

Leonid is the Name

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Leonid – star of light, symbol of strength, the tribute to Canevin’s headmaster – in classic simplicity and striking originality, the “Leonid” was chosen by staff members as the title of the Canevin school newspaper.

To astronomers, the Leonid represents one of the shooting stars that constitutes the meteoric shower that recurs near Nov. 14. To Canevin students, Leonid signifies the “star” quality of the school newspaper mirrored in the revealing “light” of its news. Staff members want their paper to excel in the field of school journalism, just as the Leonid shines forth in the heavens.

Leonid has as its base the strong, noble stem “leo” – the Latin word for lion. Canevin’s school paper should bespeak these fine attributes on every page, in every editorial, and the staff members hope to exemplify them in their work.

Originality marks the name Leonid, for it is doubted that, in the hundreds of school papers, one would find another Leonid. This name “Leonid” has nothing trite, trivial or transitory about it.

Finally, the “Leonid” is an impressive and lasting tribute to Father Leo Henry, headmaster, who has devotedly and successfully laid the foundation for the glorious future of Canevin High School.



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New School Year Welcomes New Faculty

The start of the 2019-20 school year brought several new members to the BC family

Renee LaGrosse and Nick Paluso | Staff Reporters



Madhura Ranade

Mrs. Ranade is teaching biology while Mrs. Denise Streeter is on maternity leave.



Matthew Diehl

Mr. Diehl is the Director of the Marching Band.

Photos by Theresa Stindler

How many years have you been teaching?
31 years.

Have you taught at other schools prior to coming to Bishop Canevin?

Yes. I have taught in public, as well as private, schools in Pittsburgh since 2005.

What is something that makes you unique from the other teachers?

I am certified in mathematics, general science, chemistry and biology. I worked as a principal of a high school in India. I have also been teaching chemistry and biology to college students at Robert Morris University.

When not teaching, what is something you like to do in your spare time?

I love cooking, writing articles and poems, and watching “Jeopardy.”

Is there anything else you would like people to know about you?

I can speak six different languages. I am a state-level champion in chess. My son and daughter both graduated as valedictorians of their schools and are very successful engineers.

What college did you attend?

I went to Slippery Rock University for my undergrad and Carnegie Mellon University for my Master’s degree.

How many years have you been teaching?

This is my first year teaching in a classroom setting. I have been on staff at the Moon Area High School Marching Band since 2012. During that time, the band has won two Bands of America regionals and has been finalists in several more.

Do you enjoy teaching music?

Music education is extremely rewarding. Band directors are one of only a handful of teachers that see their students every day for the four years that they are in high school. This gives us an exceptional opportunity to help mold and guide them in ways that extend well beyond music. Band students learn responsibility, accountability, how to work hard toward a goal, and time management, among many other things. It is a joy to invest in students and hold them up to very high standards.

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What is it like to be in the Pittsburgh Symphony?

I have subbed with the Pittsburgh Symphony quite a bit, but I'm not a full-time member. Playing with them is incredible. Imagine someone on our baseball team here at Canevin getting called up to play centerfield for a series with a Major League Baseball team. That's pretty much what it is like. The raw power and energy is so intense. You get done with a concert and feel like you just ran a marathon. It was a childhood dream of mine to get to play in one of the "big league" orchestras like that.

Is there anything else that you would like us to know about you?

Join band. It is an incredible cross-section of students who participate; they come from all different backgrounds and personality types. Experience and talent level are irrelevant. If you are willing to work hard and have a positive attitude, you will always have a place in our community.



Photo by Theresa Stindzier

Madeleine Doyle
Miss Doyle is Director of Admissions.

What does an average day for you look like?

I get into my office and typically have a few emails to answer. Then I plan my day, so I write an agenda for the top things I have to focus on. Right now we have a lot of events coming up in October, so I'm focusing on finalizing all of those, such as Open House and Crusader for a Day. I'm also getting ready to go to the elementary schools for our partner presentations. My day-to-day looks like responding to whatever requests I get and also making sure these events are taken care of.

What type of problems occur on an average day?

The biggest problem I'm having right now is that I'm still learning the ins and outs of how Canevin works. There are a lot of things that I don't know the answers to yet, so I have to find the answers.

What college did you attend?

I graduated last September with a degree in marketing from Franciscan University of Steubenville.

What do you like about Canevin?

I love the people. The people here have been very friendly and very welcoming, especially because I didn't graduate from here. It was a little nerve-wracking coming into a community that is so tightly formed, but everyone was immediately very kind and friendly.



Photo courtesy of Patrick Baker

Patrick Baker
Mr. Baker is the Website and Social Media Coordinator.

Do you enjoy managing Bishop Canevin's social media platforms?

It's been an interesting experience. It's nice to interact with a range of people who are interested in BC or alumni who are trying to stay in touch.

How do you decide what pictures you are going to run?

Most of the time people send me great pictures that they would like me to use. Sometimes it just comes down to which pictures fit best with what we are trying to do.

Is this very time consuming?

It isn't usually. Sometimes there are projects that need to be worked on and they take some extra time, but I check our accounts throughout the day whenever I have a minute or two, and that usually is enough.

What does an average day look like?

I'm teaching Spanish and STEAM full-time at St. Philip School in Crafton, so my day is usually full of classes. I work on things for BC early in the morning or in the evening and through the day if there is any downtime or immediate needs. I also manage the website and social media for JFK Catholic in Washington, so I fit that into my day, too.

Is there anything else we should know about you?

I regret every picture of me in my high school yearbooks and I would kindly ask for any copies of them to be removed from circulation.



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Retro Records

The current (as of publication) top ten of the Billboard Hot 100 and the top ten of the same week in 1961, the year of *The Leonid's* founding

Jack Mickle | Staff Reporter

CURRENT CHART OF THE WEEK (as of Sept. 28)

1. "Truth Hurts" – Lizzo
2. "Senorita" – Sean Mendes and Camila Cabello
3. "Bad Guy" – Billie Eilish
4. "Someone You Loved" – Lewis Capaldi
5. "Panini" – Lil Nas X
6. "Ran\$om" – Lil Tecca
7. "No Guidance" – Chris Brown featuring Drake
8. "Goodbyes" – Post Malone featuring Young Thug
9. "Circles" – Post Malone
10. "Old Town Road" – Lil Nas X

CHART THE WEEK (Oct. 2, 1961)

1. "Take Good Care of My Baby" – Bobby Vee. This bouncy pop hit was the first number one hit for Vee and the songwriters who wrote it, Gerry Goffin and Carole King.
 2. "The Mountain's High" – Dick and DeeDee. Originally a B-side, a DJ accidentally flipped it and this became the hit.
 3. "Crying" – Roy Orbison. The wailing Orbison made this song number 69 on Rolling Stone's 600 Greatest Songs of All Time.
 4. "Hit the Road Jack" – Ray Charles. This signature Ray Charles tune eventually made its way to number one.
 5. "Little Sister" – Elvis Presley. This song was released as a double-A-side with Marie's The Name (His Latest Flame).
 6. "Michael" – The Highwaymen. The Highwaymen recorded this folk version of "Michael, Row the Boat Ashore" and took it to the Top 10,
 7. "Mexico" – Bob Moore and His Orchestra. An instrumental written by Boudleaux Bryant who, with his wife, wrote "Bye Bye Love" for The Everly Brothers.
 8. "You Must Have Been A Beautiful Baby" – Bobby Darin. A revival of the 1938 hit by Bing Crosby.
 9. "Does Your Chewing Gum Lose Its Flavor" – Larry Donnegan. Novelty tune was one of the rare hits by a British artist before the British Invasion.
 10. "Bristol Stomp" – The Dovells. While it got stuck at #2 behind "Runaround Sue," this dance hit proved "the kids in Bristol are sharp as a pistol."
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Photo courtesy of B.C. Archives

Mr. Chips, the school Mascot poses in the early years.

Students on a Mission: Summer 2019

Hanna DeLisio | Staff Reporter



Photos courtesy of Mosaic Yearbook



Forty Bishop Canevin students attended the annual Mission Trip in Washington County during the last week of this past July. They began the work on Sunday at school where they gathered for Mass, were assigned to groups and met their group leaders. Then they traveled to Washington & Jefferson College in Washington, Pa. where they dropped off their luggage and walked over to Newman Center on campus.

The students and their group leaders spent the next five days at various sites around town, completing different jobs at each site. At the Washington City Mission, many students helped serve lunch to the residents who live there. At JFK Elementary School, some painted the cafeteria while others helped clean out the basement and reorganize rooms. At the Food Bank, they sorted bins of donated goods so the items could be sold or given to people who needed the food. Work at The Garden consisted of mulching, building sheds and planting. At the Habitat House, groups ripped apart the house so it could be flipped for someone else to live in it. Groups also renovated a porch and built a shed for the Habitat Thrift Store.

The typical work day ended around 4 p.m. After cleaning up back at the dorms, the students could play games, watch movies or go outside the Newman Center while waiting to eat dinner. Afterward, there was an hour of spiritual reflection time. The daily work never varied except for Wednesday night when they attended the Washington Wild Things Baseball game.

"I liked the mission trip because we did a lot of work, but we weren't too far from home," said senior Maddie Maziarz. "The spiritual leader, Mr. Shorthouse, kept everyone busy. The work is long and hard, but also very rewarding. It's fun to work with your friends and receive 40 Magis hours too."

THESE ARE YOUR EDITORS



Regis Frank, editor in chief; co-editors: Virginia Milsovic, page one; Camilla Conway, assistant editor in chief; Jana Coll, page two; Dennis Rowlands, page four; Dorothy Close, page three; Nancy Pencosky, assistant sports editor; Edward Hulick, assistant page three; and John Fuchs, assistant page three. Missing when the picture was taken: Patricia Argy, assistant page one.

Photo courtesy of B.C. Archives

The first Editorial Staff reviewed its first issue in 1961.

Ask Antonio

Big questions for a big boy

Antonio Battista | Staff Reporter

Has anyone ever told you that you look like Beyonce?

No, they tell me I look like Shalissa.

What advice would you give to a freshman?

High school may seem intimidating at first but, after a few weeks, the adjustments you make will seem normal. If you can survive the first few weeks, you will be set for the next four years. Have fun, but make sure to take your classes seriously. It is difficult to catch up on work if you neglect to do it, but the teachers at Canevin will help you if you want it.

What is your favorite club at Canevin?

While I enjoy all of the clubs in which I participate at Canevin, my favorite is the Bishop Canevin Book Club (BC²). As a four year member, I feel that the Book Club is a strong organization with many fun activities. Mrs. Rakaczky is always looking for ways to innovate what we do. There is never a dull moment in Book Club!

When should I get a job?

I got my first official job over the summer. Most places begin to hire at 16 years old, so do not worry about working if you are younger than that. It really depends on your own goals and availability. If you want to have extra money and have the time to work, go for it, but do not sacrifice your ability



Photo courtesy of Antonio Battista

to do homework and participate in activities if you are not fully committed to work. The summer is a fantastic time to look for a job, and that is what I did.

What is a movie that is coming out soon that you are excited to see?

Joker looks like it will be an amazing film. DC has had trouble over recent years competing with Marvel on the big screen. DC hasn't helped their own cause by producing flops such as *Suicide Squad* and *Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice*. *Joker* has the potential to change this downward trend. From the trailers and interviews I have watched, Joaquin Phoenix looks to be a good fit for a *Joker* slowly descending into madness. The dark tone the movie seems to be taking should show an interesting perspective on the Clown Prince of Crime.

My Summer in China

Pictures feature various sites in Xiamen, Fuzhou and Volcanic Island, China

Henry Huang | *Contributing Photographer*



Photos by Henry Huang



The Time Traveling Teenagers in Pearl Harbor

Gabriele Gerbino | Cartoonist



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Canevin's Halls May Hold More than Students and Teachers

Jack Mickle | Staff Reporter

In 1958, when the Diocese of Pittsburgh started planning for a new district high school, they purchased land next to St. Paul's Orphanage (now seminary) in between Morange and Idlewood Roads. The land was the former site of a mining town that supported the once bustling Idlewood mine. Today that site is now known as the location of Bishop Canevin High School, which some students and faculty members claim is haunted by a few otherworldly specters.

"Many times when I open up at 6 a.m. and I am walking the dark halls, I hear footsteps like someone is walking with me on the second floor. I've also been walking up the B and G lobby stairs and heard a door slam on the second floor, yet I am the only one here at that time," said Mr. Dave Ellis, Director of Maintenance.

"The boiler room is a hotbed of activity," he continued. "I was walking through the boiler room with Finn (Crossey '18), Jack (Shorthouse '18) and Tom Kennedy (former maintenance assistant). Finn and I

were about ten feet ahead of Tom and Jack and we clearly heard ladies having a conversation, like they were right next to us. Tom and Jack heard nothing. I've also seen a shadow figure walk along the back wall when there is no possible way for light to reflect."

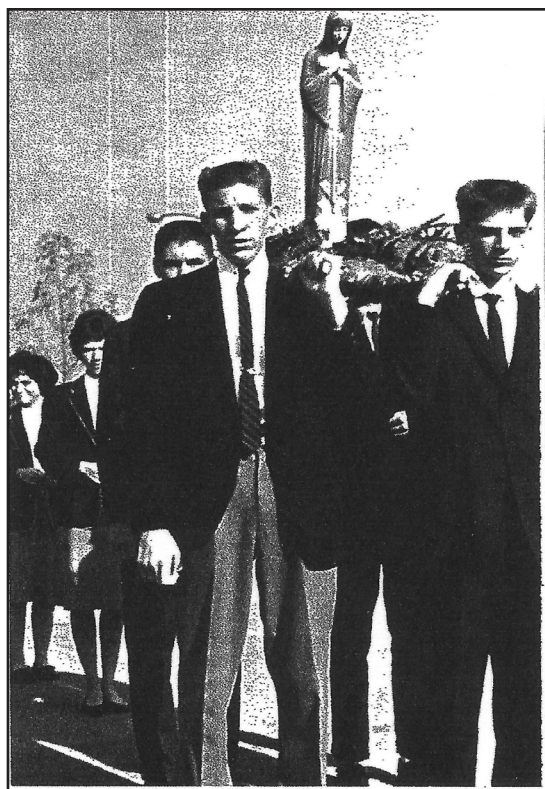
Science Department Chair Mrs. Linda McLemore has heard stories from a former cleaning lady that when she is cleaning at night, she has heard children running down the hall and laughing.

Unfortunately, several people have passed away during their time working or learning at Canevin. Perhaps they decided to stick around to see what's going on.

During my own time here in the summer, I have been in the boiler room and heard the doors to the room shut and the lights turn off.

"They definitely aren't mean spirits. They're friendly, just a little mischievous," said Ellis. "I'll let you know if things start flying at my head."

Today, where is this statue in the building?



Bearing the Blessed Mother statue during the living rosary are: Tim Tassick, Dick Platt, Carl Nery and Jim Durkin.

Photo courtesy of B.C. Archives

Book Review: *The Goldfinch*

Tim Durkin | Staff Reporter

Theo Decker, a 13 year old boy, experiences the struggles of growing up too fast due to circumstances that were out of his control.

It all begins when Theo visits an art museum in New York City with his mother. While there, Theo's mother shows him a famous painting called "The Goldfinch." Suddenly, a bomb goes off, knocking Theo unconscious. He wakes up to find himself next to an old man who is gravely injured. The man tells Theo to go to a place named "Hobart & Blackwell" and to steal "The Goldfinch." Theo escapes the burning rubble and goes home, hoping and praying that his mother is not far behind. From there, his life takes a turn for the worse. His troubled thoughts cause him to make the wrong decisions and meet the wrong people. All the while, Theo harbors his dark secret of the stolen painting.

The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt is easily, in my opinion, one of the best modern American works. It captures the feeling of relatability with its main character, Theo. The plot is simple enough to be easily understood, but is complex enough to keep the reader engaged throughout. While the book's 900+ page count may seem intimidating at first, Tartt's expert writing ensures that every page is used to its fullest potential. The start of the book is a highlight. The beginning is so strong that it carries the entire book. However, the absolute best part of the book is observing Theo as he grows and matures into a person he never wanted to be. His internal conflict is the main conflict in the story, but there are other conflicts in the form of villains. They never come close to the depth achieved with Theo's own conflict, but they serve as a nice distraction to keep the story interesting.

It's sad to say, but *The Goldfinch* is, by no means, a perfect book. It has numerous flaws, some more egregious than others. The biggest flaw of the entire novel is the ending. It is so difficult to write a satisfying ending to such a long book, but what makes this particular ending so bad is that it had potential. When I say "the ending," I'm only talking about the last 10 pages. The last 10 pages bring up deep, philosophical questions that had never been brought up previously. There was no need for such questions, and they only confuse the reader. My second biggest issue with the work is the oddly spontaneous reunions with some characters. Theo left New York for three years, then returns but neglects to inform anyone of this. By luck, Theo finds one of his childhood friends while aimlessly walking the streets. There are multiple instances where this same coincidence occurs.

I highly recommend that you check out *The Goldfinch*. It may be a little long, but the payoff is worth it. I consider this novel as one of my personal favorites, which I can't say about most books. Despite having a few flaws, I absolutely recommend this book to anyone. You won't regret reading it.

Movie Review: *Is It Chapter Two* clowning around?

Adam Reyes | Staff Reporter

It Chapter Two arrives as the second and supposedly final installment in the Stephen King *It* franchise. Chapter Two is directed by Andy Muschietti and stars James McAvoy, Jessica Chastain, Bill Hader, Isaiah Mustafa, Jay Ryan, James Ramone and Andy Bean as the grown-up versions of the first movie's Losers Club. The film also stars Bill Skarsgard from the first movie as the perpetually terrifying killer clown, Pennywise. This film takes place 27 years after the events of the first *It* movie, and Pennywise is back and causing havoc once again in the town of Derry. So, at the behest of Mike, played by Isaiah Mustafa, the Losers Club reassembles to hopefully put an end to Pennywise.

The obvious question going into the sequel is can it live up to the high bar set by the first movie? Sadly, it falls short on delivering a worthy and satisfying conclusion to the series. The supposed horror is hardly anywhere to be seen and ends up making the movie feel more like an action movie with grotesque imagery. While the first movie used Skarsgard's creepy and eerie portrayal of Pennywise to frighten the viewers to the point of never wanting to see a clown again, this installment underutilizes his acting ability. Instead, the film focuses on disturbing imagery. This can be an effective method of horror, but not in this instance. This movie's biggest horror successes only come from scares that are practically ripped straight from the first movie and don't feel fresh at all.

The storytelling aspect also feels weaker than the first, but does tie up the ending with a satisfying end for most characters. James McAvoy and the rest of the cast give a phenomenal performance that takes you away from the lackluster horror scenes. The dynamic between the club and how it intertwines with past events makes for a high point of the movie. Even with some glaring issues, audiences will still be satisfied after watching Pennywise come alive once again.

A Day in the Life of the Athletic Director

Mac Johnson | Staff Reporter

“I can tell you that it is truly awesome to see all the different skills our student body has.” said Mr. Dale Checketts, Bishop Canevin’s Athletic Director and Social Studies teacher. This is one of the reasons that makes being the athletic director worth it for Checketts. He puts in a lot of time and effort to make Canevin better and to make the athletic programs the best that they can be. Daily life for an athletic director is not easy. It can seem daunting for some people but not to Checketts. Weeks can be long and hard but, in the end, it is all worth it to him.

According to Checketts, “The primary responsibility of an athletic director is to oversee all aspects of the athletic program that are sponsored by a school or institution.” The duties of the athletic director are far too numerous to name. But some of the more important ones are hiring coaches and their staff, ordering equipment for the teams, fundraising for sporting events, providing guidance to the players, scheduling games and events, and making sure there is not any conflict with using shared equipment and gym space among teams. Checketts works with other teachers to maintain eligibility records of the players and makes sure the school’s teams are compliant with NCAA standards. He also oversees and runs the new athletic website, the online apparel store, and all of the athletic social media accounts. With so many duties and responsibilities, Checketts does his best to fit everything into a tight schedule which he completes throughout the day and all week.

A typical workday starts off around 7:30 a.m. Checketts begins the day by confirming games with other schools, contacting the transportation company for the team to confirm that everything is scheduled properly, updating game scores and other information on the athletic department’s website, and having a meeting with Mr. Michael Joyce, Canevin’s principal. He tries to complete most of this during first period. If he does not finish all these tasks in that time frame, he will do them throughout the day. Checketts teaches during second, fourth, fifth, seventh and eighth periods. When it is third period, he writes his teaching plans for his classes. For ninth period and the rest of the day, he



Photo by LifeTouch

returns to his job as the athletic director. When school ends for the day, Checketts can be found doing a multitude of activities. He meets with the athletic trainer to check if any of the players are newly injured or still injured. He also attends many team practices and games. As the athletic director, Checketts is the site manager for all Canevin games. For home games, he has to handle gate setup along with all other home game preparations. Sometimes, he can be found working until 10 p.m. He follows a similar schedule throughout the week and has Sunday off from work.

One of the bigger challenges that Checketts faced when he first got the job as athletic director was that he had to balance being both an athletic director and a teacher. “When I took over, it was in the middle of the year and I did not want to have my students go through any changes at that time as I thought it would not be fair to them,” he said. To accommodate this change, he stepped down as head coach of Canevin’s baseball team. He enjoys being able to still teach while being the athletic director.

Being both is not an easy task. It comes with many different duties and responsibilities that have to be done in a limited time frame. Many people would say that this job is too hard and time-consuming, but Checketts makes it all seem easy. His hard-working attitude and profound skills in his profession allow him to be great at his job. “While no two days are alike and the schedule can be hectic, I can say that I am proud to be the athletic director here at Bishop Canevin, which is a place close to my heart for numerous reasons,” said Checketts, who is also an alumnus of the school. “I hope that we can continue to improve upon what we already have here as we continue into the future.”

Volleyball Update

Hanna DeLisio | Staff Reporter

Alexa Malloy, a senior captain of the volleyball team, is at 1000 career kills and counting. Left-handed yet hitting right side in the front row, Malloy said, “I couldn’t have done it without my team.” She intends to play at California University of Pennsylvania after graduation.

As for the girls’ season to date, they are hoping for a first-ever three-peat in Canevin volleyball history. The girls are looking for a section and WPIAL win this year, and they have the players to do it. The Lady Crusaders are then hoping to go much farther into State playoffs than last year. These girls have big goals, and they are working hard together to achieve their dreams.

“I can’t wait to see our team succeed and our hard work pay off,” exclaimed senior Maddie Maziarz.



Photo by Matt Polk

Serving Up Some Tennis

Anessa Preteroti | Staff Reporter

Bishop Canevin senior Spencer Putnam was eager to begin her last season playing tennis for the BC/Carlynton co-op. Little did she know she would be the only one to show up for the first practice. Still in shock, she and the coaches, Jake Trumbetta and Matt Stagl, began an all-out recruitment effort. Spencer focused on finding girls from Bishop Canevin, while the coaches were recruiting at Carlynton High School where they both teach. They managed to round up five sophomores: Emma Younger and Julia Rinehart from Carlynton, and Alysha Cutri, Anessa Preteroti and Renee LaGrosse from Canevin. With six players they now had a team, but could they compete?

The coaches played a significant role in this operation. The leadership they showed drove the team in creating a true cooperative feel. Their enthusiasm in bringing the two schools together translated to the girls who have now built on their newfound friendships throughout the season.

Learning the rules and techniques



Photo by Matt Polk

of a new sport does not come easily, but the girls were eager to learn and caught on fairly quickly. Still considered beginners, their goal for the season was not to feel the pressure of winning or losing, but learning and growing as a team and, most of all, having fun.

The girls and coaches are both hoping to recruit new players, improve the skill of returning players for next year’s season, and come back better than ever.

What started as no hope for a season ended in a success. #tennisgrind

Get to Know Luke Kaupinis

Luke Andruscik | Staff Reporter



Photo by Matt Polk

You see all these familiar faces around the halls of Bishop Canevin but sometimes you never know who they really are. I recently interviewed senior soccer player Luke Kaupinis.

What made you want to play soccer?
My parents signed me up for soccer when I was in kindergarten.

Who is your favorite professional soccer player?
Eden Hazard.

What's your most memorable moment?
Beating Seton-LaSalle last year.

What's the coolest thing you have ever done on a soccer field?
Scored a game winning goal in overtime.

What position do you play?
Center back.

What's your favorite food?
Pizza.

What's your favorite drink?
Water.

What's your favorite color?
Blue.

What's your favorite movie?
"Pulp Fiction."

Next time you see Luke, say hello and ask him some more questions!

BC Gains New Athletic Trainer

Nick Paluso | Staff Reporter

Miss Hannah Zugec joined the BC athletic staff this fall as the new trainer. I had a chance to sit down and ask her some questions.

From which college did you get your degree?

I earned my undergraduate degree from West Chester University of Pennsylvania and my Master's degree from Millersville University of Pennsylvania.

What's a typical day like as Bishop Canevin's trainer?

During the weekdays, I typically get to the athletic training room about an hour before school ends. I take care of paperwork, review what student athletes I am expecting to be in rehab, treatment or to be evaluated. I then prep the coolers for after school games/practices. After school rehabs and treatments are completed, then I either head out to practices for the day or to the games. After games/practices, I get things in the athletic training room cleaned up and take care of any paperwork or needs for injuries.

What made you want to become an athletic trainer?

I knew I wanted to work in the medical field and stay involved with athletics. After some researching early on in high school, I found athletic training and knew it was the path I wanted to take.

The Statue of Mary now stands in the G-Side hallway.



Photo by Jack Mickle

Alumni Spotlight: Stephanie Len

Nick Paluso | Staff Reporter



Photo courtesy of Stephanie Len

Bishop Canevin's new administrative assistant, Mrs. Stephanie Len, was also a member of Canevin's Class of 1988. After graduation, she went on to attend Duquesne University, School of Education. While there, Len was on the school's swim team as a long-distance swimmer.

In 2001, she was chosen as an honoree for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Pittsburgh's 50 Finest. She was an avid skier since first grade until she had children. Mrs. Len has traveled to many different places to ski, even Europe. This year, she plans to take her sons skiing.

"I have many personal reasons for accepting this role at Bishop Canevin," Len said. "The benefits offered a work/life balance that was needed for my family and I get to see my niece (Ava Gaitens '23) and nephew (Carson Gaitens '21), along with other students who call me 'Aunt Steph' since I grew up with their parents and held them as babies. But the main reason I made the decision to come here not only as an alumna was because of my conversation with Mr. Joyce and his passion to create a culture to welcome more families and students into the Bishop Canevin family."

Since becoming an employee, Mrs. Len has made some needed improvements to the school office.

"It is my mission and goal to create an environment for students, families and visitors to feel welcomed when they come into the main office and to Bishop Canevin as a whole. When you walk into the office you may notice that I display weekly motivational and inspirational quotes for everyone to read. I decorated the office with plants and brought in new furniture for a more cohesive and updated appearance. I streamlined the process for faculty, staff and administration, creating a positive and open line of communication which I feel is something I have brought to Bishop Canevin in my short time here," explained Len. "What I feel is equally

important is to create a culture with professional will, compassionate heart, and fun-loving spirit." She also hopes in time to get permission to repaint the office.

There have been many changes to the school since Len graduated. However, Len said the biggest change she has noticed over the years is "...the overall initiative to making aesthetic improvements. The exterior is welcoming and beautiful with the landscaping, courtyard, and exterior lighting, along with updates within the school, especially the new classroom prototypes."

When Mrs. Len is not coordinating schedules for teachers, substitutes or transportation, she enjoys hanging out with her husband, Mike, and her two sons, Donovan (age 10) and Camden (age 8). She is actively involved in her neighborhood and in her sons' school Parent-Teacher Organization. She runs her sons' school's largest fundraising event and she volunteers at many school activities throughout the year.

Two nights a week and almost every weekend, Mrs. Len and her family spend their time at a hockey rink. Both of her sons play hockey with the Mt. Lebanon Hockey Association and the Upper St. Clair Hockey Association, and they play baseball and flag football. Besides cheering on her sons, she enjoys spending time with her mother (aka GY) and her sister's family (the Gaitens).

A huge thank you goes to Mrs. Len for her hard work and commitment to ensuring Bishop Canevin is even more welcoming and inviting.

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Email Joel Skelley or Mr. Romano (B108) for details.

LÔÔK

Canevin is starting its own museum and we need **YOUR** help!

See Mrs. Smith G105 or Jack Mickle G210 to donate items



BC²

Tuesdays after school.

Talk to Mrs. R in the Library for more information.



See Joel Skelley or Madison Scott to join. (B107)