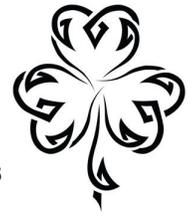


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The Life of A Senior

Catie Mae Carey '18



It seems hard to believe that I'm already a senior. It seems as if the past four years happened faster than I could process them. Thinking back to when I was in the midst of my junior year, it seemed like it would never end. Now, to be so close to being completely done with high school, it seems a bit surreal.

But at the same time, I'm anxious to leave, to experience freedom, a life of my own outside the constraints of the rigor of high school. Everyone tells me, "You'll like college way better than high school." This will probably end up being true, because right now it seems like I have no time to relax. Everything I do has a significance, the invisible weight of "my future" seems to be attached to every assignment I hand in and every choice I make.

It feels like I'm straddling the border between childhood and adulthood. I'm still stuck in the safe, comfortable environment in which I can depend on my parents, while struggling to get my foot out over the metaphorical abyss of adulthood and "the real

world." I feel like I'm on the edge of a cliff, and the only thing holding me back from jumping off is the 100 and something days I have left at Feehan. It sounds a bit apocalyptic, I know, and some days it does feel like that. I feel scared and helpless, like the transition into independence will be too drastic of a change for me to handle. Most days, though, I'm eager to jump, to cast myself off the everything that is tying me down, and to finally free myself of the cyclical routine that I've been doing for the past three years.

One thing that is markedly different compared to my underclassmen years is that I feel much more connected to my friends and my teachers. Leaving these people is going to be the hardest part of graduating high school. I won't miss getting up at 6am for a 6 hour school day, but I will miss knowing that when I get to school I'll see my best friends.

Around Feehan

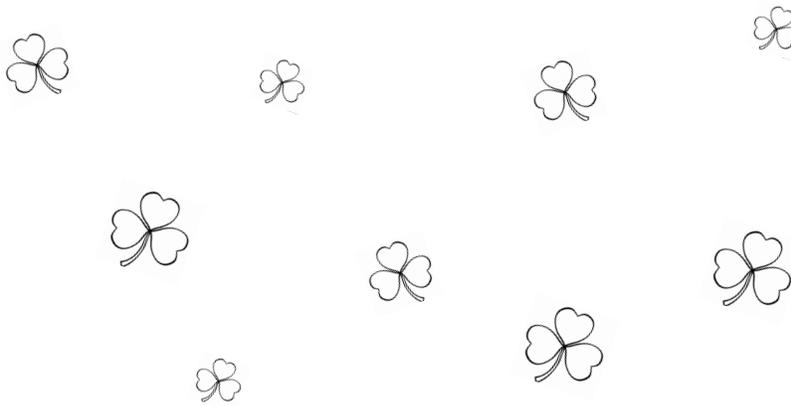
A Closeup on Clubs

Greg Beagan '19



In a new segment this edition, we are going to be taking a closer look at some of the clubs around Feehan. With over fifty extracurriculars here, there are some clubs that can be overlooked. One of these includes the STEM club. Founded two years ago by Katy Beatle, the STEM club is relatively new, but still has plenty to offer those who are interested. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, and math. The group performs experiments in order to better understand science, and also have some fun doing it. We spoke to senior Ishani Bedre to find out more about the club and what these experiments may be. "We have done many experiments including oobleck, ... pop rocks

(that you can actually eat!), soda can motors, and we are hoping to do elephant toothpaste sometime in the near future!" There are plenty of fun activities to perform in STEM club. According to Ishani, they also are hoping to take a field trip to the Boston Museum of Science later in the year and are involved in the Biogen Sparks video contest, from which they won \$1500 last year. There are plenty of wild and fun things happening around STEM club, and it'd be a shame to miss out. Interested persons should head down to Mrs. Lavertu's room Tuesdays or Thursdays after school and sign onto the classroom with the code: **0195wsm**. They hope to see you there!



Dance Corner

Father-Daughter Dance!

Josie McNeill '20



Fathers and daughters arrived at the Venus de Milo on October 4th, excitedly anticipating everyone's favorite dance of the year. This light-hearted evening began with the daughters gathering around tables, admiring each other's beautiful dresses in place of the usual plaid skirts, and waiting for the food to be served. As more guests rolled in, Mr. Sullivan said a prayer before the tables were finally allowed access to the array of trays filled with mashed potatoes, rice, and most importantly— mac & cheese. Once all 850 guests were served, and eventually finished eating, the girls promptly rushed to the dance floor, dancing to classic songs such as “Mr. Brightside” and “RESPECT.”

Meanwhile, the dads were welcome to rotate into the bar to watch the Red Sox beat the Yankees, or stay in the hall and talk with the other dads, watching their daughters dance the night away. As the night came to a close, it was time to announce the court for the 49th Annual Father Daughter Dance. Starting with Freshman and moving to Senior, the winners were: Margaret Dion, Erin D'Angelo, Alexis Gaulin and Maura Crump. The winners were called to the floor to a special dance with their dads. The court dance quickly moved into the senior dance, where senior girls gathered and shared a bittersweet danced to “See you Again” at what will be their last Father-Daughter Dance. The

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Neon Dance

Linnea Carchedi '19

Picture this: “Don't Stop Believing” and “Come On Eileen” are blaring from large speakers. Moisture is dripping from the walls of the gymnasium. Teachers awkwardly look on as students “dance” (it's really just jumping and step touches, but...). What is this event? No, it's not every Bishop Feehan dance to have ever happened. It's the 2018 Neon Dance!

This kickoff dance of the year took place on the brisk evening of Saturday, September 29. Not only was it the first

dance of the 2018-2019 school year, it was also the inaugural implementation of The Rock and the new method purchase tickets.

One thing I've heard in my four years here is to go to every single dance during senior year. For some reason, the Neon Dance seems to be the most popular dance seniors try to go to. The signs why are crystal clear as well. Being able to wear athletic shorts and sneakers to a

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Homecoming Highlights

Demolition at the College Bowl

Ryan Hanewich '19

Students may have opted for tourist apparel over sweatshirts this year, but the College Bowl returned with its usual flair and excitement. It is an opportunity to showcase students' academic abilities and to test how well their thumb reflexes are. This year, the event started slightly different than usual. A quick introductory video set the scene, and co-hosts Caroline Crawford and Catie Levesque, both sporting Feehan uniforms, sped into the auditorium on skateboards.

With the exposition out of the way, it was finally time to see who was going to be on his or her A-game. Hopes of a competitive series were quickly dashed when the freshmen and sophomores took the stage. The sophomores, led by Jason Biscotti, Arnav Sawant, Mary Woods, Michelle Schremp, and wild-card Silvia Toncelli, crushed the rookies, who imitated past teams that were overmatched and inexperienced.

The juniors and seniors were promptly invited up front, and obliteration ensued. Phoebe Dodge, Tom O'Brien, Matt Correia, and Meg McFarland did not let up on the hapless juniors. Even wild card Stan Koss correctly answered a couple times, and the juniors went spiraling into the negative digits.

The bracket may have pitted the two winners against each other, but the subsequent matchup was a blowout that gave the previous one a run for its money. Once again,

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Hallway Decorating

Cynthia Danca '21

This year, the Freshman theme for homecoming was *Jurassic Park*. They decorated their hallway with a myriad of green, yellow, orange, and red decorations that made the hallway seem like a jungle. They had a vast array of balloons, streamers, and signs. The pictures hung on the walls made it seem like any second the floor would start rumbling to the beat of dinosaur footsteps. Because of this, the freshmen won first place for their hallway.

The theme chosen by the Sophomore class this year was *Star Wars*. They chose to decorate their hallway with posters, balloons, and streamers in red, blue, black, and white. The blue and red streamers represented the Alliance versus the Empire, and the black and white streamers represented the battle between good and evil.

Juniors decorated their hallway to represent the movie *Jaws*. The hallway was filled with many red, white, and blue streamers and posters. There were many signs that had memorable quotes from the movie, and there was one sign at the end of the hallway representing the classic movie poster depicting the shark.

The seniors this year chose *Marvel* as their theme. There were many drawings, posters, and balloons that represented the characters from *Marvel* movies. This included many Spiderman, Hulk, Thor, and Iron Man decorations. The effect was fantastic!

All of the hallways this year were decorated very colorfully, and each of the hallways represented their theme well. The creativity of the students was shown vividly through their decorations.

Homecoming Cont.

A Plethora at McGrath Stadium

Chloe Chitvanni '19

The 2018 Homecoming Game was one of Feehan's biggest homecoming games yet! On Saturday October 13th, Feehan students and alumni of all ages gathered at Feehan for a day full of fun and football. Activities kicked off at 11 a.m., with teachers like Deacon Joe and Mrs. Smith volunteering to sit in a dunk tank in the freezing cold. Chick-fil-A catered the event and their mascot, Doodles the Cow, wandered around McGrath stadium taking pictures with fans while everyone enjoyed delicious chicken sandwiches. Around 12:30, everyone started piling into the stands in anticipation of the game. Before the game began, the senior football players were given the opportunity to recognize teachers that had a positive impact on them throughout their 4 years at Feehan. Some of these exceptional teachers included Mr. Kelly, Ms. Gazzola, and Mr. Smith. Finally, the game started. The theme was pink-out because October is breast cancer awareness month, and everyone was decked out in pink. It was an exhilarating game vs. Coyle-Cassidy with Feehan defeating Coyle 28-2. This was a great school spirit-filled event to end another great Homecoming week at Feehan.

Skits Impress All

Kendahl Nye '20

With the homecoming festivities behind us, we can now take some time to reflect on everyone's most beloved week of school. There was the buildup, which consisted of hallway decorating, spirit days, College Bowl, and much more. Then came the much anticipated Homecoming Dance on Saturday night. New improvements to the dance such as class themed photo booths and pizza could be found in The Rock. Also, if the music and crowdedness of the dance floor became too much at times, The Rock served as a great place to talk to your friends and still hear the variety of music that was played to satisfy even the most picky listeners. Throwback songs included "Come on Eileen," "Dancing Queen," and of course, "Don't Stop Believing." More recent hits like "Perfect" and "Youngblood" could also be heard at the dance. All in all, the Homecoming Dance is always an enjoyable time for those who decide to partake.



Sports Beat

Fall Athletics: A Rundown

Ryan Hanewich '19



As the Red Sox fight for yet another World Series title, now is a convenient time to run through the state of Bishop Feehan's fall athletic programs.

After a disheartening loss to Falmouth High School, football stunned the school—as well as many high school pundits—as they upset the heavily-favored North Attleboro Rocketeers by a score of 24-19. Since Feehan's students swarmed Beaupre Field, the team has maintained consistency, posting a 3-2 record to date.

On the other end of the spectrum is girls' soccer. While Coach Doherty's Shamrocks are consistently underdogs, those of Coach Pariseau are always juggernauts. With a 12-0-2 record as of this writing—which includes a 3-0-1 mark against EAC teams, they should be poised for a deep playoff run.

Boys' soccer has not been nearly as fortunate as its counterpart, as it right now is 6-6-1. However, the team is still primed to win the conference, boasting the same interleague record as the girls do.

Cross country—both boys and

girls—continues to dominate the EAC. As Coyle-Cassidy and Bishop Stang are the only two teams left in the conference, there will be no league championship. Despite this, both Feehan teams won the de facto title in a double-dual meet at home, including a clean sweep by the girls.

Golf and volleyball continue to make playoff pushes, as well. The former is 7-4, and the latter rests at 9-4. If all goes according to plan, both should be able to take the EAC crown.

Lastly, there is field hockey. Even though the squad has a mark of 1-4-3, it does not go down without a fight, as nearly all games have been decided by one goal or less.

While everyone's attention is fixated on the prominence of New England's four most popular teams, the talent of many of the athletes representing this school should not go unnoticed. Thanks to their hard work and determination, Bishop Feehan's athletics have been given an opportunity to thrive, and this has clearly been maximized.



Sports Cont.

Feehan vs. North Attleboro: The Surprise of the Decade

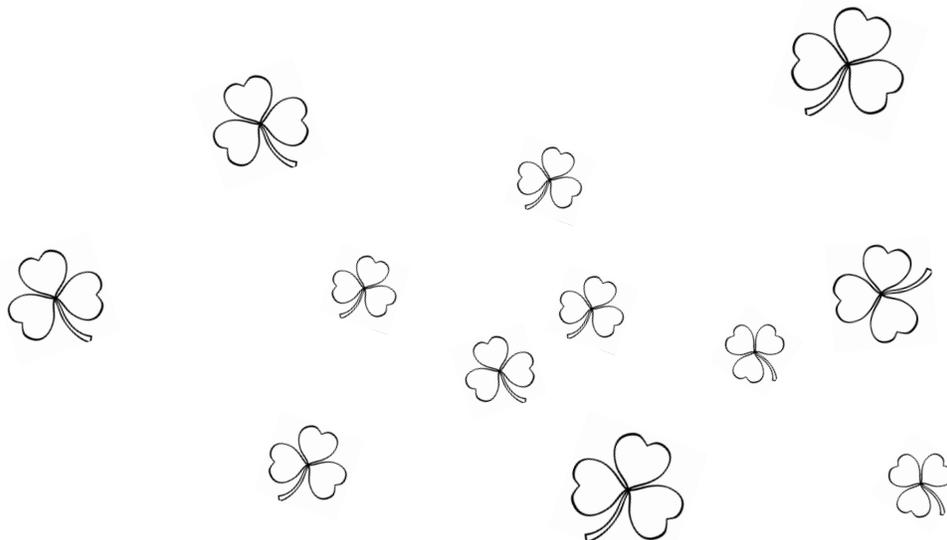
Bridget Catalano '19

Bishop Feehan vs. North Attleboro, the rivalry has been alive for as long as anyone can remember. Every year, the Feehan vs. North game is always the Friday night football game to go to. For the past 10 years, North has dominated the game and came out on top every time. The only exception to this was on the crisp evening of September 14, 2018. This time, it was the Shamrocks' turn to come out on top. The rowdy crowd was filled

with students cheering on fellow classmates and friends; everyone was more than excited for this game. As the game continued through the 4th quarter, the Shamrocks were on top. The rowdy crowd inched closer and closer towards the field, ready to congratulate the players on their historic win. The clock hit 0:00 and everyone ran onto the field. The Shamrocks had made history!

Father-Daughter Dance (Cont. from Page 3)

night was completed with a Beatles-birthday shout-out to Dean Goodman, and a partial rendition of "Don't Stop Believing" by an outgoing father-daughter duo. The Father-Daughter Dance is always a special occasion, and this year was no exception.



Interview with Mr. Ryan

Thomas Potenza '20

Thomas Potenza: Good morning, Mr. Ryan.

Mr. Ryan: Good morning.

TP: So, what do you teach here at Feehan?

MR: *Sophomore HI English, Senior CPI English, and Film Studies.*

TP: How long have you been a teacher for? And how long have you been a teacher at Feehan?

MR: Fifteen years as a teacher. It is my 6th year at Feehan.

TP: What is your favorite book and why?

MR: *East of Eden* by John Steinbeck because it has great characters and important themes that are relevant today.

TP: What would you say your most memorable experience so far at Feehan was?

MR: Interview with Ms. Bickford and Mrs. Endler because I immediately knew that this was a place that I wanted to teach at. The conversation that we were having didn't feel like a job interview, but a discussion between colleagues. They were passionate about teaching and English, and I knew I wanted to be a part of that group.

TP: Any advice for Feehan students?

MR: I would say to try to prioritize learning over grades. Be inquisitive, be open minded, ask questions, and if you do that, the grades will follow.

TP: That's all. Thanks for your time.

MR: No problem.

College Bowl (Cont. from Page 4)

the seniors decimated their opponents, and they gave their opponents no chances.

At last the teachers entered the area. The seniors fought long and hard, even taking the lead at one point, but their efforts were not enough. The faculty effectively took out the class of 2019, and gave the school the closest score of the afternoon. While years where the students reign supreme are few and far between, the College Bowl was not a letdown; in fact, it gave the students the chance to rally for their classmates and test their own knowledge. They hope to see you there!



Dear Lucky

Dear Lucky is Bishop Feehan's very own advice column. If you have questions about life, love, or anything else, send Lucky an email at bfhspaper@bishopfeehan.com!

Dear Lucky,

I'm a senior and I'm starting to apply to colleges. It's really difficult and stressful. Any tips to make the application process easier?

Hello dear student!

That's a great question. Because I'm a leprechaun, I never went to college, but I'll still give you a few pieces of advice.

The way I see it is this: if you don't feel like applying to college, don't! Did you know that Google, Apple, and 13 other companies no longer require employees to have a college degree?

If none of these jobs interest you, you can always pursue a career in professional vagrancy. Be the next Henry David Thoreau!

Hope this helps. Good luck!

Lucky

Neon Dance (Cont. from Page 8)

school dance? You don't have to ask me twice.

On a more serious note, this was the last, first dance of the school year for us seniors. It is crazy to come to the realization that we'll never again get to "sweatily" jump around to "Party in the USA" with neon face paint on within the four walls of the Bishop Feehan gymnasium. Maybe wherever we end up next year will have constant dance circles formed by the professors, but I'm not so sure.



The Back Page

Student Spotlight

Lauren Gouveia '20

Here at Bishop Feehan, students are pushed to work their hardest in order to achieve the ultimate next step in their academic careers: college. Because close to all of the senior class will be graduating and attending a standard university next year, this senior's dream stands out as an extremely unique addition to the long list of bright futures at Feehan. Emma Petrich, Class of 2019, has been working hard both in the classroom and the gym for her entire high school experience in preparation for her application to join the Coast Guard. This has been a dream of hers since she was just a freshman, and to this day, she sees it as her next step. The Coast Guard attracts Emma because she wants to be able to help people in a large community. By entering into the Coast Guard, Emma would have the opportunity to save people in danger. In order to prepare for the rigorous application and fitness assessment process, Emma studies intensely and trains almost every day both at her CrossFit gym and at home. Along with her difficult preparation for her future endeavors, Emma plays softball, is part of the fencing team, and involves herself in many extracurricular activities, like Sunshine Club, SADD, and Math Team. Her favorite subjects in school are math and science, as she sees them contributing to the expansive knowledge that

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she will need after graduation. Other than being in the Coast Guard, Emma also hopes to be a teacher or engineer later in life. Emma is proudly herself, displaying leadership and strength by not following the traditional route. She knows that she will need to continue pushing herself and working hard during her senior year and beyond. Whether or not Emma is accepted into the Coast Guard, her courageous and passionate outlook on life guarantees that her future is bright.

