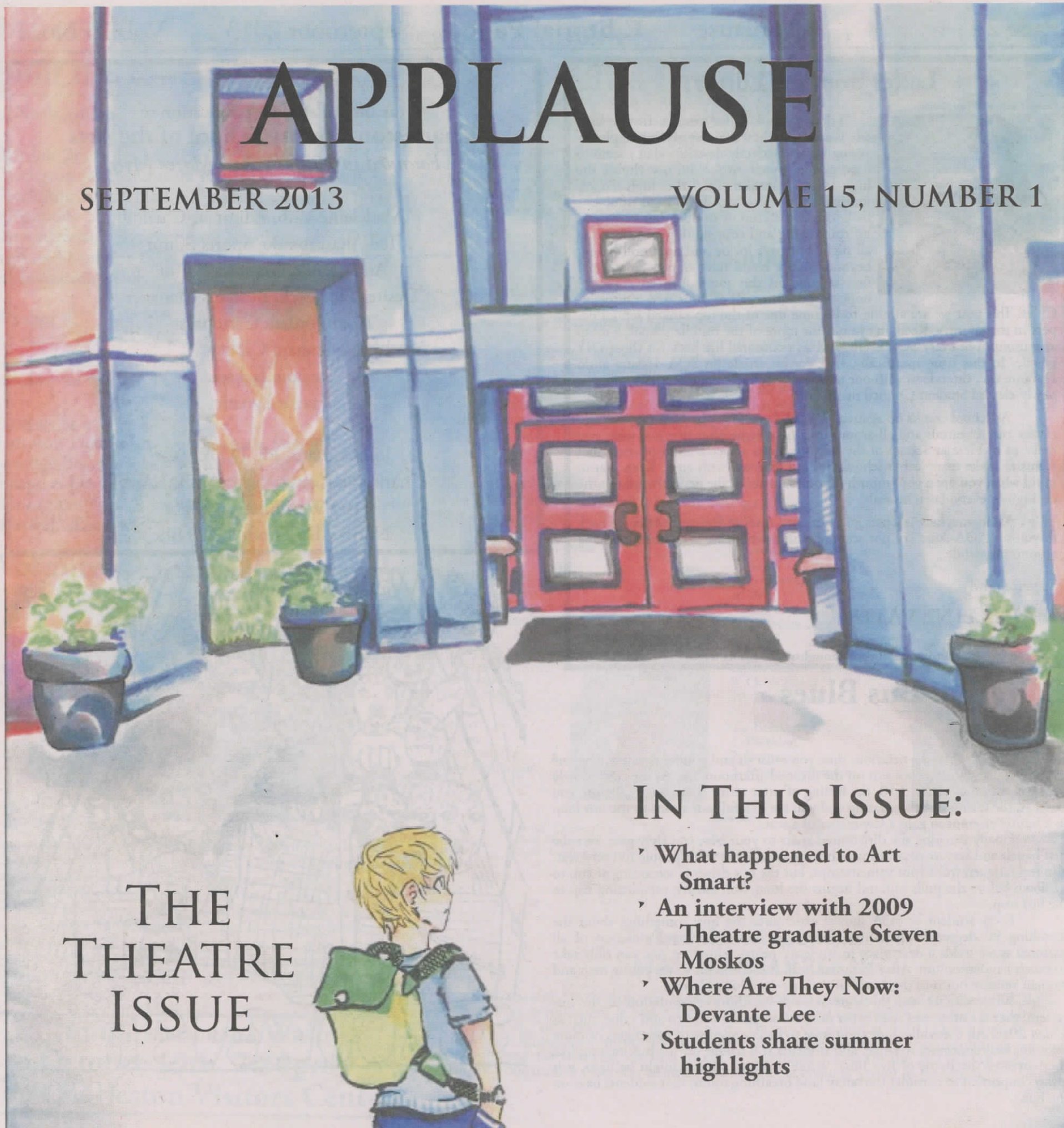


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## Letter from the Editor

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"I don't go looking for trouble. Trouble usually finds me." These wise words from a plucky young wizard perfectly describe what I seem to have gotten myself into. I did not choose the high-school-journalist life; the high-school-journalist life chose me. But not all trouble is bad. This is the kind of trouble that keeps you up rearranging and copy editing and tweaking all night but pays in joy and accomplishment beyond what I could have hoped for when I first set out on this journalism adventure. I hope to perform well as your new Editor-in-

Chief. This year we are aiming to become one of the top ranked school papers in the country. Keep an eye out for more of the middle school, a recap at minimum of every SOA event, and an occasional life hack for those DIY people. In this issue specifically, look for an article on SOA Theatre alum Devante Lee, interviews with our new teachers, and brief interviews with the newly-elected Student Council members.

As school cranks up again and we all have to get back to routines and classes and rehearsals and all-around craziness, remember that it is what you make of it. Here at School of the Arts we breed a special kind of crazy that seems to make many other schools around us green with envy. Keep that in mind when you open your mouth to complain about the new artwork (on the ceiling!) or every day rehearsals.

Welcome, new teachers and students! And, of course, a welcome back to you old SOA-ians. Try not scare off the newbies; we want them to hang around for awhile.

Ta ta for now!

**MADELEINE VATH**

Letters to the Editor? Email your thoughts to [madeleine@soa-applause.com](mailto:madeleine@soa-applause.com)

## Editorial: Bus Blues

by Ted Anastopoulo

It's 3:09 PM, the nefarious time you must sit and ponder if you will be one of the lucky few to receive a seat on the dreaded afternoon bus. As the clock slowly ticks closer and closer to 3:10, the feeling of utter terror sinks deeper. Before you know it, the dismissal bell has rung and you are in a full out sprint to the bus loop in a frantic attempt to gain a few inches of a seat.

Finally reaching the dirt-coated stairs to your bus, you slyly gaze over the first bench and see, to your dismay, the bus already has three people to every seat. You feel fatigued from your vain attempt, but the bus driver is screaming at you to sit down before she pulls out and begins the long, hot, sweaty, earsplitting trip to the bus stop.

Every student at SOA should experience the bus: something about the scorching 90 degree temperatures, road-raged bus driver, and violation of all personal space holds a dear place in students' hearts. However, one can only take so much pandemonium. After freshman year, it is common to see young men and woman venture out into the world in their air-conditioned cars.

While CCSD and the State attempt to improve reputation of the bus system, they are often met with other projects of greater concern and value, such as *Vision 2016*. All the while, buses continue to be cramped with passengers of more than 80, heat continues to singe, and students still trudge off the bus looking like they survived the Battle of Iwo Jima. While time and money might be tight, it is always important to consider the safety (and breathing room) that students have on the bus.

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## Upcoming Events

September 27-28 - Shake Your Groove Thing @ 6:30 pm  
October 3 - HS Convocation  
October 8 - Long Form Improv Show @ 4pm  
October 10 - Dance Thesis #1 @ 6:30pm  
October 14-18 - Spirit Week  
October 19 - Jump, Jive, & Wail @ 7:30pm  
October 24 - Beauty & the Beast Premiere @ 7pm

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# Meet Your 2013 - 2014 SOA Applause Staff



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## Anna Kalik

*Junior Creative Writing Major*

**Favorite animal:** giraffe

**Hometown:** Bora Bora

**Role model:** Victoria Vanderpool

**Life goal:** to win the Amazing Race with Ted Anastopoulo



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## Desiree Horlbeck

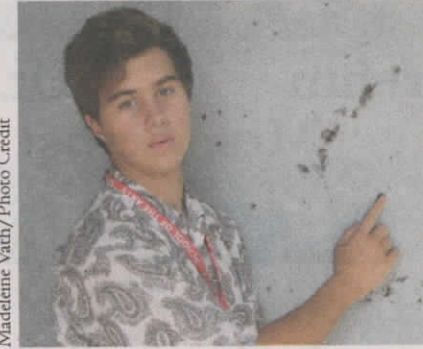
*Senior Band Major*

**Favorite type of chocolate:** Hershey's cookies and crème

**Favorite longest word in the dictionary:** onoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis

**Favorite British television show:** Misfits

**Favorite surprisingly depressing Pixar movie:** Up



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## Graham Crolley

*Junior Creative Writing Major*

**Favorite hobby:** writing emotional banjo ballads

**Known for:** eating at a rapid rate

**Can be found on a Saturday:** polishing his gold chain with phoenix tears

**Hidden talent:** rolling a kayak from upside-down to right-side-up with the grace of a white stallion



Suzanne Jackson/Photo Credit

## Madeleine Vath

*Senior Vocal Major*

**Favorite Broadway musical:** Phantom of the Opera

**Favorite movie of all time:** Peter Pan (2003)

**Favorite online shopping website:** Modcloth

**Favorite thing to do when angry:** clean the house



Madelaine Vath/Photo Credit

## Harris Lynam

*Senior Creative Writing Major*

**Favorite Book:** *Let the Great World Spin* by Collum McCann

**Favorite 4am Writing Snack:** Flaming hot Cheetos

**Favorite Superhero:** Iron Man (Tony Stark)

**Favorite Bands:** Watsky, Radical Face, The Narrative, Rolling Stones, Led Zeppelin



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## Noah Jordan

*Junior Creative Writing Major*

**Intergalactically known as:** Byguise Forway, a trap rapper with a bread loaf for a foot.

**Fun fact:** I am not the owner of the clothing company Polo

**Hobbies:** deep sea hockey, representing Sad Boys every day

**Favorite food:** the glimmer of hope in a dying soul



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## Suzanne Jackson

*Junior Creative Writing Major*

**Primarily air-guitars to:** Pinball Wizard by The Who

**Can be found:** sulking

**Known for:** going confidently in the wrong direction

**Favorite method of transportation:** The lumber carts at Lowe's



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## Ted Anastopoulo

*Junior Theatre Major*

**Second Place in:** the All-You-Can-Eat Lowcountry Fourth of July Pie Eating Contest

**Favorite piece of art:** The Ecstasy of St. Teresa

**Favorite college football team:** The Oregon Ducks

**Life goal:** to win the Amazing Race with Anna Kalik



# SOA Piano night at the RiverDogs: fun for the whole family!

by Madeleine Vath

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Dr. Cook throws the first pitch for the RiverDogs game.

Play ball! I have never been much of a baseball fan, but Piano's night at the RiverDogs was so much more than just baseball. From the moment I first walked into the stadium I was surrounded not only with the sounds of the game – cheers from the avid fans, laughter from the children in the jump houses, shouts from vendors selling peanuts - but also with the music being played by SOA's very own Piano majors. I know what you are thinking: how could you hear them over the game? and what kind of music fits with a baseball game? The keyboard they played was well miked and the pianists had prepared more modern music for this occasion.

To start out the game, freshman **Carol Susa** and sophomores **Alex Hepburn** and **Nina Murchison**, all three Piano majors, sang the National Anthem. While they were singing, two girls in front of me concluded that they must be SOA "singer majors" because they sang it so well.

The setting sun made for a perfect backdrop as Dr. Cook threw the ceremonial first pitch. After the players came out I watched for a bit, but figured I would understand the Piano majors better so I headed back to the front to hear what they were playing. As I headed down there, **Elise Powers** was eloquently wrapping up

the piece "In Dreams" by Fran Walsh. When she finished she modestly accepted the resulting applause and joined the crowd to listen to the next performance.

I listened to several other performances before heading back to my seat, including "The Scientist" by Coldplay, played by **Rory Cochran**, and "Living on a Prayer" by Bon Jovi, played by seventh grader **Vance Powers**. It was exciting to hear familiar pieces played on the piano.



7<sup>th</sup> grader Keegan Vath performs pieces he wrote himself in addition to pieces he has learned.

I got back to my seat just in time for the RiverDogs first home run. At this point, they were beating the Rome Braves. I was sitting in the SOA section, obviously full of underage students, and yet one of the vendors kept walking up and down our part of the bleachers trying to sell beer. I would think he would have noticed his mistake, but every five minutes he would try again: "Ice cold beer! Get your ice cold beer here!"

I returned to the front for more music just as it was starting to get dark. I showed up just in time to hear junior **Mark Ablonczy** play "Lighters" by Bad Meets Evil ft. Bruno Mars, a beautiful piece to see out the sun. I also listened to a jazz piece, "Georgia" by Hoagy Charmichael, performed by sophomore **Nolan Tecklenburg**. It is a good thing he played his piece then rather than later because shortly afterward he was hit by a foul ball! No worries though: it did not knock him out, but I am sure he will pay more attention to the game next time!

Former staff writer **Jakob Lazarro**, sophomore Piano major, said, "SOA's night at the RiverDogs was so fun and everybody had a great time!"

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The RiverDogs lost the game 4-8 to the Rome Braves.

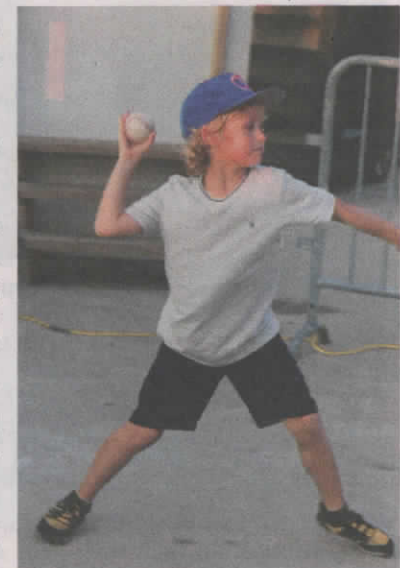
During the the 7<sup>th</sup> inning stretch, the audience sang "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." The SOA section was featured on the scoreboard as they sang along.

Later on I got a chance to hear **Nina Murchison** sing again, but this time she was playing piano as well. She performed "World of Chances" and "Every Time You Lie," both by Demi Lovato, as well as pop hit "Stay" by Rihanna. Learn her name now, ladies and gentleman, because you are certain to see it making headlines someday. Her moving performance was full of passion and ease, as though she had done this a thousand times but would never get tired of it. Not many people can sing AND accompany themselves without coming off as tense and rehearsed, but Nina seems to have already mastered it.

Next, I listened to my little brother, eighth grader **Keegan Vath**, perform five pieces, two of which he composed himself. I obviously cannot give an honest opinion on his performance seeing as I hear him playing 24/7, but he never ceases to impress me.

Although the RiverDogs lost the game, the Piano majors certainly won the night. Piano Night at the RiverDogs was a fun event for the whole family and I would definitely go again.

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Giovanni Cusatis throws a 30 mph fast ball at one of the kid's games.



# Welcome New Student Council Electees!

*We asked the members of student council what their plans are for this school year.*



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## Kat Murchison

### 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Creative Writing, President

"First and foremost, I want to be the voice for my fellow classmates. It is very important that I listen to any and all suggestions and make sure to act on those I feel would be most beneficial for the school as a whole. Personally, I would love to do more community outreach in North Charleston; after all, that is where our school is located. I am also really interested in creating a stronger sense of unity between the classes. Without sports it seems as if SOA is really lacking some school spirit or an overall sense of community. I am honored to be our student body President and look forward to an amazing year."



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## Mando Smoak

### 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Visual Arts, Vice President

"As VP, I believe that my unique set of communication skills with not only my peers but teachers will allow me to provide a happy

medium for both students and teachers in making sure everyone gets what they want and everyone is happy. As I told my voters when I was campaigning, "You work with me. I work with the teachers. And we have a happy you."



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## Claudia Ludden

### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Strings, Secretary

"I am really excited to see not only seniors and juniors working together but freshmen and sophomores as well. I think that will really give us some extra school spirit! And hopefully spirit week will have some really good themes! Basically, I just want to get our school more involved."



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## Aly Wintz

### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Vocal, Treasurer

"I hope to make 2013-14 an amazing year! As treasurer, I plan to moderate finances and give a well-rounded opinion on school spending. Also, because I am a junior, I get to help plan the Junior Ring Ceremony and Prom. I am so excited!"



Madeleine Vath/Photo Credit

## Nick Huss

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Band, Historian

"I hope to make the school more interactive and connected with the students."



Madeleine Vath/Photo Credit

## Liam Christensen

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Piano, Class Representative

"I hope to better facilitate student and teacher relationships with clearer communication both in and out of the classroom."



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## Jamie Jacobs

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Vocal, Class Representative

"I hope to contribute the ideas of my classmates for the betterment of our school."



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## Carly Edwards

### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Vocal, Class Representative

"My goal is to create more school wide activities."



Graham Crolley/Photo Credit

## Nicole Sadek

### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Creative Writing, Class Representative

"I plan to communicate the sophomore class's suggestions and concerns to the council. My goal is to try to fulfill all of the suggestions in an orderly manner."



## Sophie Kendrick

### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Theatre, Class Representative

"I think that with all of the different grade levels combined we will all have a lot of great ideas to make this school year really fun. I'm most excited to help plan the Junior Ring Ceremony and Prom, and will be looking for ways to incorporate ideas from the junior class."



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## Ethan Courville

### 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Vocal, Class Representative

"I would love for the seniors to have more privileges, and will try to make everyone's high school experience enjoyable."



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## Emily Fairchild

### 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Creative Writing, Class Representative

"I have been on Student Council for the past three years, and it eventually disbanded because there were not any established ways to get things done and people did not know what to do. Now that it is organized, I look forward to helping with fun events across major and grade lines."





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**Delaney Hogan****12<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance, Class Representative**

"As Senior Class Representative, I plan to help create fun events for the whole school that especially allow the Senior Class to enjoy our last year together and leave our mark on SOA."



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**Tyler Sim****12<sup>th</sup> Grade Piano, Class Representative**

"I plan to take down the system from the inside."



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**Matt Watson****12<sup>th</sup> Grade Visual Arts, Class Representative**

"I plan to do my best in listening to what students have to say, as well as working with my fellow student council members to make this year awesome. I'll also make sure every student gets to meet Bill Cosby."

## Congratulations NHS Inductees



This past Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, SOA's National Honors Society inducted 27 new members. Co-Presidents **Miles Counts** and **Amanda Kasman** led the ceremony, speaking on the importance leadership, service, and honor. **Mr. Smyth** spoke about his recent volunteer work in India as an example of how rewarding it is to do good in not only our community but also the world.

# SOA's Fresh Faces

by Desiree Horlbeck and Anna Kalik

*We asked some of SOA's new students what school they came from and what they like about SOA.*

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**Eva Wong,  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Strings**

Eva, a new Strings major from Ashley Hall, describes her first day as, "schooly." She said her teachers seemed nice and she is looking forward to the rest of the year.

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**Ele Fish,  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Strings**

Ele, a new Strings major, says her first day was "different because I was homeschooled. There are a lot more people at SOA."

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**Dre Davis,  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade Vocal**

Dre, a new Vocal major from Moultrie Middle School, says all his teachers are very interesting. He says, "You can always be surprised. You never know what you're going to find at SOA."

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**Savannah York,  
10<sup>th</sup> Grade Strings**

Savannah, a new Strings major from Greenville High, describes her first day as, "really good," saying that she made new friends.

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**Piper Schaberg,  
11<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Visual Arts**

Piper, a new Visual Artist from Ashley Hall who got lost on her first day says, "Everyone was really nice and welcoming! My SOA experience has been great!"

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**Kiersten Beck,  
12<sup>th</sup> Grade Band**

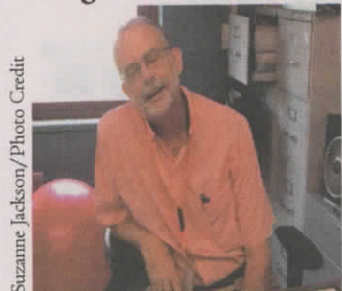
Kiersten, a new band major from Viewmount High school in Utah, says, "People dress a lot different here. I didn't know guy's shorts came that short."



## Meet SOA's New Faculty Members

by Graham Crolley and Noah Jordan

### Mr. Anthony "Tony" Carter 6<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies



**What college(s) did you attend and what degrees have you earned?**

I am a graduate of the University of Tennessee. I have a Bachelors Degree in Education with concentrations in History, Psychology, Business and Special Education.

**Where else have you worked, schools or otherwise?**

For about 25 years I was a corporate credit manager for the parts and service division of The Maytag Company. I was at the division headquarters in Cleveland, Tennessee. After I retired, I returned to education and taught History and Psychology at a private school for children with learning disabilities, Bachman Academy, which is located in Cleveland, Tennessee. After working there for about three years, I went to work for the Whitfield County School District as a Special Education teacher at their Career Academy. After two years teaching in Georgia, my wife Mary and I made the decision to move to the Charleston area.

**Where did you grow up and how did you end up in Charleston?**

I was born in Kingsport, Tennessee, which is in northeast Tennessee, just across the Virginia state line. My father's family is from Virginia. The Carter's of Virginia are a large and famous family who arrived at Jamestown in 1635. I can count among my ancestors or cousins, the first family of Country Music, The Carter Family, June Carter Cash, President Jimmy Carter and seven other presidents of the United States, Robert "King" Carter (America's first millionaire), Justice John Marshall of the Supreme Court, several senators, congressmen, governors, and military leaders, as well as my 4<sup>th</sup> cousin, six-times

removed, Robert E. Lee. But enough about the Carters, my wife and I returned to our large extended families here in Charleston. My mother's families are the Barrineau's, a French Huguenot family from Williamsburg and Georgetown counties and they have been in South Carolina since 1740. I am descended from or related to many old South Carolina families, the Beresfords, Barksdales, Legare, Bruneau, and Pinckney families of Charleston as well as several others. I spent most of my summers growing up at my grandparent's home in Andrews which is in Georgetown County. They had a wonderfully large Victorian house and I had dozens of cousins to play with. My wife, Mary, has family in the Charleston area through her mother's side of the family. Her local relations are the Shellnut, Swinton, Ball, and Hayne families who have been here for generations and had several plantations in the area. If you ever go to downtown Charleston and visit the Exchange and Provost Building you will see a room with a large painting of Mary's 1<sup>st</sup> cousin, 7 times removed. He was Colonel Isaac Hayne, Jr., who was hung by the British. This action stirred up a lot of problems for the British. Mary's father is from Scotland and he came through Ellis Island in the 1920's to live in New York City. So Mary and I are "from off", but we are also kind of local.

**What do you enjoy most about SOA?**

The students, they are in one word, "wonderful".

**If you were a student here, what would your major be?**

Creative Writing

**What are your interests outside of teaching?**

I've been a Boy Scout Leader for almost 30 years; both of my sons are Eagle Scouts. I've led my Troop on canoeing expeditions in Canada, sailing in the Florida Keys and back-packing in New Mexico. I have also been on staff at three Boy Scout National Jamborees. Mary and I love the beach, hiking, camping and visiting great places around Charleston and the world.

**Do you have any favorite bands/movies/books?**

Favorite bands – The Beatles and

the Rolling Stones (I'm a 60's child)

Favorite movie – The Wizard of Oz (No, really. The Wizard of Oz).

Favorite Book – Anything about History. (What else?)

**What are you most looking forward to this year?**

Spending the summer with my grandchildren in Boston!!!!

### Ms. Diane Hansford Testing Coordinator



**What college(s) did you attend and what degrees have you earned?**

University of La Verne (in California): Master of Science (MS) in School Counseling, California State University, Long Beach: Bachelor of Art (BA) in Physical Education

**Where else have you worked, schools or otherwise?**

Fall 1999 – June 2013: Garrett Academy of Technology, CCSD (Counselor and Director); Fall 1990 – June 1999: David Starr Jordan HS in Long Beach, CA; Counselor and International Baccalaureate/AP Coordinator; Fall 1985 – Feb. 1990: Long Beach Polytechnic HS in Long Beach, CA; Careers Teacher/Physical Education Teacher/Badminton & Volleyball Coach; Fall 1982 – June 1985: Substitute Teacher, Badminton Coach & Swimming Referee.

**Where did you grow up and how did you end up in Charleston?**

I grew up in a suburb of Los Angeles, South Gate. I transplanted to Long Beach, CA, after college graduation. I met new friends from Charleston in 1998 and decided at that point in my life I wanted a change in scenery. Change is healthy!

**What do you enjoy most about SOA?**

The positive energy students exhibit and the talent they display is phenomenal. The faculty is very talented in their own right and they are very

supportive of their students and of one another.

**If you were a student here, what would your major be?**

Visual Arts. I love photography (why don't we have that major by the way?) and art.

**What are you most looking forward to this year?**

Helping and getting to know as many students and faculty as I can!

**What are your interests outside of teaching?**

I'm active in animal rescue in the sense of 'transporting animals'. If there's an animal needing transportation from Florida to NY, I drive one of the legs on the transport along I-95. I can average 200-300 miles on a weekend. I spend quality time with my two dogs and cats. I shoot photography, kayak, read, garden, travel, and cook.

**Do you have any favorite bands/movies/books?**

Books about animals, murder/mysteries. I like jazz and other genres as well.

### Mr. Jeremy Holt High School Resource



**What college(s) did you attend and what degrees have you earned?**

I have a Bachelor's degree in Special Education and I went to Tennessee Technological University

**Where else have you worked, schools or otherwise?**

I taught in Anchorage, Alaska after graduation on the Elmendorf Air Force base at Mt. Iliamna Elementary which is a special day school for students with challenging behaviors. I also taught in my hometown of Cookeville, Tennessee at the high school I graduated from. Most recently, I taught for the past two years in Charleston County at West Ashley High School. Since living in Charleston, I've also worked at Jestine's Kitchen and Taco Boy Downtown.

**Where did you grow up and how did you end up in Charleston?**

I grew up in Cookeville, Tennessee. I came to Charleston after coming to a recruiting event while job searching. My family vacationed here and in Savannah growing up so I was familiar with the area.

**What do you enjoy most about SOA?**

The students. All of my students are hard-working and really want to do well. The student body as a whole is also very respectful and polite.

**If you were a student here, what would your major be?**

Theatre or Visual Arts.

**What are your interests outside of teaching?**

I play on a local rugby team. I also play kickball and ultimate frisbee.

**Do you have any favorite bands/movies/books?**

Bands: The Avett Brothers, M. Ward, Lana Del Ray, Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros, Young the Giant, All Get Out, Churchill

Movies: Mr. Smith Goes to Washington, Crash, Hotel Rwanda, Blood Diamond, The Constant Gardener, Anchorman  
Books: *The Great Gatsby*, *Of Mice and Men*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *The Scarlet Letter*.

**What are you most looking forward to this year?**

I'm looking forward to helping my students achieve their goals for the year. I'm also excited to be helping out with the rugby teams.

### Mr. Marcellus Holt Guidance Director



**What college(s) did you attend and what degrees have you earned?**

College of Charleston – Music  
South Carolina State University – Counselor Education



**Where else have you worked, schools or otherwise?**

Summerville High School  
Dunston Primary School

**Where did you grow up and how did you end up in Charleston?**

Houston, TX, and Charleston

**What do you enjoy most about SOA?**

The students

**If you were a student here, what would your major be?**

Vocal

**What are your interests outside of teaching?**

Traveling

**Do you have any favorite bands/movies/books?**

Favorite singer is the Jazz singer, Sarah Vaughn and my favorite movie is Malcolm X.

**What are you most looking forward to this year?**

Seeing kids actualize their full potential

**Ms. Carrie "Page" Horschel  
8<sup>th</sup> grade ELA**



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**What college(s) did you attend and what degrees have you earned?**

I did the tour of southeastern colleges while I enjoyed being young and away from home (Wingate University, College of Charleston, and North Carolina State University). When I had the epiphany that I did not want to wait tables for the rest of my life, I decided to finish my undergraduate degree at Francis Marion University with a Bachelor of Arts in English: Professional Writing. Although I was successful, I did not feel satisfied with my career in sales and marketing, and so I chose to go back to school to obtain a Master in the Art of Teaching: Secondary English from the Citadel Graduate College.

**Where else have you worked, schools or otherwise?**

I have taught in Berkeley (Macedonia Middle School) and Charleston (Wando High and West Ashley Middle) counties.

**Where did you grow up and how did you end up in Charleston?**

Native! Who could leave a place

this magnificent?!

**What do you enjoy most about SOA?**

The overall happiness of this institution is the best part of SOA! Teachers, students and staff are happy all the time, and it shows! When my husband asks me how my day was, I usually answer by quoting Phil Roberson: "Happy! Happy! Happy!"

**If you were a student here, what would your major be?**

I would love to try my hand at all of them, but I'd only have a chance as a theater major. I was in a few plays in college, and I've performed in two plays at Mount Pleasant's Village Playhouse.

**What are your interests outside of teaching?**

I love watching Clemson football with my whole family (preferably from Death Valley), hanging out on Sullivan's with Travis, my husband, taking Hazel Mae, our dog, to the county parks, and relaxing and going scooty pootin' around on the boat in the harbor. Every waking moment that I can, I like being outside...at least during the spring, summer and fall; I'm not a fan of winter. Brrrr!

**Do you have any favorite bands/movies/books?**

Being a lover of literature, I have a particular adoration for books, so to put my finger on a favorite is difficult. Some favorites are Ken Follet's *Pillars of the Earth*, Khaled Hosseini's *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, Jane Austin's *Sense and Sensibility*, Betty Smith's *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*, Alice Walker's *The Color Purple*, and of course, I would be remised if I didn't include the Hunger Games and Harry Potter series. I could go on....

**What are you most looking forward to this year?**

Obviously, I am most looking forward to seeing my students perform. I love sneaking in to all the majors and just watching them; it's incredible to watch them come to life.

**Mr. Michael Morelli  
7<sup>th</sup> grade ELA**



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**What college(s) did you attend and what degrees have you earned?**

Western Michigan University - Bachelors Degree in English/Education

**Where else have you worked, schools or otherwise?**

CE Williams Middle School

**Where did you grow up and how did you end up in Charleston?**

I grew up in Highland, Michigan. I got a job over the phone to work at CE Williams over a three day process.

**What do you enjoy most about SOA?**

The creativity of the students

**If you were a student here, what would your major be?**

Music (I play guitar...poorly)

**What are your interests outside of teaching?**

I guess I consider myself a movie snob, music, any sports (college football and baseball are my favorites), and I play soccer on the weekends.

**Do you have any favorite bands/movies/books?**

Favorite band: Mumford and Sons and Fun; Movie: No Country for Old Men; Books: *The Catcher in the Rye* by JD Salinger, *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien, *The Master and Margarita* by Mikhail Bulgakov.

**What are you most looking forward to this year?**

Getting to know the students and their respective majors.

**Ms. Jessica Stewart  
Hearing Impaired  
Teaching Assistant**



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**What college(s) did you attend and what degrees have you earned?**

I attended Vincennes University in Vincennes, Indiana and earned my Associate's Degree in American Sign Language Interpreting.

**Where else have you worked, schools or otherwise?**

I worked for Anderson Community School Corporation in Indiana for over

ten years. I then went to Comcast Cable for the past five years.

**Where did you grow up and how did you end up in Charleston?**

I was born in Maryland and moved to Indiana when I was five. I lived in Indiana up until May 9, 2013 when I had the opportunity to transfer within my previous job to the Charleston office.

**What do you enjoy most about SOA?**

I enjoy getting to know the students and working with teachers who really care about the kids here.

**If you were a student here, what would your major be?**

My major would be in Theatre or Music. I love both genres.

**What are your interests outside of teaching?**

Outside of SOA, I enjoy spending the weekends at the beach with my children. I also enjoy reading, and cooking.

**Do you have any favorite bands/movies/books?**

I am eclectic when it comes to music, movies and books. My favorite band is Journey, but I also love Charlie Wilson. I enjoy reading books by James Patterson, Mary Higgins Clark, Danielle Steel and Fern Michaels. My favorite movies include "Man on Fire," "Pelican Brief" and "Chances Are."

**What are you most looking forward to this year?**

I am looking forward to being able to assist the teachers that I work with as much as I can and also pass on my knowledge of Deaf Community/Culture to the students I work with in the SOA Deaf/HH Program.

**Mr. Roger Taylor  
High School Math**



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**What college(s) did you attend and what degrees have you earned?**

I received my Bachelors Degree in Mathematics from Ohio Dominican University in Columbus Ohio. I then obtained my Masters of Education Degree

from Antioch University in Yellow Springs Ohio. Currently looking to get my PhD although it appears I may have to either go to USC or Clemson as there are no programs for Mathematics or Statistics at College of Charleston.

**Where else have you worked, schools or otherwise?**

Before I became a teacher in 2012, I was a Network and Cyber Security Analyst at Battelle. My job was to secure communications for the company -which did Department of Defense and Department of Energy research- and "catch" cyber criminals (hackers).

**Where did you grow up and how did you end up in Charleston?**

I grew up in Toledo, Ohio, which is up by Lake Erie. I moved to Charleston because as soon as we began vacationing at Hunting Island, we feel in love with this area. So the wonderful Mrs. Taylor and I decided that if I was going to change careers then we might as well change were we lived and make our vacation spot our home.

**What do you enjoy most about SOA?**

Bottom line, THE STUDENTS! My coworkers are cool too.

**If you were a student here, what would your major be?**

Music, although they would not let me in because I would want to major in strings, vocal, jazz band, orchestra, and creative writing. I think I only get to pick one.

**What are your interests outside of teaching?**

Music is still a big part of my life so music after my family, fishing/boating, programming, reading (both fictional and non to include subject areas of science, history, mathematics and technology), movies, and I love to play Magic The Gathering!

**Do you have any favorite bands/movies/books?**

Too many to list here, if you're interested please feel free to stop by and ask!

**What are you most looking forward to this year?**

Meeting and knowing all of you!

**NHS Tutoring starts  
this week! Mondays  
and Thursdays  
after school in Mrs.  
Drennan's room!**



## Where Were They Then: Ms. Fishburn

by Ted Anastopoulo

*Ms. Mary Fishburn, Ms. Link's long term substitute, spoke to Applause about her days before arriving at SOA.*

**Ted Anastopoulo: Where were you born and where were you raised?**

**Ms. Mary Fishburn:** I was born in Rock Hill, South Carolina and attended college at Vanderbilt University (Go Commodores!) in Nashville, Tennessee. I also attended school at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, Westminster Choir College, and Manhattan School of Music. My hometown of Rock Hill was rather dull in the theatre department, so it wasn't until college that I was exposed to acting. I became captivated by the world of theatre and the endless possibilities that could be created. As a result, I became subsequently hooked.

**TA: What do you consider the biggest milestone in your theatre career?**

**MF:** Luck and hard work culminated into many wonderful experiences, so it is hard to choose. I had a one-woman show that I did in New York written by Jeffrey Sweet, a renowned songwriter, journalist, and theatre historian. That was on a smaller scale but was a highlight, because it was original. I am most intrigued by creating new work and roles. Another milestone includes a book I've written, *From the Top*. I was also awarded "Best Actress in a Musical" for Theatre Charleston this year.

**TA: What led you to teach at SOA?**

**MF:** I have had the good fortune of knowing the theatre educators (Ms. Link, Ms. Catangay, and Mr. Younts) outside of class and saw this as an opportunity to learn from them. Furthermore, while I love singing and acting, I primarily see myself as an educator and especially love teaching to students who are passionate and serious. SOA students are both of those things, and I'm honored to be a part of their training.

**TA: What advice do you have about theatre as a profession?**

**MF:** The best thing that someone can say about you is not, "That person is really talented." Instead, the best thing that someone can say is, "That person is great to work with." I would advise to NEVER be done learning and to always seek knowledge that further merits the respect due to a professional, whatever field it may be.

**TA: Is it true you were involved in Broadway?**

**MF:** While I was able to earn a living as an actor in New York, with each consecutive show being higher quality than the last, I was not on Broadway. I love that rumor and fully support its circulation! However, it is, indeed, a rumor.



## Where Are They Now: Devante Lee

by Noah Jordan

*The Class of 2011 talks about college life in Atlanta.*

**Noah Jordan: What was your major at SOA?**

**Devante Lee:** My major was Theatre; it in my opinion was probably one of the best experiences I've had between Mrs. Link, Mr. Younts, and Mr. Woods's inexplicable patience, phenomenal training, and for the most part acceptance and nourishment of my creativity.

**NJ: What were you like when you went to SOA?**

**DL:** I'd be lying if I said I was a model student. I got ok grades, and to be honest was only really motivated if I found both the subject and teacher interesting/cool, or was under threat of my parents. For lack of a better word, I was scatter minded, focusing on whatever I liked and applying myself to that more reverently than some of my studies. I joked around in every class, played sports at lunch and managed to walk the thin line between my teachers loving and hating me.

**NJ: You have started a Musician Promotion company, can you explain that a little bit?**

**DL:** My company (it's a joint venture with a guy I met on a trip to Canada), specializes in entertainment events, music artist management and promotion, nightlife and in the near future music festivals. We work with artists in a variety of genres and backgrounds to build a following for their music through utilization of the web to capture their target audience, as well as consulting for venues and businesses ranging from clubs to restaurants. Music Promotion; I got into promoting music by getting goaded one college night to get into a car with an upperclassman whom took me to an incredible condo that overlooked the Atlanta skyline. The owner an aloof yet cool guy named Kevin began talking about his plans for Atlanta and the nightlife company he worked with to being more artists, higher quality festivals and more. I looked at where he lived and their minuscule technical ability (but fantastic networking and coordination abilities) and realized I could do what they did, especially if it meant a penthouse. With the background SOA provided coupled with Atlanta's vibrant music scene I studied the industry and how it operated. Music was always something I liked, preferring to walk around with headphones when walking around to conversation usually. I knew many artists and always had a knack for befriending random people at the right place and time. Between my background in social media marketing and search engine optimization as well as being creative when it came to getting people to look at something and like it, a friend that owns a company in Toronto put me on.

**NJ: What music were you into when you went to SOA?**

**DL:** Everything from Kanye West to Panic at the Disco.

**NJ: What music are you into now?**

**DL:** Even more diverse: Luke Bryan to The Weekend to Venetian Fair to The Neighborhood.

**NJ: Did any of your SOA experience lead to you joining the music industry?**

**DL:** Yes, people at SOA tend to have amazing music taste, between the departments, somebody can find 50 artists you'll like and have never heard of. Being around such a diverse array of artists, it gave me a greater appreciation for music and made me realize how many great artists go undiscovered for lack of an ability to market themselves or a proper team.

**NJ: Do you have any advice to people aspiring to succeed?**

**DL:** Do what you like. Learn skills that are actually useful, without my bit of technical background this would've been a lot harder. Go to a good school, Emory so far as kicked doors open for me, even doors I don't care about or want. Listen to your teachers, but don't accept everything, do your own thing and develop yourself, get hobbies, don't waste all your time going out. Balance, Make friends everywhere you go, you never know who knows who. Enjoy yourself, and expand your mind by finding new inspiration whether musically, visually or whatever floats your boat. Don't do drugs.

Shout out to Khari Lucas, Noah, Gordon, Cusatis, Younts, Donellon, Tyler Wozniak, Gordon Hay, Will, Drennan, Orvin, the lunch ladies, my baby girl Mrs. Cromartie, The Vietnam, global trotting, Dr. Price, I'm sorry I am bad at chemistry, and everyone else I forgot because I'm tired of typing on my phone and I just got out of the cab in Midtown. Peace!



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## Restaurant Review: Mellow Mushroom

by Anna Kalik

On August 28<sup>th</sup> my amazing friends surprised me with a birthday dinner at Mellow Mushroom in West Ashley. Of course pizza is the initial party food; however Mellow Mushroom pushes past the boundaries of the typical cheese and bread.

With my friends offering to split my meal, I could have absolutely anything on the menu without having to worry about the slightly high prices. The waiter was completely understanding and maintained an upbeat persona while having to deal with a large party of teenagers, which was highly appreciated. Especially when bringing out the scalding pizza.

Though slightly unappreciated when bringing out about 11 separate checks and making us play our own matching game between each check and person. And no Mellow Mushroom review would be complete without touching on the fact that their walls make the restaurant resemble one of those themed fun houses. Overall, I would definitely recommend Mellow Mushroom; and it might even come down to the single fact that watching them flip your pizza dough before you eat it is extremely entertaining. Or it might be the fact that their pizza is good (shoutout to my amazing friends again for my party).



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## Be a Better Person: Book Review of *The Catcher in the Rye*

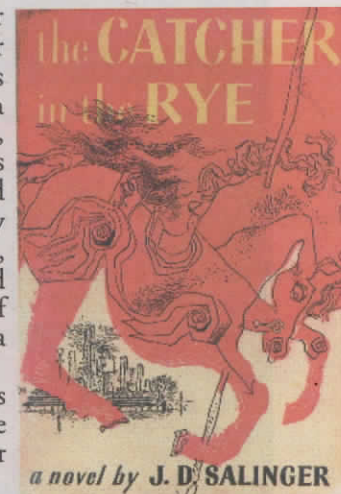
by Harris Lynam

Let's be honest, the things we read on our own time, the ones not assigned as laborious summer reading or semester long projects, are usually the ones we appreciate the most. Often, the ones that have a more profound effect on us. There are even the ones, rare and far between that they may be, that allow us to become better people for having read them. I could talk endlessly about the books that have 'changed my life', but for your sake, I'm condensing. Each month, I'll be bringing you another worthy novel you should delve into on your own time, decide if you like it, if you love it, and maybe even let it change you, just a little bit.

Ever feel like no one gets you? Like the adults in your life never listen, and only give you the advice they want to hear, and not the kind you need? Ever miss childhood? Ever want to stay young forever?

You're looking for: *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger, the book that launched several serial killers and generations of misunderstood youth into young Holden's mind, from which many have yet to surface. I know, I know, you've probably been assigned it, you've probably read it before—or at least claim to since it's regarded as a must-read for the high school age group, but hear me out. This book has survived this long because it's worth something to people, particularly young people. Reading it on your own time, a quiet evening, when Netflix is being too slow for your liking and tumblr is just a thousand repeat posts, gives you something more than, something extra.

With lines like "All morons hate it when you call them a moron" and "Don't ever tell anybody anything. If you do, you start missing everybody." there's honestly nothing not to love, and it will leave you in absolute awe. Holden, who recounts his weekend journey through the streets of New York after being kicked out of prep school, understands this age group like no one else does. His journey to self-understanding is one that we can all relate to. Growing up is just as scary as we think, and there are going to be times when we are confused and lonely and lost. But there is solace in Holden's story. We are not alone.



## LIFE HACKS

by Madeleine Vath

For those who, like me, are most likely going to be living on your own or with a roommate this time next year, here are some helpful tips for saving space, saving money, or for just being plain awesome.

TAKE AN OLD CD SPINDLE AND  
TURN IT INTO A BAGEL TOTE



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## SAT Tips #1

by Madeleine Vath

As school cranks up again, upperclassmen especially have to start thinking about standardized tests: when to take them, which ones to take, and how many times to take them. Check in here every issue for tips and advice on how to approach these tests and all its parts; they are, after all,

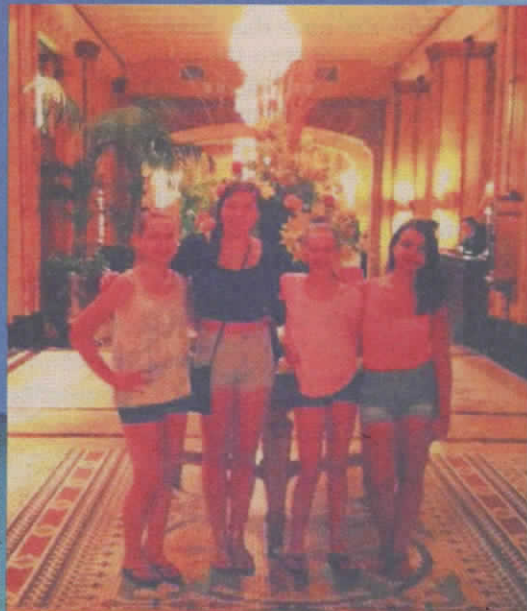
feral animals that must be handled with care.

As you may know, most students begin taking the Scholastic Assessment Test, SAT, in their junior year and take it two or three times. There is no limit to how many times you may attempt the SAT, and no matter how poorly you may do on one of your attempts, your highest scores from other tries will be all that colleges see.

It is advised that students take every standardized test offered – the SAT, SAT Subject Tests, and the ACT – because you never know what the college you end up applying to will prefer. It is better to get them out of the way early than to wait until just before college applications are due. Keeping all of this in mind, do not measure your worth by your grade on the SAT. As Albert Einstein once said, "Everyone is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid."



# SOA students share th



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**Emarie Rae June, 7<sup>th</sup> grade Dance**  
"I went to the French Quarter of New Orleans and saw the Prince Conti Hotel with Allie and Meagan Horres."



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**Sophie Kendrick, 11<sup>th</sup> grade Theatre**  
"Living on board a sailboat and sailing through the British Virgin Islands was unlike anything I have ever done before. Running the camp completely on my own took me outside my comfort zone, but I got to experience a ton of cool new things. The camp was called 'Sail Caribbean.'"



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**Emily Baxley, 11<sup>th</sup> grade Strings**  
"I had a great time at Fuge Camp this summer. It was great getting to work with the elderly in Greenville and to touch the lives of others through Christ."



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**Nikita Narodnitskiy**  
"This summer I frolicked in the fields of Bonnaroo in Mississippi with my best friend."



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**Laila Teseniar, 11<sup>th</sup> grade**  
"Ansley Warford and I went to a camp where we got to touch the lives of young children through Christ."



# their summer highlights



1<sup>st</sup> grade Theatre  
in the grass-filled  
Manchester, Tennessee,  
the HWBs."



Piper Arnold, 7<sup>th</sup> grade Vocal  
"I enjoyed catching waves on my tropic  
vacation to Aruba."



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Jessica Martin, 12<sup>th</sup> grade Visual Arts  
"This summer I had the amazing opportunity  
to go to Colorado to take part in the  
Marie Walsh Sharpe Foundation's Summer  
Institute. I got to eat, breathe, and sleep art  
for 2 weeks with 20 other seniors from all  
over the United States. We were taught by  
Jim Long, an innovative member of the art  
community."



grade Dance  
joyed taught dance  
n in India."



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Victor Mardikian, 11<sup>th</sup> grade Piano  
"Lol idk I went to Europe"



## 'Dear Pegasus' Advice Column

Anonymous



Dear Pegasus,

I'm applying to colleges this month, and I'm starting to really freak out over leaving high school and deciding my future and I have *no idea* what I want to do with the rest of my life. I'm going to panic soon. Is there anything you can do to help?

--Anxious and Applying

Dear Anxious,

Deep breath.

It's important for you to remember, Anxious, that no one expects you to know what your life plan is right now. College is figuring it out, learning new things about yourself and growing as a person. And I know that sounds silly and like what every adult has always told you, but that's the truth. Living on your own, in a dorm, away from your parents is your first opportunity to really know what you're going to be like as an adult, and you should look at college as a trial run for what you're interested in.

Take electives; take all the classes you've ever had half an interest in and learn as much as you can. Get your money's worth. Go to parties; meet people, study, figure out jobs and taxes and loans and how to function as your own person. Take small steps, before you face the big *what am I going to do*, I'd advise thinking more about who you are.

College is scary, I'm not denying that. But it's also an adventure. It's the chance for you to live in a way you *never* have before. And you can do it with all the other amazed and awed freshmen.

The world is big and demanding and terrifying, but you're definitely not alone in figuring it out.

Send your problems to  
[pegasus@soa-applause.com](mailto:pegasus@soa-applause.com)

## Sixth grader's first day is a blast!

by Guest Writer Chisolm Jackson

My first day at School of the Arts was extremely hectic but nonetheless thrilling. Here is how it went: I hopped on the bus and we were on our way! As we neared the school I grew queasy with excitement. I was bewildered by how expansive the buildings were and how organized the teachers were. Homeroom was my first glimpse at SOA, and after



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about four interminable power points I was ready to skip to the goodies! First block was stunningly informative for a first day class, but alas, when is social studies not informative? After first block came literally the best class I have ever been in. Creative Writing was electrifying and awe inspiring! We read the poems of William Carlos Williams. The teachers can truly transform even the dullest prose. One of the highlights of the afternoon was definitely ELA. Mrs. Mitchums' mix of constructive criticism and praise was captivating, making ELA my favorite class. As you can see, my first day was one I will definitely remember!

## Sass Attack

by Harris Lynam



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Dear People in the Hallway,

Move.

It is not time for you to congregate with the twenty people you saw literally twenty minutes ago and stop the flow of traffic shouting 'Hay gurl hayyy' unironically at obscene volumes. You are blocking the hundred other people who actually need to be on time for whatever class it is they have.

I've noticed it's generally the freshman, and I want to remind you dear, dear underclassmen, that you are only that. Don't make use reinstate kick a freshman day. Just do your civic duty and do not *stop in the middle of the hall*. It is not for you to hold pow-wows and sing kumbaya or talk about whatever Sarah said about Katie.

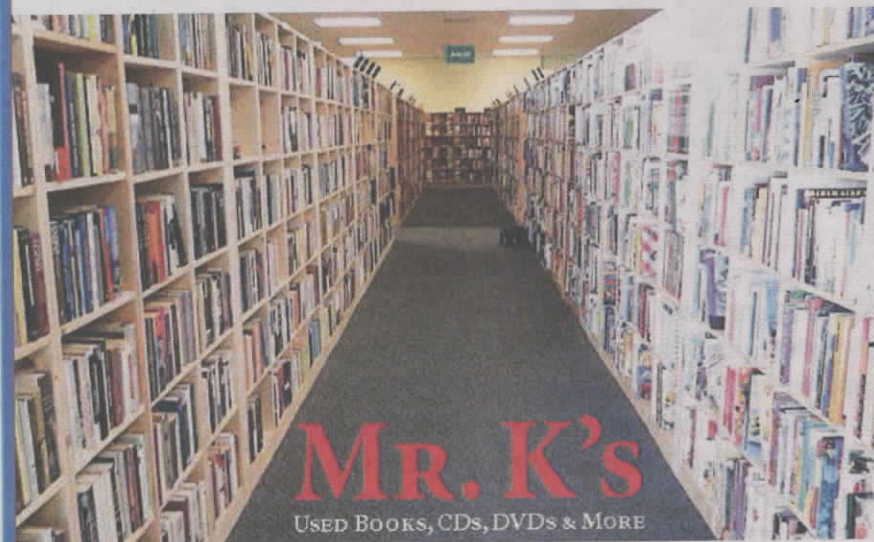
I don't care about your interests or your gossip. Just get out of the way.

We actually do not have time for teachers to teach bell-to-bell and get to our classes if you're just stopped there like you believe that if you don't make any sudden movements, no teacher will see you being late. Despite speculation, no teachers have been identified as dinosaurs and this is not Jurassic Park.

Along the same lines, if you cut me off when walking down the hall, you better be walking faster than me. I don't have time for your slow, drawling walks and I will actively try.

This has been a PSA.

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## Applause goes to the movies

by Graham Crolley

*Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters*

Rating: 4.5 out of 10



Before you sit down in the movie theatre, gaze expectantly cast upon the screen, fingers greased with popcorn salt and the hopes of a good fantasy flick, let me express to you a disclaimer: this movie, like many movies before it, is not entirely faithful to the beloved book. In *Sea of Monsters*, Percy, Annabeth, and Grover are back again at Camp Half-Blood, and the tree that guards the camp (which is also Thalia, the daughter of Zeus) has been poisoned. Their new quest is to journey to the island of Polyphemus to bring the Golden Fleece back to camp to heal the tree.

Rather like its predecessor, the second Percy Jackson movie seems to stray away from the plot presented in the book, though not as drastically as the first. *Sea of Monsters* seemed to be playing a game of catch-up for a while, to make up for the shortcomings of the first movie. In this movie, we see many more mystical characteristics of Camp Half-Blood left out in the first, such as the climbing wall and the animated corpse, the Oracle of Delphi, that tells Percy his prophecy. There is more attentiveness to details present in the book, and thus the book shines through the movie a bit more.

But, on a more negative note, the movie is at points notably predictable and the acting has deteriorated heavily from the first movie, the jokes and dialogue painfully flat. But, if you're looking for a purely fun movie, or a movie to make fun of, *Sea of Monsters* is the ticket.

## Club of the Month: Feminism and Equality Movement Club

by Suzanne Jackson

*Applause spoke to Sarah Courville about one of SOA's newest clubs.*

**Suzanne Jackson:** What influenced you to forming F.E.M.?

**Sarah Courville:** Equality is cool, so why not? But honestly? When you realize how much of a problem gender inequality is, it's hard to sit still. Pick up *Half the Sky* or watch a documentary on human trafficking, and it clicks immediately. Read up on the salary differences between males and females with the same job positions in our own state. Or listen to Kathleen Hanna and realize that girls are equally as awesome as everyone else. I think it was a combination of all of these things. But that's just me personally. People are people, and gender shouldn't determine anything besides gender.

**SJ:** What might be a few topics of discussion at a meeting?

**SC:** F.E.M. is going to be as informative as it is active. A lot of people don't really know much about feminism and what it even means to be a feminist, and a lot of people are blind to the real issues that occur in the world. That is totally okay though—education is really important, and the club will immediately address what it all means. We will also get together to do things that help our communities to things that help women thousands of miles away. And obviously we will do fun things, I mean, it is F.E.M.

**SJ:** What do you hope to accomplish through the formation of this club?

**SC:** I want to help get rid of the stigmas of feminism because it isn't a bad thing at all. It is actually the complete opposite. What is uncool about standing up for gender equality and rights? I don't know. Hopefully it will help people see that you have to speak up to change anything. Girls are awesome. Boys are too. I don't know, join the club.

**SJ:** Have you ever witnessed any instances of gender inequality at School of the Arts?

**SC:** Fortunately I have not witnessed many! One time in the library though, I overheard these girls from sitting near me talking about how they "hated feminists," and I think this club will help get rid of the negative association people have with the f-word. How can someone hate feminists, honestly, especially girls? That's what I'm still trying to figure out. But anyways, the club isn't just taking on the school as a medium for our message. We are going to expand ourselves and branch out in our cities, state, and hopefully the country and world. Who knows what could happen.

**SJ:** Will this club be similar to the former GSA club?

**SC:** GSA and FEM definitely have similar goals in mind—we are both looking for equality within our different groups. Honestly, they go hand in hand. We are sort of like sister groups. Go equality.

**SJ:** Is anyone welcome to join?

**SC:** Of course anyone is welcome to join! F.E.M. is not just for females, so if you are a boy who cares about gender equality issues, drop by. You also don't have to be educated in any way about feminism or gender equality to join. Like I said before, a big part of the club is going to be education about the issues, so if you want to learn about it, that is perfect. I also want to add, don't let the word "feminist" scare you away from joining the club. The stereotypes of feminists usually include things like an outspoken, short-haired, unshaven girl, but literally anyone and everyone can be a feminist (but if you do identify under that description, we seriously encourage you to join F.E.M.)

## Beauty and the Beast is transforming the Vocal Department

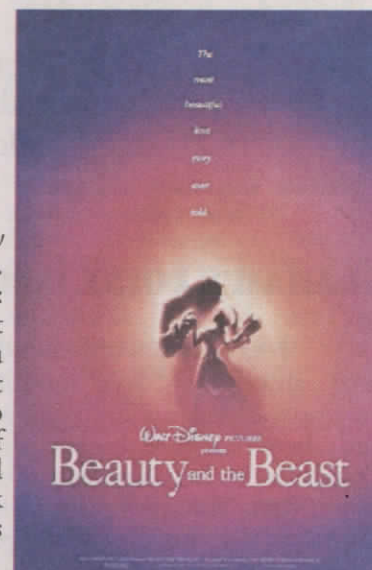
by Madeleine Vath

Last year is to *Les Mis* as this year is to *Beauty and the Beast* in the High School Vocal Department. We will be putting this age old tale on for two weeks: the last weekend in October (24 - 27) and the first weekend in November (Oct. 31 - Nov. 2). Are you wondering how we could possibly pull off that transformation from house decor to humans? So were we when we first began this arduous process of seemingly endless rehearsals, devoted class time, and costume fittings. Needless to say, with all of the work that has been put into this beloved Broadway play, it is sure to be spectacular.

I am sure you know most of the main cast:

**Abbi Floyd** is playing Belle; **Jess Rames** is playing Beast; **Ethan Courville** is playing Gaston; **Madelyn Knight** is playing Mrs. Potts. The rest of the main cast is made up of many other devoted, hard-working musicians who have month of rehearsals to look forward to. Though I am sure you all know the cast and the general plot of this well-loved story, several of the songs we will be performing are not in the movie version.

Buy your tickets soon so you can be sure to have a good seat! Tickets can be purchased at [soavocal.com](http://soavocal.com). Adult tickets are \$15; student and group tickets are \$10. Do you have small children? Bring them to the Kids' Tea Party with the cast after each matinee show! Tea Party tickets are an additional \$5.





# POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Each month, *Applause* will entertain the opposing opinions of **Graham Crolley** and **Noah Jordan**. Pick a side or stay neutral: it is your choice. Who will win? That is for you, the readers, to decide. Read each side closely; odds are, their pressing dilemmas will be of great significance to your life in some way.

## TOPIC: SPONGES VS. LOOFAHS

### GRAHAM'S POINT (SPONGES)

I have two words for this essential bathing tool: absorbency and durability. Sponges have an unparalleled capability to soak up sudsy water and therefore have higher cleaning performance. Durability is also a key factor for this ultimate soapy power tool. The strongly-woven texture and surface of the sponge provides a soft yet firm cleaning tool for the working man, not frilly and flowery like the flimsy and much dreaded Loofah. Sponges provide a comfort in cleaning that Loofahs lack- a sponge is gentle on the skin, while a Loofah is scratchy, unnecessarily ruffled and layered, and larger than a simple sponge. It's your choice; invest in a nearly indestructible yet gentle and useful bath product like the sponge, or be disappointed with your fluffy, wanna-be scrubber, the Loofah.

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### NOAH'S COUNTERPOINT (LOOFAHS)

Oh, Graham. Poor, ignorant Graham. What a joke; the sponge, an archaic plant plucked from the bottom of a giant cistern. The Loofah has long since transcended the sponge. The Loofah is more than just a tool for simpletons to scrape black lung from behind their ears. The Loofah is an arching ballet dancer transposing the ancient and ignorant steps of the sponge into a high flying post-modern display of dirty bath-water and suds. The Loofah is a sculpture rather than a tool, an organic blessing from deep in the womb of our mother earth. Imagine the finesse of its thin arms cleansing your pores indefinitely and expertly. The Loofah is much more than something one uses to clean their body; you use a Loofah to clean your soul. The Loofah sits at the right hand of God. To neglect the Loofah is to reject the higher consciousness of man and lock one's self in a deep closet of ignorance.

## A Late Summer Art Show

by Noah Jordan

This month (on the sixth of September) I had the great pleasure of attending Crosby Jack and John Gaulden's art show at local Gallery Kind Dusko's. They are artists from Charleston, a photographer and a painter. The show had everything from DJ sets, photography, live mural painting, and a silent disco. It was a great show of support for the local art scene.

Crosby Jack presented his line of abstract canvases, a good show of his diversity as an artist because most of his work is done in murals and prints. Though he did was painting a mural (shown below) while people mingled and listened to the DJ sets. His paintings were largely psychedelic with emphasis on organic shapes portraying humanoid figures. Some paintings had several levels of color each of which might be portraying different

John Gaulden presented a collection of giant photos which he pasted to the walls of the gallery. They were interesting, with subjects ranging from birds in the sky to strange perspectives of old architecture. The pictures were wrinkled onto the wall, which added another dimension to the beauty of the photography, which was overall executed very well.

Overall I was very impressed by the show. The art was incredible, and it's certainly not every day that the sparse abstract and impressionist art scene gets exposure in Charleston.

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## 6<sup>th</sup> grade Now and Then: Favorite Artist

by Desiree Horlbeck

*The love for music connects us all, regardless of age or gender. Bridging the gaps between the generations, two SOA students share their favorite artists in 6<sup>th</sup> grade.*

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Displaying a musical maturity not usually seen in 6<sup>th</sup> graders, Dance major **Abigail Brown** says that her favorite band is a toss-up between Aerosmith and Bon Jovi.

Desiree Horlbeck/Photo Credit



Senior Band major **Joshua Marsh** spent his middle school years headphones in hand as he listened to his then favorite artist, Lil Wayne.



## What happened to Art Smart?

by Anna Kalik

For the past decade and a half, a major highlight of 8<sup>th</sup> grade year at SOA was Art Smart, a series of performances by each major intended to attract rising sixth graders to School of the Arts. However, this year the arts faculty decided to discontinue Art Smart. While the performances were enjoyable for both participants and viewers, SOA began to question Art Smart's effectiveness.

**Dr. Selby**, SOA Strings Instructor, noted, "Parents are the people making the decision for their fifth grade child, and Art Smart did very little in the way of informing parents."

In lieu of Art Smart, SOA will offer frequent tours that will allow both students and parents to visit classes as they are in session; giving both an idea of what attending SOA is like.

In addition, as a way of reaching a wider audience of potential sixth graders, SOA Seniors recently visited Title 1 schools to help students with lower income apply to SOA.

**Dr. Selby** adds, "In past years, only a handful of schools sent bus loads of kids to Art Smart; we are trying to reach out to more kids and adults than Art Smart previously allowed us to do."

## Jefferson Service Club Awards

by Ted Anastopoulo

*Every month, the SOA Jefferson Service Club recognizes two members who have shown exceptional service towards others.*

### Hannah Demos (11<sup>th</sup> grade, Visual Arts)

Working with the SOA Jefferson Service Club, Hannah spearheaded Project Haiti, an endeavor designed to raise money for the Gay Foyer School in Bon Fin, Haiti. Hanna rose over \$11,000 dollars to benefit the school, which enrolls 150 children in only 800 square feet of

space. The school also lacks a proper sewage system and basic school supplies.

Hanna also visited Bon Fin, Haiti this summer. While there, she worked on the compound of Hospital Lumiere, one of the few hospitals in Haiti that offers orthopedic surgery. Working with American surgeons

and nurses, Hanna comforted patients, reconstructed the hospital building, and gave clothes and toys to children in the area.

"I love to see the kids' reactions when they receive something as simple as a piece of candy. It makes me feel thankful for what I have here." Hannah will continue to raise money for the Gay Foyer School, and hopes to raise enough money to construct a better facility for the school house.



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## French students get a head start on fundraising



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(Left to right) Julia Brisbane, Sabrina Green, Vasantha Samburti, Amelia Nielsen, Irena Nielsen, Elise Powers, Callie McLean, and AJ Bednarczyk washed cars for next summer's trip to France & Italy.

The language department held a carwash on Monday, August 12th, to raise money for the students going on the trip to France and Italy. Students helped out and, despite the heat, several teachers showed up to help and get their cars washed.

### Carly Edwards (10<sup>th</sup> grade, Vocal)

For two weeks this summer, Carly Edwards traveled to the rural village of Okurase, Ghana, which is located in east Ghana. While there, Carly helped provide health care and better educational opportunities for the native citizens with an organization her godmother manages called *Project*

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*Okurase. Project Okurase* helps provide resources such



as education, job training, health care, clean water, and family support, which they hope will empower rural villages to be self sufficient. Carly also helped refurbish a hospital and provide fresh gardens to benefit the nutrition and health of the people.

"This was my second time going to Ghana," said Carly, "and I am still amazed at the kindness of the people. I can take a lot

of the things I learned there and apply them to my daily life here." Carly hopes to return to Ghana over winter or spring break.



# FROM THE ARCHIVES

Each issue we will be bringing back segments from past years in honor of Applause's 15<sup>th</sup> year.

Thank you all for reading!

## VOL. 7 NO. 1 "MEET THE TEACHER"

### Mr. Brehm

by Noelle Williams



If you're wondering who the new guy is in trailer fourteen, it's Mr. Brehm, the newest addition to the high school social studies department. After working as an intelligence analyst and an operations manager, Mr. Brehm had decided to come to SOA claiming that "SOA had the best students." He teaches Economics, US Government, and AP European History using a variety of teaching techniques

that include the Socratic method and peer partners/group activities.



### Mr. Smyth

By Lane Elsey

We've got one more Smyth to add to our family. The new Mr. Smyth is our Curriculum Coordinator. His responsibility is to make sure everything on the academic side of SOA runs smoothly. "I would like to see SOA become the premiere school in the Southeast, rivaling all of the best New England schools." His outlook for this year is very bright and his expectations are high,

so you better start paying attention in all of your academic classes!

### Ms. Bronk

by Lane Elsey



Our new English teacher, Ms. Bronk, likes to keep herself busy. Aside from teaching at SOA, she works as a part time writing consultant at the Citadel, a swim coach, a lifeguard, and a freelance journalist. You might recognize Ms. Bronk because she was Ms. Marshall's intern two years ago, which was what drew her to SOA. Before SOA entered her life she attended both Ashland University and University of West Florida. She worked as a radio anchor at CNN, FOX, ABC, and NBC and taught at Berkeley High School. One of Ms. Bronk's worst experiences teaching

was when a parent forbid his child from reading Twain's *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* without even reading the novel first! Ms. Bronk's words of wisdom from Einstein are "Imagination is more important than Knowledge." We know she'll bring some of both to SOA.

### Mr. Reese

by Lane Elsey



Our new Global Studies II teacher is a real Carolina man, having attended both USC and The Citadel. Mr. Reese tries to "incorporate as many different elements into a lesson as possible." "We all learn differently," he says, "and it is important to teach using various methods." In his free time he enjoys outdoor activities such as canoeing, hiking, swimming, and softball. Optimistically, Mr. Reese believes that no teaching experience is a bad

experience. Let's hope that by the end of the year he still believes that!

## VOL. 9 NO. 1 "QUESTION OF THE MONTH"



"I am looking forward to a new school and to my major."

- Callie Carmichael, 6th



## SOA Sports Update

by Ted Anastopoulos

*Throughout the school year, Sports Editor Ted Anastopoulos will follow the progress of our athletes who compete for their home schools.*

### Girls Tennis

The pair of **Alex Hepburn** and **Katherine Murchison** have proven themselves leaders on the tennis court. Alex plays in the number one position for Burke High School, respectively, and Katherine has started for the Wando Warriors since her freshman year. "Starting as a freshman is defiantly one of my biggest accomplishments," said Katherine. "I am proud that I have maintained a high level of play throughout my high school career." Last season, Alex posted an impressive 8-2 record for the Bulldogs, and says she has been working hard to perfect her backhand down the line shot. Alex told *Applause*, "I keep a high level of sportsmanship on the court, which keeps me grounded to my goal of being the best I can be."

### Sailing

An impressive fourth place finish in the Carolina Yacht Club Open Regatta put SOA on the radar for High School Sailing. SOA came out victorious in the competition with wins over Bishop England and Porter Guad, which team captain **Marc DeLoach** said was "key to our success." Marc lead SOA in the A-Fleet division, where **Fiona Lewis**, **Marco Lanier**, and **Nick Heinen** could be seen riding the wind. The B-Fleet was lead by **Oliver Penegar**, and was comprised of **Sarah DeLoach** and **Noah Rigsby**.

Maintaining perfect balance, communication, and focus is something the SOA Sailing Team has been striving to perfect. Upon seeing them in the Charleston Harbor in their 4-20 sailboats, one might think they are preparing for the Olympics with the amount of concentration all members sustain. "Communication is one of the most vital aspects of sailing," said Marc, "and we really did a great job of that in the competition." Further evaluating on the interaction between teammates, Sarah DeLoach stated, "If everybody isn't on the same page, things can go seriously wrong. After all, you are totally reliant on something you can't control, wind."

### Swimming

SOA students have been red hot in the swimming pool, posting big wins for their home high schools in the past month. Senior Dance major and team captain **Ben Rindge** lifted West Ashley to victory against the Green Wave of Summerville, winning the 50 meter freestyle to clinch the victory for the Wildcats 86-81. Fellow Wildcat and team captain **Emilie LaPlante**, a Junior Theatre major, likewise has been monumental in West Ashley's success, winning the 100 meter butterfly and the 200 meter freestyle relay in the same meet. Junior Piano major **Max Hutton** has also experienced success in the pool, as he has recently been invited to the elite South Carolina State Swimming Championships for his notable time of 1:10 in the 100 meter breaststroke. Max additionally swims for the James Island Trojans.

## JayC Claxton, "The Dangerous Lefty"

by Ted Anastopoulos

While her friends at SOA may know her as JayC Claxton, to opposing teams she is known as "The Dangerous Lefty." A West Ashley Wildcat, the piano major is the only senior at SOA to be playing volleyball on a high school varsity team. In 2012, JayC led her team to key wins over Fort Dorchester, Summerville, and cross-town rival, Goose Creek. Fellow players rely heavily on JayC's leadership and talent, as she is the only lefty to play on the West Ashley team.

"To be a lefty in volleyball is rare," said JayC, "but it definitely proves to be an advantage." To prepare for her team's rigorous two-month schedule, JayC worked on her strength and conditioning over the summer. She frequently trained to the *Insanity Workout* and *Hip-Hop Abs*, which JayC says helped her gain her rock-hard six-pack. While she has proved to be deadly on the volleyball court, Jaycee does not plan to play collegiate volleyball. She instead aspires to focus on her major in biomedical engineering at Clemson University. JayC's next home match will be September 24, where her team will have a double header against Porter Guad and James Island.



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## Gatton and Rosenbaum take the field

by Ted Anastopoulos

Under the Friday night lights of the Wando High School Football Stadium, the hopes and dreams of winning a coveted State Championship for the Warriors rest in two players. Coming up short in a close loss to White Knoll High School in last year's state playoffs, Wando turns to these two individuals for leadership when faced with adversity. Ironically, both of these players do not attend Wando, but rather SOA. The tandem team of **Conor Gatton** and **Clayton Rosenbaum** both start for the Wando Warriors and have firmly established themselves as leaders on the grid iron.

A senior Theatre major, Clayton Rosenbaum has developed a reputation as a consistent field goal kicker, as he has already posted a 75% field goal success rating in his first three games of the 2013 season. In Wando's recent 39-12 victory over rival James Island, Rosenbaum drilled two long range field goals at 26 and 31 yards, respectively. Rosenbaum's all time record is a 46-yard completion. As if his impressive stats were not enough, Rosenbaum has also been appointed team captain of Wando's special teams squad.

"It is an honor to be captain of such an elite group of athletes," said Rosenbaum, "but it is also a massive responsibility. After all, the hopes of thousands of people to win, basically rests on my leg."

At 6-0 feet, the senior Creative Writer **Conor Gatton** doesn't take his position as a starting defensive end lightly. Gatton says that as a prominent figure on defense, "I



Clayton splits the uprights in an early season win against the Trojans of James Island.

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hear a lot of trash talk from other teams. I like to use this to motivate me to work harder and perform better." It has obviously been working for Gatton, as he recorded an impressive four sacks for the Warriors in the 2012 season. His aggressive style of play has made him a legit threat to other team's offenses. Gatton also says that he hopes to lead Wando on the defensive side of the ball to a State Championship.

Both Rosenbaum and Gatton agree that their head coach, Jimmy Noonan, pushes them to their limits. Rosenbaum explains that "A great football team isn't created overnight. It is something we have to work at constantly." Gatton agreed, saying, "Our coach has us weight training, running wind sprints, and suicides regardless of weather, for a purpose. He does it to prepare us for any situation, physically or mentally, we might face on the field."

Rosenbaum and Gatton's next home game will be against the famed and nationally acclaimed Green Wave of Summerville High School on September 20<sup>th</sup>. John McKissick, the head coach of the Green Wave, has produced many athletes who have gone on to become NFL stars. "We will have to be at our best to defeat such a talented program," Rosenbaum said. "It will be a very physical game."

## The Karate Kid: Carly Crawford

by Graham Crolley

SOA's very own Sophomore Theatre major Carly Crawford competed in the Jr. Pan-American Karate Championship in the far-out region of Colombia, South America.

Carly has been delving in the art of karate since age 6, and started competing in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Just recently, she competed in the state wide championship, moved on to nationals, and soared into the Pan-American Championship having placed 2<sup>nd</sup> nationally in the 14-15 year old division. Carly was one of 80 members of the U.S. team at the championship in South America, the entire championship consisting of some 800 competitors. The U.S. ended up coming in 5<sup>th</sup>, and Carly made it clear that she had a great time.

Not only did she get to karate chop people from all over North and South America, but she also got to enjoy and participate in the antics of team spirit at the championship. Each country would show their support for their competing teammates with ridiculous, large-scale cheers, an example being the Colombian team shouting a certain phrase in Spanish, which Carly told me roughly translates to "bust a move."

When asked what her signature karate move is that knocks out her opponents each time Carly responded, "I punch people a lot." Though it may sound blunt, it's obviously effective, seeing as her talent led her all the way to the Jr. Pan-American Karate Championship. Way to go, Carly!



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Conor has established himself as a threat to be reckoned with on Wando's defensive line.

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## This Week in History

by Madeleine Vath

Sources: [library.thinkquest.org](http://library.thinkquest.org), [wikipedia.org](http://wikipedia.org)

TUE 9/24	WED 9/25	THU 9/26	FRI 9/27	SAT 9/28	SUN 9/29	MON 9/30
<p><b>768:</b> <b>Charlemagne</b> is crowned the last King of the Franks</p> <p><b>1890:</b> <b>The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints</b> officially renounces polygamy</p> <p><b>1896:</b> <b>F. Scott Fitzgerald</b> is born</p> <p>Festival of Latest Novelties</p>	<p><b>1513:</b> <b>Vasco Núñez de Balboa</b> reaches what would become known as the Pacific Ocean</p> <p><b>1789:</b> The <b>Bill of Rights</b> is passed</p> <p><b>1968:</b> <b>Will Smith</b> is born</p> <p>National Comic Book Day</p>	<p><b>1580:</b> <b>Sir Francis Drake</b> completes his circumnavigation of the world</p> <p><b>1910:</b> Indian journalist <b>Swadeshbhimani Ramakrishna Pillai</b> is arrested and exiled after publishing criticism of the government of Travancore</p> <p>National Good Neighbor Day</p> <p>National Pancake Day</p>	<p><b>1777:</b> <b>Lancaster, Pennsylvania</b> is the capital of the United States, for one day</p> <p><b>1954:</b> The nationwide debut of <b>Tonight Starring Steve Allen (The Tonight Show)</b> hosted by Steve Allen on NBC</p> <p>Crush a Can Day</p> <p>World Tourism Day</p>	<p><b>935:</b> <b>Saint Wenceslas</b> is murdered by his brother, Boleslaus I of Bohemia</p> <p><b>1924:</b> The first <b>round-the-world flight</b> is completed</p> <p><b>1987:</b> <b>Hilary Duff</b> is born</p> <p>World Heart Day</p> <p>World Rabies Day</p> <p>Ask a Stupid Question Day</p>	<p><b>1907:</b> The cornerstone is laid at <b>Washington National Cathedral</b> in the U.S. capital</p> <p><b>1951:</b> The <b>first live sporting event</b> seen coast-to-coast in the United States, a college football game between Duke and the University of Pittsburgh, is televised on NBC</p> <p><b>1571:</b> <b>Caravaggio</b> is born</p> <p>Poisoned Blackberries Day</p>	<p><b>1888:</b> <b>Jack the Ripper</b> kills his 3rd and 4th victims</p> <p><b>1927:</b> <b>Babe Ruth</b> becomes the first baseball player to hit 60 home runs in a season</p> <p><b>2004:</b> The first images of a <b>live giant squid</b> in its natural habitat are taken</p> <p>National Mud Pack Day</p>

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## Sudoku

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# HOROSCOPES



**Virgo** - You're the picky ones. Stop crying and realize that life is full of vegetables and you have to eat them. Some of them aren't even all that bad. Squash, for example, is phenomenal. It all depends on how you make it. If life hands you squash, make a casserole. Consider this: who else do you know that can play the mandolin? Start a trend. Why are you still crying? Cut it out, Virgo. You're smearing the pages.



**Libra** - Kim Kardashian is a Libra. Yes I know what you're thinking: unfortunately you were not blessed with the magnificent talent that was graced upon such an inspirational role model, but don't worry! Sometime this week you'll have a great lunch! That should make up for it. Oh and watch out for sharks.



**Scorpio** - I'm sorry to say that you really are not actually a Scorpio. To be initiated you must do as I say. First stand up. Are you doing this? You need to get to something of a higher elevation, possibly a desk. Are you standing on it? Ok good. Now draw everyone's attention in the room by screaming. Okay if you did this you are now a Scorpio, if you didn't: beware the ides of March.



**Sagittarius** - Shout out to all my fellow Sagittarians. It's pretty commonly known that we're the best sign, but whatever. Don't let the Virgos know or they might start crying. So this month it is advised that we stay far away from rolling book bags. But what do you do if you're in a common area and encounter one? First, look for a tree that might be possible to climb. If you're in an indoor setting, just start screaming. People will quickly back away from you. Trust me, I know.



**Capricorn** - Capricorns are generally successful. Are you sure you're reading the right horoscope? Oh, well I guess you might be the exception. Well, anyways, there's still time. The school year is still young and so are you. Unless you aren't... in which case I would like to take the opportunity to apologize for my previous statement. Please give me good grades.



**Aquarius** - I know they tell you that using a hairdryer by running water is a good idea, but this week I feel that's not the case for you. Being that you have such good judgment and common sense I thought I would also let you know that playing in traffic might not be such a good idea after all: just a thought.



**Pisces** - You are so beautiful to me. You're everything I hope for. You're everything I need. Oh, hi Pisces. Don't mind me...just singing a song here.



**Aries** - Look, Aries, just because you're first on the list doesn't make you all that special. You're apparently ruled by Mars, the Roman god of war, and that could be why no one likes you. Just kidding Aries, but seriously, tone it down with the know-it-all attitude and try not to start any fights. This month, you shouldn't look into a mirror after midnight or she'll get you.



**Taurus** - The Taurus animal is a bull, so all of you kids with friends whose birthdays fall between April 20<sup>th</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup>, I advise you to dance around them and wave something red in their face. Just wait for their reaction. I can assure you, it will be worth it.



**Gemini** - Gemini's have a positive attitude and optimistic outlook on life, which is why they make friends easily, however don't feel bad you'll get there! Sometime this week an unexpected companion will make their way into your life! Just make sure everybody else can see them this time.



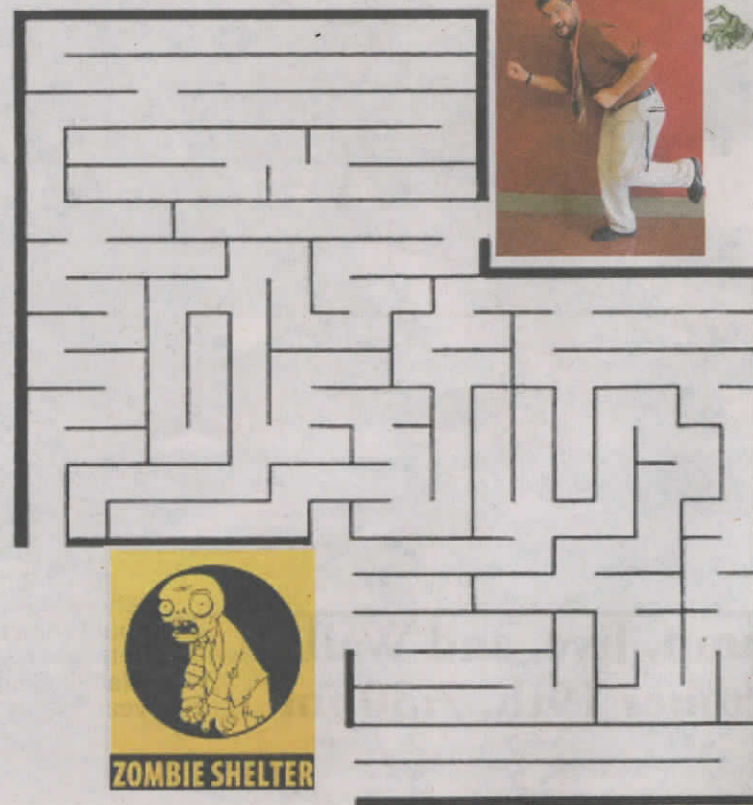
**Cancer** - You know how you've always dreamed of taking a luxury vacation to Paris, Italy, or Barcelona? Swimming with dolphins and exploring coral reefs in Mexico? Relaxing in an infinity pool that overlooks white sand beaches and turquoise waters? Well I have good news for you... they uploaded some new pictures on the internet so it should be easier dream about now.



**Leo** - If you're a Leo and your name is Leo, I am so sorry. But for all you other Leos who aren't named Leo, I suggest that you get your parent to give you permission to change your name to Leo because that would be hilarious. Some astrological words of wisdom for this month: quit living on the edge, man. Keep your shoes tied.

## Help Mr. Taylor escape the zombie!

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## Paint the Town Red and Gold

by Noah Jordan

### October 26:

Charleston Jazz Orchestra Presents: World of Bebop  
Charleston Music Hall, 37 John St. Saturday, 6pm  
& 9pm doors; 7pm & 10pm shows. \$40-\$25  
The Charleston jazz orchestra is pulling out all the stops and bringing Charleston a wonderful show of improvisational Bebop jazz.

### October 8:

(All day) Charles Towne Landing State Historic Site  
Yoga sessions with available food trucks with the backdrop of beautiful Charlestowne Landing.

### October 5:

Hampton Plantation State Historic Site, 1950  
Rutledge Rd., McClellanville. 7pm. \$15  
Hampton Plantation will be beautifully illuminated with candles for you r walking pleasure on a beautiful fall night.

## Volunteer at the Liberty Hill Literacy Program



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Come on out to Felix Pickney Community Center to help out with the Liberty Hill reading program! It's simple! You help serve struggling readers from Hurshey Elementary School by helping them with their homework, reading with them, playing educational games, and generally serving as positive role models. It's every Monday through Thursday from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Besides the pleasure you can get from helping someone else, you give back to your community, you create long lasting connections with the students that you help, and it looks great on college applications!

**Jump, Jive, and Wail**  
**October 19th, 7:30pm**  
**The Charleston Visitors Center**

## The Trivia Challenge

by Suzanne Jackson

Well, here we are again. I'm sure everyone is looking forward to another ten months of tests, homework, and papers. But before you retreat to your room to crawl under your bed and cry, keep this in mind: friends and grades will come and go, but the SOA Applause Trivia will always be there. Either invest in a flashlight or move your breakdowns to a location with better lighting, because this year is going to be fantastic. To kick us off, I figured we'd have a little blast from the past. The questions this month are focused on what can be considered the best three years of a person's life—middle school. We have last year's "Trivia Empress" Maddy Seabrook competing against Trivia rookie Zoe Abedon.

### Questions:

1. Approximately how much money did a 24 pack of Silly Bandz cost?
2. Hannah Montana had the best of what?
3. What year was the iPod touch introduced?
4. What are the names of all the Weasley children in order from oldest to youngest?
5. Green Day released what album in May of 2009?
6. What was the name of the dog from "Up"?
7. Owl City had a song that shared a name with what kind of insect?
8. What television character excessively used "that's what she said"?
9. At sleepovers, you most likely communicated with the dead via...
10. What song did Katy Perry sing about her presumably indecisive boyfriend?

#### Tie Breaker

1. Who was Percy Jackson's father?
2. In the 2009 Kids Choice Awards, who won Best Female Singer?
3. Who was the lead vocalist for A Day to Remember?

#### Person A: Maddy Seabrook

1. \$3.99
2. Both worlds
3. 2010
4. Charlie, Bill, Percy, Fred, George, Ron, Ginny
5. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Breakdown
6. Doug
7. Fireflies
8. Michael Scott
9. Ouija Board
10. Hot n Cold

#### Tie Breaker:

1. Poseidon
2. Miley Cyrus
3. Jeremy McKinnon



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#### Person B: Zoe Abedon

1. \$2.99
2. Both worlds
3. 2007
4. Bill, Charlie, Percy, Fred, George, Ron, Ginny
5. American Idiot
6. Doug
7. Fireflies
8. The answer eludes me.
9. Ouija Board
10. Hot n Cold

#### Tie Breaker:

1. Poseidon
2. Beyonce?
3. Jeremy McKinnon



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#### Answers:

- |                |   |                  |                |
|----------------|---|------------------|----------------|
| 1. \$5         | 4. Bill, Charlie, Percy, Fred, George, Ron, Ginny | 6. Doug          | 9. Ouija Board |
| 2. both worlds | 5. 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Breakdown             | 7. Fireflies     | 10. Hot n Cold |
| 3. 2007        |   | 8. Michael Scott |                |

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1. Poseidon
  2. Miley Cyrus
  3. Jeremy McKinnon

## And the winner is... MADDY SEABROOK

Unfortunately, both Zoe and Maddy remembered more information about middle school than was anticipated. It was a close call. The second tie breaker question brought about the end of Zoe's hopes and dreams to be Trivia Champion at SOA. Don't let this deter you, girl. Keep reaching for the stars. It's no surprise that we're congratulating Maddy Seabrook for winning the first round of Applause Trivia for the 2013-2014 school year. Enjoy your month of glory, Maddy, because next issue is going to be tough.



