

Saint Joe's Scoop



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Special Interest:

THE PASSING OF A QUEEN!

By: Jayden Cervantes



Queen Elizabeth passed away at the age of ninety-six. She was a remarkable individual and according to Lisa Joyner a writer for [Country Living](#) who listed the longest reigning monarchs in history, “*Queen Elizabeth is the longest reigning monarch of the United Kingdom and fourth longest reigning monarch in the history of the world being tied with Rama IX of Thailand and Johann II of Liechtenstein.*” According to Buckingham Palace who

officially announced her death, “*she died peacefully*” on Thursday morning at Balmoral Hospital.

Her eldest son Prince Charles immediately became King and will formally be crowned sometime in 2023. According to [BBC News](#), “*When Elizabeth was born it was never expected that she would become Queen. Her father was King George V's second son, so it was thought she would live the life of a very minor royal. But when her uncle unexpectedly quit the throne, he laid the path for her to become the longest-serving monarch in UK history. With no male siblings, the stage was set for Elizabeth to one day take the crown.*” Therefore, Queen Elizabeth is considered by many to be their most favorite of all time! In her long reign Queen Elizabeth has met with thirteen Presidents, fifteen Prime Ministers (PMs), and six Popes. She was Queen for almost 30% of US history!

A private burial service will be held for the family on Monday, September 19, 2022 and the Queen will be laid to rest with her late husband of seventy-three years, Prince Philip, at the King George VI Memorial Chapel. Long Live The Queen!

Update to HOCO Dance

By: Jerusha D'Souza, Gabby Hernandez, and Celeste Cortez

The Homecoming Dance is right around the corner! This year's theme is "Let's Groove To-Knight." The Homecoming Dance is on Saturday, September 17, 2022, from 7:30-10:30. If you want to bring a non-SJHS student to the dance, you will need to fill out a dance contract. Tickets to the dance are available online until Friday, September 16, 2022, for \$15. If you don't get your tickets by then, they will be available at the dance for \$20. Seniors are the only students allowed to leave during the dance. The rest of the students attending must remain until the end of the dance.

STUDENT INTERVIEWS:

Water Polo With Quintin Harley!

By: Caleb Griffin



At the Lunch Tables - SEPTEMBER 7, 2022 12:00 PM

Hello SJHS, today I am interviewing SJHS Freshman Water Polo player **QUINTIN HARLEY!**

CALEB GRIFFIN

When did you start playing water polo?

QUINTIN HARLEY

I have only started playing water polo recently, joining the team late in the summer.

CALEB GRIFFIN

Why did you start playing water polo?

QUINTIN HARLEY

I decided to play water polo when my mom brought it up to me one day. I was interested as I was a decent swimmer and liked the idea of a sport where you are allowed to do whatever you want to your opponent as long as it's under the water.

CALEB GRIFFIN

How has playing water polo brought you closer to God?

QUINTIN HARLEY

Playing water polo has brought me closer to God by introducing me to lots of upper class men who have a lot more knowledge than me and have shared their knowledge about the game with me.

CALEB GRIFFIN

Does playing water polo make you feel more connected to the school?

QUINTIN HARLEY

Water polo has been the best way for me to get connected to the school community. The variety of people I would have never met if I didn't play is crazy to me.

CALEB GRIFFIN

What is your favorite thing about water polo?

QUINTIN HARLEY

My favorite thing about water polo is the people. I have met new people who have been extremely helpful in showing me and other new players how to play water polo.

CALEB GRIFFIN

So far, who has been your favorite team to play against?

QUINTIN HARLEY

My favorite team I have played against so far has been PV because of their amazing swimming pool.

CALEB GRIFFIN

Do you recommend playing water polo for everyone?

QUINTIN HARLEY

Yes, I recommend that everyone tries water polo even if you can't swim that well. You will learn quickly and overall it is an amazing workout.

CALEB GRIFFIN

Do you recommend water polo to people?

QUINTIN HARLEY

I have recommended water polo to my friends, but they all said no, because they would have to wear a speedo.

CALEB GRIFFIN

How have you benefited from playing water polo?

QUINTIN HARLEY

I have benefited greatly from water polo, I have met new people and have gotten stronger from the grueling workouts.

CALEB GRIFFIN

Do you feel water polo is underrated?

QUINTIN HARLEY

Yes, Water Polo is by far the most underrated sport at SJHS. I feel most people are turned away due to the uniforms and the aggression it takes to play, but I feel their minds will change if they ever decide to play.

Fall Sports:

Voices of Girl's Golf

By: Penelope Wasylychyn



Bella Aldridge - is 17 and in her Senior year. She has been playing since Freshman year and has been on the team for three years. She started playing because her brother played. The team explained how she is great at getting snacks/has the best ever boys manager/a great attitude! Her favorite thing about golf is being able to be outside. Her favorite golf terms are “*Fore*” and “*Barbra*”, did it? “*Fore*” is shouted whenever a ball is flying toward someone so the other players and bystanders know to watch out and be careful.

Emily Ramirez - is 17 and in her Senior year. She has been playing golf for four years and has been on the team since Freshman year. Her favorite thing about golf is the mental aspect and it is a stress reliever. She is great at chipping. “Chipping” is when you make a low shot that is played along the ground and spends little time in the air. Chip shots are hit close to the putting green where the golfer does not need to hit the ball very far in the air. They want to get the ball started and let it roll out towards the hole for a putt. She started playing to try something different and she became interested in it. Her favorite golf terms are “*Choke up*”, “*eagle*”, and “*fore*”. “*Choke up*” means to place your hands higher up on the club, “*eagle*” means 2-under par. For example, if the course was 4-par, then if you hit a 2-par, it would be an “eagle.”

Desirae Marroquin - is 16 and in her Junior year. She has been playing golf for two months and has been on the team since this season. She started golf to help her with her mental game for softball/ mentally prepare for other sports. She is great at driving, which is when you swing a club at a ball not when you drive a car/ golf cart. Her favorite thing about golf is eating popcorn and getting driven around by Coach Jim. Her favorite golf terms are “*Oh welp*”, “*that’s in the bunker*” and “*the Queen at five putting.*”

Danny Marroquin - is 15 and is in her Sophomore year. She has been playing for seven years and has been on the team for two. She started playing golf because she was bored, and didn’t enjoy any other sport, she was only seven. She is great at chipping. Her favorite thing to do is to hang out with friends while playing golf. “*Fore*” is her favorite golf term.

Karla Zepeda - is 15 and in her Sophomore year. She recently started playing golf and has been on the team for two weeks. She doesn’t know what she is great at yet. She started playing golf to get scholarships and to have a fall sport. Her favorite thing about golf is driving and having conversations with other people.

Alagan Logan - is 15 and in her Sophomore year. She has been playing for two years and has been on the team since this season. She started playing golf because her dad made her play and she enjoyed it. She is great at putting. Putting is a stroke you make to get the ball in or as close to the hole as possible. The people are her favorite thing about golf. Her favorite golf terms are “*Birdie*” and “*eagles*”. “*Birdie*” means the score 1 under par; for example, if it were a 3-par course and someone made it in 2-par, then her score would be “*birdie.*”

Addison Gutierrez - is 14 and in her Freshman year. She has been playing for four months and has been on the team since this season. She started golf because it was summer, and she was bored, so she tried it and enjoyed it. She is great at putting and her favorite thing about golf is meeting new people. Her favorite golf term is “*fore.*”

Samantha Torres - is 14 and in her Freshman year. She has been playing for a few months and has been on the team since this season. She started playing because of peer pressure (The good kind not the bad). She is great at putting and her favorite thing is that she doesn't have to run. Her favorite golf term is "eagle."

Sarah Martinez - is 14 and in her Freshman Year. She started playing golf and has been on the team since this season. She started playing because her dad made her. She is not sure what she is good at, and she's not sure what her favorite thing about golf is. Her favorite golf term is "Bogey", which means 1-over par. For example, if someone was on a 3-par course and made it in 5-par, then it would be called a "bogey."

Kylie Bedford - is 15 and in her Sophomore year. She has been playing for almost a month/ three weeks and has been on the team for this season only. She started golf because her friends started playing. She is great at chipping and her favorite golf term is "Par." "Par" is the number of hits that are recommended for a course. For example, if the course was a 4-par, then the person playing would want to get 4 or fewer swings.

Penelope Wasylychyn - is 14 and in her Freshman year. She started golf a few months ago and has been on the team since this season. She started playing so she can play on a course with her dad. She is great at putting and her favorite thing about golf is that it's peaceful. Her favorite golf term is "fore."

The Catholic Corner:

An Interview with Fr. Gerardo

WHY ST. JOES?

By: Millie Najera



MILLIE NAJERA

What message did God send you to become a priest here at SJHS?

FR. GERARDO

This is a very interesting question. Priests are not normally "called" per se, to serve at a specific school or church. We are called to serve the Church with a big "C" - meaning the people of God.

However, I am a Josephite. The Josephites are the group of Catholic priests who together with the Daughters of Mary and Joseph, founded St. Joseph High School. For sixty years, St. Joes has held a very special place in the hearts of the Josephites, and since I became a Josephite when I was seventeen, I always knew that this school would also have a very special place in my heart. I remember the very first time I stepped foot at St. Joes feeling so welcomed, so embraced, so loved, so accepted, that I knew that this was the place where God wanted me to minister and to work just like so many other Josephites had done before me.

MILLIE NAJERA

What's your favorite memory here at St. Joes?

FR. GERARDO

By far, my favorite memory at St. Joes was the day I was ordained a Deacon. It happened on the Senior Lawn in early January of 2021. I remember that I was surrounded by the students and staff who for a long time I have called family.

MILLIE NAJERA

Out of all the Catholic schools in the city, why'd you pick St. Joes?

FR. GERARDO

I didn't pick St. Joes. Priests are normally assigned by their bishop or superiors. I was assigned to work at St. Joes by the Josephites, however, I love St. Joseph High School and can't think of any other place I would rather be.

MILLIE NAJERA

How long have you been a Priest here?

FR. GERARDO

This is my second year full-time at St. Joes, however, I have been a part of the St. Joe's family for eleven years.

MILLIE NAJERA

What's one tradition you admire the most here?

FR. GERARDO

The tradition I admire the most at this school is the Junior Ring Mass. There are few places that have traditions that make such a significant statement about who we are as a community. By this I mean, the ring Mass is an outward symbol of the reality that we are a united family. First, as a class, secondly as a school, and finally as a community and Church.

MILLIE NAJERA

What's your favorite thing to do outside of church?

FR. GERARDO

My favorite activity outside of "church" activities is spending time with my family or hiking. I am an avid hiker when time permits.

MILLIE NAJERA

What do you enjoy the most here at St. Joes?

FR. GERARDO

I enjoy the people the most.

MILLIE NAJERA

Do you enjoy working here at SJHS?

FR. GERARDO

I love working at St. Joe's. Working here has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life.

MILLIE NAJERA

What's one prayer you recommend to students?

FR. GERARDO

My favorite prayer is actually very simple, and I recommend it for everyone: "God come to my assistance; Lord, make haste to help me!" First, we are asking the Lord to help us politely, and the second time around we are asking Him as a friend and literally saying, "alright hurry up."

CLOSING PRAYER

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Merciful God,

Thank you for this opportunity to reflect together on important things. Give us the courage this week to live out our values in all that we do. Touch our hearts so that we may be Compassionate. Amen.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Video Scoop:

This Year we have an all new crew... all new talent... and all new videos as well as the addition of the Saint Joe's Podcast! Hope you like it!

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