



Blue Blazer Newsletter

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Exalt!

Did you know that only a small percentage of Catholics believe they are really receiving the true Body and Blood of Christ at mass? This may be surprising because as Catholics we believe in the miracle of Transubstantiation. At church on Sunday and during weddings, funerals, memorials, confirmations, baccalaureate services, communion breakfasts, and mass assemblies, we take part in the Liturgy of the Eucharist and hear the Eucharistic Prayers. During these important words, the bread and wine become the real Body and Blood of Christ for us to receive. What better way to get closer to Jesus in his current Earthly form? Adoration.

Here at Kellenberg, we offer all students a chance once a month to experience the presence of the Eucharist. On the first Wednesday of the month, we offer Eucharist Adoration in the form of XLT Nights. Students are sent an email prior to the event with a link to register. It is important to fill out this form so that students can be properly accommodated. Upon entering the school for this two hour event—from 6PM to 8PM—the smell of french fries or chicken may catch your attention. That is because half of the event is dinner, provided to us by Kellenberg Eats via CulinArt. Some favorite meals in the past include pizza, chicken tenders, and a variety of sandwiches, along with sides of salads and macaroni and cheese.





After an hour of dining, staff members lead students into the auditorium. After everyone is seated one of the priests, usually Father Dan or Father Tom, processes with the monstrance and a line of candle-bearing students. The XLT

band starts to play the opening songs and all rise. The XLT band is a group of musicians and singers that lead us in prayer at XLT Night and during school masses. If you enjoy some of the artists featured on the morning announcements such as Chris Tomlin, Matt Maher, Hillsong, Lauren Daigle, Matt Redman, and David Crowder, you should consider joining the XLT Band. See or email Mr. Bursig for more information.



By Jack Tedesco '25

The Silver Age of Disney

In the 1950's "time of unity," the influence of Disney is undeniable. Shortly after the end of the second World War, Disney needed to rebuild their image after countless box office failures. A big budget was pumped into full-length features like *101 Dalmations* and *Peter Pan*. This phase, with its uplifting cinematic effect, is referred to as the "silver age." Fairytale retellings add to the idea of magic, which Disney strives for. It is also notable that all of these films were hand-inked; animators had a full team to complete a now single-man job. This restoration age followed a time of short plotless films and propaganda. *Cinderella* jump-started



this new silver age by crushing box office records. While the European market was still behind, they soon caught up when the movie was released on film. These now-classics created global connections with characters like Mad Hatter and Tinkerbell, who was inspired by Marilyn Monroe.

A financial boom occurred and prepared the company for its next project, Disneyland. The park allowed for a community of fans to come together, adding another layer of unity. Live TV shows, radio stations and the remake of *Treasure Island* were some of the last projects of Walt Disney. The end of this silver age occurred when lung cancer took his body. The movie that concluded the silver age and the final film during Disney's time was *The Jungle Book*. The company entered a stage of financial failure after Walt Disney died. The legacy, however, is forever cemented in time.

By Alice Miller '25

Grandparents Mass

A Freshman's Point of View

In 2015 Pope Francis said, "We can observe the Fourth Commandment by loving visits to our grandparents." That is why on October 2, 2022 the freshman and sophomore divisions joined together to give thanks to God for our grandparents. When I invited my grandparents to attend mass, they were pleased to be able to come together as a family to celebrate mass and visit my school. The day began with mass in the auditorium, which was celebrated by Fr. Daniel Griffin SM. For me personally, it was a wonderful experience to share the Eucharist with my grandparents, with whom I usually do not have the chance to attend mass. After mass, we gathered in



the cafe for breakfast. Following breakfast, I gave them a tour of the school. They were impressed to see the new science labs and the plans for the Firebird Center for Arts & Athletics. They both reflected on how the school environment has changed since when they were in school. I felt proud and blessed to have my grandparents with me on this special day.

By John D. Gaffney Jr. '26



A Sophomore's Point of View

If you did not know, Kellenberg hosts annual Grandparents Masses for children in each grade level and their grandparents. This event takes place on Sundays in September and October. I firmly believe that our young generation is the future of the church; however, that would not have been possible if not for those who came before us. Our parents

and grandparents have such a vital role in our lives, especially our spiritual lives.

Often you may hear or be aware of the stigma that the older generation is too traditional or outdated. On the contrary, I believe that traditions are one of the most important elements of the Catholic Church and can be very beneficial to us and our spiritual health. This furthers the point of how important and what a

blessing it is to have these opportunities to go celebrate the Eucharist with our grandparents, who are such important members in our hearts, family and church. Therefore, I encourage everyone to take their grandma and grandpa to our beautiful and welcoming school and spend time with Jesus Christ together.

By Trinity Agosta '25



Sophomore Dance

The sophomore dance was held on Friday, October 14, 2022 from 7:00PM to 9:30PM. This year's theme was voted "A Tropical Luau" by Sophomore GSO. It was a bright, fun and colorful theme!

The Class of

2025 did NOT disappoint. With Mr. O'Brien as the DJ and sophomores on the dance floor, it was an unforgettable night.

After signing in for attendance and greeting teachers, students quickly found their friends and headed to the dance floor. All types of musical genres were played by the

famous “DJ OB,” who gave students a chance to sing and dance on the dance floor. All about there were colored glasses and Hawaiian leis, as well as a photo area with signs, games, and snacks. It was a great time and place for sophomores to have fun and express themselves!

For this dance teachers threw in a few friendly competitions. First, who was best dressed for the theme? This prize was won by Lauren Tahany (10D) and Colton Wrage (10Q). Another competition involved which homeroom had the most people attending. The winner of a bagel breakfast was homeroom 10P (Mrs. Robinson’s homeroom) with 10C (Miss Green’s homeroom) and 10G (Mrs. Fiore’s homeroom) following behind in second place. Overall, this night was definitely something to remember as we get older. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this dance either by coming, helping set up, helping clean up, and making this night memorable!

By Jaymee Jean ‘25

Freshman Dance

The Ladies’ Perspective

On October 7, 2022, freshmen and their Marianist mentors, all dressed in their best neon attire, gathered together in the Queen of Apostles courtyard for the Freshman Dance. Freshman GSO members had worked hard on planning the event over the course of three weeks. We voted on the theme, designed posters, and decorated the courtyard for the dance. We bought fun neon streamers, hanging decorations, glow sticks, and many other accessories to go with the neon theme. After all the planning and decorating was finished everyone was ready to light up the night!

Beginning at 7:00PM, freshmen showed up in their brightest neon outfits



and were ready to dance the night away. With great music from DJ OB, students had a blast dancing with their friends and meeting fellow classmates. There were amazing snacks and beverages served by the Marianist mentors. Freshmen also had a blast playing cornhole, can jam, and football with their friends. Everyone had so much fun dancing, taking pictures, and hanging out with their friends!

By Gianna Prestigiacomo ‘26 & Shyla Shoen ‘26



A Gentleman's Perspective

On the night of October 7th, Kellenberg Memorial High School celebrated its Freshman Dance. At roughly 7:00PM in the evening the school opened its doors for a second time, letting freshmen in for the start of an entertaining night. As soon as freshmen got out of their cars, they were greeted by teachers and seniors helping run the dance. Freshmen were led through the cafeteria and into the courtyard, where there were many games and snacks setup; these games included cornhole and ultimate frisbee. A football and soccer ball were also available for students to use.

Not only were there activities for freshmen, but also there was a dance floor

as well. It wouldn't be called a dance without one! On the right side of the courtyard DJ OB (Mr. O'Brien) played music for the freshmen to enjoy. The courtyard was decorated with LED lights and string lights, along with glow sticks available everywhere. In the cafeteria, freshmen had the opportunity to use a photo booth provided by the school. Freshmen could use props and accessories to take their pictures.

As the time neared 8:30PM, the dance was at its absolute best. More and more freshmen arrived and both the dance floor and games stations were filled. The cornhole was played five against five and groups of people started playing football and soccer. When the end of the dance neared, events were still going strong. For the last ten minutes freshmen talked to each other and formed groups of friends. It's safe to say that the Freshman Dance was a good experience for all freshmen.

By Spiro Mihalatos '26



Fall Word Search

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By Emily Artese '25

