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Streaks help freshmen at orientation

By *Latichia Brown and Tytiana Seay*

During the summer a lot of seniors, juniors, and sophomores came back to school to help the incoming freshmen during orientation.

In addition to the fun they had being with friends, the main reason they did this was to get service learning hours.

Seniors, juniors, and sophomores showed the freshmen how to open lockers and how to get around the school. At the very end of orientation the older students served hotdogs and chips to the freshmen.



Above, left to right: Isabel Camarena, Luz Villalba, Keyla Torres, Michelle Torres, and Stefania Diaz. They earned service learning hours on August 27 during freshman orientation by helping guide parents and students around the building.

The freshmen appreciated the help of their fellow students. They asked questions about the building and the academic programs.

Freshman Latavia Brown of Division 325 said that freshman orientation was very exciting to her because she always wanted to go to Steinmetz.

"I think that the fellow students at Steinmetz were a great help," Latavia said. "I plan on helping freshmen next year at orientation."

Students also worked during the summer for service learning hours in the book room, the counseling office and the main office.

Service learning work a positive experience

By *Latichia Brown and Aurea Duarte*

Every student must complete 40 hours of service learning to graduate. This has been a CPS requirement since 1995.

"There's never a down side in service learning," said librarian Bernie Eshoo. "It's interesting, fun, gets you out the house, gives you work experience and looks very good on your transcripts."

Ms. Eshoo is the service learning coach for the seniors and freshmen. The coach for the sophomores is counselor Tania Moumji. The coach for the juniors is Spanish teacher Zulma Rivera.

All the coaches have information about obtaining service learning hours on their

web pages at the Steinmetz Academic Centre website: www.steinmetzac.com.

There are many opportunities for service. You can even do the hours online.

Ms. Eshoo said her favorite place for service learning is the Salvation Army. She also said that many students do their hours at Riis Park, which makes it, in her opinion, "the cleanest park in the world."

A service learning highlight for Ms. Eshoo was when she went to New Orleans with six students after Hurricane Katrina.

"I think service learning is a great way to meet new people and try new things," Ms. Eshoo said.

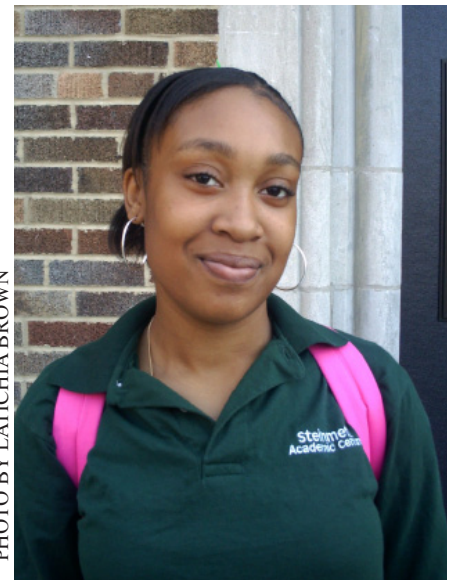


PHOTO BY LATICHIA BROWN

Above: Freshman Latavia Brown. At orientation upperclassmen earned service learning hours by helping her. Latavia said she would like to help the freshmen next summer.

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Newspaper Club: Steinmetz students who would like to report school news or take pictures for the Steinmetz Star are welcome to join the newspaper club, after school on Wednesdays in Room 201.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the start of the 2009-2010 school year. It's a pleasure to see all of you eager to start the new year. This is going to be one of the best years yet. It's a special time in the history of Steinmetz, and you are going to be a part of it. This year we are going to celebrate our 75th anniversary.

That's right. Steinmetz opened its doors in 1934 during the depths of the Depression, but that didn't stop our students. Since that time we have graduated over 60,000 young men and women, many of whom have achieved great success. We have alumni who have succeeded in all fields. There

are doctors, politicians, pilots, engineers, soldiers, social workers, nurses, teachers, celebrities, football players and almost any other profession you can think of that have graduated from Steinmetz. You are the next group we are preparing to go out into the world and show us what you can accomplish. If your predecessors can do it, you can too.

Tradition has it that the 75th anniversary is the diamond anniversary. You are our diamonds in the rough who, we have no doubt, will sparkle as you study and learn. This is a year of promise and expectation.

Do we have spirit? Yes we do!

By Denisse Murillo

Spirit Week is right around the corner. These are the days when students represent their class pride. Unfortunately, there will be fewer dress-up days this year than in the past because the testing was planned for the underclassmen.

Nerd Day, will be Tuesday, September 22. Dress up with flooded jeans, suspenders, and anything that may look nerdy to you. Mix and Match day is Wednesday. Green and Silver Day is on Thursday.

"Green and silver means school spirit to me," senior Grace Paredes said. "It makes up the school. If you don't have spirit you don't have tradition or homecoming."

Students and teachers represent Streaks pride by dressing up in green and silver attire, painting their faces, and even spray painting their hair. Creativity is acceptable as long as it is school appropriate. So feel free to be unique.

The pep rally will take place on Thursday, September 24 — 7th period for juniors and seniors and 8th period for freshmen and sophomores. It will be held in the auditorium. Classes will be brought down by their teachers. All the fall sports teams will be introduced at the pep rally.



PHOTO BY DENISSE MURILLO

Above: Streaks football player Joseph Ortiz, teacher and senior advisor Robin Russo, and swimmer Grace Paredes.

Cheers and screams will be loud these days, since everyone will be representing their class with pride.

The homecoming football game is on Friday, September 25 at 3:30 p.m. at Hanson Stadium against Amundsen. As a school we go and support our team and cheer on as they play. Be there and support your team. Go Streaks!

The seniors, with advisor Robin Russo, are planning a homecoming dance for early October, possibly the 9th. Details are still being worked out, but one way or another, there will be a dance this year!

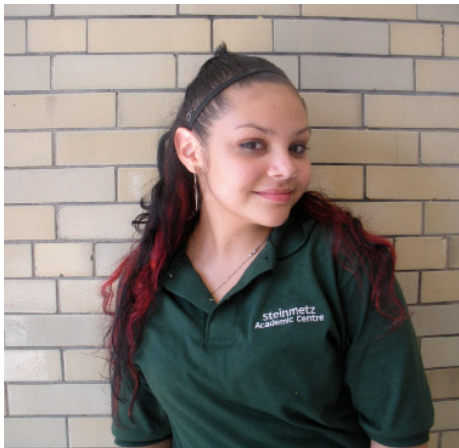
Many seniors involved in planning the spirit activities were disappointed by the shortened week.

"I think it's fun dressing up as a nerd, but having only a few days of spirit week takes away from the tradition of the school and the students in it," senior Joseph Ortiz said.

STAR PHOTO OPINION

Tell us about a good book you read this summer

PHOTO AND REPORT BY IDALI GODINEZ



"I read a lot of books this summer. I liked *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. It showed a lot of pride."

Victoria Gonzalez, freshman

PHOTO AND REPORT BY JUAN IBARRA



"I got *Love Don't Live Here No More: Book One of Doggy Tales* because Snoop Dog is the author. I'm reading it now for the second time. This book is for reading out of school in your free time because it's too realistic for school."

Datrin Butler, sophomore

PHOTO & REPORT BY NYXSALY DELVALLE



"*Hood by Noire*. You can picture the story as if it was a movie. There was a lot of action, drama, and lessons learned. Not only that, but there was a little mystery to it. So, to all the people that didn't read this book, I advise you to do it because you will like it as much as I did."

Kieatra Dabbs, junior

PHOTO AND REPORT BY VIOLA LAWSON



"I read *Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson. I enjoyed the book. It's very interesting with a lot of excitement. It teaches a lesson that you can't always do bad things and not expect bad things to happen to you."

Deon Davis, senior

REPORT BY TIM SZKORLA
PHOTO BY TYTIANA SEAY



"I read *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy. Cormac McCarthy is an excellent writer. It's a very, very dense read. The book does a good job at depicting a post-apocalyptic society."

Miguel Ochoa, teacher

PHOTO AND REPORT BY CASONDRA PASS



"One of the books I read was *Cities of Lonesome Fear: God Among the Gangs* by Gordon McLean. It reminded me not to give up on the students. Even if they give up on themselves, we cannot give up on them."

Jorge Munoz, security guard

MORE OPINIONS

Read more book recommendations by Steinmetz students and staff in the September Star PDF on the website:
www.steinmetzac.com

Streaks soccer headed for playoffs

By Rebeca Nicolas

The varsity soccer team is having a successful season, with six wins and three losses, although captain Matt Nosek is out for the rest of season.

Coaches Nicholas Kotcherha and Nicole Barnes are proud of their players because they are working as a team.

Herbert Giron, varsity defenseman, told the Star that he is having a great time.

He said that he has learned a lot, gotten a lot of memories, and, most important, made new friends.

“Be committed to the game, come everyday, and if you join, do it for a reason,” he says to those who would like to join the soccer team.

The junior varsity is a work



PHOTO BY REBECA NICOLAS

Above: Varsity soccer players stretch out in preparation for the game on September 14 against Clemente. The Streaks won 3 - 0. .

in progress, with teacher Matthew Bonges as the new coach. Led by Captain Damien Januchowski, the team has a winning record.

Andre Quinn, the JV goalie, said he has had a good experience being on the team.

“It’s real interesting since we practically get a new coach every season,” Andre said. “It’s

hard adjusting to new coaches, but it gives us new experiences and new skills.”

There are two more games scheduled before the playoffs. Coach Kotcherha said the varsity Streaks have a good chance in making the playoffs. Good luck boys.



Star goalie ends season with success

By Lucja Wolak

The soccer season is over for senior Matt Nosek, varsity captain and the Streaks starting goalie for the past four years. Matt played in only six games before undergoing a surgery.

He’s only 17 years old, but people say “so much for a boy like him.”

As a junior, Matt led the team to an undefeated conference record. He was picked as All-City Honorable Mention Goalkeeper, MVP, All-Conference Goalkeeper, and has made the Chicago Public Schools All-Star Men’s Soccer team.

For Matt, being an All-City Honorable Mention Goalkeeper was a big success. The award means that Matt was picked second best goalie in the whole city.

It took Matt a lot of time and a lot of sweat to get to this level. He fought for his team till the last whistle.

He has ended his career at Steinmetz with a lot of memories and success.

Girls volleyball team working hard

By Sharon Almazan

Varsity girls volleyball coach Darrin Sorokti has been making sure that everyone is playing at their full potential. Unfortunately, the team has not been able to make it to the playoffs. Varsity has only won two games so far this season.

“The girls have potential and play well as a team, but they need to step it up a bit,” said Mr. Sorokti.

The players are trying their best to make their coach proud.

Veronica Scott is part of the junior varsity volleyball team, which did make the playoffs last year. Congratulations, ladies!

“Our communication and teamwork will get us through this season,” said Veronica.

The girls are always energetic and support their teammates to the fullest. They’re always excited, especially at the game at Wells, where they cheered for their team as well as for varsity.

Football

By Willie Brown

The Silver Streaks are getting ready for the homecoming game against Amundsen on Friday, September 25, at Hanson Park. The game starts at 3:30.

The Streaks’ goal is to make the city playoffs.

“We always have to play well and win in order to go to state,” coach Tim McNulty said.

Devon Scott on offense and Vincent Obah on defense are some of the best players on the team, McNulty said.

Tell us about a book you read this summer

"I read *The Bright Side of Disaster* by Katherine Center. In the beginning it was quite slow, but towards the end it got much more interesting."

Ashley Flowers, senior

"*Cooldest Winter Ever* by Sister Soulja. It was one of the best books I ever read. I never read a book from cover to cover before."

Julia Padron, senior

"*Eleven Minutes* by Paulo Coelho was one of the best books I have ever read. In fact, I've read it twice."

Tania Jacobo, senior

"*Confession of a Shopaholic* by Sophie Kinsella is a hilarious book that makes me think about my future... I better watch out with the credit cards."

Azarella Estrada, senior

"*Marching Powder* by Rusty Young is a fascinating story about a corrupt prison in South America. Tourists can actually visit and spend the night to experience life in prison."

Robyn Melamed, teacher

"I read *Twilight: The Breaking Dawn* by Stephanie Miller on summer vacation heading towards Mexico in my parents car. I loved the book because it was a love story between a human and a vampire. I finished the book on the same day I started reading it. It's like once you keep on reading it you can't stop."

Zuleima Atempa, freshman

"I read *Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson. It's realistic and it has real issues in it about the real world. It takes you back to the Great Depression. And it compares the president from the past and present. Overall, it was a good book."

Xavier Torres, senior

"I saw the movie of *Twilight* not too long ago and I want to get caught up with the whole story. When the sequel to the movie comes out in November I know what to do."

Laura Ceron, senior

"I enjoyed *Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince* by J. R. Rowling because it's all about magic and I believe in that stuff. Plus, there's always action going on. I recommend this book for people that like magic and are interested in magic. I read this book because I read all the other Harry Potter books and I wanted to see what would happen next. This book had lots of magic. It was hard to stop reading it. The most interesting part was when good was fighting evil and good always won."

Kasia Jalowiec, freshman

"*One Year in Verona* by Tim Parks was a good book for me because I like soccer. I would recommend this book to a soccer player because it is a good book."

James Greco, teacher