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Drone footage provided by Titus Matheny of the Drone Crew Club offers a glimpse into the courtyard and the fun and games the PTO provided (Photo credit: TM '26)

PTO Family Gathering

Students and Family Celebrate the New Year

----- BY TITUS MATHENY, '26



Bella Patino has fun playing yard games in the courtyard field.



A group of new students enjoy hanging out in the courtyard.

The PTO Family Gathering a few weeks ago was an amazing opportunity for the families of students to meet each other and have a fun time. There was plenty of pizza, and parents generously brought loads of snacks and sodas. There was so much extra, in fact, the leftover refreshments were saved for homecoming. A few members of the drone club even brought out a drone to fly around and show off. Younger siblings of students got to play yard games and have fun together. It's particularly important to build community in our school, and bringing everyone together is a terrific way to connect our diverse Collegiate family.

Aw Snap!

Fun photos from around our school.



Clare S., Berkiti Y., and Christianna S. in the perch.



Senior Ben Schlitz



Agertu J., Ezra S., and Finn R. practicing photography skills in Publications class.



Alia Vandenbrink commits to MSU.



Juniors Ghalia A. and Vianey N. represent Hawk House.



Pictured: Senior Shawn Anselman.

Academic Focus: Pig Dissection

The Science of Learning

----- CHASE LACY, '24

The Class of 2024 was welcomed back into the school year with a fascinating lab in their Project Lead the Way class. The students started a pig dissection within the first few weeks of school, and it brought some positive comments along with a little controversy. A lot of students didn't like the ethics behind pig dissections but felt that it was more helpful for understanding how the body worked.

When asked how she felt about the lab, Senior Zenga Stroff said, "I don't like the process involved but I think it's important for education. It was interesting for sure; it was cool to see the organs and the functions. Cutting open the lungs was cool to see, and it did help me understand how the functions work."



Our Teachers are the Best

CSMB Teachers Around the Building



Mr. Sabor, math, poses for a Publications student. (Credit: CG '26.)



Mr. Tevlin, art, and Ms. Peoples, library, work together to help other staff members in the Perch. (Credit: TB '26.)



Mr. Becerra, science, poses for a Halloween picture. (SP '26.)

Making A Difference

NHS Lends a Helping Hand



----- SAILESH BHATTARAI, '24

NHS Officers Catherine Stanish, Sailesh Bhattarai, Gbenesira Barinwa, Chloe Roy, Mariam Al-Kenani, Hafsa Palada, Zenga Stroff, Salena Reeves, and Ricky Truong stand together.

The National Honor Society (NHS) is a student-run leadership and service organization sponsored by Mr. Gilbert. The four pillars of NHS include Leadership, Character, Service and Scholarship. Members not only excel academically but also have opportunities to show their leadership both within and beyond the classroom. Committed to helping the Collegiate Community, NHS runs food drives as well as blood drives throughout the year.

The upcoming food drive begins in early November, which will last around 2 weeks. Last year NHS raised almost 900 items. Popular for seniors and juniors, the blood drive is being held near the end of November. In addition, NHS is devoted to supporting educational advancement such as the Tutoring and Mentoring programs where members can volunteer and lend a helping hand!



Sophomore Temesguen Yehdego warms up before a game.



Junior Quinn Reynolds watches his team. (Photo Credits: JF'26)

Our Goal? Stopping Yours

Boys' soccer season teams up

----- EZRA SPRUIEL '24

The soccer team has gone through many difficulties together as a team. Their resilience and ability to come together after a tough game gives them strength far past what one could do on their own. Soccer player and student Archer Noland said, "our teamwork is built on friendship and the fact that we all care for one another," and while watching one of their games you can certainly sense the camaraderie amongst the players.

There are many fresh players on the boys' soccer team this year that have helped them strive for new heights throughout the season. Many new players from McKinley have put in a lot of work to help the team and the appreciation for those players is evident. Each game is important to each player and the team is incredibly supportive of one another in the fact that they genuinely want the best for each other.



A robotics team member prepares for a fulfilling season. (Photo Credit: SB '24)

Interview with Robotics Club Vice-President

E'sabel Merriweather Breaks it all down

----- DEVONNE CARTY '25

Before I started here at Collegiate in 2021, CSMB's Robotics team had been one of our more prominent clubs. But last year it underwent some changes such as a new coach, new equipment, and, of course, many new club members. To discuss this, and more, I recently sat down with E'sabel

Merriweather, who happened to join our school and the club last year and is now the team's vice president.

To start off, I asked her about how the club's work is divided up. At the beginning of a meeting, the team starts with an overview of their goals—near and far. Next, it is time to split up! Firstly, they have the design team "who produces the logos and the distinct colors. And then [the Robotics Team] has the construction team which builds the robots and produces different ideas."

But as E'sabel tells me, that's not all! "We have our communications team who deals with fundraising and community outreach and things we want to do for the school and then we have the coding team that do the computers and we work together figuring out the code."

In total, the club is made up of four individual parts, but the roles are not as fixed as they may appear. As E'sabel tells me, despite being the vice president, she has multiple roles like any other club member. "I'm doing coding this year and I'm also part of the community outreach team--so, working with fundraisers and reaching out with our school different people."

Working together is one of the only ways the club's various events can get tackled.

In terms of competitions, the Robotics team has not yet started. "Right now, we're in the process of building our robot and preparing it," E'sabel tells me. "Our competitions normally start like at the end of November going into December and January; they have competitions every Saturday, but we don't go to every single competition to compete in."

At the end of this period is when things get exciting, since that is when the team will be heading off to Regionals. As E'sabel tells me, regardless of the outcome, the team's Community Outreach section is always working hard to get their name out there and will be present to advocate for the club.

To end this off, I would like to share one last thing the Vice President told me. Regardless of whether you've joined the club or are simply curious, "Robotics is a cool place where you can come to learn different skills and meet people of like minds that you can be friends with. It's also a fun place to be around."



Take Flight: Sophomore Keyla Yanou (#14) jumping up to block a ball against a player from McClure South Berkeley.

Lady Owls Make Collegiate History

Breaking news from your local trusted source

----- SHENYRA HARRIS '24

Volleyball has always been a popular sport at Collegiate. It is one of the sports that we are known for and excel in. This year, we made history. On October 19th, 2023, the Lady Owls became district champions! One student comments that the Collegiate team had to take down other teams that beat them during the season. It was a tough three days of hustling and communication. It was worth it in the end though because they came out on top.

There were many feelings and emotions that day. Sophie Wallace says, "When I realized that we won, I just started jumping." Another teammate was not able to make it to districts, but claims when she got the full-time call, all she could do was scream. "I just remember my grandma asking me if everything was all right. I was speechless. I felt like I could cry."

Madison Wallace says, "I think that after we won, I had never been happier about us winning a game. We played and fought hard. While some of them were stressing me out hard, I was equally proud of each one of them. Being able to win districts senior year was amazing, and I'll remember it for the rest of my life."

There was also another teammate who was not able to attend, Daphne Primus. She says, "I was at home, and I felt bad about not coming to support at first. I was waiting and waiting for when they would let me know if we won or not, and I finally got the text. I was just so proud of them because they worked so hard and never gave up. They let Collegiate's presence be known in the best way. This season was a rollercoaster, and I will never forget it." Overall, the Lady Owls had an amazing season.

the books for sure. Not only was this a win for the team but a win for Collegiate as a whole. We can only go up from here!

"Being able to win districts senior year was amazing, and I'll remember it for the rest of my life." Madison Wallace, '24.

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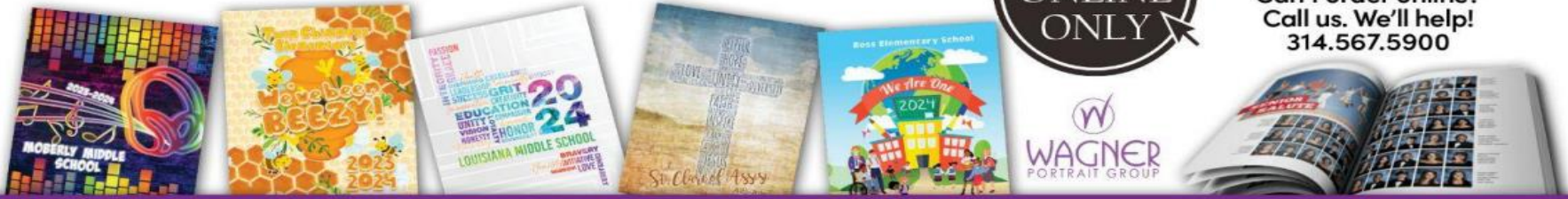
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