



Carnegie Historical Society Has Many Canevin Connections

Rutanya Taylor | Staff Reporter



When senior Jack Mickle first discovered the Historical Society of Carnegie, he was hoping it had some background information or materials on Canevin's history that were not already stored in Canevin's library or the collection that will soon become Canevin's Hall of Fame and Museum, scheduled to open late Summer 2021. Mickle is the school's student archivist and has a keen interest in preserving its legacy in the community.

He pleasantly was surprised to find a treasure trove of Canevin people and artifacts. Numerous people currently involved with the historical society have Canevin ties. In fact, the Society's Board includes Director Carol Dlugos '63, Secretary Jeff Keenan '70, and President Dan McGrogan '68. Jimmy Walsh from the Class of 2017 is a special project volunteer. Even those who didn't necessarily go to Canevin still have connections to the school, such as weekend volunteer Rich McConville's cousin, Dolores McConville, who was an original faculty member.

"I was amazed at the amount of Canevin connections," commented Mickle.

Artifacts held by the historical society include back issues of The Leonid, an original girl's uniform blazer that hangs in the front display window, and a brochure, circa 1958, encouraging donations to help fund the construction of the new Canevin Catholic High School.

Upon relaying this information to Mrs. Charlotte Smith, the Museum's Coordinator, an exchange of duplicate material was immediately proposed. "In addition

to what we already had, Jack was able to augment our collection with the addition of extra yearbooks and memorabilia," said Keenan, who was on The Leonid staff while attending Canevin. The Society released extra newspaper clippings and school event program copies to add to Canevin's inhouse archives.

Bishop Canevin High School has been an important part of Carnegie and the surrounding area for more than 60 years in addition to having a lasting effect on the lives of many.

"Canevin has been important to the Chartiers Valley area since it opened in 1959. I felt at home when I started there. Our first headmaster, Fr. Henry, established a strong education system," said Dlugos. She was at Canevin on the very first day of school in 1959 when it opened as her class, the Class of 1963, became the first Canevin students.

"I always joke no Seton fan should walk into the historical society because there is at least one Canevin grad on staff or volunteering at any given time. I think the most I've counted at one time is 6!" laughed Mickle.

The historical society's archives and displays also include artifacts from Carnegie, Scott Twp., Carlynton, Chartiers Valley, and St. Luke High Schools.

The Historical Society of Carnegie, PA is located at 1 W. Main Street, Carnegie. Drop in to see the Canevin collection as well as the Honus Wagner room and the "Miniature Main Street" diorama on permanent display, along with a variety of rotating exhibits.

What the Bishop Canevin Community Thinks

Christian Andrews | Staff Reporter

The Leonid staff sent out a questionnaire to all faculty and students. With more than a fourth of the community responding, we found the below to be the Christmas favorites here at Bishop Canevin:

What is your favorite Christmas-styled cookie?

Sugar cookies ranked highest over peanut butter blossoms and gingerbread.

What is your favorite Christmas movie?

"Elf" was chosen over options like "White Christmas," "The Santa Clause" and others.

What is your favorite animated Christmas movie?

"How the Grinch Stole Christmas" easily won over movies like "A Charlie Brown Christmas" and "Frosty the Snowman."

What is your favorite reindeer?

Rudolph took this one.

Does your family have a real or fake tree?

The majority of your families

have a fake tree.

What is at the top of your family tree?

The star tree topper was the favorite.

When do you hang your Christmas decorations?

The majority begin to decorate right after Thanksgiving.

What is your favorite Christmas song?

"All I Want for Christmas is You" by Mariah Carey won out over some tough competition choices.

Would you prefer to give or receive gifts?

Being the good community Bishop Canevin is, the majority voted they would prefer to give.

Do you like snow?

A great majority LOVED snow.

Thanks to all those who participated in our holiday survey. Have a blessed Christmas!



Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Love,
The Leonid Staff



A Day in the Life of the Librarian

Mac Johnson | Staff Reporter



“The more you read, the more things you will know.

The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go,” wrote famous children’s author, Dr. Seuss, in his book, *I Can Read with My Eyes Shut*. No one understands this more than a librarian. Bishop Canevin High School is very lucky to have Suzan Rakaczky as the school librarian. Her hard work and determination have made the BC library into a place where the students can really learn more. She is always willing and ready to help out anyone’s need, whether it is getting a book or accessing databases. Rakaczky embodies one of the most important aspects of Canevin’s mission statement and that is being a ‘person for others.’

The majority of Rakaczky’s day is spent assisting students and searching for resources that might help them in their classes. One of the many ways she helps students is by working closely with teachers to provide resources that parallel with the lessons they are teaching. This helps students who do not fully understand the lesson or students who want to learn more about a particular topic. For some of the English Department’s independent reading projects, for example, Rakaczky pulls out books that relate to the theme of the project and displays them on a selected shelf. This alleviates the struggle and stress for students to try to find a book that interests them. Also, for research-based class projects, she shows the class how to access the databases and other helpful resources that make the process easier for students. Rakaczky said, “As a librarian, I get a lot of emails with information that might be useful to teachers. I am always forwarding information to a teacher who I think might be interested in what that organization is offering.”

One of the major changes Rakaczky made to the library system at Canevin is that she has created an online library catalog. When she first started working here, the card catalog had unfortunately been thrown away. She had

to rely on memory to know what was available in the library. “I felt that an online catalog would revolutionize the BC library. Students will now be able to see what we have available without actually being in the library. They can explore their interests and search for what they need right from their phone or iPad,” she explained. With the help and enthusiasm of Principal Michael Joyce, Rakaczky purchased the Destiny Online Catalog system recently and, from there, the new BC catalog was created. This year has been a transition year for the catalog. She is working to input all of BC’s library contents into the system, and she is making sure that students are able to sign into the catalog with Google. “It will take some time to get the system fully operational, but it will be just great once it is,” she stated.

One of Rakaczky’s favorite parts of her job is being the moderator of the book club. This club is unlike any other. Most book clubs have all its members read the same book but, at Canevin, students read whatever book that interests them that fits in with the theme that the club selects. Rakaczky does a great job of creating fun activities and themes for the book club. For example, every year around Valentine’s Day, the club participates in an activity called “A Blind Date with a Book.” This is where Rakaczky wraps up different books in decorative paper like a present and places a sticky note on top that gives a brief sentence on what the book is about. Her creativity and dedication to the club makes it a delightful experience for all its members, and Rakaczky enjoys being a part of it as well.

Rakaczky’s kind and caring personality is an asset to the community. She truly is a ‘person for others.’ “Every day I try to make the library better so that it is more helpful to our students and teachers,” she said. “I love my work and am so happy when I can help someone find information that they need.”

Book Review: Letters to a Young Poet

Renee LaGrosse | Section and Sports Editor

Letters to a Young Poet, written by Rainer Maria Rilke, begins in the park of Wiener-Neustadt Military Academy. Franz Xavier Kappus has just learned that a former student has written the book he is reading and he decides to send a letter to Rainer Maria Rilke, the author, asking him for an opinion on his poetry. Franz puts his heart into this letter and, soon after the first letter, comes many more. This book contains some of the many letters Franz has received from Rilke.

Rilke’s advice is amazingly detailed. He says not to criticize the poem but yet criticize yourself. You need to be present in every word you write – showing not only your passions but also your fears – and these can only be found deep within

yourself. You need not seek the answers to the unanswered question but you need to live them. Rilke’s fourth letter states that you must “live along some distant day into the answer,” knowing and questioning the world and your life.

Rilke’s book is beautifully written. The details of the letters and the advice given is useful, even a hundred years later. I would highly recommend this book to every poet, artist, writer or even critical thinker, although it does contain some mature themes. Not only does it contain information to help the young poet, but it contains information that helps the readers better understand themselves.

For these reasons and many more, I give this book a 5/5.

Movie Review:

Fate Ends With A Bang

Adam Reyes | Arts and Entertainment Editor

Fate Stay Night Heaven’s Feel Spring Song is the final movie in the *Heavens Feel* trilogy and is directed by Tomonori Sudou. I was very fortunate to be able to go to a screening for this movie at the AMC Waterfront 22 ahead of its spring DVD release. In an unprecedented year, this was a very fortunate event indeed and I was glad to be able to go.

For those unfamiliar with the series, a war for the Holy Grail is fought every 60 years in the Japanese city of Fuyuki where seven people each are given a hero from time to participate in a battle royale for the chance to have their wish granted by the Holy Grail. What always amazed me about this movie series is the character study that is each of the cast members. One could write an entire essay on each of the characters and their motivations and personal beliefs. This is less of a battle of strength while more of a battle between ideals, and the final in the trilogy delivers on this promise more than any in the series. Characters are put in situations that force them to confront themselves and affirm their beliefs. Although I can’t say much without spoiling important story beads, each fight has terrific fight choreography with fluid motion and animation.

Colors on the screen pop like no other and immediately grab your attention and keep you glued to the screen. This

is all backed by an amazing score from Yuki Kajiura and a great title track from Aimer. The film also remains fairly faithful to the source material with only a few aggravating cuts from the material most likely due to time constraints, but the most important story threads remain intact. Another important part of the *Heaven’s Feel* series has been how it deals with trauma and survivors’ guilt, specifically in the character Sakura Matour. Most movies and series have a hard time dealing with these types of characters as they fall into the stereotype of only using these characters as plot devices. Where their trauma is only used to move the plot forward and have the male lead save them, think *Princess Peach*.

Without spoiling too much, *Heaven’s Feel Spring Song* subverts this trope and gives a satisfying conclusion to her story without having her fall into this plot device stereotype. I ask that if you haven’t seen this series you give it a chance even if you are unfamiliar with Japanese movie and television works. *Fate Stay Night Heaven’s Feel Spring Song* is a satisfying conclusion to the series with great character studies, intense eye-popping action, and a great soundtrack with only a few cuts from the source material, but it is, otherwise, a fantastic film.

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Ask Us Anything

*Two staff reporters
anonymously give their best advice*

How can you communicate to your teachers that you are having a really hard time? It's super embarrassing....

First of all, it's perfectly fine to not quite understand something, even if others seem to understand quickly. Most likely, you are not the only one struggling. Teachers are here to help you and they won't judge you if you need a little extra help. There are many ways you can go about asking a teacher for help. The easiest way is to just talk with them about your concerns. You can do this either before or after class or even before or after school. If you're too nervous to ask them for help, you can always email them. Don't be discouraged because you didn't understand something right away, and definitely do not compare yourself to others. If you are trying your best and putting effort in to do better, then you will succeed.

I've been feeling quite isolated since starting online school even though I have many friends. How can I stop this feeling?

Staying home for any long period of time can definitely be draining so, trust me, you aren't the only one feeling this way. At home, make sure to not stay in the same place all day. It will probably just make you feel more confined. If you're able to, take a walk on your lunch break. Staying active and getting out of your house can be a game changer. You can also always FaceTime or Google Meet with friends who are in your lunch period. Make sure to stay

connected with friends but also use this time for yourself. Take breaks from technology; instead you could read a book, write, pick up a hobby or do anything else but sit in front of the computer or your iPad. There's a world of opportunities waiting for you. Remember – if you ever just want to talk to someone, you can always schedule a Google Meet with the school counselor. She'll be more than willing to provide you with some helpful tips.

What's your go-to Chick-Fil-A order?

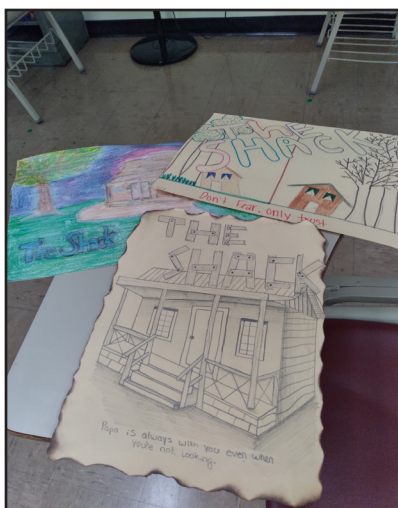
I would have to say the 12 piece chicken nugget meal with extra honey mustard. If you've never had one of these delicious nuggets dipped in honey mustard, then you are definitely missing out on something. I recently found out that you can actually order a 30 piece nugget platter for yourself at the drive-thru. This has turned all of my bad days into good ones. Eat more chicken, everyone!

Starbucks or Dunkin's?

Starbucks holds a special place in my heart over Dunkin' Donuts. The amount of extra espresso shots they have given me and their friendly attitude definitely makes them my favorite. Also, the holiday cups are always fun to collect. I have way too many, especially after November 6, when they were giving them away for free. They also have good bakery items, and I love their green tea.

“The Shack” Revisited

Students in the elective Theology and Film class watched “The Shack” based on the book by William Paul Young which concerns the relationship of the main character with God after he experiences the ultimate tragedy of losing his child. A culminating activity was to redesign the movie poster and tag line. This course is taught by Mrs. Charlotte Smith.



Get to Know the Class of 2021

Sarah Barron | Staff Reporter



Frank Nicholson is a part of the Bishop Canevin Boys' Soccer team. When asked his overall thoughts on his soccer years, he said, "I am very grateful to have been a part of the team for four years and make many great memories." He recalled the Bentworth v. Canevin soccer game of last year where the game went into overtime and Canevin ultimately won in the last two minutes which led to some serious celebrating amongst the coach and team. In thinking about this year's pandemic, Frank stated, "Many special events were tainted by the virus during my senior year but I have found safe ways to make the best of it with my friends." Nicholson chose to come to BC when he was still at St. Philip's Elementary.

Gillian Golupski is the senior house captain for Rahner House and chose to come to Canevin because she "could not pass on going to a school with so many welcoming and kind people." She just recently wrapped up her final season on the girls' volleyball team with her fourth consecutive WPIAL Championship medal. She loves being with the girls on the team. She is the manager of the boys' basketball team, attending every game and assisting in various ways. Her favorite memory is "winning the WPIAL Championship for volleyball four years in a row. That is an incredible feat."



Nevan Crossey is the student government president. His mother and four older siblings all graduated from Canevin. He is an active member of the boys' soccer, basketball and baseball teams. His favorite is basketball as he appreciates how closely knit the team is and the many rewards that follow all the team's hard work. He is also involved in Crusaders for Justice, St. Ignatius Scholars Program, the International Club and the Diner Club, the latter being a small group of BC friends who go to different restaurants to eat every Friday before the school day begins. His favorite memories are "all the good times with my friends at school and all my sports seasons, especially my last basketball one."



Rutanya Taylor, known as Roo, played a vital role on the girls' volleyball team, helping to secure their fourth consecutive WPIAL Championship title this past fall. She also is on the girls' basketball team. She chose Canevin over any other school because her mother went here and she had already talked to the volleyball coaches while her sister was attending here, too. She loves volleyball and basketball equally. The pandemic has made her realize "not to take anything for granted."



Samuel Nicolella is a Ricci House member and on the cross country team and the Canevin/Carlynton swim team. He enjoys cross country the most because of the bond he shares with the team and atmosphere of the summer practices. He is also a member of the International Club, St. Ignatius Scholars and Student Government. He came to Canevin from JFK Elementary and knew many people who were also going to attend. He appreciates the hard work of the International Club moderator, Ms. Barber, and the club members who ensure the student body has a lot of fun during International Week. His favorite memory was the St. Ignatius trip to New York City that he took during his sophomore year.

Champine Bros. Are Known for Basketball and Biking

Luke Andruscik | Staff Reporter



Trey and Shea Champine are brothers who transferred to Bishop Canevin this school year from the now-closed Vincentian Academy. Not only are they both stars on the basketball court, but they have had the opportunity to ride their bicycles across the country.

Trey, a junior, and Shea, a sophomore, have been playing basketball for 10 years and are looking to help Canevin add some more banners to its gym.

For the last three years, as members of the Pittsburgh Youth Leadership, they have had the opportunity


to take biking adventures across America's most breathtaking roads. PYL promotes positive leadership skills and an outdoor adventurous spirit. Trey has biked 2,016 career miles through 13 states and Shea has biked 2,299 career miles to date. Their longest trip has been biking from Panama City, Fla. to the upper peninsula of Michigan. They also have biked from New Hampshire to Maine and from Pittsburgh to West Virginia.

The Champines are amazing athletes who continue to look to accomplish many feats.


The Time Traveling Teenagers meet Santa Claus
By Gabriele Gerbino




A Snowy Christmas Day at John Polk High School



The Class of Mr. Roberts is talking about Christmas




Class Dismissed



John, Chase, Paul walk home



Suddenly a wormhole appears



Lets go!



North Pole



Where are we?



The North Pole




Santa!




Hi Santa



My name is Chase




My name is John



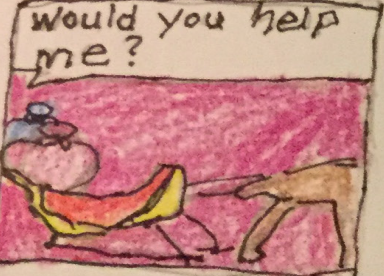
My name is Paul



I need to deliver toys tonight



Would you help me?



Yes!!



Good!




Thank you!



Bye



That was fun!



Volleyball Wrap-Up

Jakc Mickle | *Editor-in-Chief*

The Lady Crusaders received a bye the first round of state playoffs this year and the first team they played in the quarterfinals on Nov. 14 was against Saegertown. The Crusaders beat the Panthers in five sets, 25-22, 17-25, 25-17, 25-21 and 15-9.

In the semifinals on Nov. 17, the girls fell short to the Clarion Bobcats in three sets, 25-14, 25-15, and 25-15.

Finishing up the year, three girls were named All-State: Gillian Go-

lupski, Abbie Maziarz and Keira Kozlowski.

Even though the girls suffered a defeat at the state playoffs, this was still a great achievement for the program to go this far, especially taking into consideration everything that had been thrown at the girls during their season.

Congratulations to the team's four seniors -- Gillian Golupski, Rutanya Taylor, Natalie Zurbola and Isabel Beichner -- for an outstanding four years of play!

Interview with a Hockey Player

Keyshawn McCaskill | *Staff Reporter*

I had the chance to sit down with fellow sophomore Michael Parzynski and discuss sports. He is from Belle Vernon and transferred to Canevin this year but has already become a valued member of its hockey team.

Q. How has all the COVID-19 protocols affected this year's hockey play?

A. This year is very different since we have to follow these new protocols. We are required to wear mask face coverings during each game. This is an adjustment.

Q. How is this season different?

A. Obviously we have to follow these new protocols. We even have to sit six feet apart from one another when we are on the bench.

Q. How is the team doing compared to last year?

A. From what I've heard, last year the team really struggled. This year we are playing a lot better and are winning more games.

The team has had a shootout in three of its last six games. A recent fundraiser involved the holiday raffle of a 65-inch Sony TV. At the time of this submission, the team has won more games, currently sitting in sole possession of first place in the North Division.

Girls' Basketball Gears Up for New Season

Keira Kozlowski | *Staff Reporter*

As the winter season comes around, the Canevin girls' basketball team prepares to take another title in winning the WPIAL championship. Last year they reached the WPIAL championship game for the seventh time in nine seasons, defeating Laurel 50-41 to win the Class 2A title. Being bumped down this year to the Class 1A section, they hope to take this

new title with 11 of their 13 players returning.

Practices recently began and captains Savannah Abbott and Rutanya Taylor are ready to push the team to the limits. "We had an obstacle at first wearing masks at practice but we are adapting well and are hopeful to just have a season in which to play," said Abbott. The team also has brand new uniforms and shoes.

Op-Ed: Thoughts on a New Hockey Season

Ian Lecker | *Guest Columnist*



For the first time in a very long time, the Canevin Crusaders hockey team is undefeated in regulation. At this point just last year, the Crusaders were only 1-5-0. It's been an incredible turnaround as, at the time of this submission, the Crusaders are in first place in the North Division, 4-0-2, and poised to extend their lead.

Personally, I can very much define the one major difference between these two outcomes: heart. Each and every Crusader is ready to buy in for the next game, ready to step up for their teammates and play for each other. Quite truthfully, it has been an absolute honor and privilege to play for this team and it has been an incredible feeling to challenge ourselves every time we hit the ice and see the results. As defenseman and alternate captain Braehm Brown puts it, "We're about togetherness and teamwork. Between last year and now, that's the secret. Together we show intensity and together we play."

I will note one game in particular, and it's not the big win over Central Velley, our season sweep of Avonworth, or our preseason win against Fox Chapel, but our 3-2 overtime loss to Ringgold. We had battled hard and sent the game to overtime only to fall in a shootout. Ringgold had been widely considered an opponent leagues about any competition, yet the Canevin Crusaders had found a way to force overtime, and then a shootout. It's the way the team reacted that most impressed me. The mood was proud but solemn. There had been a lot accomplished

during those 54 minutes, but we know what this meant. Not only could we compete with the elites of the league, but that there is unfinished business.

I had said there was a lot to be proud of; after all, we improved to first in the division, but even more reasons to refuse to give up working hard, and it is a sentiment I know we all share.

At this time of writing, the Second Annual Canevin Hockey Winter Classic will be played at the South Park Outdoor Ice Rink in memory of our fallen patriots and Canevin hockey alum, Lt. Cpl. Ryan Kovacek, to benefit a local veteran charity. It exists as simply another reason to be proud of the Canevin hockey and high school community.

As a final note, I would like to extend recognition to the entire team. Veteran defensemen Tony Cicchino and Justin Lashley continue to excel and anchor our defensive core. Rookie defensemen Mason Glover, Maz Anselm and Michael Parzynski have proven themselves to be invaluable to our game and have stepped up when injuries take hold. Among the forwards, Ryan Saginaw, Ben Ondrejko, Zach Bittner, Joey Cicchino and Lucas Golembiewski are becoming stunning pieces of the team's success, along with stalwart captain Turner Anselm. I am monumentally proud and thankful to have the chance to play with such incredible individuals and under an incredible coaching staff. To the players, thank you, boys and let's continue to make this a season like no other!



Holiday Poetry Corner



'Tis the season of family and joy
 The children wait for Santa to bring
 them new toys.
 Cookies, eggnog and milk are all
 hidden on the shelf
 While the children imagine stories
 with elves.
 The stocking is stuffed sitting next
 to the tree
 And that's where the presents will be
 when he leaves.
 The cold snow rains down from above
 and there's plenty of mistletoe and
 even more love.

Frank Nicholson '21

Christmas was in the air
 The tree was full of life with lights.
 There were presents from Santa, full of
 delights.
 The snow was thick like the frosting
 on the cookies.
 Music was set for family and friends.
 Decorations were placed that looked
 like candy.
 The house was ready for the sleigh
 with Santa,
 pulled by reindeer with elves in tow.
 The job was done.
 On to the next house they go.

Garrett Nolf '21

Let's travel to a joyous time of year
 Snow is in the air; Jesus is everywhere.
 Santa's by the tree while enjoying a sweet treat,
 Waiting to go down the chimney and give gifts.
 Elves are packing the stockings
 Away from the Grinch. Give up a candy cane;
 His hate will drift.
 Adults are caroling; kids are sledding.
 Families don't think about this time ending.
 Lights around the fireplace, parents under
 Mistletoe; hot chocolate and gingerbread,
 Time for bed.
 This year was joyful, especially the snow.

Adante Berrien '23

Once a year this great holiday comes around.
 Christmas time has hit the ground.
 Santa has his sleigh full of reindeer
 The one brightest Rudolph now near.
 Mrs. Claus waits at her house, home alone,
 Waiting to hear from the elves on the telephone.
 She knows Santa is out working hard while she cooks.
 Gingerbread men she makes, hanging on hooks.
 This merry holiday also includes one thing,
 Mistletoes shine above high, glistening,
 The tree shimmers bright with lights,
 Holding presents under, hoping they are just right.
 From Jack Frost to Frosty, there's one thing said.
 All children's stockings have to be red.
 This great holiday holds true in our hearts.
 Only brings us together to not pull us apart.

Savanah Abbott '21

Bells are ringing, candles are lit
 Everyone is waiting for old St. Nick.
 As he prepares the gifts with his elves
 While families are getting ready by putting up
 Their wreaths and trees and stockings.
 As the weather gets colder, snow starts to form
 And kids make snowmen in the winter white.
 People are excited and happy for the holiday
 As the angels try to remind them that it's not
 All about the green and red nor the packages.
 It's about the one named Christ.

Brady Zarnick '21

Everyone has holiday traditions:
 Giving presents, playing dreidel,
 Hanging stockings and wreaths,
 Seeing decorations and snow,
 Hearing Mariah Carey and sleigh bells,
 Opening presents, hopefully not coal,
 Spreading joy and cheer,
 Having a holly, jolly holiday,
 Gathering together,
 Giving good tidings for the New Year
 And maybe getting an early New Year's
 Kiss under the mistletoe.

Kate Mickle '23

December is here, so here comes joy
 Snowflakes falling to the ground,
 And snowmen abound
 Fires made to get rid of the cold
 Candles lit to get rid of the dark
 Families decorating their Christmas trees
 With tinsel and an angel
 Drinking hot cocoa and baking cookies
 The fun of opening presents
 Going to sleep with hopes of Santa on his sleigh.
 Oh, how happy it is to be December!

Libby Hitchings '23

On this wonderful day Jesus was born.
 On this magnificent day Santa sneaks down the chimney.
 The scent of warm hot chocolate
 The sound of caroling
 The sweet sound of music
 The very excitable kids
 The peaceful Christmas tree.
 Happy Holidays, Everyone!

Keyshawn McCaskill '23

The blizzard hit the town last night,
 The little town full of bright lights
 A naughty child makes a snowman with his friend.
 He doesn't want this happiness to end.
 The jolly citizens sing carols in the icy air.
 Decorations of angels and elves are everywhere.
 Families eat dinner and hang ornaments on trees.

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They sip on hot chocolate in the cold winter breeze.
 Children lay out gingerbread cookies on a plate
 With their hopes that Santa's present won't arrive late.
 Their joyous smiles are red from their sweet candy cane
 And that's what Christmas is like on Holiday Lane.

Josie Bochicchio '23

On the couch with pajamas, blankets and socks,
 Joined by hot chocolate with marshmallows as cozy as can be,
 Happily getting ready for a fabulous TV show,
 Even though no one wanted to watch "Elf" with me.
 They all prefer "The Polar Express" or "Home Alone."
 Surrounded by ornaments and lights on the tree,
 Topped by an angel all on its own,
 Christmas songs playing all evening long
 Still sipping my now cold candy cane coffee,
 Thinking of Rudolph and Frosty the Snowman,
 Filled up with cheer.

Ava Gaitens '23

Christmas time is a time of joy.
 Winter spirit fills every little girl and boy.
 Families are gathering together to decorate the tree.
 Everyone's homes are filled with laughter and glee.
 Presents are exchanged while snow falls on the ground.
 Children try to find their gifts without making a sound.
 Santa fills his sleigh with gifts to bring cheer.
 The children can't wait for Christmas to come near.
 Today is the day Jesus was born
 And it's a time to rejoice, not mourn.
 Dinner is served with Christmas hams and yams.
 Dogs try to eat the food; their owners yell "Scram!"
 We all worship and we live in peace
 As all of our troubles are soon to cease.
 Merry Christmas is called throughout the town
 And no one ever walks around with a frown.

Brogan Victor '21

It's Christmas Day and the church is packed
 The bells are ringing loud and clear
 As all of the candles on the wreath are lit
 The birth of Jesus to celebrate.
 After Mass, to home a family backed
 To the tree in their home so dear
 With Christmas lights and candy canes looking
 proper every bit
 And the star on top the best to date.
 Beneath the tree presents were racked
 Also on display a fine reindeer
 The toys received were a fine kit
 The joy that was had you could not replicate.
 The snow was perfect, only slightly compact
 Just right for sledding or skiing in the park so near
 Once home they were treated to a cup of hot chocolate
 And warmed their feet by the fire through the grate.
 For dinner a ham from a pig most picked
 As the family sat and enjoyed with silent cheer
 A board game they played not but instead Spot It.
 What a fine ending to Christmas as cookies they ate.

Francis Skindzier '21

It's a winter wonderland outside in the cold
 Where children and adults sing carols, young and old.
 Merry and bright are the street lights.
 Everyone knows this is the night when Santa and
 his reindeer take flight.
 Inside the warm and cozy homes
 Children hang up stockings and Christmas globes.
 Their mothers and fathers tell them all to go to bed
 But they know they will hear tonight sleigh bells

on the roof above their head.
 Down the chimney he goes; Santa doesn't make
 a sound
 For only the snowmen outside can see him in the
 house move around
 The children want to see how many presents they get.
 They must realize that they won't get them yet.
 So off to bed they go
 While Santa climbs back up the chimney, saying
 "HO HO HO!"
 As the children close their eyes, they hear the
 sleigh bells jingle and fly away.
 What a Christmas Eve night it was, now a magical
 and wonderful day.

Keira Kozlowski '23

On Christmas morning as the kids awake
 They run downstairs to see if Santa came
 As they see he ate the cookies they had baked
 Mom and Dad had put Santa to shame!
 They run to the tree with a great amount of glee
 And look outside to see if their snowman still stands.
 Super excited, they open their toys,
 A bright beautiful morning filled with Christmas lights.
 The whole family was filled with joy
 A white winter day piled with so much snow
 So far it has been an easy flow.
 What a holly jolly Christmas as the stars and lights shine.
 The reindeers and elves now relaxing after a long hard day.
 The stockings were filled with candy canes. Ole!
 It's merry outside and hanging are icicles.
 Kids slowly start unwrapping their bicycles.
 After presents are over, the church bells ring.
 Mom and Dad kiss under the mistletoe
 As Santa goes home and cheers HO HO HO!

Madison Carothers '21

The Christmas season to me is a little more than
 just presents and bows.
 It is spending time with the amazing people I know.
 It's seeing the Christmas lights as we pass by houses.
 It's seeing the elderly women in the grocery store, all
 dressed in their holiday blouses.
 It's watching the glitter on the star shimmer on
 top of the tree as the moonlight shines in through
 the windows down upon me.
 It's the smell of fresh cranberries when you're
 baking a cake like the sprinkles of sugar on the
 frosted snowflakes.
 It's the snow falling onto the pine as you snuggle
 by the fire brings a lovely sort of happiness that
 my heart desires.
 It's the candles burning all through the house with
 a smell that just calms me down.
 It's the holiday season that welcomes me back into
 my small town.

Sierra Abbott '23

Decorate your Christmas trees.
 On your door must put a wreath.
 Light the candles, celebrate and don't forget to eat.
 Write your list to Santa; got to love St. Nick.
 I love my cocoa marshmallows with extra chocolate.
 Have you ever tried painting ornaments?
 Well, now's the time to have fun and even go to church.
 Cheerful gifts, presents, and all the Christmas merch
 People singing, family meeting – love this time of year.
 Smiling faces, jolly moods bring the Christmas cheer!

Aliyah Scott '23

Help Wanted Ads

Songwriters Club Forms

The Songwriters Club at Canevin is a place to play some songs, whether they be a cover or an original, in a relaxed environment. Many of your newfound colleagues may play some of their own music. This will further your skills as a musician. A live event is held in the spring to showcase everyone's talents. The location has varied through the years.

If you have interest in any genre of music or just want to get together with friends and "jam," consider joining the Songwriters Club. See senior Christian Andrews for details.

Photography Club's Upcoming Exhibit

Calling all student photographers! Submit your best work (printed 5x7) to junior Alysha Cutri, President, or Mrs. Charlotte Smith, moderator, in G105, so you can be a part of our Spring Exhibit at the Carnegie Municipal Building, April 1-May 31, 2021.

The Photography Club will also be sponsoring a speaker during activity period, Tuesday, January 19, 2021. All are welcome to Room G105 to listen and learn.

Join the Girls' Soccer Team

Become Part of a Family

Have you ever wanted to be a part of a bigger, successful group or team? Have you ever wanted to have such a close group of friends that it felt like a family? Joining the girls' soccer team might help you achieve this. The team welcomes players of all abilities. The girls are light-hearted and crack jokes, yet know how to kick it into gear and win games. This year they were undefeated section champs! They did this with players from a variety of different skill backgrounds, ages and play level. After the season, there is a great banquet involving a brunch, fun awards for everyone, senior speeches, and lots of laughs. Come join the soccer family!

BC Museum Set to Open Summer 2021

The Bishop Canevin High School Museum and Hall of Fame is set to open in Summer 2021. The space – an upstairs former classroom – has been completely renovated for this purpose with new carpeting, paint, lighting and air conditioning. Many artifacts and objects from the school's 60+ year history will be showcased, including original uniforms, trophies, sports and spring musical programs, newspaper clippings, class rings, past copies of *The Leonid* and all the yearbooks, LPs from the chorus and more, along with some treasures from the former high schools of St. Luke, St. James and Holy Innocents parishes. If you have any Canevin artifacts you would like to donate, please email Mrs. Charlotte Smith at smithc@bishopcanevin.org so the archives may be checked first to avoid duplication.

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Love,
The Leonid Staff






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