



# The CURLEY Chronicle

## Welcome Back Curley!

By Luke Tollen '19

I would like to welcome everyone back to school for this year, especially the Class of 2022 and our new faculty and staff. I hope everyone had a good summer, productive or not. Yet, we all did things that we wanted and took some time to relax. Many of us got involved in new activities. From jobs, service, and vacations, we all accomplished something. I got a job over the summer to save for a car and car insurance. Take a guess to where I ended up? If you answered Chick-Fil-A, then you are right. Chick-Fil-A is an interesting job. You meet

everyone from every walk of life just for one reason, chicken. The job helps me get comfortable with talking to people I would never expect talking to. My co-workers make the job entertaining even when we are in over our heads with customers. The job feels like family. We are all expected to represent the brand as it is advertised.

So, I put on a smile and say "my pleasure" even if I don't want to, because I know that it will still help someone. Brothers, treat each other like this. Some days are hard, but no matter who you are and what you do, a smile will change someone's day.

With a welcome back comes changes for this year. We now have brand new water fountains. I know a lot of us will be very happy to see that. Also, we have brand new classrooms in the library. Now, some of us will be lucky enough to have classes in air conditioning.

Please do not forget to give a warm welcome to our new teachers, coaches, and faculty. Please help make them feel involved and especially included in our community. We also had a recent change in our schedule. If you're not in band or choir, you will now have a Club Study Hall. So, gather some ideas for what clubs you may want to join. You could even consider finding a faculty member and making a new one. Do not forget the changes to the handbook. Try not to get detentions or you'll be staying for an extra hour. All detentions are now one hour. We also have some upcoming events.

If you are in the Curley Chronicle or are very eager to join the Curley Chronicle, there will be a meeting on September 11 at 2:45pm in the conference center. If you belong to other clubs and activities, make sure you are being informed on what is happening. Do not forget

our Curley Sports! We have a night soccer game vs Mt. St. Joseph on Thursday, September 6 at 7 PM. We also have a night football game vs Tuscarora on Friday, September 7 at 7 PM. Team schedules are on the Curley website. We also have the Opening School Liturgy on Friday, September 7 at 9 AM. Finally, Holy Hour with the FYM will be on Thursday, September 20 at 7 PM. I hope everyone is ready for a productive year and is excited to have more great memories.



## Reflections on "Encounter the Gospel of Life"

By Patrick McDonald '20

From July 9th to July 13th, over 40 Curley students including myself went to a service camp called Encounter the Gospel of Life. This is an event held at the University of Maryland, College Park and includes schools and parishes from across Maryland and even from Boston. The objective of this trip is to connect with others through acts of service and to grow stronger in one's relationship with God and others.



As for my experience, I can truly say that my outlook was changed almost immediately. On my way to Curley that morning, I was very hesitant about the trip. I had learned that I would not be with any of the Curley guys at my service site and that I would not be able to pick my roommate for staying in the dorms. Upon arriving at Curley, I was still very apprehensive and overall nervous about the trip. Once we arrived at Encounter, however, and I could see how connected and involved everyone was, I began to feel more comfortable. My roommate turned out to be my best friend, which immediately took some of the worry away. Our Curley group, along with the other parishes, went to the main building of gathering for the week and went through introductions. We then met in our site groups and once again I felt nervous and shy. I did have one Curley guy in my group and we really got to know each other during this time. The people in my group were somewhat talkative at first, but I didn't really know what to expect throughout

the week. My group turned out to be a group of amazing people and we all became incredible friends very quickly.

Every morning started with Mass, followed by breakfast and departure for our sites. Our site involved working with elderly people, yet we spent most of our time weeding and gardening. The residents were so appreciative of our service though that it made it worth while. After returning to the

campus, we were allowed about an hour of free time and then we would go to dinner. After dinner, every parish went to the main gathering hall. For the evenings of Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, we had a keynote speaker come to talk to us for a bit and then

afterwards we would have activities with our site group. Wrapping up the night, each parish went back to the dorms and our Curley group split up into small groups and talked about our day. This was one of my favorite parts of the day because my small group was great and I got to know some of my Curley brothers who I never knew much of before.

Wednesday was a special evening. That night everyone had the opportunity to participate in Adoration and Confession. This night was a very emotional night for some and one thing became apparent to me more than any other time before - the idea of the Curley brotherhood. I have seen it before, but not in such lengths. Not only that night, but the entire week the brotherhood was everywhere you looked at Curley. During the night of Adoration and Confession, Curley men were often seen comforting, talking to, or just being with their brothers. This is where I truly felt at home during Encounter. (Continued on page 3)



# "Be Engaged, Be Excellent"

By Wyatt Peters '19

Every year, our school chooses a theme for students to follow. This year's theme is "be engaged, be excellent". Curley is trying to get students to access their inner talents and express them to the whole school. Curley gives students plenty of opportunities to do so, including many clubs and activities. Teachers also supply help to students so they can succeed and go on to better things. As co-editor of the Chronicle this school year, I will supply some thoughts on how students can live this theme throughout the school year.

Be engaged! This is the first part of the theme for Curley during the 2018-2019 school year. First, do not let yourself down! Come out of this school year without any regrets. Second, find a way to participate! Actively serving your Curley brothers by joining a club or sport is a perfect way to be engaged. Third, connect! Connect with your friends, teachers and yourself. On a daily basis it would not hurt to check in on your friends to see how they are doing or asking teachers about the class material. It also does not hurt to check in on yourself. Are you proud of yourself? Are you doing your best in the classroom? Throughout the year, ask yourself those questions and you will get a lot out of this school year.

Be excellent! First, find your passion! If you have a dream, follow it. Sometimes the key to success is passion. Second, strive to be your best. This feeds off number one. Without trying your best, you will never find that passion and it will be much harder to succeed. Third, do not look behind! For me, this is the most important, it goes along with not having regrets. Once you pick a path, run and do not look back. You will feel more accomplished this way. Finally, plant your seeds and never give up. Establish connections and communicate with people interested in the same thing. Keep going, even when the going gets tough. Take advantage of the support you have at school and at home. Let's make it a great year!



**New Faculty**  
**Have you learned their names**  
**and welcomed them to Curley**  
**yet?**  
**Who is missing?**

## Encounter continued

Thursday night Encounter hosted a dance party after some evening activities. Friday was a half day for most sites and upon returning, there were closing remarks and activities. After packing up and loading the buses, we were on the way home.

In conclusion, while my Encounter experience didn't start with much excitement on my end, it ended with more than I could have ever imagined. I never thought I would have enjoyed it so much and I look forward to going again next year. Encounter taught me what it really means to be a Curley brother.

# FRESHMAN RETREAT

