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In a startling upset, Caleb and Zach Staiti '23 stayed on their feet to win the three-legged race at the Pep Rally. PHOTO//MALANOWSKI

## St. Francis Day

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This year, the Feast of St. Francis was on Friday, October 4, and Curley celebrated it in a whole new way. The celebration started the night of October 3 with Transitus, the celebration of the death of St. Francis, which was put on by the Freshmen class. October 4, the Feast of St. Francis, started off with mass, empha-

sizing the Franciscan Ideal of Dedication to Christ in the Church. Mass was followed by Franciscan trivia, with the winners of each question getting a gift card. Franciscan Youth Ministry (FYM) was also giving out free cookies to any student who had their Tau Cross, which every student receives on Freshmen Retreat, as well as selling ice cream sundaes and root beer floats during all lunch periods. The day ended with a party in FYM after school, which allowed stu-

## Pep Rally

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This year's pep rally was held on the afternoon of October 18. The pep rally began with the introduction of the varsity cross country, football, soccer, and volleyball teams. At the pep rally, there were t-shirt cannons which were shot off throughout and the final Spirit Week games. The Spirit Week Festivities and Activities then continued with Bubble Ball Sumo, Tug-o-War, a relay race, a three-legged race, and water balloon toss. The winners of these events earned points for their respective classes total. In the end, the Seniors had the most points at the end of the pep rally to win Spirit Week activities, which were held all week.

## Hopkins Prof Wins Nobel Prize

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Gregg L. Semenza and team were awarded the 2019 Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine on October 7th 2019. Semenza was on a team with two other researchers, William G. Kaelin Jr. of Harvard and Sir Peter J. Ratcliffe who were individually studying the effects of oxygen deprivation on cellular metabolism and physiology. The three men realized that their separate work overlapped and came together to deliver one thesis.

Currently a researcher and professor at Johns Hopkins University, Semenza received his M.D. and P.h.D. from the University of Pennsylvania after receiving his bachelors in biology from Harvard University. Semenza played the key role of discovering a protein which they concluded powers on and off certain genes in the cell depending on the amount of oxygen available. This not only helps us gain a better understanding of cellular adaptability but also can be implemented for the treatment of various diseases including cancer. In addition, this new understanding of the cell's form of "Hibernation" can aid in the research of low oxygen levels in the blood.

## St. Francis, Cont'd

dents to enjoy fellowship and play games with their Curley Brothers, emphasizing the Franciscan Ideal of Strong Community Relations, as well as the food FYM had to offer. This year, St. Francis Day was celebrated in a new way that involved the entire student body and resulted in a fun time being had by all.

In all, Semenza and his team have made discoveries that lead us one step closer to cures for other wise deadly conditions.

## Joker Review

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Arts Editor*

*Joker* serves as a cautionary tale and character study of Arthur Fleck in his transformation into the iconic Joker character. The film was polarizing among audiences and critics, but I feel it was a success. Joaquin Phoenix put together an Oscar worthy performance, embodying a unique and authentic character. (Phoenix is just as good as Heath Ledger don't @ me). His performance played well off the film's strong writing and dialogue. There was

a strong atmosphere in this movie, Gotham had a strong presence. The film never felt unoriginal or uninteresting.

The Joker character has an inherently high ceiling. Yet, the depth they took the character and the realism of his transformation exceeded my expectations. Every one of his actions felt earned and motivated. Visually, the film is impressive. Its cinematography is appealing and its use of color effective. It focuses a great deal on effect rather than action; the city and characters' reactions which ultimately gives the actions more power. The film's color pallet gets more saturated as the film progresses and plays into Fleck's development.

*Joker* had some really heavy scenes. The murder scenes were all frightening. They invoked a very specific type of fear, a sympathetic fear; the scenes felt real, there was real hate and real panic from the characters. There was a brutal lack of mercy and appalling energy in them. They were my favorite thing about this movie.

Overall, the film creates a detailed atmosphere, layered characters, and flows well. It's shot and scored well and Joaquin Phoenix is spectacular. The more I think about it, the more I like it. It's a deep, dark, impure film. You're gonna feel awful after watching it. But if you're into that, I'd definitely recommend it. 79/100

### Editorial:

## Why We Love Curley

Archbishop Curley has many aspects that make it a positive experience. Even as seniors, four years later, Curley continues to show that positive experience. The most important part of any school is learning. Curley goes that extra mile. Having teachers that want to help students learn, staying before or after to school to help them, and trying to support their interests

shows the staff's commitment for their students. This shows how the community of Curley helps students to reach their fullest potential. The Curley staff also helps students thrive in other areas besides academics. It is a community that does not only focus how well you do in the class. Curley provides opportunities that help students get involved such as the multiple different clubs, sports, and theatre.

Being part of the Brotherhood is the other aspect that makes

Curley a positive experience. When new students come to Curley, they are not just seen as individual students but as members of a brotherhood. Curley is a brotherhood that shows support for each other in times of success and need, a brotherhood that encourages growth within themselves and each other, and brotherhood that wants students to grow in faith together. The Archbishop Curley community is full of love and support that we would love to have you join.

# Ravens Dominate in First Seven Weeks

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As the NFL begins week 8, the Ravens enter a bye week on a three-game winning streak. The Ravens started this year on fire going 2-0 and scoring a total of 82 points. In week 3 the Ravens had a tough game against the Chiefs and an embarrassing game against the Browns in week 4. In those defeats, the Ravens have given up 609 passing yards in the last two defeats. The number one defense last year lost some big pieces and we have not rebounded from losing those players.

One good thing from the Browns game is that Marlon Humphrey locked down Odell Beckham allowing Odell 20 yards on 2 catches. Moving forward after the loss against Cleveland the Ravens had a game against their division rival Steelers in Pittsburgh. The game was hard fought and there were many penalties and calls that were shaky but the Ravens won on a 46 yard field goal by Justin Tucker. The play of the game that set up the field goal was a force fumble by Marlon Humphrey who



Lamar Jackson rushed for 116 yards against the Seahawks and 143 yards passing. PHOTO//USA TODAY

punched the ball out of Juju Smith-Schuster's hands and then Humphrey recovered the fumble.

In week 6 the Ravens played the 0-5 Bengals. The Ravens won 23-17 and Lamar Jackson had 152 rushing yards along with 236 passing yards. The defense looked better but the Bengals are 0-5 with the 11th passing offense but the 30th rushing offense. Marlon Humphrey had another interception continuing his great season. The Ravens added Marcus Peters, a two time pro bowler, who has the most in-

terceptions since entering the league in 2015. With Marlon Humphrey playing great, Jimmy Smith almost back from injury, and the addition of Marcus Peters the Ravens defense is starting to look like former defenses.

A big game against the Seahawks put Baltimore at 6-2 and looking ahead to week 9. The Ravens have a tough schedule after their bye but if they want to be repeat AFC North champions, they need to beat their division rivals and play hard against their other opponents.

## Orioles Fall Flat

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The Baltimore Orioles had an abysmal season this year. With a final record of 54-108 (twice as many losses as wins), they were the second-worst team in baseball this

season. With this record, they also finished 49 games behind the AL East Yankees. Their batting average is a measly .247, with seven players above that average.

Orioles pitching was especially atrocious. This year, they have set the record

for the most home runs allowed with 303 home runs given up. Likewise, they have allowed 1517 hits and given up 971 points. With statistics like these, there is no doubt that the Orioles had a lackluster year. One can only hope for better luck next year.

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