



The CURLEY Chronicle

Being Thankful

By Wyatt Peters '19

Thanksgiving is fast approaching. Have you ever thought about what good things have happened in your life recently? I am sure there is a lot more than you can think of. The fact that you are able to attend this school is a blessing and is something that you should be thankful for. Your parents can sometime get on your nerves but think of all the sacrifices they made for you to attend this school. They sent you here because they want to ensure you get a quality education and set you up to have a successful life. The friends you may have made during your time at Curley have been there for you throughout your years at Curley. They may have helped you with personal problems or just been there to make you laugh. These are all non-material things that people sometimes overlook as something to be thankful for.



I am thankful for my family. I am not only thankful for my parents but my cousins as well. My cousins are like the brothers I never had growing up. I could never thank them enough for helping shape who I am as long with my parents. Parents can only do so much for you growing up. Yes they supplied me with great education and they taught me all the valuable lessons but my cousins would be there to make me laugh and entertain me if no one else was there. I am thankful for my Curley brothers. When I came to Curley, I did not know many people. Without the support that my classmates have shown me, I would not be the type of Curley man that I have grown up to be.

When we gather around the dining room table for our thanksgiving meal, do not just think about the meal in front of you. Instead, think about those who made your life possible and all the blessings spread upon you by your family and friends. Think of those who are not fortunate enough to have a Thanksgiving meal with their family.

Some things Curley students are thankful for: (From the last Chronicle Survey)

The Gift Of Life

I am thankful for my family.
I am thankful for drinking water.
I am thankful for the opportunities that I have been given.
I am thankful for the brotherhood of men we hold at Curley.

I am thankful for my Curley education and that my parents were able to send me here.
I am thankful for my athletic gifts and my family and friends.
My background. My parents are Brazilian, and being raised among people of a different culture has given me a more global perspective. (Cont. p. 2)

Some things Curley students are thankful for: (Continued)

I am thankful for all those who have changed my life for the better and supporting me through the toughest times! I am thankful for my fellow brother, Reed Barra because He brings light into a dark day and he is willing to help anyone who needs it.
I am thankful for this great country. And freedom
One thing I am grateful for is my new, close, relationship with God
I am thankful for my father to push me to my full extent and making sure that I am the best at what I do and how my life will continue.
I am thankful for my family and my dad being safe after his heart attack and my friends being there for me.
A loving family and a warm roof over my head.
All the opportunities I have been giving in life.

Junior Retreat

By Mitchell Frye '20

Junior Retreat was held at the Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City and was a very fun-filled day for all who attended. The day started off in the chapel with Eucharistic Adoration and prayer time. Following the time in the chapel, the Juniors were split into different groups and participated in three different teamwork-based activities. The first activity was wheel-barrow races around the courtyard. The next activity consisted of one member of each group being blindfolded, spun ten times, and told to find the hidden tennis ball in the Glass Room, which had been filled with obstacles, by relying on his other group members to tell him where it was hidden. The final activity consisted of each team member being given an Oreo cookie that they put on their forehead and tried to get into their mouth without using their hands. Following these activities, talks were given in the Glass Room on the topic of how the view of Curley Brotherhood has changed from Freshmen Retreat to Junior Retreat. The Juniors then split up into their small groups and discussed among themselves how their view of brotherhood had changed throughout their 3 years at Curley.

Following these talks were lunch and free time. During this time the Juniors were allowed to go exploring the many areas and trails on the property. After this, everybody returned to the Glass Room for two more talks on how the Curley Brotherhood had affected them in their daily life. Following these talks, the Juniors were split up into their small groups again to discuss and share about how the Curley Brotherhood and their friends have helped them in their time here at Curley. These talks, followed by a group picture, marked the end of the day. Junior Retreat was a great experience and everybody that participated grew as Curley brother and has a better relationship with his brothers because of it.



Welcome Mr. Pavlacka

By William Majerowicz '22

Mr. Pavlacka is from Allentown PA, "I lived there through high school and my father still lives there today." Mr. Pavlacka has been in working in education for about 37 years. "I've been a principal, a vice principal, dean of students, and I've worked for the NCEA (National Catholic Educational Association)." What brought Mr. Pavlacka to Curley? As he says: "I applied for a math teaching position and Mr. Kohler gave me a call over the summer and hired me."

Mr. Pavlacka became a teacher because teaching was helping him pay for college and after a while he enjoyed teaching so he stayed in that profession. "When I was in grad school, teaching was helping me pay for my education and after that I fell in love with teaching and decided to make teaching my career." Some of Mr. Pavlacka's goals for teaching here at Curley are to make sure his students are learning and they are being successful. Mr. Pavlacka enjoys and moderates the video game club. He loves to play golf and he's a fitness enthusiast. But his favorite thing to do is to spend time with his grandson. Some of Mr. Pavlacka's goals are better explained by him. "I hope I can stay here and see my students graduate and a new group of students come in. I hope I can be here as long as Curley will have me. I want to see what my students will do after their time here at Curley."



Synagogue Shooting: Another Hate Crime in America

By Aiden Berkenkemper '22

Race, religion, and sexual orientation have been the target of numerous acts of hate and suppression in both the past and present. The most recent case was the despicable acts that took place on October 27 at 9:54 a.m. when, the accused gunman, Robert Bowers burst into the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh yelling anti-Semitic slurs as he opened fire on the unsuspecting worshipers. His killing rampage lasted 20 minutes but that was enough time to kill 11 helpless people as well as injuring six others. Sadly the despair and grief does not stop there because the attack will be forever in the minds of everyone affiliated with the deadly day, as well as the hearts of countless Jews and many around the world. This attack has been classified as the most violent and heartless hate crime against the Jewish community that has ever occurred in the United States.

Scott Bradly, the US attorney in Pittsburgh, is seeking the death penalty for the accused gunman. This will need to be approved by the acting Attorney General, Matt Whitaker. Donald Trump has already shown his support. Homicide and ethnic intimidation are the basis for the 36 state charges Bowers is facing. He is also facing 29 federal charges that range from murder with a firearm to obstruction of free exercise resulting in death. All of the charges were revealed during a formal reading in court on the 29th of October. This hate crime is not classified as terrorism because there is no evidence indicating that Bowers was working with an accomplice or organization to complete his attack.

The victims include: Joyce Fienberg, 75, Rose Mallinger, 97, Jerry Rabinowitz, 66, Cecil Rosenthal, 59, David Rosenthal, 54, Daniel Stein, 71, Melvin Wax, 87, and Irving Younger, 69, Richard Gottfried, 65, Bernice Simon, 84, and Sylvan Simon, 86.

Senior Service

By Ronix Bhandari '19

Your hands are dirty, you're surrounded by dirt and dust, and there are 12 year olds screaming and hollering. Who would want to be present in such an environment? A true Curley man who understands that service is just another opportunity to get closer to God would.

I was fortunate enough to be present at my middle school, Parkville Middle School, helping my former teacher who taught me for three years. There I was sweeping the floors, assembling a cabinet, delivering papers, and telling stories about my high school experience. It was amazing how the teacher let me take control of the class when we were watching a video. My favorite memory is how I reorganized the seating chart in excel. Perhaps the best part was the pizza from the cafeteria.



Senior Service Week

By Adam Peck '19



For my Senior Service Week I chose to go back to my old middle school, St. Jane Frances down in Pasadena. While I was there I mainly helped with maintenance and the gym classes. The most fun I had was with the first graders. I had helped with their art class on Tuesday and with their gym class the very next day. To my surprise, they all screamed with excitement when they saw me walk out on to the field to help with their gym class. They all remembered me from their art class the day before and even remembered my name. I was delighted at their excitement because that told me that I made a positive impact on their day and possibly their week. The entire week proved to be rewarding as I put smiles on kids' faces and reconnected with old teachers.



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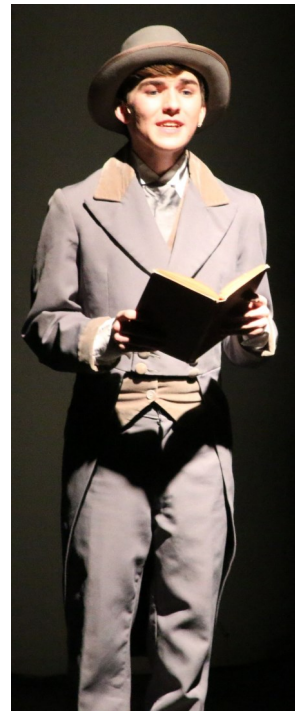
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What You Should Know About Brett Kavanaugh

By Aiden Berkenkemper '22



If you did not know already, Brett Kavanaugh was President Trump's second Supreme Court nominee since he was elected in 2016. In late September, several women accused Kavanaugh of sexual assault, sparking controversy. The first woman to come forward and who led the fight to stop Kavanaugh from being sworn in is Dr. Christine Blasey Ford. She claims that Judge Kavanaugh assaulted her 36 years ago at a party while they were attending Yale together, and in doing so drastically altered her life.

The allegations eventually lead to a brief investigation by the FBI in which they interviewed Dr. Ford and different people that were close to Kavanaugh at that time. Dr. Ford's testimony was not enough to stop the vote to swear in Judge Kavanaugh which took place on October 6, 2018 making him 114th Supreme Court justice. The senate's official vote was 50-48 and Kavanaugh was successfully sworn in on October 8.

Despite these allegations, Kavanaugh has had a successful career being staff secretary for president George W. Bush along with helping with various committees and has been a prominent judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia/ D.C. starting in 2006.

Due to Kavanaugh's new seat on the Supreme Court, for the first time in 50 years the court now has a more conservative majority. Conservative judges look at the Constitution very literally, believing that the Constitution should be upheld the way the original writers intended it to be with little leniency to changing times. In the opposite sense, to be a liberal judge means that you see the constitution as an ever changing document that can flow with the times and has multiple interpretations.

This may not sound too important, but it makes a big difference on topics, like the right to bear arms and the death penalty. For example, a conservative judge, with good reason, would see the right to bear arms as our unfringeable right. In opposition would be liberal judge who would look at that and say things such as police and modern lifestyle call for drastic change and even abolishment in some cases. Another comparison would be a conservative judge being more likely to see the death penalty as justifiable because it is implied within the constitution. As for liberal judge they may look at that and say that it was a different time back then and rely on prison reform instead.

For now we can only watch to see if president Trump's controversial but, in my opinion, qualified and valid Supreme Court pick makes a positive difference on our justice system.



Photos from the JV Basketball Game against Loyola by Xuan Loc Doan (Tom) '22.

JV Friars lost the game 58-25.



Maryland Election Results

By Michael Racosky '22

On November 6, 2018, the Americans watched the midterms as they saw the Democratic, Republican, and other small parties clash for the control of the country. In Maryland, a major question was who would become governor. The candidates were Democrat Ben Jealous, Libertarian Shawn Quinn, Green Party member Ian Schlakman, and Republican Larry Hogan running for re-election. After months of campaigning, these candidates prepared to see the outcome of the elections. In Archbishop Curley High School, a de-facto survey was held to see who was the most popular candidate. These are the results of the survey:

Larry Hogan: 79.84% 194 votes
 Ben Jealous: 15.64% 38 votes
 Shawn Quinn 1.23% 3 votes
 Ian Schlakman 3.29% 8 votes
 Total number of Votes: 243

On Election Day, these were the results:

Larry Hogan: 56.5% 1,188,815
 Ben Jealous: 42.4% 893,606
 Shawn Quinn: .6% 11,910
 Ian Schlakman: .5% 9,915
 Total number of votes: 2,105,899

With a 13.3% lead over every other candidate, Republican Larry Hogan was able to win re-election. This would be the second time a Republican would win re-election as governor in Maryland, as Maryland is a democratic state with Democrats outnumbering Republicans 2:1. However, the survey and voting results show support for the Republicans, even with Larry Hogan winning with a 13.3% lead on Election Day and a supremacy in the Curley-held polls. This poses the question; how did Larry Hogan win in such a Democratic state like Maryland? Larry sustained a high approval rating among Marylanders and stayed away from Trump. Trump has very low approval ratings in Maryland, and made promises to help Maryland. For these reasons, Larry Hogan was able to win re-election.



In the first quarter, Mr. Bowdon gave a "Shout Out" to the following for small acts of kindness in the tradition of being a Curley Man: Ian Hoffman, Samuel Stitz, Marcko Duclayan, Anthony Keseling, Lee Rock, Donald Bates, Jamal Avery, Nicholas Krulock, Christian Messercola, Khalil Oliver, Aaron Jackson, Luciano Saddler, Gavin Evans, Lacy Hedgepeth

The Rise of College Tuition

By Cameron Leitch '20

In 1988, a student could attend a public university for an average yearly cost of \$3,190 (in 2017 dollars). In 2017 however, the average cost to attend a public university was \$9,970. What these statistics from *The College Board* represent is the extreme inflation of college tuition over overall inflation: between 1980 and 2018, college tuition experienced an annual inflation rate of 6.70%, considerably outpacing the overall annual inflation rate of 2.97%. These numbers may seem minimal but are considerably more alarming when comparing the median income of a college graduate in 1988 and 2017. In 1988 the median income of a male college graduate was \$50,856 in 2016 dollars, there has been virtually no change in that income for 30 years. As of 2017 the average income for a male college graduate was \$49,785 (*National Association of Colleges and Employers*).

In most cases private institutions are considerably more expensive than public universities. In 1988 Harvard cost roughly \$40,000 in 2018 dollars, yet in 2018 the tuition cost for one year at Harvard is an absurd \$45,278 (according to Harvard's website). Interestingly enough in 2018 the average graduate from a *Business Insider* top 25 school earned an annual income ranging from \$55,00 to \$70,000. These starter salaries are fairly high but they still leave most of the graduating population in a tremendous amount of debt before they even step into the daunting world facing them. According to these numbers families are paying exorbitant amounts of money for an education that carries even less value than it did 30 years ago.

Perhaps the most alarming component of the rise in tuition is that on average new graduates are facing roughly \$37,172 in outstanding student loan debt. The total amount of outstanding student loan debt is currently \$1.3 trillion, affecting around 44 million borrowers. According to an analysis by the *Federal Reserve Bank of New York*, the yearly average for outstanding student loan debt has increased by \$20,000 since 2008. As a result students are spending less on everything, mainly houses, and other items they may feel encouraged to buy but cannot afford. Another major effect is the social and economic hierarchy created by outstanding student loan debt. Students that have inherited enough money to pay off their loans relatively quickly now have an

economic advantage. As a result student loan debt has evolved into an economical and social crisis created by a system that desperately needs revision. There are a number of proposed solutions ranging from free tuition, eliminating subsidies, and even removing the option for a student loan. While I don't believe there is any magical solution that fixes everything, there are ways to step in the right direction.

Personally I believe eliminating subsidies for private universities is an effective start. First off what are subsidized loans? Subsidized loans are aid given by the federal government to help students with financial need in regards to tuition. The problem with subsidized loans for private universities is that they sit on massive million to even billion dollar endowments.

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Todd Gray and Matthew Giannaccini show off their college acceptance letters.

In other words private institutions are allowing the government to loan money to students so those students can then pay tuition to that university. Some schools such as Harvard have \$30 billion dollar endowments, yet they still charge \$43,000 in tuition according to Harvard's website. Essentially, what private universities do is raise tuition so students have no choice but to apply for federal loans, which the government then funds and the universities make a significant profit. So theoretically, if private universities were prohibited from subsidized loans they would lower the cost of tuition to avoid paying more in aid. If private universities lower tuition public universities must also lower tuition to remain competitive. These results aren't guaranteed but private universities shouldn't be able to manipulate government programs like this just out of principle. We have a long way to go and given this applies to all of us at Curley as well as to all our peers I strongly recommend educating yourself to make informed choices when voting.

Gridlock in Government

By Luke Tollen '19

The situation of the United States is falling into gridlock. Gridlock is when there is difficulty passing laws that satisfy the needs of the people. A government is gridlocked when the ratio between bills passed and the agenda of the legislature decreases. Right now, the next Congress will be a House of Representatives dominated by Democrats. On the other hand, the Senate will be dominated by Republicans. This balance actually creates an issue inside of our government in regards to passing legislation. Congress will have to spend more time arguing over legislation than actually passing it.

Thought the issue now seems minor, the future will be filled with stagnation of all legislation. Take time to remember the past two years of legislation. If you like it or not, there still was fluidity in the government in passing legislation. These next two years will not be so simple. With the growing issue over the past couple of years, we will experience hardships with problems such as immigration, the economy, and in foreign policy. The Trump Administration has focused on these three topics specifically. A Democratic House will create an end to Trump's policy goals. Democrats have severely disagreed with Trump's policies, so he will have to focus on new issues.

With Trump having to focus on new issues, bipartisanship may grow stronger in regards to passing legislation. Though that is the best outcome, it is very doubtful it will happen. The climate of the United States is becoming more politically polarized. The ideas of Americans, who are rapidly growing radicalized, will shape the next two years. It will now depend on our elected leaders to show the country that Americans need to work together to help both the world and the United States itself.



The Curley "It's Academic" Team competed during a live taping at CBS Studios in Baltimore. The team defeated Meade and New Town high schools. The episode will air on January 5th on WJZ-TV, and the playoff game will be taped on February 23rd! The three competitors who sealed the victory were: Aidan McDonnell '19, Ryan Seay '20 and David Bright '19.

CURLEY SPORTS

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
CURLEY'S
2018 ALL MIAA SELECTIONS**
 Mike Sacha (Volleyball)
 Kenny Clapp (Soccer)
 Anthony Dragisics (Soccer)
 Thunlwyn Garcia (Soccer)
 Brayden Wise (Soccer)
 Kofi Kwaw (Football)
 Josh Knapp (Football)
 Tyler Locklear (Football)
 Corey Jones-Pentz (Football)



Photo by Shane Stone '19

All MIAA junior Bryce Woodward scored Curley's second goal as Curley took Loyola into a second overtime before losing the semifinal playoff game 3-2. The Varsity ended the season 11-9-1.



Julian Howard runs in the last game of the season. The varsity defeated John Carroll 27-21. They ended the season 2-9.



All MIAA Senior Mike Sacha prepares to serve up the ball in a volleyball match. The Varsity finished the season 4-12.



Will Hanna-Leverett and Joe Kurek lead the Varsity Cross Country Team.