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Hello, Students and Faculty, from the new staff at *The Salesian Spectator*, the student-run newspaper of Salesian High School! Run by Philip Ahearn, Jason Akujuobi, Joshua Farrell, David Moscoso, Nicolas Savoca, and Bryan Vasquez, the newspaper seeks to enlighten the minds of all Salesian students. We are always looking for new members, as all students and their contributions are welcome! If you'd like to submit an article for *The Salesian Spectator*, send an e-mail with your work to salesianspectator@salesianhigh.org. Make sure you include your full name and year of graduation, so you can receive credit for your work. Thank you for reading and keep writing!

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President's Address

Anthony Madia '18

My Brothers,

I hope you all are as excited for this school year as I am. School only started six or seven weeks ago, so there is much more to go! As a senior, I am thrilled to see many freshmen that are getting involved and that are happy to be at this wonderful school. Being involved in activities that this school offers is a great way to make everlasting friendships. That is one of many great things about this school; the friendships. Whether you are a freshmen, sophomore, junior or senior, continue to make everlasting bonds with the people in this school; these are friendships for life.



As fast as this school year started, it will end equally as fast. When the school year ends, the seniors, the leaders of this school, will continue their lives outside of Salesian High School. Who will step up to replace us? Who is going to be bold enough to lead this school? I believe that there are an ample amount of leaders in this school, so I would like to encourage you leaders to be bold. The greatest leader is the most humble servant. Serve your peers as a leader in whichever way seems necessary. Do not be afraid to lead this school.

Beleaguered Welcome Back

Staff of the *Spectator*

A beleaguered welcome back, Salesian students! We hope you all had a productive,

safe and happy summer! Summers can be times of both growth and maturity, and we hope you experienced both! Although the world is in an uproar at this point, due to all of the unrest in the Middle East and its negative effects on our society in the states; we have a wonderful opportunity to learn here at Salesian High School. We have the privilege to not only cope with the unrest, but we can persevere outside of it. The oasis of Salesian offers the students just that!

From the incoming freshmen who number nearly 150, to the graduating seniors; the school is full of life, and love for learning. Since each of us has been brought here by Mary herself, we owe it to Her as well as our parents to excel. Get involved in the multiple sports, clubs and activities on a consistent basis; most especially, the *Salesian Spectator*, our school newspaper.

On Saturday, October 21, we host our first Open House for the Class of 2021! Wow, 2021; seems like a long time from now, but it will be just around the corner. Just ask any Senior from the Class of 2018! In two years, we celebrate the centennial anniversary of Salesian High School! We will be 100 years old in 2020! Our sports teams have gotten off on the right foot (no pun intended)! The Soccer team is undefeated, and although Varsity Fall Baseball has concluded, its preseason, we are expecting great results in the Spring! Bowling is also rolling along (pardon the pun, again), both JV and Varsity scores! Rounding out the Fall sports calendar, we can't forget the Cross Country team; who probably have more endurance

than most of us! We will keep you more current with their exact schedules as the sports seasons progress!

Our drama players have decided on *Fiddler on the Roof* for our Spring musical, for which auditions have concluded! Finally, Youth Ministry has assembled a tremendous ensemble of musicians and singers (even a Choir this year!) who will be engaged with both our monthly masses and elsewhere! Our Marching Band, thanks to Mr. Eminizer, is progressing, thanks to its musical repertoire, shown at the Morris Park Columbus Day Parade!

Among the many charitable attempts on our part for the community around us, including the Midnight Runs, Soup Kitchen visits, Polar Plunge, etc., this year looks strong for Salesian outreach! A group of juniors have just returned from the Salesian Leadership Retreat, and we look forward to encounter their newfound leadership qualities! This year is shaping up to be strong for Salesian, and we hope you are all as excited as we are for what this year has to offer!

To the Class of 2018

Jason Akujuobi '18

A Message to the Class of 2018,

Well, we made it to senior year. The year that we become leaders in the school has finally come. I cannot wait to see what is in store for us. I hope that we can prosper alongside together, reaching our application deadlines and approaching graduation as it gets closer and closer. I know that this year has started off in a challenging manner. I

just want to say that although most people have said senior year was a breeze, it will mostly be a test: a test of our character, strength, intellect, and faith. We will face challenges this year that we may not be so sure as to handle. We may face personal struggles that keep us from achieving our potential in school. We may get declined over and over by colleges. All in all, we should not allow adversity to overcome us. We are *Salesian Eagles*, and we soar high above the challenge. Remember that we have teachers, faculty and staff who truly and sincerely care for us. We can trust that they would never lead us off the right path.

Although I'm addressing the seniors, I also hope underclassmen will take something out of this. Embrace Salesian. Live these years to the fullest because they certainly do go by quickly. Try out new activities and clubs. Stand out of the crowd. Try aiming higher on the Honor Roll. Be awesome at what you do. Here at Salesian, there really is nothing that prevents you from achieving your goals and becoming the ultimate version of you.

I hope that we, as seniors, can put aside our many, many, many differences and contribute to the overall reputation of the Class of 2018. Until then, I pray that we all do well in our rigorous classes and ensure that we can be a great example for our successors.

Advice to be a Good Freshman

Philip Ahearn '18

I would like to welcome the Class of 2022 on behalf of the Salesian Spectator! We

hope you've become acclimated to daily life here at Salesian, especially with your four-day "crash course"! While orientation was extremely informative, there are some "life hacks" that I would like to share with the Class of 2022 (or any underclassmen):



Number 1: lockers!
Yes, those tedious blue lockers that sometimes don't cooperate with you. Rather than

bringing all your books around during the day, organize which books you'll need for your morning and afternoon classes. Before homeroom, put books for your afternoon classes in your lockers, and keep your books for the morning. Either before or after lunch (preferably before), switch out your morning books for your afternoon books!

Number 2: hallways. There's no debate; Salesian High School has infamously narrow hallways. This causes that beautiful congestion on the second and third floors! If you want to move quickly through the halls and up and down the stairs, **STAY TO THE RIGHT!** This cannot be more important than I am stressing it to be!



Number 3: lunch line. The seniors and freshman have undoubtedly the worst lunch

period ever. The sight of students cramming themselves into the doorway of the cafeteria is somewhat comical. It might interest freshman to know that if you have your lunch cards at the ready, the line will move much faster (and I mean **MUCH** faster). If you aren't sure about whether you have money, don't give Cranston the headache; always check to make sure you have money on your lunch card before homeroom!

These tips are important things I have learned over my time here at Salesian High School. Class of 2022, I hope you can learn and apply these sooner than I did. However, the last and most important thing I can stress to you guys is: you are here for a reason. Instead of spoiling it, make the most of it! Be proud to go to Salesian, and be proud to be Eagles! Good luck Class of 2022!

History Club is On the Move

Mr. Raggo

On September 29th, the history club took its first trip of the school year to Fredrick Church's 'Olana' Mansion and the Norman Rockwell Museum. The theme of this trip was American Artists in our history and culture. Church's mansion, 'Olana', is located on a high point overlooking the Hudson Valley in Hudson, NY. His mansion was influenced by Islamic architecture and art which he admired from his trips to Persia (modern day Iran) in the late 19th century. His paintings are on display here. He is part of the Hudson Valley School of Art. We continued to Stockbridge, MA and visited the Norman Rockwell Museum. Rockwell lived for a

short time in New Rochelle. He is the guy who painted the colorful New Rochelle signs welcoming motorists on US 1, Quaker Ridge Road, and North Avenue. Rockwell's paintings graced the covers of the Saturday Evening Post magazine for many years. Looking over hundreds of these front page covers, one can very easily admire 'Americana' artwork at its finest. Please stop by our history club next meeting. We always welcome new members!

Serve it Up With Frisbee!

Jackson Blackwell '18, Joshua Farrell '18

Frisbee is for anyone looking for something to do. The team welcomes anyone... whether you are skilled or not. You do not have to be an athletic

person to join!

The Frisbee

Club meets

every Tuesday



on the side field at 2:30. The session lasts for about an hour, and we always have someone keeping time so that no one has to worry about leaving late. The Frisbee Club abides by these six assets:

1. **Teamwork**- No one can win by themselves.
2. **Cooperation**- Everyone must work together to achieve
3. **Dignity**-You must believe it to win it.
4. **Structure & Planning** -Your team must have a strategy always.
5. **Integrity**-Always be fair and honest when playing, never cheat!
6. **Score!** Then you have to hit the DAB!

King of the Ring

Philip Ahearn '18

From a plumber to a fighter, Conor McGregor is one of if not the most dominant athletes competing in the Ultimate Fighting Championship (or, UFC). With a record of 21-3-0, (that is, wins-losses-draws), and an earned nickname of "The Notorious," Conor McGregor has become a symbol of mixed martial arts. The only ring McGregor hadn't step foot in was that of boxing, and who better to challenge in his debut than Floyd "Money" Mayweather?

Mayweather, prior to his bout with the Irishman, held a "notorious" record of 49-0-0; his last win was against Manny Pacquiao in 2015. After his victory over Pacquiao, Mayweather hung up the gloves. However, with the harsh words of McGregor along with the brilliant promoting from UFC President Dana White, the match was scheduled! The fight was predicted to host over 50-million viewers in the United States alone, and boy did those viewers get a show!

McGregor put on an impressive showing in the first three rounds asserting his physicality. However, the quickness of Mayweather fatigued McGregor and allowed him to capitalize. Mayweather made quick work of McGregor, with an endless combination of strikes. Focus shifted towards McGregor's head, an evident sign that Mayweather was looking for the knockout. The 10th round proved to be the deciding round, with Mayweather winning by way of technical knockout or TKO.

Despite the brutality of each competitor's words, the post-fight interviews and reactions were



nothing short of professional. Both Mayweather and McGregor made statements respecting each other's abilities. This is especially surprising of McGregor, considering how criticizing he was before the fight. Analysis of each fighter's performance proved that Mayweather was "the better man" that he claimed to be. Mayweather threw 170 successful punches of 320 total (53%), as McGregor threw 111 successful blows out of 430 (26%).

The fight was truly a spectacle, with "die-hard" fans rallying behind both fighters. The match proved to be worth the \$99.00 that I, along with many others, paid to be able to view it. Mayweather officially retired after the match with a "notorious," (see what I did there?), record of 50-0-0. In doing so, Mayweather secured his legacy as perhaps the greatest American boxer ever. The only question that we can ask is: what would have happened if Mayweather stepped into the octagon?

Baby Bombers Boom

Matthew Bruno '18

The New York Yankees have been having the fairytale story of a year. After finishing fourth in the AL East with a 84-78 record, the Yankees appeared as if they needed a couple of more years before they were World Series contenders. This all changed when Aaron Judge decided to take the

league to trial. Throughout all of the 2016-17 season, Aaron Judge along with ,“The Kraken” Gary Sanchez, and their young ace Luis Severino, the Yankees have returned to the postseason for a record 53rd time finishing with a 91-71 record.

Their first task, a young, strong hitting Minnesota Twins. The Twins finished 8th in batting average partially due to their young phenom, Miguel Sanó. Luckily, the Yankees did not have to face the powerful hitter due to an injured left shin.

Severino took the ball for the Yankees but tied a postseason record for the fastest exit of a pitcher. He lasted only one-third of an inning and gave up three runs. Yankee’s shortstop Didi Gregorius, answered back by launching a three run blast, tying the game and giving the team momentum to beat the Twins 8-4.

On to the next one! The Yankees faced the best team in the MLB, the Cleveland Indians. In a best out of five series, the Yankees went down 2-0. Things appeared to be bleak due to the Yankees losing an 8-3 lead and subsequently losing 9-8. The resilient bombers did not give up. They battled back beating the record setting Indians three games to two. One more step closer to their 28th World Series title.

With the Astros beating the Red Sox in four games, the Yankees now had to face the best hitting team in the whole league. With names such as José Altuve, Carlos Correa, and George Springer, the Yankees needed

their pitching rotation to stifle the Astros’ hitters. In the words of Yankee great Yogi Berra, “It’s like déjà vu all over again”, the Yankees lost the first two games of the series. However with leadership from names like the “Toddfather”, Todd Frazier, the Yankees battled back and currently lead the series three games to two. Needing only one more win, the Yankees next game is Friday, October 20th at 8:08 est. at Minute Maid Park.

The Yankees have given hope to New York fans. The Yankees currently are the most successful New York sports team amongst all major sports leagues. With a youthful group, passionate fans, and a promising future, the Yankees look to secure a 28th championship. The Kraken has been released and it truly is Judgment Day in the Bronx this year, and for years to come.

The Canopy

Anonymous

Through various storms,
Through various multitudes of wind,
It has always stood.

Daily I would ensure,
That it was anchored.
For no gust of wind was strong enough.

It kept me dry;
On gloomy days.
I helped it persevere;
Through various storms
Life seemed harmonious.

Then a new storm formed.

Striding towards *him* from the horizon.
I paid no mind for it was weaker;
In comparison to others.

It hit with a force,
A force much greater than any storm.
He swayed and looked for his anchor;
But I was not there.

He succumbed,
To the wind's words.
He became overwhelmed,
By the sky's icy taunts.

My friend fell into his grave.
A grave I had dug,
For even the weakest of storms,
Should not be underestimated.

Forgotten Eyes

Anonymous

Met with a warm embrace from the womb;
With an atmosphere so buoyant,
But yet looking at you with a tranquil gaze.
She looks at you with her heart bursting,
But you can't return the favor.

Years pass as night are joyous.
She loves you unconditionally;
Under only this condition.
She has you for eternity;
You have her temporarily.

You wiped her tears,
You made her laugh,
You were her pillow,
But what was she to you?
Nights grow dreary.

Now a shelf is your podium.
However there is no reward.
You want to laugh,
You want to cry,
You want a warm embrace.

Your eyes once full of life grow dull.
Your softness grows hard.
A melancholy atmosphere now looms.
You are forgotten.

Suddenly a light of hope.
You are met with a new embrace.
A new girl being overseen by a familiar
face.
She is now older.
She has returned.

Happiness overflows through your stitched
body.
Stitched with cloth to cover your scars.
Scars of memories from the past.
A past you want to return to.

As swiftly as you feel love,
Depression returns.
You return to your podium of loneliness.
Where cobwebs and dust are your only
company.
And before you can muster a goodbye,
You realize,
You have been forgotten again.

The Last Jedi?

Mr. Federico '09

Star Wars, created by George Lucas has
captivated generations of audiences since it
first debuted in 1977. The franchise has
grossed billions of dollars and remains a pop

culture icon in the United States and around the globe. Taking place

“A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away....”

the original *Star Wars* trilogy chronicles the

adventures of a farm boy named Luke Skywalker who joins the Rebel Alliance on their quest to rid the galaxy of the evil Galactic Empire. The original trilogy consists of *Star Wars/Star Wars: A New Hope* (1977), *The Empire Strikes Back* (1980) and *Return of the Jedi* (1983).

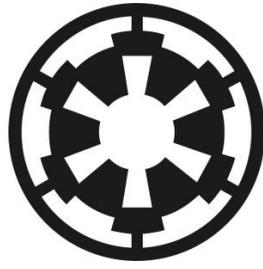
Lucasfilm decided to create a prequel trilogy following the commercial success of the films and massive consumer product sales that took place in the 1970's and 1980's.

The prequel trilogy consists of *Star Wars Episode I The Phantom Menace* (1999), *Star Wars Episode II Attack of the Clones* (2002) and *Star Wars Episode III Revenge of the Sith* (2005). With these new additions the original trilogy became episodes IV, V and VI while keeping their respective titles.

With six movies and massive amounts of consumer products and expanded universe materials fans of the franchise were still demanding more *Star Wars*.

A long time ago in a galaxy far,
far away....

The Walt Disney Company purchased Lucasfilm and decided that they would create a new trilogy of movies that take place roughly thirty years after *Return of the Jedi*, the third installment of the original



trilogy. This quickly became one of the most popular stories out of Hollywood and fans had high expectations for the new trilogy, especially those who were not very fond of the prequel films. *Star Wars Episode VII The Force Awakens* was released at the end of 2015 and grossed over two billion dollars worldwide and with that a new generation of *Star Wars* was born. Disney also decided, largely due to high demand and the extreme popularity of the franchise, to release at least three other films outside of the new trilogy that take place during various times in the *Star Wars* universe.

The first film in that series was *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story* (2016) which was a major success. The next film in the new trilogy, *Star Wars Episode VIII The Last Jedi*, is set to be released this December. The official trailer was released last week and fans of all ages are incredibly eager to see the next chapter of their favorite science fiction and fantasy franchise. *Star Wars* has appealed to global audiences since it debuted in 1977. It offers fans a glimpse into a universe filled with unique characters and places and has popularized terms like “The Force”, “Jedi”, “Sith”, “Wookiee” and “Droids”. I have been a *Star Wars* fan for as long as I can remember and I am very excited to see what the future holds for this profound franchise.

Beginning of the End

Bryan Vasquez '18

Another school year has come around and with it new and old faces appear in the hallways, but let us keep in mind what we strive for this year. The Seniors will be

moving to college very soon, the Juniors will become the next leaders of our school, the sophomores will become upperclassmen, and the freshmen will have adjusted to high school life. These are some big changes for the students and staff at Salesian and I would like to share a Bible verse which we should keep in mind the year:

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9).

As we go through the motions each day keep this in mind that God is ALWAYS there for you and no matter how anxious or scared you might be we are a brotherhood and family here at Salesian. Every young man in this house should be strong and courageous for there's nothing to be afraid of! The faculty and staff are only there to help you succeed and prepare you for what's to come. I know it may be a little scary for the freshmen in the beginning because I was once a freshman too and it only gets better from now and till your senior year. You will grow in your faith and develop lifelong friends here and not only that you will start to notice that God really is with you every step of your life. Therefore, be yourself and don't be afraid to do so because that's inevitably how you will find those lifelong friends who accept you for who you are.



On another note, seniors now is the time for us to grow up more than ever with college right around the corner. We aren't children anymore and really, we need to start taking responsibility for our actions because very soon there will be no parent or teacher running after us to get our work done and it will be on our hands to complete what we started. This is our last year to put everything we got out there because you never know where a scholarship or offer can come from. Also cherish the time you spend with your classmates and friends because many of you will be going to different colleges and universities. Accordingly, we too should not harbor any fears or doubt for what's to come after Salesian for God is always with you, so keep your head up for this is only another step in our lives.

Lastly, sophomores and juniors continue to work hard and strive to do your best. Very soon you too will be in the college application process and it's best if you start at this stage in your high school career. The next few years in front of you will be challenging but with a little effort and teamwork anything is possible. We are brothers, so help each other succeed so we can all fly high together! Take these words of advice with tender care and remember you are never alone here at Salesian for we are all here to help you succeed and God will NEVER abandon you!

Halloween Word Search

C O A I O E I Q A I I I P E U
 S P N Q Q N U J W Y T L G L P
 T N W E I T G N Q S W C E N I
 R L V Y Y T N D O L O L V C W
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Fun
 Costume
 Mummy
 October
 Halloween
 Goblin

Trick
 Ghost
 Monster
 Witches
 Pumpkin
 Treat



Happy Halloween from the Spectator!