



Dear St. Andrew's Family,

What does it mean to be a citizen? This past week St. Andrew's encountered several models of citizenship of the United States and the world. Mr. Roach spoke to us in chapel about the transformative experience of visiting the National Memorial for Justice and Peace in Montgomery, Alabama. The film "Just Mercy" we watched as a school evoked how Bryan Stevenson's journey was shaped by influences as diverse as his grandmother and his law school internship. We heard high school senior Savannah Shepherd speak of her efforts to memorialize a 1903 Delaware lynching. Ms. Ramirez in her "the week ahead" email called our attention to Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's emphasis on the "redemptive power of love." Students and faculty ran workshops Saturday morning framed by the theme "creating common ground." Thanks to the leadership of Dean of Diversity Education Devin Duprey, these workshops ran the gamut from religious diversity to the climate crisis to gender roles to criminal justice to anti-Semitism and more. In each, students developed ways we can commit more fully and thoughtfully to our roles as citizens.

As tensions rose between the United States and Iran, I listened as my students used what they had learned in class to reflect on these events. In Ethics, we had examined the moral theories of just war. Students applied these ideas to determine what they thought of the choices facing each country. In History of the Modern Middle East, we had studied the record of U.S.-Iranian relations, and these studies enriched students' understanding of the events in the news. In each case, I heard St. Andreans practice being caring citizens of their countries and the world, engaging with an important moment in an informed, deliberate, and heartfelt way.

Our campus life gives us a strong base from which we can continue to build these traits of good citizenship. Students listen to each other with empathy, live joyfully with people from diverse backgrounds, advocate for justice, compete vigorously and honestly, and support each other when they struggle. They take science seriously, basing their claims in logic and evidence. They consider the well-being not just of our present, but of our future. They take action: writing to their representatives, fundraising, serving at Friendship House in Wilmington and Our Daily Bread in Middletown.

In the most limited sense, to be a citizen is to dwell within the same town as another person. From Diogenes in third-century Greece proclaiming he was a citizen of the world to Bryan Stevenson urging us to get proximate to the other, wise people have called us to open that understanding. St. Andreans are responding by pushing themselves to a broader sense of citizenship, one that expands the circle of rights and indeed of empathy across the globe and across time.

Your fellow citizen,
Terence Gilheany
Religious Studies Chair

MLK Celebration Weekend

Students, staff, and faculty kicked off the MLK Celebration Weekend with a special showing of the recently released film "Just Mercy," which tells the true story of Bryan Stevenson's founding of the Equal Justice Initiative and his relentless pursuit of justice for Walter McMillian, a man wrongfully accused and convicted of murder.



That evening, local high school senior Savannah Shepherd shared her story of attending the opening of the Equal Justice Initiative and being inspired to research and share the story of George White, a man lynched in Wilmington, Delaware in 1903. Savannah's work and perseverance led to the State's first historical marker confronting the practice of lynching.



Early on Saturday morning, students led and participated in more than 20 workshops focused on creating common ground between different perspectives.

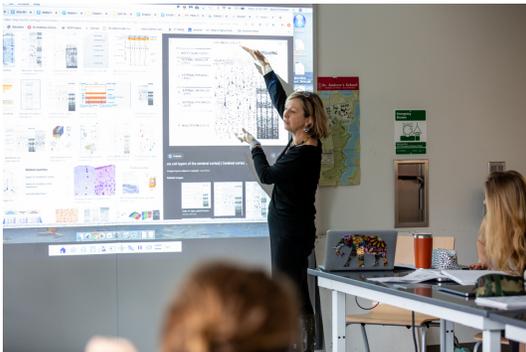






Alumni Visits

Dr. Alec Hoon '70, a pediatric neurologist at the Kennedy Krieger Institute at Johns Hopkins University, visited campus this week, meeting with students and sharing his work in Dr. Sara O'Connor's Anatomy & Physiology course.





Actor, writer, and producer LeMar McLean '00 spent time on campus this week sharing his energy and leading an improvisation workshop with the students in Acting I.





Polly Dolan '85 returned this week for a dinner and conversation with students about her work launching The SEGA Girls School in Morogoro, Tanzania. Nonie Boccock '21 and Faye Benjamin '21 were instrumental in welcoming Polly and are coordinating with her on how students can support and visit the school moving forward.



In the Classroom

Students in Mrs. Kim Klecan's Geometry class make full use of the recently reimagined and renovated Amos Hall.



III Formers in Mr. Will Porter's English class analyze William Shakespeare's *Macbeth*.



Life in O'Brien

Bwembya Tembo '20, Stephanie Tanoh '20, and Messiah DeSisso '20 are one of seven finalists in the statewide MLK Voice4Youth poetry competition. The trio competed this past Saturday at the Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew, sharing an original dance choreographed to Messiah's original poem. They will perform again this Sunday in the finals at The Baby Grand in Wilmington.



A Note from Jon O'Brien

In 1985, Headmaster Jon O'Brien wrote the following about his appreciation for art and the connection between fellow artists learning to create in the studio. In it he mentions Mark Green, a member of the Arts Faculty from 1984-1988, who will return to show his work in the Warner Gallery next October.

"I was lucky to be a student at the Hotchkiss School when Tom Blagden was teaching art. He was a fine artist and a superb teacher. Gentle, refined and generous, he created an atmosphere which pulled us to the studio. "Us" consisted of Tom's son, Alan (now a well-known artist himself), another relative of his, Henry Blagden, Joe Carreau and me. We would spend many Sunday afternoons with Tom, painting and talking in the wonderful ambiance of the studio. I loved sports and still do, but those moments of creativity and companionship in the art studio meant as much to me as all the hours I spent on playing fields during my high school years.

"Perhaps this anecdote will help to explain why my heart sings every time I walk into our art studio. At last all the pieces are in place at St. Andrew's—the teachers, the courses and the studio. On an evening early in the fall, Joanie and I were walking our dogs on the soccer fields near the studio. Its warm lights beckoned us in. There was Mark Green and about five art major students. The ambiance was the same as I remembered when I was 17. The faces were different, but I think I know exactly what each was feeling."





Students in Mrs. Navanjali Kelsey's Drawing I class say hello!

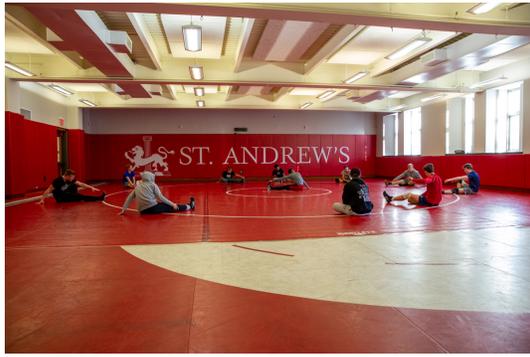


Go Saints!

Students are putting in the work to be healthy and ready to compete.











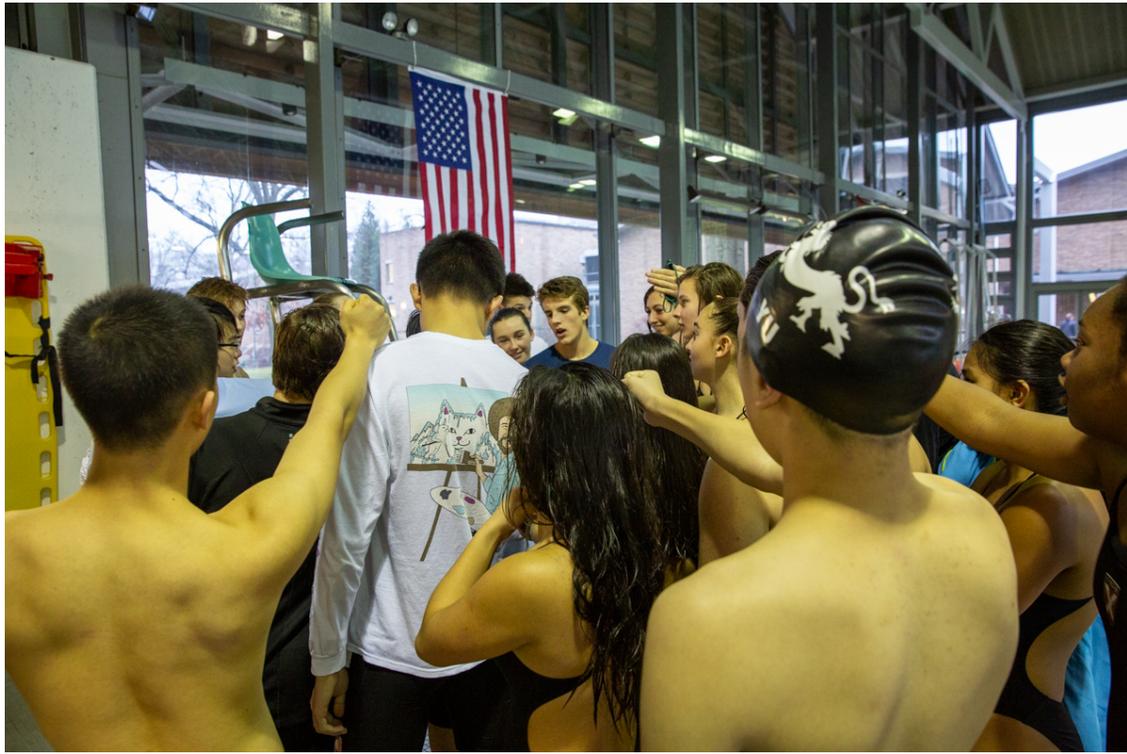


Girls Basketball notched a convincing home win over Freire Charter School 61-22.





The following day in the Genereaux Aquatic Center the boys and girls swimming teams raced past Wilmington Friends 100-58 and 93-77, respectively.



The wrestling team continues to accrue outstanding individual performances with every member of the team improving and piling up wins and pins in recent weeks.



Meanwhile, elsewhere on campus...

Students organized a special Martin Luther King Chapel service on Wednesday night with performances and words in celebration of diversity and unity.





Under the guidance of Mr. Toby Kirk, organic gardening volunteers helped prune trees to encourage their growth and protect them from invasive species.



Announcements



Exam Baskets

The deadline to order a basket for your student(s) is Saturday, January 18 at 8 a.m.

Visit [The Saints Shop](#), our online marketplace, to order yours today!

Long Weekend Travel Plans Due Now

Friendly reminder! While students have just returned from Winter Break, their Reach Requests for long weekend are due no later than Friday, January 17. Please ensure you have provided them their complete itinerary, for Friday, January 24, and their return on Tuesday, January 28, so they can enter it into Reach.

Confirmation

Confirmation class will begin with the second semester and that confirmation will be on Campus on Sunday, April 19th with Bishop Brown. Parents should contact Chaplain [Jay Hutchinson](#) if they would like their son or daughter confirmed.

Health Center Updates

As we settle into the New Year at St. Andrew's, the Health Center would like to remind you of the following:

- **Whenever you have any changes in personal information** such as your address, phone/cell number, employment or email address, please let the School know as soon as possible, so that we may update our records. You can update your information through the [online Parent Directory](#) or by emailing Director of Parent Engagement [Bernadette Devine](#).
- **If your health or dental insurance information changes** at any time during the school year, please be sure to send us a picture of the front and back of your insurance card(s) via [email](#). This also pertains to prescription cards.
- **Unfortunately, at this time of year, we tend to see an increase in illness.** If at any time, your child is sent home due to illness (or an injury), when the student returns to campus, he or she must check in with the Health Center **first**, before returning to dorm and resuming School activities. In some cases, the student may require a letter from your healthcare provider authorizing his or her return to School.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Health Center at healthcenter@standrews-de.org or via phone at 302-285-4240.

Upcoming Events

Tue, Jan 21 - Fri, Jan 24 – Winter Exams
Fri, Jan 24 - Tue, Jan 28 – Long Weekend
Wed, Jan 29 – Becca Stevens
Fri, Jan 31 @ 6:45 p.m. – Gallery Opening
Thurs, Feb 6 – Blight and McCann
Fri, Feb 7 – Crump Lecture - Merritt Moore
Sat, Feb 15 – Winter Play
Fri & Sat, Feb 21 & 22 – Winter Musical
Wed, Feb 26 @ Noon – Spring Break Begins

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We Leave You With This

Even in winter, the t-dock calls. – Anna Schneider '23

