



Blackfriars' Theatre Presents: *Mamma Mia!* By Wyatt Peters '19

The Blackfriars' Theatre, Curley's theatre group, performed the musical *Mamma Mia!* the weekend of March 16th and 17th. *Mamma Mia!* is an predominantly female cast and Curley is an all guys school.

Why would we do such a play? Well the main reason is the rights for the show has just been released and how cool is it to say that our school was one of the first schools to do the show. It did need help from other schools to get the girls and we had plenty of girls

show up for auditions. The play was a huge success not only for the school, but the theatre group as a whole. The whole weekend was high energy and an amazing time for the members of the cast and crew.

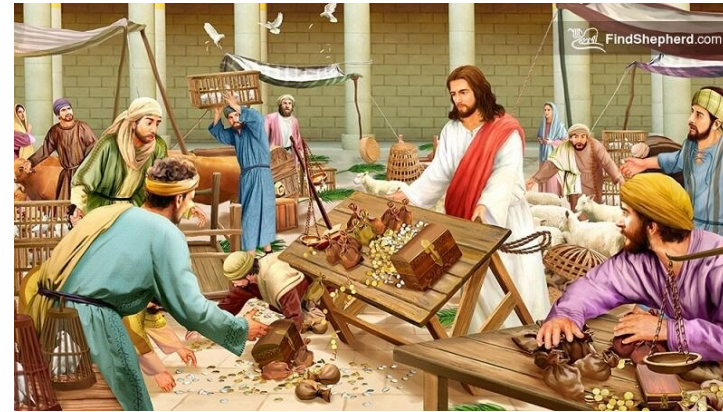
The dinner theatre sold out for the first time in several years!

The male members of the cast included. Nick Bosi, Matthew Giannaccini, Thomas Tuminnello, Phillip Lorfink, James Sandoval, Bryce Esposito, Joshua Aung, Michael Brown, Lucas Triplet, Dominic Biggs, Gregg Majerowicz and I (Wyatt Peters). The stage crew consisted of Ambrose Bodnar, Zach Hanson, Mitchell Harrison, Ryan Seay, Patrick McDon-

ald, Alex, Max McDonald and Nate Nohensee, Zach Shemanski, and Charley Williams. The production was directed by Mr. Ed Lawrence.



Jesus on Spring Cleaning By Luke Tollen '19



The Son of God is who we look up to for being pure, yet even Jesus had to clean up a mess that was left by others in his own home. In John 2:13-22, Jesus cleans the temple of all the merchants and vendors crowding up his Father's house. Jesus, who is usually depicted as a peaceful man, loses His peaceful nature and makes a whip. He enters the temple destroying what the merchants had created, leaving them to flee with the animals that they would sell to the Jewish people to sacrifice to God for forgiveness. Upon finishing clearing the temple

of the corruption, He leaves and the Pharisees and Jews ask him why He had done that. Jesus responded in 2:19 by saying, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." The Jews and Pharisees were baffled at how a temple could be remade in three days because this very temple they were talking about was built in 46 years, yet Jesus was talking about the temple as a sign for His body.

Jesus had a different idea on what the "temple" was. In this Lenten season and soon to be Easter, Jesus was talking about his resurrection after three days. His death, which freed all people of their sins and allows us to go to Heaven with God, is the center of our belief. Jesus allows for all people to be freed of their sins, so if Jesus can be so forgiving, then so can we. Forgiveness has dozens of synonyms because forgiveness is hard to talk about and actually do. When you are hurt by others, it is easier to lose yourself to hate and anger than forgiveness, but Jesus teaches differently. He is the man who ate with sinners. The core value of eating with someone in the era of His culture had a greater symbol than it does now. It meant you accepted them. It was an honor in medieval times to eat with the king, but the King of all, Jesus, ate with sinners. This is what changed the lives of all because God himself came down from Heaven to eat with us and forgive us of our sins.

We can do a lot over the remaining Lenten days and upcoming Easter days. Let us make a common goal to practice forgiveness, for we are all sinners. Jesus removed the merchants from His Father's house because it is a place of worship, not for haggling people's money to absolve their sins. Jesus does that for free, and his house is made free and open for others. So, clean your temple, your body and soul, so that you can forgive others. That is what God wishes of us. Take time this season to reflect on forgiveness. It is God's will for you to forgive others just as he did. It may not take three days like Jesus, yet time and effort can change a lot with diligent work. Go and make a difference in your "temple" and others will follow.

Mother-Son Dance By Mitchell Frye '20

This year's Mother-Son Dance was held on March 23, 2019 with a Carnival theme. The evening began with the mothers and sons hanging out and talking with one another, before Fr. Donald prayed a blessing and the food was served. While the mothers and sons were not eating, there were plenty of activities for them to be engaged in. There was a photo booth set-up in the hallway and various carnival games and activities in the SDR where two players went head to head to win tickets, which could be turned in for one of a number of various prizes, including stuffed animals and cotton candy. These games included a ring toss, a cup stacking game, a ball toss game, an arcade style basketball game, a bottle ball toss game, and corn hole.

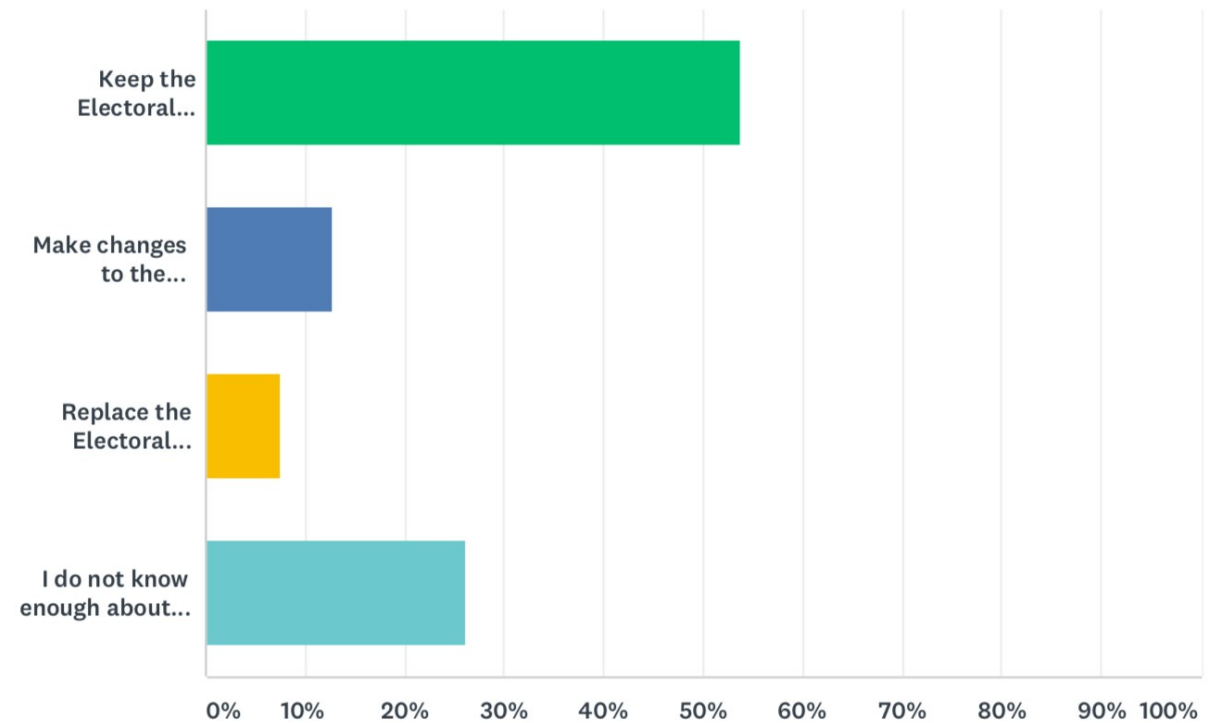
Meanwhile, in the gym, mothers and sons were partaking in a Money Wheel for a chance at winning a mystery prize bag. Then, as is tradition, the seniors came in and gave their mothers a flower before sharing the first dance of the night with them. Following this, the dance floor began to see a lot of action as both mothers and sons started dancing with each other. Then, one lucky mother-son pair at each table was informed they were allowed to take home the centerpiece flowers if they had a note under their chair. The evening then came to an end with one last slow song that the sons danced with their mothers too. Everyone present had a good time and enjoyed a night of fellowship with their friends and, most importantly, their mothers.



Electoral College/Voting Survey Results By Cameron Leitch '20

Since the election in 2016 the electoral college has been subject to great controversy and debate. Many have questioned whether America has outgrown the electoral college or if it gives greater representation to the people. Here at Curley we asked students how they felt about the electoral college and if it should remain intact. Here are the results.

Answered: 188 Skipped: 3

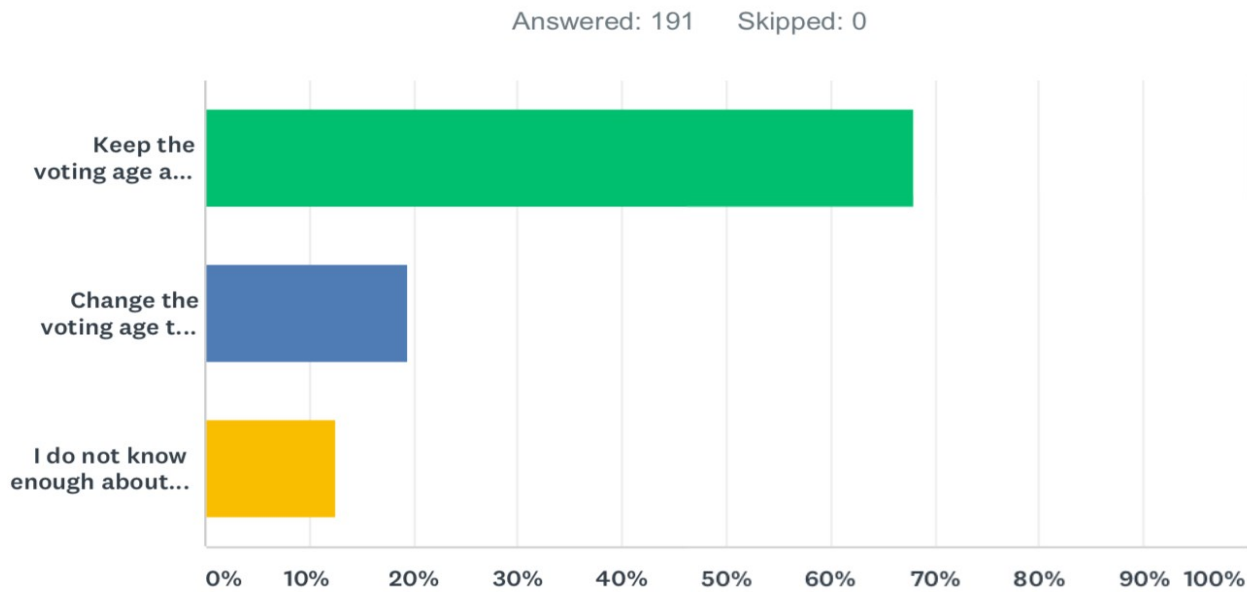


53.72% (101 students) said keep the electoral college as defined in the constitution
 12.77% (24 students) said make changes to the electoral college system
 7.45% (14 students) said replace the electoral college with the popular vote to elect presidential-vice presidential candidates
 26.06% (49 students) said they do not know enough about the electoral college to make an informed decision

Students were then asked if they were to change the Electoral College, or how would they change it specifically. Some responses can be found below L

#	IF YOUR CHOICE IS TO CHANGE THE EC, HOW WOULD YOU CHANGE IT?
1	Make it required to follow the popular vote.
2	Make it only the popular vote
3	Make the vote based on the people
4	On one hand, not everyone in America is informed or intelligent enough to make decisions, but on the other hand the electoral college is filled with corruption and arrogant people serving their own agendas.
5	Add more electors
6	Have every state do there ec votes like Nebraska
7	Make electoral votes a point system, which would go to those who won the popular vote in that state, and remove the middlemen.

Lastly, Students were asked if they would support a voting age of 16. This law recently garnered support from Democrat Nancy Pelosi.



68.06% (130 students) said they would keep the voting age at 18
 19.37% (37 students) said they would change the voting age to 16
 12.57% (24 students) said they do not know enough about this issue to make an informed decision

MAMA MIA!





JAMES SANDOVAL '20 ON A SCOUTING TRIP TO KENYA

James Sandoval is a junior at Curley who recently performed the role of Sam Carmichael in the Blackfriars' Theatre production of *Mamma Mia!* But this article is not about his acting ability.

James is a Life Scout from Troop 855 in Severna Park. From February 15 -24, he was part of a trip to Kenya, organized by Servant Forge in partnership with the Baltimore Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Servant Forge is an organization with the mission of "building leaders and challenging citizens to embrace service as a means to improve the world around them." Servant Forge also has a partnership with Strategic Applications International (SAI) which provides the international dimension to developing the spirit of local service and leadership.

The group of five scouts and four adult leaders flew into Nairobi and stayed at Camp Rowallan. They visited Nakuru National Park, an elephant orphanage and a giraffe sanctuary. They moved to Machakos Scout Reserve where they visited with Kenyan scouts gathering for the Founder's Day Celebration. There they participated in skills activities with the Kenyan scouts and had the opportunity for a service project. James and the group visited a group home for young girls who were abused. The American scouts worked with the children, ate lunch with them and toured the school. This group home is called the New Scent Center and is sponsored by Servant Forge.

The Americans spent a day hiking up Mount Kenya (elevation 11,054 feet above sea level) where they had lunch "in the clouds." Their last stop was Nyeri, where they participated in the Founder's Day Celebration with over 10,000 Kenyan scouts and leaders. The founder they celebrated was Lord Baden Powell, the founder of Scouting, who lived and is buried in Nyeri.

When asked what his favorite part of the trip was, James said he enjoyed getting to meet the Kenyan scouts. The uniforms were similar, but the outlooks were different. Interacting with deaf scouts especially had an impact on him. He explained that he realized, when seeing the lack of resources the Kenyan scouts had, how blessed he was and how fortunate we are to live in America.

James enjoyed the trip very much and thinks he might go back again.





CBF Field Trip By Adam Peck '19

The field trip that the environmental and fishing clubs went on was with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. We all attended this field trip with the goal of deepening our appreciation for the Chesapeake Bay and to learn how various types of pollution are affecting the Bay. The field trip took place on a boat in the Baltimore harbor where we took water samples and ran various tests on these samples.

We dredged for oysters and learned about its anatomy and how they work to filter the pollution out of the Bay. We also learned about how the population of oysters in the Bay is increasing but their population is nowhere near what it used to be. This was a fun and eye opening experience for all who attended. We achieved the goals we had set for the day and had fun doing so.



SPANISH NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Each year, the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese recognizes students who are doing well in advanced Spanish classes with membership into the Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica (Spanish Honor Society). This year, the following students will receive certificates and patches as new members: Holden Ayd, Parker Boomer, David Bright, Anthony Dragisics, Marcko Duclayan, Kyrian Elekwachi, Tobi Majekodunmi, Dylan Mayer, Nicholas McConnell, Aidan McDonnell, Randall Rykiel, Michael Sacha, Jordan Spicer, Luke Tollen.



Matt Avara '13, a graduate of Wake Forest University and now a member of their Admissions Office, held an information session for Curley students.



(L to R pictured with Fr. Donald) Seniors Anthony Dragisics, Kyrian Elekwachi, and Tobi Majekodunmi were honored at the 27th Annual Distinctive Scholars Convocation held at Archbishop Spalding High School. The Distinctive Scholars Convocation recognizes the top academic students from high schools of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.



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Varsity Lacrosse is currently 4-0 in conference play and 5-2 overall. The Friars take on Park in the Bowl on Tuesday, April 16th.



Curley's Ultimate Frisbee Club, coached by Mr. Jon Pressimone, defeated Calvert Hall 10-6.

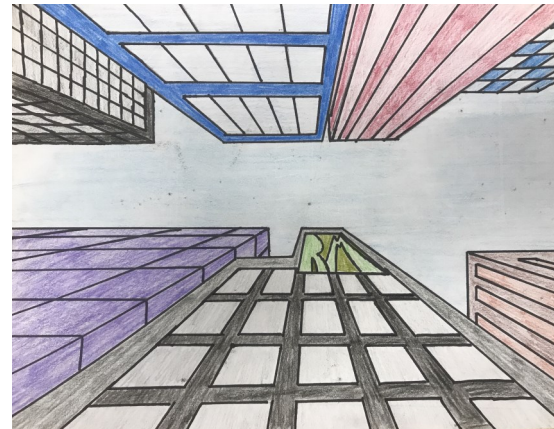
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