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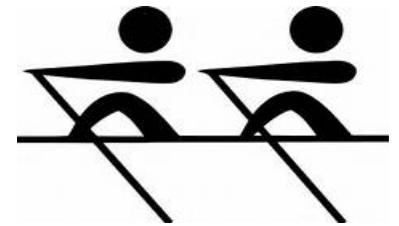
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The Theater Arts Club Presents

The Bible...in Thirty Minutes or Less

By Pat McGlynn '20

Every year, the Father Judge Theatre Arts program produces a short comedy or drama in the Fall, specifically late November. This year the club produced the show "The Bible in 30 Minutes or Less." On November 16th and 17th, the cast portrayed different characters of the bibles in short comedy skits of each book depicting the different characters and events that took place in them. The show included our very own Father Judge students from every grade, as well as students from St. Hubert High School, Central High School, and Nazareth Academy. The production stuck to its name, and was performed in twenty-seven minutes and thirty-six seconds on November 16th, and twenty-eight minutes and nineteen seconds on November 17th. The cast worked very hard on this production, preparing since September, and had to be diligent and conscientious considering the ten rehearsals they were limited to.

Throughout the show we follow the story of Genesis, in which God, portrayed by Freshman Joewel Gboilee, makes the world including Adam and Eve. The show begins with the Old Testament, and tells stories of the Judges, Kings, Prophets as well as Moses and Noah. The play then brings us into the New Testament where we see the events of the Gospels such as Joseph, portrayed by Senior Aman Zabian, proposing to Mary. The story then follows Jesus and his apostles in short and hilarious skits until the end of the under thirty minute show.

This year the Father Judge Theatre Arts department is also producing *Godspell* as the annual Spring Musical. *Godspell*, another show based on the Bible, will be taking place on March 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th. This fantastic show, written by Stephen Schwartz, follows the journey of the two main characters Jesus, and John the Baptist. Throughout the show the audience will see depicted familiar events and stories, Lazarus and the rich man, the Prodigal Son, and even the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ.

Auditions were held on November 26th, and 27th to decide the cast, and the cast list will be out by December 7th. The cast is ready to produce a superb show for the entire community, and hope to see you there!

*The next production for the Theater Arts Club will be the Spring Musical, **Godspell***

Mathletes Begin Their Competition Season

by Colin Hughes '19

The Father Judge Mathletes is a student organization that competes with other school's teams through solving math problems. Students either work in teams or individually under a certain amount of time to produce an answer to any given math problem. When in teams, each team is broken up by the students' school years. During competition, the team that or individual who answers the most problems correctly in the shortest time frame wins.

Here at Father Judge, there are two Mathletes teams: Varsity for upperclassmen overseen by Mrs. Polisi, and Junior Varsity for underclassmen overseen by Mr. Lohse. There are about four members of the varsity team, who travel to neighboring schools to compete. For JV, there are about twenty team members who participate exclusively here at Father Judge.

In order to partake in the Mathletes club, one does not have to possess exceptional math skills. Anyone who enjoys or wants to learn more about math can join; the club does not discriminate against those with average or emerging math skills. The Mathletes can be a tool to enhance one's math skills and to sharpen one's will to compete and lead. Mathletes does not consume a lot of time and looks very good on a college resume. In fact, Varsity meets every two weeks for a period of six months and JV meets once a month for a period of six months.

Currently, sophomores are second place in their respective league and expected to continue to do quite well

this season. Overall, JV has performed well so far this year. Varsity, is expected to bring solid competition to the league this year, but is not expected to go all the way.

The Mathletes are quite competitive, and regardless of their results this season, their performances are going to be wholehearted with nothing else in mind but winning.

Besides improving the competitive edge, Mathletes can strengthen not only math but also logic and strategy skills

Judge Cook-In Cooks Up Nearly 500 Meals for the Local Community

by Alex Ercolino '21 and Ryan Quinn '21

Father Judge High School held its annual Thanksgiving cook-in on November 19, 2018, a tradition that has been going on for many years. This event was run by Father Jack, who greatly contributes to our service program here at Father Judge.

Many students attended this event, which helped to make it a very successful cook-in with over 500 meals, prepared for the Aid for Friends organization. Aid for Friends helps to provide food and comfort for many people who do not have a family to come home to. These meals were prepared for shut ins, the poor, and those in need of community support. According to Mrs. Karen Ercolino, who participated in the preparation of food, "The annual Thanksgiving Cook-In is an event that I have participated in over the last 5 years and I am thankful to help those in need. When I see everyone chipping in to help, it makes me happy to know someone is receiving a home cooked meal. It warms my heart and is a nice start to the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons."

There were many variations of meals including many traditional holiday foods such as turkey, stuffing and cranberries; there was even vegan food trays made so all people could enjoy a healthy, well prepared meal. While students took trays to be filled with food, the parents helped to cook the food. These parents were willing enough to come to this great event on their own time, and helped produce another successful cook-in. All in all, our annual cook-in was a great success, and benefited many people this holiday season.

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Varsity Basketball Gears UP for an Outstanding Season

by Keith Collier '21

The Father Judge basketball team has a rich history, filled with plenty of triumph and defeat as a team, while further developing promising young talent. Heading into the 2018-19 season, the Crusaders are pursuing their fourth Catholic League basketball championship. Led by head coach Sean Tait, the Crusaders commenced the season on December 7th with the Father Judge Tip-Off Tournament, playing in the newly renovated Fox Gym.

Father Judge opened the tournament with a nail-biting win against George Washington, 47-45. Top contributors included senior Jack Boyce (12 points), sophomore Justin Blythe (11 points), and senior Shane Dooley (9 points). Dooley also nailed the game winning free throws to seal the victory with just over a second left on the clock. In the tournament Final, the Crusaders defeated Pope John Paul II by a sizable margin, 65-42.

After a successful season-opening tournament, the Crusaders headed to Central Bucks South HS on December 11th for a non-conference matchup. Father Judge's first in-conference opponent will be Monsignor Bonner & Archbishop Prendergast on December 18th, scheduled to be played within the Fox Gym. December 23rd will perhaps be the Crusaders' toughest test, as they go head-to-head with the defending champions, Roman Catholic High School.

With a deep roster of eighteen players, the Crusaders are led by seniors John Boyce, Alphonso Chie, Shane Dooley, and Tyler Townsend. The team has a mix of grades represented, being comprised of eight sophomores, five juniors, and one freshman. Regardless of the season's outcomes, each player is ready to commit themselves to success in their pursuit of a championship.

...FROSTBITE REGATTA...

THE VARSITY EIGHT EARNS SECOND PLACE

Despite difficult winter weather conditions, the Judge Eight pulls it together to earn success in the annual Philadelphia Frostbite Regatta

By Tom Gola '20

On November 10th, Father Judge Crew participated within the Philadelphia Frostbite Regatta as the last race in their fall season. The weather conditions that morning were very dangerous with wind speeds of 25 miles per hour and expected to get worse. Two boats were to be sent out to race that day, the JV four and the varsity eight. As the JV team pushed off the dock, the conditions were following through on getting worse and the chances of the boat winning were dwindling. Unfortunately, as the race started, confusion between the officials and the JV boat led to the team's downfall within that race as our boat came last out of five others.

The day grew longer as the wind speeds climbed and the temperature dropped. The time came for the varsity eight to race and morale was low as the Cooper River was causing more and more problems for everyone there. Heading up to the race, the team mapped out a plan of action in order to have an efficient and effective row. Aligning at the starting area, two out of the five boats had dropped out. As the race started, Judge faltered falling to dead last, but managed to rebalance the boat, get in sync with one another, and put on the power. Within the next few seconds, Judge Crew was passing Archbishop Carroll to claim second place. Judge spent the rest of the course continuing to make up for lost water between themselves and South Jersey Rowing Club. Although Judge would not

make it to claim first place, they would approach directly behind South Jersey, hold second place, and prove themselves to be an effective force out on the water even in horrid conditions. Overall, this race day had its ups and downs, but Judge was able to claim one final victory before transferring indoors for the winter.

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and a Happy
New Year!