really hope that through my music I can inspire people and remind them that they can get through whatever they're going through. Although I did start performing when I was 5, I was forced to stop at the age of 13. In my life, I have faced two major obstacles with my physical health, one that lasted over the span of 4 years, that made me loose almost all hope in ever being able to make music again. Those years were filled with not only deep physical pain but with the emotional pain that was caused by the idea of never being able to do what I loved most again. Being in seemingly helpless situations that would not allow me to sing devastated me, bringing on anxiety and depression because it was all I wanted to do. While I was going through these tough times, I would always look to music and different artists to give me inspiration that I would make it through. Now, it is a big dream of mine to be able to inspire someone through music the way other artists inspired me. During that time, I picked up the piano and guitar and taught myself how to play since I was physically unable to sing. One of my biggest passions is to inspire people that are going through health problems that seem to have no end or cure because I personally know exactly how terrible it can be. With my career, my main goal is just to build a large audience of people who love and support my music. Whether that's by downloading my songs, coming to my shows or showing love on social media, every bit of support helps me reach my goal of having a loyal audience of listeners.

3. Can you tell us about this upcoming Christmas EP? What were your favorite parts about the process of writing and recording it?

This EP was a blast, but also a lot of hard work, to put together and record. Anyone that knows me knows I love Christmas and making holiday music is so natural and fun because you have all the materials you need as a songwriter ready and available to use (snow, Santa, candy canes, Christmas tree, caroling, etc.) . The first song, and the title



track, "Favorite Time of Year" was co-written with the producer of all the songs on the EP, Joel Someillan. I came to the studio with the melody for the verses and the chorus and the hook "Favorite Time of Year" and from there we spent a lot of time crafting the lyrics to tell the story of what Christmas in Miami is like and all the reasons we love this holiday so much. We really aimed to create a timeless Christmas song that would instantly put you in a joyful mood. Throughout the song, you can hear a saxophone that we recorded live in the studio; it was played by Camilo Perez. Additionally, at around 2:55 in this song, you can hear a choir singing. In the past, I have always done all my own background vocals but to bring the big, cheerful, friendly, energetic vibe we wanted for this song, I brought some of my friends that are singers to join me in closing the song. My rendition of "The Christmas Song", a cover of the classic most famously sung by Nat King Cole, is by far the most organic, simple recording I have ever put out. It features just four live instruments (piano, upright bass, saxophone and vocals). Seeing it come together as each musician recorded their part and then getting to sing on it was a dream



come true. I felt very blessed to have three musicians that I believe in and respect so, so much be on this record: Bryan Thompson on piano, Michael Ramos on upright bass and Ed Calle on saxophone. The last song on the EP, is "Ave Maria". I've known that I have wanted to record this song for a very long time because I've alway felt a personal connection and admiration for its beauty. I love classical music and trained in it for several years. I loved studying the world of classical music and opera, and making the connections about how it has influenced today's music. Additionally, I had sang it at several weddings and events before I recorded it for this EP and just knew I had to record it as part of a Christmas project. It was an absolute blessing to have someone as talented, kind & established as Cristy Arias to co-write the new lyrics for Ave Maria in Spanish with me. We sat down in my home and put together something that would maintain the essence of the classic yet bring a fresh perspective onto it. Joel did the same with his production, incorporating live classical guitar, (played by the incredible Osnel Rodriguez Otero), orchestra and even a harpsichord yet bringing aspects of today's music such as the popular 808 drum kit.

4. You are working with Joel Someillan to put this together, do you like working with him and is the recording process easier with him at your side?

The recording process wouldn't even be possible without him at my side! It is always a pleasure working with him, he is the absolute best of the best and just from working together I always learn so much. He's been such an important guide for me not only musically but career wise and always answers my millions of questions and gives me the best advice on anything and everything (performing live, release details, music, etc). He's help me become a better musician by always helping me with piano, guitar, chords, arranging and more and inspires me to keep working hard and aiming to become the best musician I can possibly be. He's such a pro in every way and we've gotten to know each other very well which makes working together very easy. This EP included our first co-write together, "Favorite Time of Year" that we are both very proud of. Working with him as a songwriter on that record was a super amazing and fun experience.

5. Mimi, you were one of our finalists for our first Take the Mic competition, tell us a little bit about how that helped you with your career.

If it weren't for Take The Mic, I wouldn't have met Joel! He has been such an instrumental and vital part of my journey so far and I am eternally grateful to have such a wise and kind mentor by my side. "Take The Mic" allowed me to meet other singers in Miami and was one of the first performances I had towards the end of my health challenges. It really inspired me to kickstart my career and reminded me of my passion for performing live! Competing with local talents and getting such an amazing response from the audience assured me that I was on the right path and the support that came after the competition was so inspiring.

6. First a finalist and now a judge for our second Take the Mic competition in March. How does it feel to sit back and judge now instead of being the one competing?

I feel so blessed and honored to be a judge for the competition! I remember exactly how nervous yet excited I felt during the competition, so knowing what it feels like to be in their shoes is definitely a positive. I am so excited to be able to watch young talents flourish and want to help and advise them in any way I can.

7. What will you be looking for from the competitors?

I will be looking for someone that is authentic and creative; someone that brings something fresh and exciting to the table. Someone that not only sings and sounds well but that draws in the audience and makes them feel part of the performance. To me, a young artist with musical talent,
a hunger to succeed and a passion for music makes a star and that's exactly what I'll be looking for from the competitors!



8. What kind of advice can you give students who want to pursue a career in the music industry?

Outwork everyone else, make your own connections, never stop learning and be yourself! Every day, I wake up at 5am and go to sleep past midnight working on everything that being an independent artist entails. I am fully committed to my career, won't rest until I reach my goals and firmly believe that the opportunities I have been blessed with are because of my dedication and hard work. I started out this career knowing absolutely no one in the industry, and got involved in every musical thing I believed in which brought me to where I am today. Finally, I know it's cliche but be yourself, always. Find what makes you unique and let it lead the way. What makes you different is what makes you irreplaceable and interesting. Above all, learn and work hard but never loose sight in who you are.

I wanted to give an extremely big shoutout and thank you to Panter, Panter and Sampedro, P.A. law offices for sponsoring me to be featured in this magazine!

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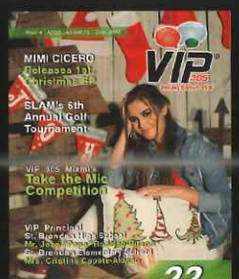
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VIP PRINCIPAL

Interview with
Mr. Jose "Pepe" Rodelgo-Bueno
Principal of St. Brendan High School

Interview By: David Whittingham

Mr. Jose "Pepe" Rodelgo-Bueno began his position of principal at St. Brendan High School in 2012. He started as a teacher and director of the International Program at the school, but everything changed at a school assembly! After a school-wide mass, he was invited on stage and tried to summarize his life in three minutes, so the students could be introduced to their new school principal. After that day, he has brought new technology and a modern way of learning to the school. To watch the full interview, recorded by the St. Brendan High School broadcasting program, make sure to scan this page using the LAYAR app to be directed to the full video.



What are your favorite parts about being principal of St. Brendan High School?

I would say my favorite thing is that I can be a part of everything. I can see what God does in every student, teacher, parent or alumni. I can choose to go to a math, english or robotics class and I can see what they are inventing. I can also talk with a group of teachers and see how they are learning from each other or sit on the bench with the football players during a game or even participate in our retreat or field trip or an assembly with parents or alumni. If you do it this way, you can be like a father to all, a teacher to 400 students and also a coach to our athletes, just by being with them.

What is your favorite day out of the whole school year?

If I asked you, you will say homecoming, right? I love homecoming to, but I think I have two favorite days. The first day for the freshman, I love it, then, obviously graduation. I see children arriving to school on the first day and true men or women leaving and going to to great schools like MIT, Stanford, or Columbia; or for example, getting a state championship and going with a full scholarship to Notre Dame. I remember for example, a little girl who had just arrived from Cuba the first day as a freshman with no idea on how to speak English. When I gave her, four years later, her diploma at graduation she was a very successful woman with a strong faith who had won many awards and scholarships. I also recall a young boy, who is now a senior, become National Merritt and invent a device that he 3D printed here at the school that translates Morse code; he is a genius who will go places!

As principal, how do you try to do things differently than other schools?

Well, St. Brendan High School has developed a modern and new way of Catholic education in which students are prepared for top colleges and prestigious, professional paths through our co-ed motto based on faith, academies and innovation; we are very big in innovation. As such our four academies, STEM, Medical Sciences, Law and Global Business, and Visual and Performing Arts, convert our school into a leader in college and career readiness, and at the same time a leader in terms of helping students find God's plan for their lives. Not only are our students provided with great opportunities in terms of college admissions and college scholarships, but they also are very mature when they graduate, and they have explored a college major and profession they want to pursue, which by the way are the concrete ways God is going to use all their talents to build a better world.

What are your future goals for SBHS?

Well, continue on this path of innovation so that our students can continue creating, shaping and living the world of the future, now. This means expanding our academies; the STEM center, the medical lab, using more artificial intelligence, and thinking out of the box. Then, I would say in terms of facilities, to complete the construction of the new football stadium, which is going to be amazing, the new track field and complete the new baseball and softball fields. Also, expand the gym and renovate one of our buildings and later in the future, build a performing arts center which will fit about 750 people.

What is the best story that has ever happened to you as principal?

Well, there are many stories. Some people do mention stories during the construction of the innovation center like climbing the mountain of the debris or helping the workers, so there are many, many stories. But I would agree with the alumni. They say that it was last month, the first football game in our school's history. That was really great! 5,000 people came! It was unbelievable! The alumni say that it was the largest crowd ever in the history of our school. To see all the alumni and their families and all of our students doing the sign of the cross and praying together, having fun together, cheering for the team with all the cheerleaders and the dancers was amazing. Two months before this game we didn't even know if we we're going to have a team. We just made an announcement and we were excited to see how many boys came to try outs; we didn't even have coaches, so we had to hire the coaches. The week before that game we predicted 500 people attending, but God created a momentum in our school community.

If you had no restrictions on what you could do to our school, what would you do?

I will connect our classrooms through video conference with the schools in Europe, China and Africa so that they could benefit from our learning and see how wonderful our country is and at the same time our students and their students could discover the world together. I would also go with the students to those countries to see how they think, what they love, how they learn and also offer real mission trips to help the poor in Africa or some places in Latin America and other places in the world. Also, we have been in contact with people in the space industry and some of the innovation our students are producing could be, in the future, included in projects regarding satellites or the exploration of the moon and Mars.





Mrs. Cristina Capote-Alonso

VIP PRINCIPAL

Interviewed By:
Camila Valdivieso

Mrs. Cristina Capote-Alonso began her position at St. Brendan Elementary School in 2013. She began her career in St. Brendan Elementary as a school teacher, to later become the Assistant Principal of the school and finally the current principal. Camila Valdivieso and VIP 305 Miami had a chance to sit down with Mrs. Capote-Alonso and get a glimpse into her daily schedule as principal of St. Brendan Elementary. To watch the full interview, make sure to visit VIP 305 Miami's Youtube channel.

What did it feel like the first couple of days of being principal of St. Brendan Elementary?

It's exciting, nerve wracking, and overwhelming, but it was a good experience the first few days.

What is your favorite part of being principal?

I have to say that my favorite part of being a principal is when I get to spend time with the children. Seeing them grow into successful young men and women and seeing them through their path and guiding them through that journey has to be my favorite part.

What is your daily rountine vin the office?

I get to school around 7:15 in the morning every day and the first thing that I do is I meet with the morning announcement team and we talk about the different things that they have to remind the student body. After, I go out to the driveway and I greet all the children that come into school every morning and once driveways over I usually come into the office. I have meetings, I answer some emails and I return phone calls. I also try to get out into the school community and walk into the classrooms and then usually I have more meetings and much paperwork. There's usually







some sort of activity to attend to everyday and finally, my day usually finishes at around 5:30 in the afternoon.

What are you most proud of in the school?

I am most proud of the family environment that the faculty and the parents of the school have created. It's not something that we work on, the family environment, it's just something that happens and it's definitely a place where you want to come to.

What is your goal in the school?

Well my goal right now is to eventually be able to build the school an indoor gym. St Brendan was built in 1955 so it is over 60 years old and we do not have an indoor gym. That is something that Father Miguel Sepulveda, and I would love to see some day. We would love to have an indoor gym with a multimedia center and a broadcasting room where the children can just continue using and it would be for the success of the future of the school.

Thank you, Mrs. Cristina Capote-Alonso, for sitting down with VIP 305 Miami and letting us into your world as principal. St. Brendan Elementary will be hosting their Open House on December 5, 2018 and are excited to welcome any and all new Navigators!



St. Brendan Elementary has taken on a new initiative and has fully embarked in a STREAM vision.

During this 2018-2019 school year, they have engaged their students in the familiarization of the STREAM model, which stands for Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, and Math. Every month the students have the opportunity to become engaged as they integrate STREAM into their daily curriculum. This approach has enriched the minds of all students to succeed in the 21st Century. Students can connect what they are currently learning with what is pertinent with their future. On November 8th, National STEAM Day, St. Brendan Elementary invited The Frost Museum to give students a relevant learning experience..... along with Chillin' Nitrogen Ice Cream. Students had a full day of STREAM exploring, experimenting and learning!







SCHEDULE

REGISTRATION & NETWORKING

11:30AM REGISTRATION
1PM TEE TIME
(Lunch & Beverages Provided)

TOURNAMENT

(INCLUDING ON COURSE GAMES AND EVENTS)
1PM - 5 PM
SHOTGUN START
(Golfers in their carts ready to play)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

(OPEN BAR AND DINNER)
5:30PM - 7:30PM

FULL TOURNAMENT BENEFITS

- Lunch
- Green Fees & Cart Fees
- Under Armour Tournament Shirt
- Under Armour Goody Bag
- Par Tee Holes
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- On course beverages (Alcohol Included)
- Entry for 2 to the Awards & Recognition cocktail reception immediately following the tournament

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The SLAM Golf Committee,

Rey Breto, Patty Tellechea, and Mercedes Abascal cordially invite you to join the SLAM Golf Crew for an amazing day of golf, food, drinks, awards, cash prizes and giveaways for the benefit of the Student - Athletes at SLAM Charter School.

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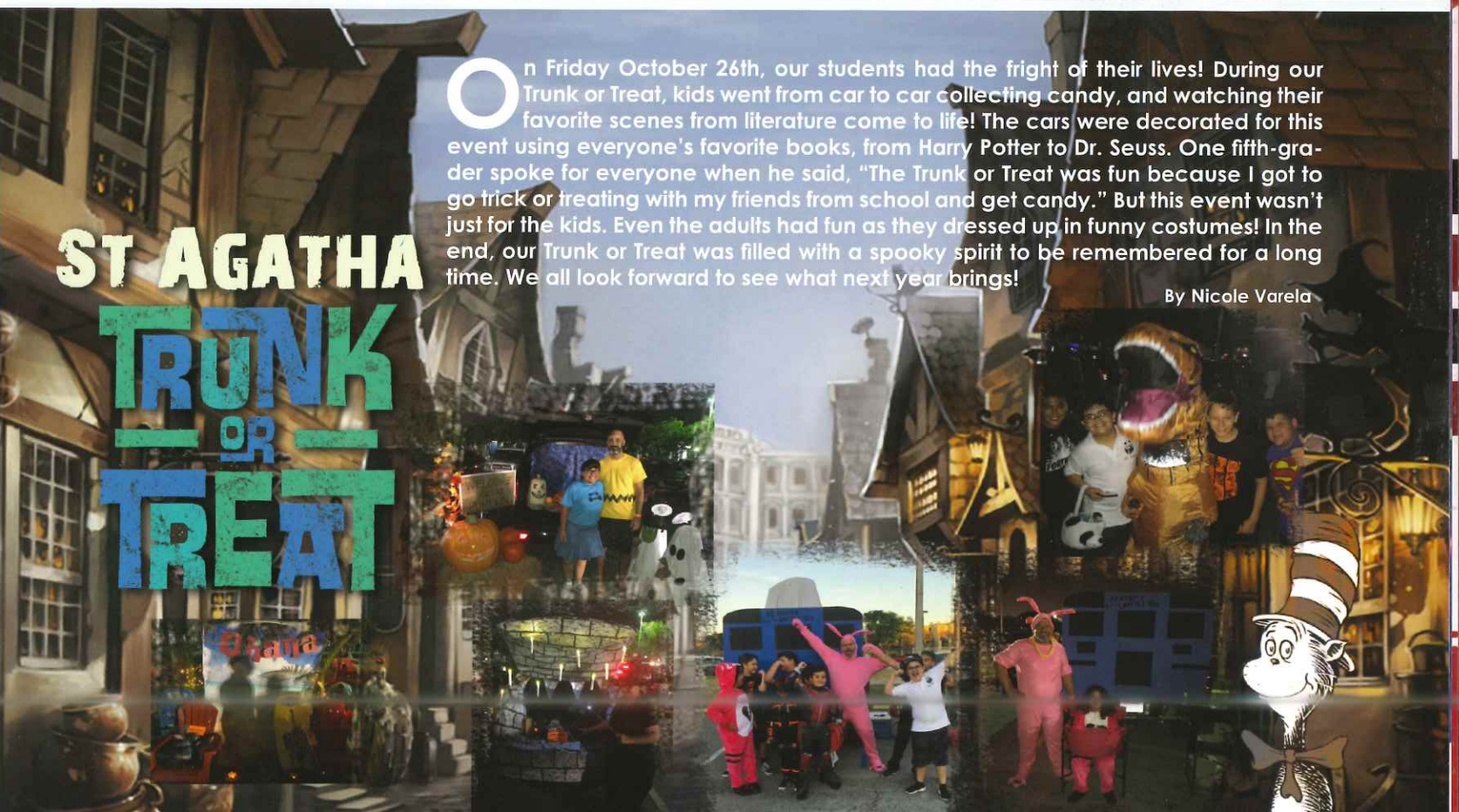
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Courtesy of Christopher Columbus High School
Principal's Corner

ST AGATHA TRUNK OR TREAT

On Friday October 26th, our students had the fright of their lives! During our Trunk or Treat, kids went from car to car collecting candy, and watching their favorite scenes from literature come to life! The cars were decorated for this event using everyone's favorite books, from Harry Potter to Dr. Seuss. One fifth-grader spoke for everyone when he said, "The Trunk or Treat was fun because I got to go trick or treating with my friends from school and get candy." But this event wasn't just for the kids. Even the adults had fun as they dressed up in funny costumes! In the end, our Trunk or Treat was filled with a spooky spirit to be remembered for a long time. We all look forward to see what next year brings!

By Nicole Varela



SEBASTIANSTRONG

On November 10, 2018, VIP 305 Miami had the amazing opportunity to join our community in support of raising awareness of childhood cancer with the SebastianStrong Foundation. We had an early morning at the Curtiss Mansion 500 Deer Run as the 2nd Annual "Childhood Cancer Awareness" 5K Run/Walk happened. There was music, food trucks, face-painting, arts & crafts and an amazing crowd in full support! Later that night, the 2nd Annual SebastianStrong Gala was in full swing at the Rubell Family Collection in Wynwood! Artwork up for grabs, casino games, dancing and a night of emotional memories of Sebastian Ortiz. Thank you to Rose and Oscar for the hospitality and thank you to all the supporters and donors for making both events an unforgettable one.















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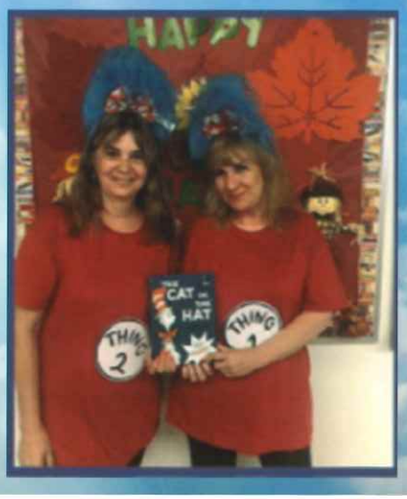
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ISPA'S SPIRIT WEEK

A has become a tradition among countless high schools across the country, ISPA recently hosted as School Spirit Week. The themes, chosen by the senior class, were "Twin Day" (Monday 10/22), "Pajama Day" (Tuesday 10/23), "Way Back Wednesday (Wednesday 10/24), "Color Wars" (Thursday 10/25), and Homecoming "A Night in Paradise" (Friday 10/26). Throughout the week, students participated in a variety of activities. Some days consisted purely of dressing to fit the occasion, such as Twin Day (on which one found a partner to match their outfit with, Pajama Day (on which students were encouraged to wear loose, comfortable clothing that resembled hat they usually wore to sleep), an Way Back Wednesday (on which students dressed in clothes that were popular in eras such as the fifties, sixties, and seventies).

By far, the most popular out of these three first days was Pajama day, students eager to come to school in their most cozy outfits. However, the majority of those attending our school seemed to prefer the last two days of the week, Color Wars and Homecoming, above all the others. This was most likely because the activities scheduled for these days allowed the students to participate in more active events, the school renting out commodities including obstacle courses, carnival games, catering services, ad luxury venues Although a two dollar donation was required from each person participating in any activity (the price was far steeper for Homecoming, but people seemed to sign up for it all the same), there was barely any reluctance among the student body to pay the fee, especially since the proceeds would greatly benefit the United Way Student Campaign. Overall, Spirit Week 2018 was an enjoyable and greatly successful school event, with most students happily exchanging their uniforms in favor of clothing that better represented their school spirit.







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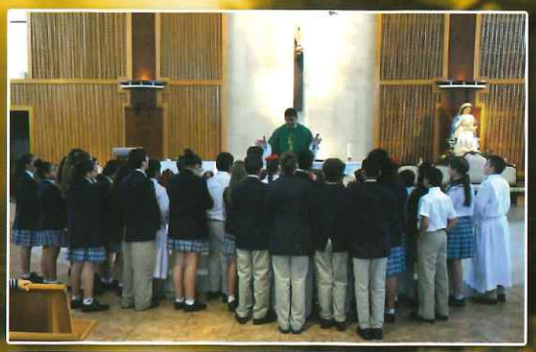




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Good Shepherd is Blessed!









Good Shepherd students who participate as ushers, lectors, and altar servers received blessings for dedicating their time to service the church!

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Belen Produces Future Athletes!





The Belen community is proud to announce that four student athletes signed their national letters of intent to play baseball at the collegiate level. The signing ceremony took place on November 14 in the Belen Jesuit Dining Hall.

Baseball:

Armando Albert - Rutgers University
Mario Fernandez - Florida International University
Joshua Salandy – University of Albany
Alejandro Torres - Florida International University

"I am proud of our baseball players who, as true student-athletes, have achieved the Magis - both on the field and in the classroom. Congratulations to them as well as to their families, coaches, and teachers who have supported their formation throughout their years at Belen," said Jose E. Roca, Principal.

Courtesy of Belen Jesuit Preparatory School

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Wolf Pack Gives Back!

Our Pack Gives Back! SHP raised funds during the month of October for #CancerFighter Carolina Tilano Wejbe a young mother of 2 fighting breast cancer. Our Pack presented her with a $500 donation and a card with handwritten well wishes from all of us.







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You can listen to his new single on all music platforms today!

Courtesy of New Concept PR and CreSer Corp.

Things to Do in Miami in December

Written By: Amy Kaplan



Santa's Enchanted Forest

Santa's Enchanted Forest is the world's largest holiday theme park featuring over 100 rides, games, shows and attractions. It has something for everyone! They offer kiddie rides, family rides, and thrill rides; acrobats, magic and more!

When: November 1, 2018- January 6, 2019
Where: 7900 SW 40th ST



Zoo lights at Zoo Miami

Thousands of lights are decorated throughout the entire park. Plenty of great seasonal activities like rides, yummy holiday treats, carolers, music, and a Snowman's River Boat ride.
When: Every Friday and Saturday in December
Where: Zoo Miami



George Balanchine's The Nutcracker

For a few days this month at the Adrienne Arsht Center, you can a see spectacular production of the famous Nutcracker Ballet, filled with beautiful scenery, costumes, and talented dancing.
When: December 7-30
Where: Miami City Ballet



Knaus Berry Farm

Knaus Berry Farm reopened for the 2018 season on Oct. 30. Knaus Berry Farm is famous for their house-made cinnamon buns. They are to die for! The farm, a family operation since 1956, is an annual South Florida tradition. The farm opens from late October to late April.
When: October 30-Late April
Where: 15980 SW 248th St, Homestead, FL 33031

LAST MINUTE Christmas Gifts for Your Significant Other Under $50!

Written By: Amy Kaplan

If you usually wait until last minute to find the perfect gift for your boyfriend or girlfriend, you came to the right place. Here you'll find funny and creative gift ideas that will bring joy during this holiday season to your significant other.



-Personalized Photo Calendar
You can personalize a single-sided Wall Calender
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-A cute mug full of their favorite Candy
You can buy a mug and candy pretty much anywhere. Amazon has tons of funny and cool mugs you can choose from.



-Terrarium
There's plenty of tutorials on YouTube on how to make your own terrarium, or you can buy one from home depot, Walmart or online.-

-Boyfriend/Girlfriend Jewelry
You can make your own or buy it online. Boyfriend/Girlfriend jewelry is absolutely adorable and #Couplegoals.







-Onesie
Onesies are one-piece suits you can wear for cute lazy days at home. There's plenty of different designs. You can buy them from Target or Walmart.

HIGHPOINT ACADEMY Trunk or Treating at High Point Academy!

On October 31st, we celebrated our Annual Trunk or Treat Festival! Parents brought out their cars in spooktakular decorations as they handed out candy to our students. Our Dance Team also put on a beautiful performance under the direction of our artistic director Mr. Justo Molina.







ACC Creates Young Men!

The ACC Junior Class participates in an overnight retreat every year. In November the Junior Boys attended their overnight retreat. They got to really bond as a class as they prepare to soon become the Seniors of our school. They talked about what it means to be a man, treating and respecting each other and others, and heard several testimonies from our current Senior boys. It was a blessed weekend and such fun to have them with us. We are excited to host the girls retreat in January













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