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Hugh Hefner donates \$50,000 to Star and yearbook

New cameras, computers and professional printing provided by the 1944 Steinmetz graduate

By Tanya Prannychuk

Hugh Hefner, the Editor in Chief of Playboy, donated \$50,000 to the Star and yearbook.

He sent a check for \$22,080 for cameras, computers and printing in June. In addition, he pledged \$28,000 more for future costs.

“What an incredible difference Mr. Hefner’s donation has made for the Star,” adviser Sharon Schmidt said.

“Nearly every photo in this issue was shot with cameras he paid for. We used our new iMacs and Adobe software to layout the pages. And because we’re going to a print shop instead of making copies on the Riso in the school, we are now able to publish a newspaper instead of a newsletter.”

Mr. Hefner’s gift follows a visit he made last year to Steinmetz. At that time, a student suggested he donate money to help journalism students. Ms. Schmidt also requested a donation in a letter she sent to him, with the Star issue that reported on his visit.

Mr. Hefner replied immediately, saying he liked the Star and wanted to help.

“I’m really blown away by the Star’s extensive coverage of our visit to Steinmetz with seven pages and many photos in full color,” Mr. Hefner wrote in his January 3 letter. “Members of our group — family and all — agree that our visit to my alma mater was the high point of our entire trip to Chicago.”

“I’m particularly interested in helping the Steinmetz Star because I know how important a regularly published school paper can be for all the students. I’d like to hear more from you about this.”

Ms. Schmidt and yearbook sponsor Gina



Hugh Hefner is welcomed by principal Eunice Madon on October 29, 2010. In Chicago for the premiere of “Hugh Hefner: Playboy, Activist and Rebel,” Mr. Hefner visited Steinmetz and was interviewed by Star and yearbook reporters. See the Nov.-Dec. 2010 issue at www.steinmetzac.com (“Newspaper” link).

Szulkowski created a wish-list of items that totaled \$22,080. They sent Mr. Hefner the proposal in May. Within weeks Mr. Hefner sent the school a check for that exact amount. He also pledged \$30,000 for continued print-

shop printing for the next four years. He acted in the Green Curtain Players, was in the student council, participated in the choral society and ran track. Most importantly, he began his work in journalism by writing for the Star and yearbook.

Last year, the Star reviewed “Hugh Hefner: Playboy, Activist and Rebel,” a documentary that showed his commitment to civil rights and his journalistic work toward justice in Playboy, which championed African American writers and activists.

Mr. Hefner values quality journalism. At a Star field trip last year, a former Playboy editor David Standish presented a seminar on interviewing. He explained how Playboy writers are held to the highest standards.

The Star has a proud history of 77 years of publication. And readers will continue to see improvement, all thanks to Hugh Hefner. ●

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shop printing for the next four years. “I was very happy when I heard,” said principal Eunice Madon. “We appreciate anyone who gives us money to improve our programs.”

Mr. Hefner has made other generous donations to Steinmetz over the past years, including one that paid for band uniforms.

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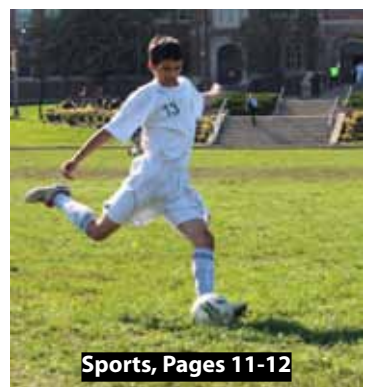
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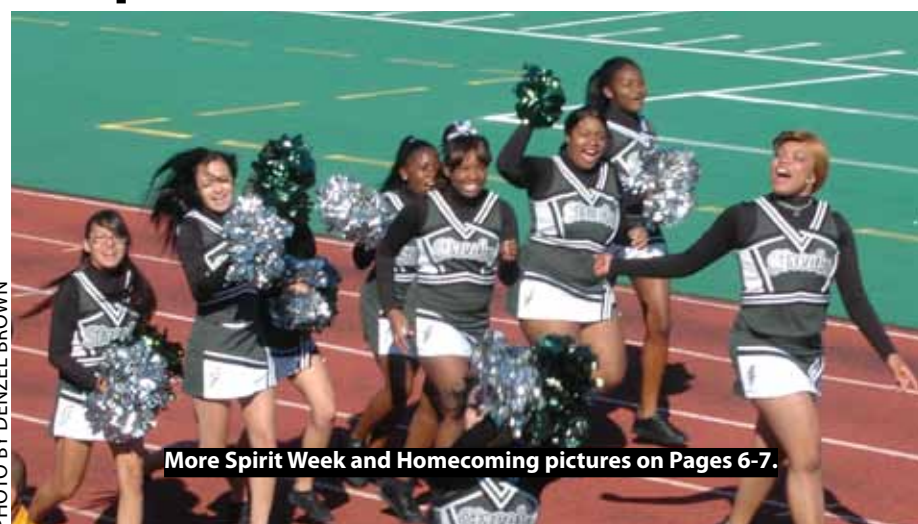


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Homecoming unites Streaks in spirit-filled week



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By Destiny Carpenter

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Great experience in CPS Shakespeare!



Teacher Robin Russo and seniors Tabitha Morales, Malica Lacy, and Wendy Flores participated CPS Shakespeare!, August through November, at Navy Pier.

By Malica Lacy

Our CPS Shakespeare! ensemble performed “The Taming of the Shrew” on November 4 and 5 at the Chica-

go Shakespeare Theater at Navy Pier. Tabitha Morales, Wendy Flores, Ms. Russo and I joined about 30 other high school students and teachers to form the cast.

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Shakespearian acting — risky, difficult, fun

Great experience *continued from page 1*

We started rehearsing in August, several days a week, until we got closer to the performance. Then we rehearsed everyday. It was fun. I met a lot of nice people from different schools. Our ensemble included students and teachers from 10 different Chicago high schools.

In the beginning, we played silly games to break the ice and get to know each other. We practiced faking like we were slapping each other and punching each other and we worked with swords. No day was ever the same.

Throughout the rehearsals, the directors had us wear clown noses at times. You couldn't feel uncomfortable with the others when everyone looked so silly.

We studied "The Taming of the Shrew." We did a lot of text work to figure out what Shakespeare was saying. I have been able to bring back these skills to Ms. Russo's Shakespeare's class.

It was fun to be with Ms. Russo outside of the school, especially during car rides to and from Navy Pier. She is the goofiest person ever. She is also a great actor, really involved in the rehearsals and performance. She would bring in different scenarios and opinions about how to make it funny or better. Director Kirsten Kelly and assistants Sondra and Marilyn encouraged us to bring in our own ideas.

We needed to be dedicated to the program because it was very time consuming. We rehearsed from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on weekdays and all morning on Saturdays. CPS Shakespeare fed us excellent breakfasts and lunches before rehearsals.

My parents thought it was good for me to be doing something after school, instead of being a couch potato. At first I was nervous about being in the program because I felt awkward and self-conscious around all the new people. The clown noses helped that a lot.

It was also hard to memorize the lines. We began learning the lines first by just reading them. Putting movements with the words added another level of difficulty. But it stayed fun throughout. All the actors stayed interested and active.

Because Wendy acted in CPS Shakespeare! last year, she helped us understand, and she provided tips from previous years. She and the other students who were in the program last year helped a lot. Instead of going to the teachers we would ask them for help.

I saw Tabitha, who is a pretty quiet person, become very outspoken. She stepped out of her comfort zone.

We have one more performance on November 18, then we'll have Red Carpet Night in January. ●



By Tabitha Morales

The CPS Shakespeare! program is something I will never forget. It was truly an amazing experience. I met so many different people, and became part of an ensemble and a family. This experience helped me open up. I learned to embrace risk-taking and not to think as much.

I'm sad about it being my first and last year in doing the program, but I wouldn't change it for the world. It was so much fun and exciting, and I learned from it. The program helped me and taught me things I can use in life.

I will forever have a bond with everyone who was involved in the process, from the students and teachers, to the education department, and the production staff. It will be a cherished memory that I will always hold close to my heart. ●



(Photos clockwise from left): Teacher Robin Russo performs in "The Taming of the Shrew" with Al Raby student Tywon McCall. Malica Lacy plays the role of Katrina in the November 4 production. Wendy Flores rehearses with the CPS Shakespeare! ensemble. Wendy Flores and Tabitha Morales practice their lines at Navy Pier, where the Chicago Shakespeare Theater is located.

PHOTO OF MS. RUSSO BY AMBER DUKES
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Senior Brianna Harris outside the Louvre Museum in Paris on July 4, 2011.

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What song reflects your life?

STAR PHOTO, MARIA SANCHEZ INTERVIEW



Maria Sanchez, Nicolette Yancy, Julia Gonzalez



MARIA SANCHEZ

“‘Sexy and I Know It’ by LMFAO. It reminds me of mom, who always tells me to look my best.”

Alexis Bautista, freshman

“‘Skyscraper’ by Demi Lovato is a strong song, and it’s true — I am strong all the time.”

Maria Sanchez, freshman

“My favorite song is ‘Dance’ by Big Sean ft Nicki Minaj. When I hear it I want to get up and dance.”

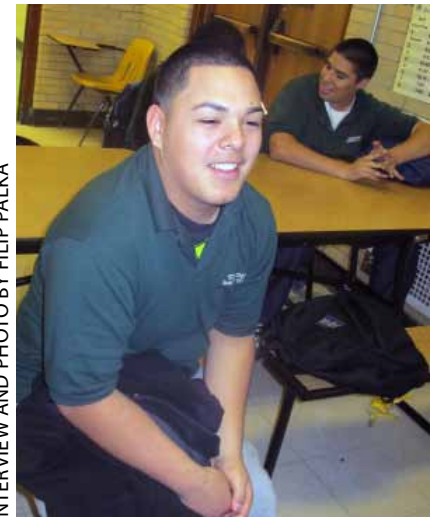
Nicolette Yancy, freshman



PHOTO BY DESTINY CARPENTER

“‘Ima Boss’ by Meek Mill.”

Julian Hemingway, sophomore



INTERVIEW AND PHOTO BY FILIP PALKA

“‘Haters Everywhere’ by B.O.B represents me because I have a lot of haters and there will always be people hating wherever you go.”

Henry Salgado, junior

INTERVIEW BY PASSION AUSTIN



Lucinda Horton, Briana Standberry

“My favorite song is ‘Headlines’ by Drake. Music reflects my life by helping me through certain situations.”

Briana Standberry, senior



INTERVIEW BY MATEUSZ BARANOWICZ
PHOTO BY QUIJINA WALTON

“‘I’m Me’ by Lil Wayne because no matter what happens and how new people come in my life, the fakers and haters, I will always be me, because ‘This is what I do.’”

Donald Steele, senior

INTERVIEW BY TANYA PRANNYCHUK
PHOTO BY MIGUEL VARELA



“‘Rise Above’ by Black Flag, because that’s what I do, I rise above.”

Gina Szulkowski, teacher

INTERVIEW AND PHOTO BY TMIGUEL VARELA



“‘Really Gonna Miss You,’ by Smokey Robinson. When I worked in another school a student was killed. He was my son’s best friend. We posted this song on Facebook to remember him.”

Laura Jimenez, attendance office

Take it easy on the seniors

PHOTO BY CRYSTAL PHILLIPS



Class of 2012 officers: President Amber Dukes, Vice-President Patricia Rivera, Treasurer Miguel Varela, Secretary Violeta Ramirez

By Amber Dukes

Junior year was very challenging because of the ACT preparations, so coming into senior year many people thought that it would be a breeze. We were wrong. A lot of stuff was thrown at us this year. Seniors are expected to start applying to colleges, sign up for any missed classes, and to also try to plan senior events.

It’s bad enough that we have a lot of work to do in order to graduate on time, we also have security guards and assistant principals all down our backs making it seem like they want us suspended.

College applications ask if the student was put on academic probation or suspended. It kind of hurts your chances when you have to check that box on the college application because you were caught in the hallway that

one time and got suspended.

For me it is difficult to travel from my 4th period class in 604 to my 5th period in 313. These two classes are on two totally different sides of the school and in different buildings. On my way to fifth period, I was asked, “Why are you late and why are you in the hallway?”

I replied, “I am coming from the 600 mods. Do you know how long it takes to get to class from the mods?”

The higher authority replied, “I don’t care” and proceeded to take my ID.

If I hadn’t had a perfect attendance record, I would’ve had to suffer a suspension or a Saturday detention. I understand that the administration wants the school to be a great learning environment, but take it easy on the seniors. ●

Embrace diversity

By Crystal Phillips, editor in chief

Our school is the epitome of a diverse high school. We are from many different racial and socioeconomic backgrounds. From IB seniors to students with learning disabilities we also have a wide variety of academic styles. Some of us are devoutly religious, others of us atheists. Gay, bisexual, and trans gender students attend Steinmetz.

But even though we are a diverse school, kids don’t mix it up much. You see clicks and social groups. Many students have a comfort zone that they’re not willing to leave.

Being part of a group that sticks together may give you the feeling that others have your back. And you may feel proud to be united with others. But at what cost if you discount anyone else not like you?

This is a problem for the students at Steinmetz. We are often judgmental and we do not take the time to get to know others for who they are and what they have to offer. We get stuck in our stereotypes. Wouldn’t it be great if we could learn where

others come from, listen to their ideas, and not judge them?

Not everyone thinks and acts the same even when they are part of a seemingly cohesive group. We need to focus on every one’s individual characteristics instead of our perceptions based only on others’ outside group affiliation.

Many students have become friends with others different from them. Sports and other extra curricular activities help us spend time with people whom we share a common interest although we have different backgrounds.

Take advantage of the diversity of our school. Appreciate others’ values and learn to actually grow off of them. Broaden your horizons and meet new people who look or act different than you.

In this issue of the Star you’ll see great examples of students who are learning from one another in our articles on the Gay Straight Alliance and the Where I am From classroom activity on page 9.

How do you embrace diversity? Send us an email: Steinmetzstarnews@gmail.com. ●

Be a part of the Steinmetz Star!

- Write a letter to the editor — respond to anything in this paper or just tell us what’s on your mind.
- Join the Newspaper Club (Tuesdays, 2:35 in 333).
- Talk to a staff member or email Steinmetzstarnews@gmail.com.

Class of 2013 has more spirit

To the Star:

Spirit Week this year was not better than last year. The seniors could have picked better days. I thought they were boring.

Last year I enjoyed all the days selected. I had the most school spirit last year; this year

my spirits dropped.

Next year I know for sure it will be better than this year. You know why? Because we will be the seniors.

Lechel Glispie, junior

3 semifinalists in toll way art contest

By Monserrat Rafael

Christopher Hall, Raymond Montalvo, and Kaylee Sherrod made it to the semifinals of the 2012 Illinois Tollway Art Contest.

Kaylee said she feels proud of what she has done.

"I feel accomplished that out of many people in Illinois I was one of the chosen ones," she said.

Christopher was also very excited.

"I'm happy that I got in because art is something different, something where I can reflect my feelings," Christopher said. "I feel happy that other people see my art work as something valuable." His inspiration was a magazine picture of flying birds.

Raymond Montalvo said his inspiration was teacher Rosanna Mark. "She inspired me because she saw in me a great artist and she made me feel confident. I never thought I could do something so great like this."



Christopher Hill with his contest entry

PHOTO BY MONSERRAT RAFAEL

Ms. Mark gave the students good advice.

"I told them to be patient with themselves and to be kind themselves. I also told them that there were no mistakes," she said.

Her students' accomplishments make her feel proud, she said, "like any parent is for their child."

Ms. Mark said anyone can create art: "It is not about talent; it's about desire and motivation." ●

Hallways filled with beautiful artwork

By Brittany Robertson

New mosaic tiles decorate a corridor on the first floor.

The art department chose some of the best student work of last year from the beginning Art 1 classes, then tiles were created at a glass shop in Evanston. Photos of the art were transferred over to glass tiles.

Teacher Gina Szulkowski and senior Raymond Montalvo put them up on the wall.

The Michael Jordan foundation provided the funding for this project after Ms. Szulkowski wrote a grant originally submitted by former teacher Mary O'Neil.

"I was very excited and proud that my symbolic self portrait was chosen to go on the wall," senior Shanna Arceo said. "I worked so hard on that picture. I love it so much."

Students would like to see work from other classes displayed, too. Junior Brandi Warren said that work from digital media and drafting orientation should be posted around the school instead of just in that one little space in the corner on the second floor. The work is interesting and designs are unusual.



PHOTO BY QUIJANA WALTON

Raymond Montalvo and Ms. Szulkowski put up the mosaic tiles on the wall after school.

Junior Decovie Ellis said that art in the school helps express the students and acknowledge their good work. He added that to improve on school spirit, the hallways could be painted green, silver, and white. ●

College fair provides valuable information

By Lucas Burrell

What do NIU, UIC, Depaul and Purdue all have in common? They were part of this year's College Fair, which took place on October 17 in the lunchroom. More than 50 colleges were represented, including Bradley, St. Francis, Judson U, Northeastern, and Chicago State.

For the more than 200 students who attended (seniors and underclassmen), the College Fair provided valuable information about college and a chance for students to learn more about scholarship opportunities.

"My favorite part of the college fair was that I was able to talk to the representatives of the schools I wanted to go to," senior Andrew Maggit said. Schools that interested him the most were CSU, NEIU, NIU, SIU and DePaul.

"My dream job is to be an electrical engineer because that's where the money's at," he said.

School counselor Katelyn Michalik also spoke about colleges providing needed job training.

"I like Truman because they have an excellent two year automotive program, which when completed, credits can transfer over to SIU where one can receive the full bachelors

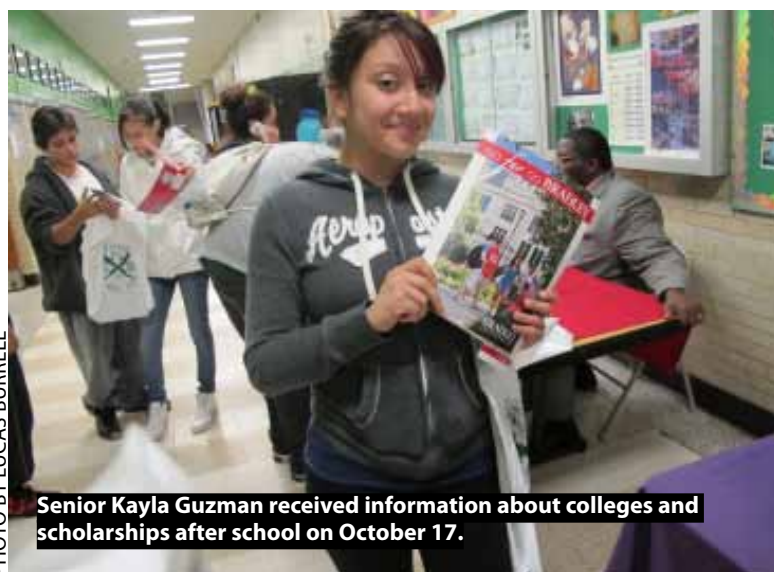


PHOTO BY LUCAS BURRELL

Senior Kayla Guzman received information about colleges and scholarships after school on October 17.

degree in automotive training," she said. "A lot of automotive training programs' primary focus is making money which is why Truman should be a serious option for those interested in working with their hands."

Ms. Michalik urged students to be prepared for their future.

"Students, come see your counselor," she said. "We are here to do whatever it takes to help students get where they need to be. Always have options, because sometimes life

doesn't go the way you planned. So be prepared!"

Even though the college fair is over seniors can still receive plenty of information on colleges and scholarship opportunities by talking to Ms. Jabour in the College and Career room, which is located near the lunchroom in Room 127. It is open from noon to 3:00 daily. Students should also check the colleg and career website for updates, scholarships and information. ●



PHOTO BY LUCAS BURRELL

Senior Andrew Maggit and counselor Perla Ocampo

College ready?

By Yasmin Ramirez

I interviewed my sister, senior Violeta Ramirez, about her college preparations.

Q: How prepared do you feel for college?

A: Honestly, I don't feel very prepared. I am aware that I have much more to learn and that I should use all resources wisely in order to succeed in a four-year university.

Q: Who has been very helpful to you throughout your college preparation?

A: My US Empowered teacher Ms. Ryan has become very helpful throughout my college procedure. She is very committed to each of her students to be enrolled in a four-year university. I am very thankful for her.

Q: What are your college choices?

A: I have eight college choices that I will apply to by December 1: Marquette University, Triton College, Northeastern University, Aurora University, DePaul University, Roosevelt University, Concordia University, and Blackburn.

I'd like to major in physical therapy because of a very personal experience. I know that with my perseverance I will achieve. ●

Perfect attendance rewarded with field trip

By Javier Delgado

Last month I went on a field trip with about 100 other students because we had perfect attendance.

There was a lottery for all the kids who had perfect attendance in September. So there were three buses of freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors who got to go to the Chicago Film Festival on October 13.

We saw "Undefeated," a documentary about a Memphis high school football team.



STAR PHOTO

Lester Argueta and Javier Delgado enjoyed the movie field trip for students with perfect attendance.

I thought the movie was going to be a boring documentary, but it was amazing. This team had struggles, but the coach was strong against the players. And they got together as a group. I play football for the Streaks, so I really liked the movie.

This is my first year at Steinmetz. It's not hard to have perfect attendance. Last year I had to wake up at 5:00 a.m. to get to Rickover Navel Academy, but I transferred because it was too far. I played on the baseball team there and I would get home very late. ●

What's Hot?

New group for girls

By Agnes Pasterczyk

A new group for girls will focus on raising self-esteem.

You should be able to look at yourself and see beauty, because that's what you have. You're not one in a million but one in six billion. The fact is that there is no one else out there like you. Let your true colors shine. And no matter what you see in the mirror, remember that your beautiful character will top your flaws. Don't focus on the negative! Be positive and live your life happily, no matter what.

"Embrace weaknesses and insecurities and make them into positives," counselor Perla Ocampo said.

Whenever you feel sad just think of this saying by Buddha: "You yourself, as much as anybody in the entire universe, deserve your love and affection." ●



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Pledging peace



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Dreadlocks



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Dia de Muertos and Halloween



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What's Not?

Missing Ms. Blecka

By Sharon Schmidt, teacher

After four decades of service, Ms. Loretta Blecka has retired.

"I love Steinmetz and I love being here," she told the Star in a 2009 interview.

In her roles as parent, PTA president, and security from the 1970's through September 2011, Ms. Blecka was devoted to the people of Steinmetz. An extremely loving person, she was at the security desk every morning passing out compliments. Throughout the day she encouraged everyone.

"Ms. Blecka showed strength, courage, determination, and loyalty," said teacher Karen Gold. "She was so social with everyone, always there with a kind word. She was the heart of this school."

We miss you very much, Ms. Blecka. ●



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Cyber creeps

By Jeremy Valentin

It's creepy when people you don't know randomly hit you up on Facebook. A girl from Taft that I don't know left nearly 50 messages to my Facebook.

The following is a sample of one of her many random messages (the spelling is hers):

"Your special I kno, you're smile it glows. Your perfect it shows. You lookin like an angel. nd your body proolly needs to be in the spotlight. Dont rele kno who you are, but u be lookin like a star, nd Im just like mmm who's that boy."

And I don't even know her! ●

Blood Clots



PHOTO BY DATRIN BUTLER

Teacher Miguel Ochoa endured angioplasty surgery for a blood clot in October. Doctors found the clot when Mr. Ochoa went to the hospital due to extreme swelling in his arm. ●

Too many detentions

By Jazalynne Velez

This year lots of students are stuck serving detentions, and many students think it isn't fair. Detentions shouldn't be over every little tardy. They should be for more serious things, such as ditching and getting caught in the hallways.

Students think it isn't fair that on our only day off we have to come so early to school to serve detentions.

"I think there is no point in Saturday detention," senior Karina Salcedo said. "A lot of people don't like getting up early."

Maybe having after school detentions

would help students find time to serve them, but detentions don't really stop students from coming late. We're all late once in awhile, even teachers, and they don't have to serve detentions for being late.

Counselor Tania Moumji said last year when students were able to serve detentions during the week it helped reduce the amount of detentions earned and served.

"Saturday detentions not only help students, they also can help teachers who come in on the weekends to get work or projects completed," Ms. Monmji said. "Last year we would have 80-120 students here serving detentions every Saturday." ●

'No to Go'

By Desiree Garcia

Students are sometimes caught in hall sweeps due to going to the bathroom during passing periods. They aren't able to go to the washroom at other times because teachers say, "We are told to not give you passes during class."

The bathroom rule of "No to Go" isn't an actual school rule; it's put down on days that the hallways are crazy or when something has happened that day.

"The administration encourages this rule, but it depends on the teachers whether they want to enforce it in their classrooms due to disruptions or students who abuse hall passes," assistant principal Lynne Nuzzo said. "I think 'No to Go' is fair to students because it's very rare for teenagers not to be able to wait to use the bathroom. Passes to the bathroom are discouraged as they interfere with class time."

The focus of hall sweeps is not to prevent people from going to the bathroom; it is to create a safer environment, she added. ●

What's hot? What's not?
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Homecoming unites Streaks

By Destiny Carpenter

The five-day spirit week beginning October 11 showed nothing but Streaks pride. Students dressed for pajama day, wacky tacky day, blast from the past, and green and silver day. The week ended with the Homecoming game and dance.

Even though we lost to Schurz, the Streaks still showed great school pride. Spectators cheered on football players, students constantly chanted cheers, cheerleaders cheered, and some fans even attempted a group wave led by senior class president Amber Dukas.

"Teachers were bad at the wave," assistant principal Lynne Nuzzo said, laughing. "It made me sad. But we had a nice size crowd. It was a beautiful day, and although the stadium security seemed a little crabby about students standing up, I still think everyone enjoyed themselves."

Later, beginning at 7:00 more than 250 students enjoyed themselves at the homecoming dance. Many students looked wonderful. The gym was decorated with a Halloween theme, various kinds of music played, and students danced. Many students complained that one genre of music was chosen over others, but they still had an overall, good time.

"What people wore and how they danced somewhat made me nervous, especially when circles were formed," Ms. Nuzzo said. "It made me wonder about inappropriate dancing in a school setting, but I kept my distance and allowed students to have their fun."

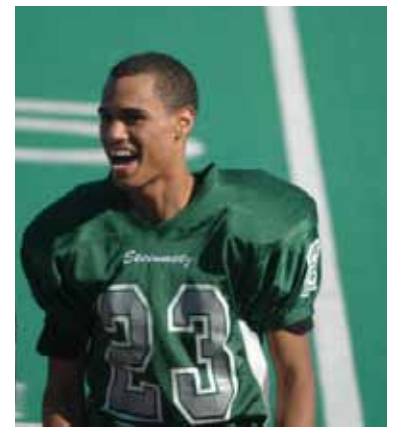
At the midpoint of the dance, senior adviser Robin Russo announced the Homecoming King, Gonzalo Salgado, and Queen, Brittany Robertson.

"I was ecstatic when they called my name for Homecoming Queen, and I really appreciated everyone's vote," senior Brittany Robertson said. "Homecoming 2011 was the best one yet!" ●



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Big thanks to Ms. Russo!

By Ruby Perez

Most students look forward to Spirit Week from the beginning of the year. This year's Spirit Week was a big success. Everyone who participated had a good time showing their creativity and seeing their friends in crazy outfits.

Some students, though, missed having "Dress to Impress." Senior Haywood Gandhi didn't like Wacky Tacky Day.

"Wacky Tacky Day was ridiculous for guys, because guys like to coordinate their clothes," he said.

Spirit Week is a fun experience, especially for freshmen who are new to Steinmetz traditions. It's also the only time students don't have to wear the uniform shirt. The students who didn't participate in Spirit Week must really love that shirt!

Thanks to all the Streaks who showed school spirit, and a special thanks to senior sponsor Robin Russo and our seniors who planned this event. ●



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Training and fun at JROTC summer camp

By Sareem Saenz

The Junior Cadet Leadership Challenge (JCLC) is a program held every summer at St. John's Northwestern Military Academy. It is only offered to students who are in the JROTC program. Hundreds of cadets from Chicago and other districts in Illinois and Wisconsin participate.

JCLC provides an environment to JROTC cadets conducive to the practical application of good citizenship and leadership techniques and to introduce them to adventure training.

Cadets never regret going to camp. It's so fun that many decide to go for a second time, like I did.

More than 20 Steinmetz underclassmen attended the camp held on the last week in June. We were taken in big buses early in the morning. After arriving, we were each given barracks to share with one other person from another school. Each cadet was assigned to one of seven different companies, which stayed together for the whole week.

In the companies we were put to the test, challenged in our teamwork, communication, and leadership skills. In order to get the Honor Company award, the companies were judged on how well they worked together in sports and challenges, singing cadences, in marches, and even how clean their barracks were.

This summer I was given the position of a Black Hat, a company leader. It was the greatest experience ever, although tiring at times. It was a big responsibility being in charge of about 60 cadets. I was given a male Black Hat partner, who besides being a great help I got to learn from him too.

During my stay I met a lot of great people with amazing talent, enthusiasm, and humor. Many of the cadets from my Bravo Company were freshmen with little experience and needed a lot of help learning to march the right way.

The hardest part at the beginning was get-



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ting used to waking up at 5:00 in the morning, starting the day with some physical training and getting everybody on step. That was a huge factor. Time was crucial and we didn't want to lose points for being irresponsible. I had to encourage the cadets and push them to challenge themselves. They did a great job. Every fear, every doubt, and even fatigue disappeared when the team members kept saying to one another, "You can do it!"

That's what it was all about — having fun trying and not giving up on your first obstacle. We learned how to work as a team, respect one another, socialize with different people, improve marching skills, and become great leaders. All the cadets were given a position in their company for one day so everyone had the chance to experience leadership.

The sports and challenges in which my company competed with the other companies were volleyball, soccer, frisbee, softball, archery, water polo, water survival, land survival, land navigation, and the obstacle course. During the week every company also had the chance to go to the snack bar. It had a pool table, air hockey table, ping-pong, board games, and a piano. In other words, it was really cool.



Senior Sareem Saenz (above on the right) and 20 other Steinmetz JROTC cadets went to summer leadership training camp in Wisconsin for a week.

On the second to last day of camp, the staff held a huge picnic party for everybody to relax and enjoy with music and tables full of food. On the last day of camp we had our ceremony where everybody received their certificate for their completion of course at camp, trophies for being the most athletic, personal appear-



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ance, and the award every company wanted to win, the Honor Company award, which went to Charlie Company.

I was in charge of giving out the awards. It was difficult giving them because I knew how hard my company had tried and I wish we had received the award, but in life we all

What JROTC has taught me...



PHOTO BY SAREEM SAENZ

Sgt. Billy Hill, junior Josue Lopez, sophomore Destiny Miranda. Many freshmen marched in the Veteran's Day parade in Hillside on November 5. "We have an excellent group of freshmen this year," Sareem Saenz said.

By Josue Lopez

The most important principle I learned last year in ROTC was patriotism because in the past I had never really cared or showed my support to this country.

In ROTC I learned to understand the meaning of patriotism. The USA is the best country in the world, and I'm blessed to be here. The best thing I can do is to show my loyalty and respect.

Whenever disaster strikes, such as the earthquake that struck Japan in the spring, America is there. Our troops are in distant battlefields and the most we can do is show them that we have their backs and support them.

These troops are protecting and preserving the values of the USA, but most importantly they are helping people live in peace and harmony, away from oppression. ●

By Destiny Miranda

JROTC has always been something I wanted to do, even before I knew what it was. I used to hear about how fun it could be, but also how hard working and focused you have to be. In my first year being a cadet, I learned about leadership, discipline, and pride. These are things I never knew I had.

In ROTC I learned to understand the meaning of patriotism. Last year I became second in command of the drill team and class leader for my academy class. This year I have become first in command.

Being in command of a drill team can be very scary if you mess up or forget something, but it also shows you how to lead and help your team. As class leader I make sure that everyone is accounted for, doing what they should, and that they're in uniform on inspection days. This has taught me that I can be

who I want to be. All I have to do is push myself.

The discipline I've learned has helped me in class and life. I learned that if I don't do what I need to do as class leader, I'll pay for what the class does, which in turn falls to me, and I'll get disciplined for it. I have to take it upon myself to do what I have to do in the positions I have been given. Discipline has made me a better person and someone who knows what's right and wrong at all times. When you are shown your mistakes and you face them, you learn.

I have learned pride — in myself and the uniform we wear. I wear it proudly like I should. Men and women wear the same uniform and go off to the Army or the Marines. That's something to be proud of. I take pride in what I do as a drill commander, class leader, and JROTC student. The words we say every time the bell rings mean something. I'm proud to be a part of it. ●

GSA attends summit, 'Out in Chicago' exhibit

Gay Straight Alliance teaches awareness, communication, anti-bullying

By Anyssa Ascencio

Students in the Gay Straight Alliance club (GSA) attended the GSA High School Summit on October 22 at the Chicago History Museum. They viewed the exhibit "Out in Chicago," and participated in small group sessions, heard from speakers, watched a performance and met with students from other schools.

"Steinmetz had the largest group of students there," GSA sponsor Beth Zaluba said. "We had more than Whitney Young and Lane."

Several students who have not attended GSA meetings went on the trip, including senior Sabrina Bernardi. She said the performance told the story of several students who were tormented because they were gay. As part of exhibition, "Out in Chicago," participants could record themselves and tell their own stories, she said.

The GSA, Gay Straight Alliance club, is a welcoming club. There is no discrimination; everyone is equal. Teachers Ms. Zaluba, Marie Chaparro, and Brad Berlage and counselor Katelyn Michalik sponsor the club, which meets every Tuesday right after school in Room 130.

The club offers a place to meet people who can open up and relate to each other.

"There isn't really one purpose for GSA, but there are in fact many purposes," Mr. Berlage said. "One purpose is to provide support to gay, straight, bi, lesbian, transgender students, and to provide a comfortable environment for those." He added that members also focus on giving back to the community.

Last year when my friend senior Migali Garcia asked me to join GSA, I didn't actually know anything about GSA. When I looked at the table with the rainbow flags I instantly said no. I judged before I really knew anything about it, but when I had Migali for class I then asked her what exactly it was and she just said, "It's not a gay club. Yes, there are some gay people, but not everyone."

GSA is a lot of fun. It's a place to enjoy meeting and getting to know people.



GSA members and friends attend the area-wide GSA high school summit at the Chicago History Museum. In addition to speakers and small groups, there was a performance by About Face Theater.

In September, GSA members watched the movie "Before Stone Wall," which chronicles the history of the homosexual experience in America and the struggle for gay rights.

In October, in addition to the field trip, GSA members worked to obtain pledges for people to become allies against anti-LGBT bullying during national "Ally Week."

According to the website www.ally-week.org, students created Ally Week (October 17-21) "as a way to build upon the unifying work GSAs do across the country by encouraging people to be allies against anti-LGBT name-calling, bullying and harassment in schools."

More than 500 Steinmetz students and staff pledged their support to be GSA allies, according to Mr. Berlage. "This support was more than we expected," he said.

If you want to check it out, the Gay-Straight Alliance welcomes all students and looks forward to more exciting activities this year. Come on by Room 130 on Tuesdays after school. ●



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Everyone has a story to tell

Art by Cristia Hart



ALLY week.org

facebook.com/gaystraightalliance
studentorganizing.org

I believe schools should be safe, supportive places for ALL students, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.

THIS IS WHY I HAVE PLEDGED TO:

- Not use anti-LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) language or signs.
- Intervene, if I safely can, in situations where students are being harassed.
- Support efforts to make this, and every, school safe for all students.

'The Place Where I Am From' builds friendships

By Izabela Miklowicz, teacher

Students in communication class made colorful posters that vibrantly and proudly reveal details of the many different countries where they lived before they came to the United States. Our students come from countries in Latin America, Eastern Europe, Southeast Asia, and the Middle East.

The project, "The Place I Am From," encouraged students to learn more about themselves and to share the knowledge about their culture and heritage with their classmates. The research gave them new information about their countries.

The students said the project was a great experience that helped build their self-confidence. It also helped them learn a lot about each other and made their friendships stronger. ●



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November horoscope

By Jennie Czahor

The Star summarized professional astrologists Rick Levine and Jeff Jawer's analysis of planetary movement and made our own interpretations for each sign. Source: "Rick Levine and Jeff Jawer's Monthly Forecast" at Tarot.com. ●

Aries: March 21-April 19

Be careful around the full moon on November 10th, you might feel a sense of insecurity due to an overwhelming amount of work. On the plus side, you will be encouraged to concentrate on the more important things in your life. ●



Taurus: April 20-May 20

Others close to you might cause some problems this month. Don't get too worried, though, as long as you keep communication with others open, you'll keep your relationships running smoothly, you might even get the courage to talk to your current secret crush. ●



Gemini: May 21-June 20

As much as you like to socialize this month, it's actually better if you focus on matters at home. It's also best if you think about your personal and/or spiritual needs at this time. Don't expect too much out of others at this time, either. It's best if you sit back and watch out for others' changeable natures. ●



Cancer: June 21-July 22

You yearn to be adventurous, as your interests are peaked at the beginning of the month to try something new. You might be a bit shaken afterwards, though as cosmic energies shift and leave you uncertain whether you should go forward with a decision or start somewhere else. Consider the plans you wish to set into action and think before you act, because between the 16th and 23rd, something you begin might last a while, whether it's good or bad. ●



Leo: July 23-August 22

November starts off as a fun month for Leos. Your knack for communication and extroverted nature could bring you good energy, but be careful not to let your optimism lead to foolishness. You could wear yourself out chasing fantasies. You might be able to bring love into your life around the 22nd as your heart begins to warm for the holiday season. Be careful not to be too pushy, though, and remember to practice self-restraint or you might drive others away. ●



What do you read or watch or play?

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Virgo August 23-September 22

You're enthusiastic about a current plan this month, but it might feel like it's a bit difficult to put that plan into action. Instead of taking one large leap towards your goal, take small steps to ensure the proper outcome. Be conscious of family matters around the 24th, as relationships between loved ones might become turbulent if you don't keep focused on the most important aspects of life right now. ●



Libra: September 23-October 22

Your chance for opportunity rises this month, and you are kept hopeful as chances show up in your everyday life. You are also gifted with many great ideas at this time, but don't start anything too big, too soon. Financial matters are also in the spotlight at this time, so don't make any foolish purchases no matter how much you want something. Don't doubt your intuition when someone tells you an incomplete story near the 22nd, you'll regret it. ●



Scorpio: October 22-November 21

Your head is certainly in the clouds this month, to the point where you might create a fantasy of how others see you. Your heart and head see two different goals, and you choose to escape reality, inevitably misleading yourself as well as others. Never doubt that you have the support of others if things don't turn out as expected. It would be wise to put an idea into action sometime between the 16th and 23rd while you have a surge of motivation. ●



Sagittarius: November 22-Dec. 21

You are enthusiastic and social this month, you have a new outlook on life and possibly a fresh new look. Don't let trouble get you down when your daily routine is disrupted this month, if you have feelings then share them. It's much better to share than suffer in silence. On the 22nd, you'll be ready for something new, but be sure to think before speaking of your plans, as misspeaking can lead to back-tracking with your ideas. ●



Capricorn: December 22-January 19

You might feel like it's a good idea to take some time off this month, but the universe has other ideas.



Be patient, this is only a passing storm. Your motivation and elation will return soon enough. You are motivated to set a new, idealistic goal and even take a break around the 23rd, this could set you up for some enlightenment from all of the relaxation. ●

Video game interest is typical for teens

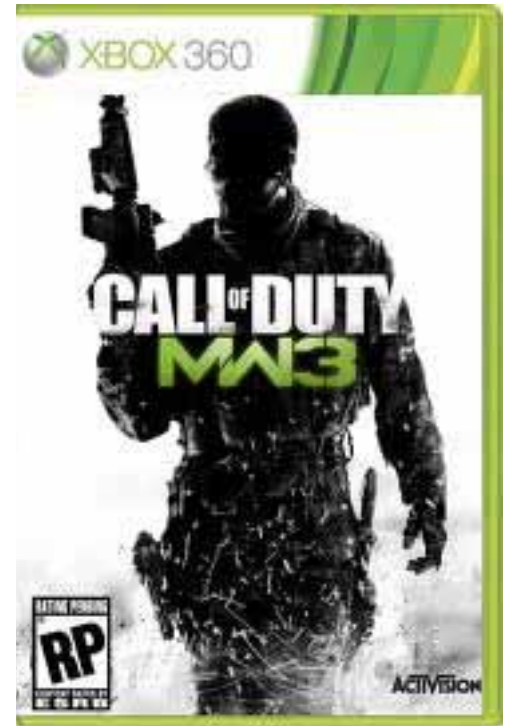
By Haywood Gandy

I play video games a lot. On weekdays, after doing my homework, I play until midnight. On the weekends it's completely different. I wake up, turn on the Xbox, let it load up, brush my teeth, eat a bowl of cereal. Then I play all the way until 3:00 or 4:00 in the afternoon, do my chores, eat lunch, play until 8:00 or 9:00 in the evening, then finally go out. On Sunday, it's all video games all day.

Junior Kevin Lopez is also hardcore. "I play my 360 almost everyday," he said. Everyone I've asked plays video games. Many pre-order their games.

I didn't find out about pre-ordering my games until last year. When "Gears of War 3" came out, Game Stop at the Brickyard had a tournament for people who came there early. I played in the tournament and won.

When there's a new game you got to have if you want to keep up with your friends. Most gamers got "Call of Duty Modern Warfare 3" on November 8. Overall, the game is amazing although graphics could have been a little better. The multi-player is completely different. Noob Tubers no longer rule the game. It's all about your gun and who shoots first. It has that Call of Duty 4 feel to it. The campaign is so great it was like I was watching a movie and Makarov's death was



a great way to end the game.

Other highly anticipated games for the 360 in November are "Assassins Creed Revelation," "Saints Row the 3rd," and "Elder Scrolls V." ●

Book Club meets every Tuesday after school in the library

See Ms. Jalili or Ms. Lydon for more information

Paranormal Activity III is 'amazing'

By Ricardo Arroyo

Paranormal Activity 3 came out in theaters on October 21, setting box office records for the \$54 million it made in the first weekend.

Although I thought the movie was good. I did expect more of it because the trailer made it seem that it was going to be super good. There were some parts missing that were shown in the trailer. The ending disappointed me somewhat.

Can another sequel be far behind? That is what most people are asking.

"I expected a little more, but I have a feeling they're saving some stuff for a fourth part," senior Jisel Garcia said. "I recommend you go see it. It was amazing!"

Jisel was also slightly disappointed by the ending: "I expected more because the trailer said that the last 15 minutes will 'change your life.'"

Both Jisel and I rate "Paranormal Activity 3" an 8 out of 10. She said, "I can't wait to see if they make a fourth one!" ●



How did you like 'Paranormal Activity 3'? What about other movies you've seen recently? We want to hear from you. Email steinmetzstarnews@gmail.com.

Aquarius: January 20-February 18

You are likely to become a bit more well-known for your generosity, encouragement, and lack of stingy actions. You also choose to turn away from the stress of the world for a while and go towards your family or loved ones instead of focusing on your social life. You might feel pressure to make a certain relationship work, and you are willing under one condition: make it happen with no fuss! On the 22nd, you're willing to become more social, but don't take on too many obligations or you could become overwhelmed. ●



Pisces: February 19-March 20

As much as you want to shoot for the stars this month, it's important that you keep your feet on the ground. You may be given many good opportunities this month, but make sure you know how much work you need to put in to these opportunities before you take any on. Your dreams might seem to turn into reality, but your head will soon be pulled out of the clouds so you can see what's really there. You're still yearning for seemingly unreachable ideas around the 22nd, but you are encouraged to step back and take on important tasks. ●



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Soccer pro Eric Lichaj: 'Study hard, practice hard'

By Juan Rodriguez

Many people wish to meet a professional soccer player, even attend one of their games just to watch them in action, and not just watch any soccer team or league.

Some students got really fortunate to meet professional Eric Lichaj (22) who plays in the English premier league with Aston Villa. He also plays for the United States soccer team as a defender.

Lichaj, whose brother is science teacher and assistant soccer coach Mark Lichaj, talked to soccer players and other athletes about his career on October 6.

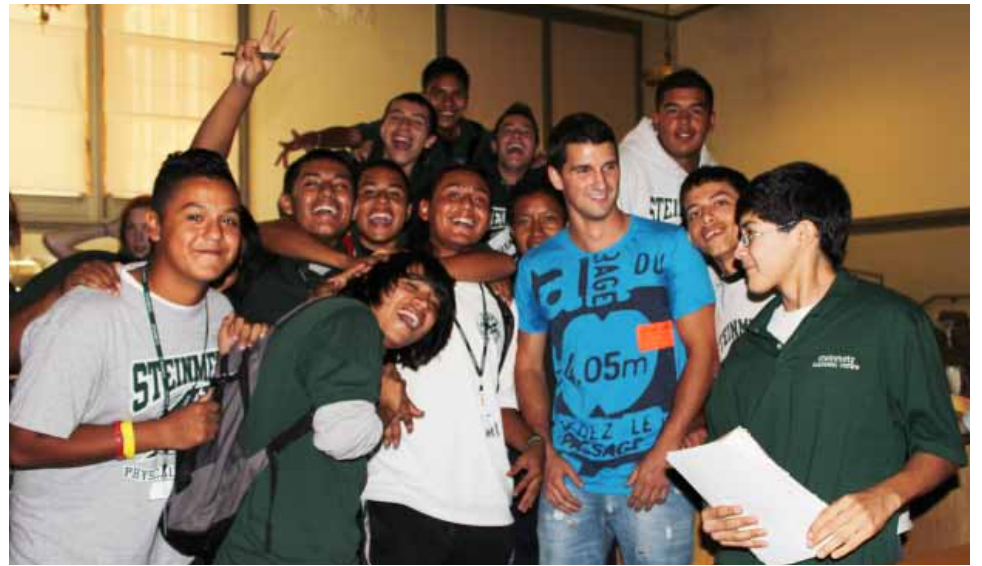
He spoke about the importance of school. He said if not for working hard in school he wouldn't be where he is right now, a young professional athlete.

Lichaj began playing soccer at age three. In high school he moved to Florida, away from his family, to attend a special school for soccer players. Lichaj wasn't sure if he wanted to become a professional player. He went to college at University of North Carolina. Two years ago he began playing professionally.

As with every professional athlete, he faces challenges. He can't spend time with his fam-



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After he spoke, pro soccer player Eric Lichaj signed autographs. Junior Josue Lopez said he was very happy to meet him: "He was a really nice, humble guy."

ily because he is away from home most of the year. Other problems are that he has had many injuries and surgeries.

He still has one year and a half left on his contract with Aston Villa. He says that when he retires he would be interested in coaching his own soccer team.

Coach Nicolas Kotcherha was really happy to hear Lichaj's story. He had a tremendous smile during the presentation.

"I just wanted kids to know that everything in life takes hard work and a lot of student athletes think that practice is not important," he said. "Eric Lichaj coming to school motivated students to go to practice, go to school, and to realize that school is very important."

When Coach Kotcherha found out that a professional soccer player was coming to speak to his players he was very excited.

"I knew it was going to be a good experi-

ence," he said. "It's a once in a life-time chance that you get to meet a professional player."

Another person excited to meet Eric Lichaj was Marcelino Lagunas, captain of the soccer team. He was impressed with his message about working hard.

"He is a professional soccer player," Marcelino said. "Doing what I want to do." ●

Students, staff run 26.2 mile Chicago Marathon

Determined athletes accomplish amazing feat

By Brad Dowling, teacher

Eight students and two graduates finished their first marathon as part of the marathon team. In addition, teacher Molly Gleeson finished her first and teacher Brad Dowling his fifth.

We started training in the last week of March 2011. These students trained for parts of eight months to accomplish this goal.

I wish I could say all of my students had their grit and determination, for if they did, we'd be one the most successful schools in the state.



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If you see any of these kids, give them a high five. They've earned it:

- Jose Peralta
- Eddie Rivera
- Vanessa Colin
- Karla Solis
- Jessica Solis (2011)
- Armando Calderon
- Erik Martinez
- Mike Newson
- Jose Lucero 'Kool Aid' (2010)
- Roberto Alarconpen ●

Unable to run cross country, Rolando looks to track

By Javier Barrera

The number one cross country runner from last year, senior Rolando Ramirez, was not able to run his last cross country season due to two heart surgeries, one in August and one in September.

Rolando had many goals, including breaking the school record, but instead could only wish his teammates good luck.

While he was sad he wasn't able to run cross country, he will be back for track. He received his release from the doctor to start running again in October.

"I will give everything I have to my last track and field season," Rolando said.

Coach Jennifer Egan's had excellent runners on the cross country team who advanced to State Sectionals: Josh Torres, Pedro Diaz, Romel Melesio, Erick Lora, and Emmanuel Lagunas.

But she missed Rolando, whose leadership, athletic, and academic qualities she praised.

"Rolando is a natural leader," Coach Egan



Senior Rolando Ramirez, Coach Jennifer Egan

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said. "Not having him created a hole in the team. He is very dedicated. He improved from year to year dramatically. It was incredible how fast he improved."

In his sophomore and junior year he qualified for state sectionals. Coach Egan said he would have made it again this year.

"He is not just a good athlete, but a good student as well," Coach Egan said. "I know he will do great this year in track. It broke my heart not to have him for cross country, but his health is more important." ●

'The future looks bright for Steinmetz football'



Chris Harris carries the ball in the Foreman game. Against South Shore, Chris ran fan 80-yard touchdown.

PHOTO BY JEREMY VALENTIN

By Judy Czahor

The Silver Streaks football team always plays its best and fights for victory.

Players of the week have included Chris Harris, Dominic Masciopinto, Frank Bland, Anthony Kowalczyk, Earvie Howard, Lydell Anderson, Charles Ivy, and Breonn Bland.

Even though the season ended with four

wins and five losses, Max Preps reports that the team moved up in national and state rankings. The team moved up six positions in the state to #468, according to Max Preps.

"The future looks bright for Steinmetz football," Coach Mike McNulty said.

Now comes the wait for the winter and spring sports and then next years' seasons again. ●

Streaks varsity and JV soccer win conference

By Shanna Arceo

Both the varsity and JV soccer teams won conference this year. The varsity had an incredible 6 wins and 1 loss in conference play. The Streaks proved to themselves and coaches just what they're really made of.

Coach Nicolas Kotcherha's dedication to his team and special bond with the players is evident to all his students. He prepared his team for success.

Many students admire the drive of the soccer team. The players are committed and show a tremendous amount of enthusiasm. At the games the team showed strategy. The players were on their toes, thinking ahead and focusing on what their opponents' next move might be.

There was much talent on the team. Captain Marcelino Lagunas had an outstanding season as the top scorer. Alejandro Carrasco received All-Conference honors from the city and All-Sectional honors from the state. Elixen Ramirez received an All-Sectional honorable mention.

Other stand-outs this year include freshman varsity player Alejandro "Pulga" Gonzalez, who wowed fans with his intelligent, fast play. Senior and goalie Jorge Meija also showed a lot of enthusiasm and determination, blocking shots fans couldn't imagine him saving.

"The team was a lot of fun this year," Marcelino said. "Everybody got along great. We had a few problems here and there during practice, but overall everyone got along like we were a family. We won the conference (although we had a little problem winning the coin toss 90 percent of the time).

"The Silver Streaks are moving up to the first division and we all expect great things from the team next year. I'll miss playing for Coach Kotcherha."

The players said that soccer is a way to be themselves. They enjoy playing a game that shows who they are and how they work as a team. ●



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Talented Streaks players include senior David Cruz (above with ball), freshman Alejandro "Pulga" Gonzalez (above at right), senior Alejandro Carrasco (below).



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Go Streaks!

Intense practices strengthen swimmers



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Senior swim team members are introduced at the October 14 spirit week pep rally.

By Nailya Sanchez

Being on the swim team took a lot of hard work and dedication because we practiced Monday - Friday from 2:45 - 5:00. Everyday we'd have to be ready at the pool to stretch when Coaches Suzy Sullivan and David Henry arrived.

After stretching we would have 10-10-10 warm-ups, which meant 10 lengths of the pool for each of the warm-ups. These workouts were fairly easy because we got to use swimming equipment like kick boards and scuba flippers. When we were done with that, the hard work kicked in.

Sometimes we would do Treading Waters, where we'd swim in the water without

holding on to the wall or the lane line for five minutes. Five minutes is hard because we have to keep afloat without sinking the whole time. After awhile our arms and legs got super tired.

Then we would do ladders, going up in distance, swimming two, then four, then six, then eight, then 10 lengths of the pool, then going back down — 10, eight, six, four, two lengths. In addition, we'd work on what we needed to improve like diving or somersaults.

It may sound like a lot of hard work, but it didn't change my passion for swimming. Although the girls' season is over, luckily I don't have to give up swimming yet because I'm the pool manager of the boys swimming team. ●

Cross country team advances to State Sectionals



PHOTO BY COACH PERERYA

Seniors Berry Barajas, Samanth Balbuena, Lucy Licon, Tiarra McGee, Lauren DeJesus, and Monserrat Rafael once again proved this year that Streaks cross country is a top CPS team. Two seniors, Lucy and Monserrat, ran varsity cross country for all four years.

Tiarra McGee breaks school records for 2-mile and 3-mile

Consistently strong with regular finishes in the top-10 of Chicago's cross country conference (a field of more than 100), the Streaks surpassed themselves this year. For the first time ever, the entire team advanced to the State Sectional meet.

In addition to the seniors shown above, juniors Giselle Jimenez, Fanny Reyes, Paulina Ciepiela, and Emelyn Balbuena, and

freshmen Diana Herrera, Cintia Garcia, and Brenda Escalante, ran in State Sectionals October 29, after achieving personal best times in the city meet and advancing in the State Regional meet. The JV took 4th in city.

Coach Abel Pererya called the seniors on the team "an incredible group whose shoes will be very difficult to fill." He said that one of the most outstanding characteristics of the runners is "their willingness to do what is best for the team regardless of how it affects them personally. That level of commitment is incredibly rare."

See Pererya's webpage for more details ●