

Fr. Sauer Academy

Welcome to Our November Newsletter!

Hello Fr. Sauer Academy students and families,

As we move into the month of November, I wanted to share some thoughts about our time together on and off campus. Although we decided that we would continue to hold our academic classes through Zoom for the remainder of the fall semester, we are so happy to be offering time together on campus for each class and cohort. The energy and 'sounds of the building' are what make a school a community and your youthful energy has lifted our spirits in immeasurable ways. It is a joy to be 'back at work' with all of you.

With the unusual sunny weather holding off the gusty and gray skies that typically describe November, I feel hopeful that positive change is pushing against the horizon. As a collective body we are determined to protect ourselves against cynicism and despair. Hope and gratitude are our strongest connections to do that and our country celebrates Thanksgiving at the end of this month as a way to demonstrate this desire. Our faith, intertwined with hope and thankfulness, fills us with love for ourselves, our families and our school community. We celebrate together our expanding gratitude and thanks for one another, asking God to join us in this celebration.

So, it is with appreciation and love, that I share the news about our Academy for the month of November. We have so much to celebrate and I hope you will join us in this joyful reminder of all that is good.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Theresa



Mark your Calendar:



November 4th

7th Grade Plunge

Morning Group: 9:40 AM – 11:15 PM

Afternoon Group: 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

November 10th

FSA Parent Community Meeting 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

November 11th

8th Grade Plunge

Morning Group: 9:40 AM – 11:15 PM

Afternoon Group: 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

November 25th – 27th

Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)

Know a current 5th grader who might want to apply to the FSA for the 2021-2022 year?

Applications are now available!
www.siprep.org/academy/apply

Message from Father Sauer, S.J.

Living with Gratitude

Dear Scholars,

As we come towards Thanksgiving time, the FSA has much to be thankful for. True, you are still Zooming from home and only small 'cohorts' gather on campus, but you know in God's own good time, you'll be back in the SI classrooms, your second home.

We all look forward to that day! I sure hope to be there to welcome you back. So, as you study online, look to the day when you can all be together with friends and teachers at the FSA. So, again, a very happy Thanksgiving to you all! Enjoy the turkey and trimmings with family and friends and pray for those who may not have your advantages. God bless you and keep working hard as you grow in his ever-loving Spirit!

Peace,

Father Sauer

FSA Student Council Messages

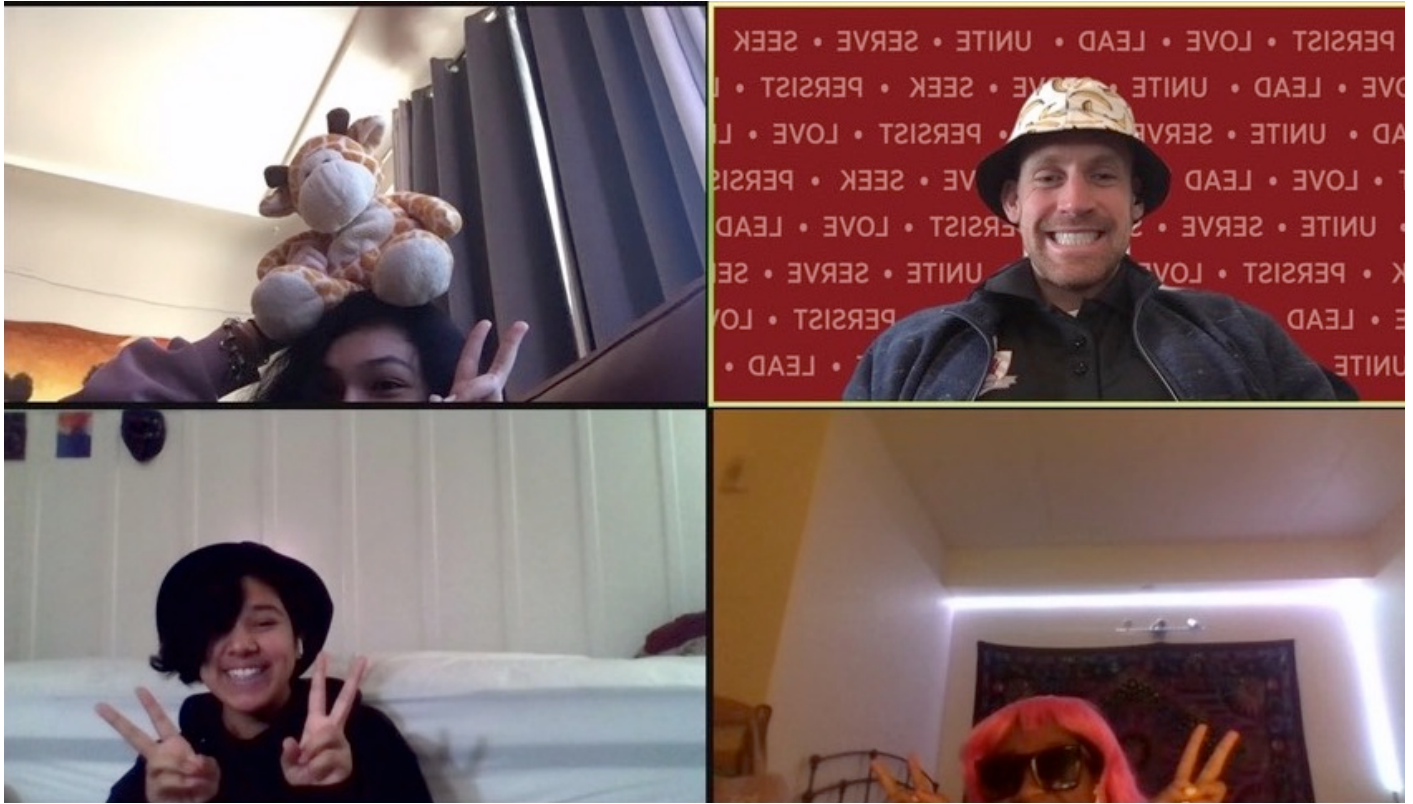
FSA Celebrates Spirit Week!

The FSA Student Council announced that October 26th – 30th is Spirit Week. Every day had a different theme, offering scholars the chance to dress up and show their FSA pride. Check out how our students and faculty celebrated Spirit Week at FSA!

Crazy Hat/Hair Day



Ms. Rojas-Martinez shows that crazy hair can be an artform in the hands of an artist!



Starting clockwise, Mr. Geraghty, Zoe O'Neal '26, Sofia Santiago '26, and Enya Roman '26 show off their crazy hats, crazy hair, and crazy good smiles!

Decades Day



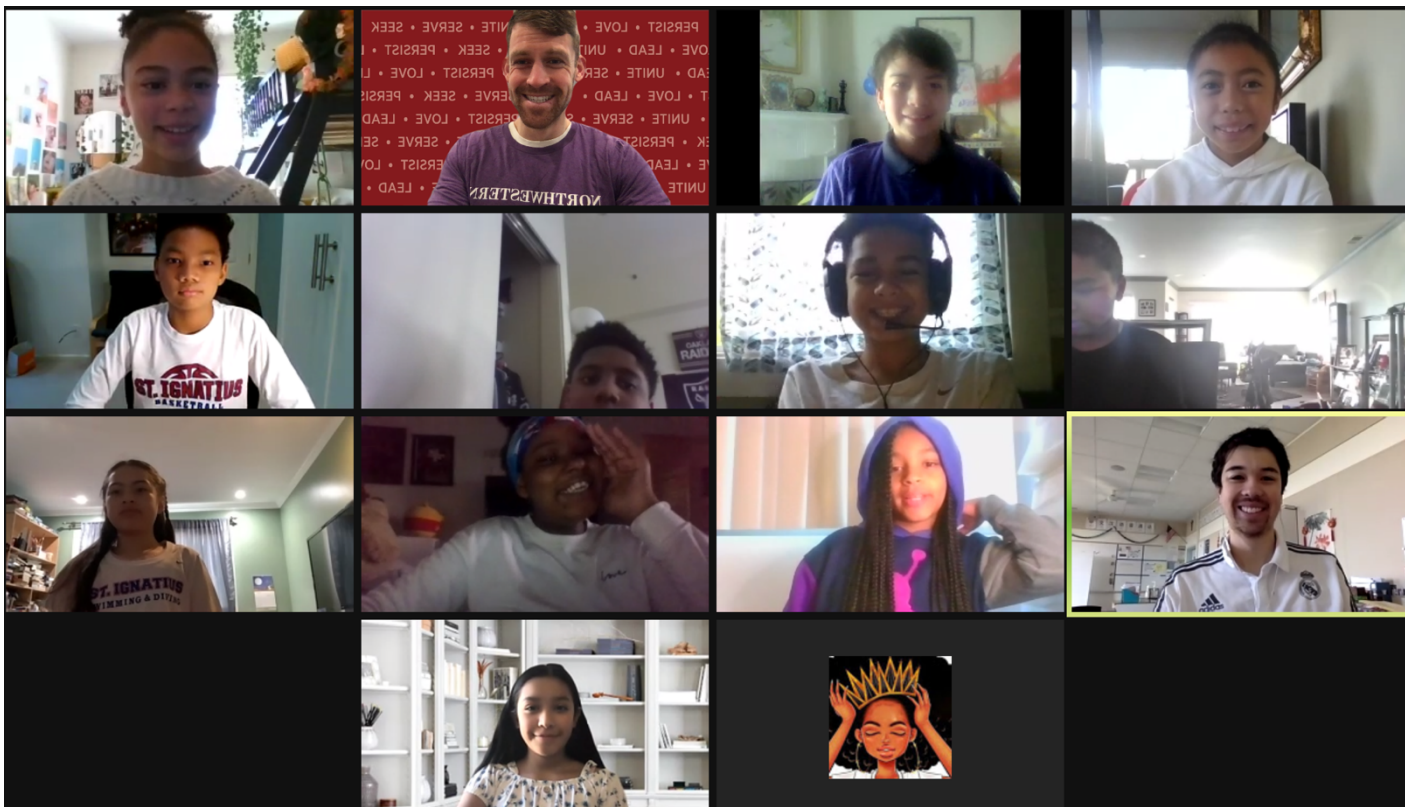
Ms. Gomez took students back to the 1920s with her dapper outfit! Thanks for taking students on a trip to meet the Great Gatsby himself!

Jersey Day



The 8th graders showed their school spirit with SI, Mexico, and Las Vegas Raiders jerseys!

Color Day



The 6th grade is a colorful bunch. They represented their colors, purple and white, with pride!

Costume Day



The 8th graders show off their impressive costumes from *Attack on Titan*, *Harry Potter*, and even *Scooby-Doo*!

Big shout outs to all who showed their school spirit, and thank you to our wonderful FSA Student Council for organizing a successful and amazing spirit week!

2020-2021 FSA Student Council Members

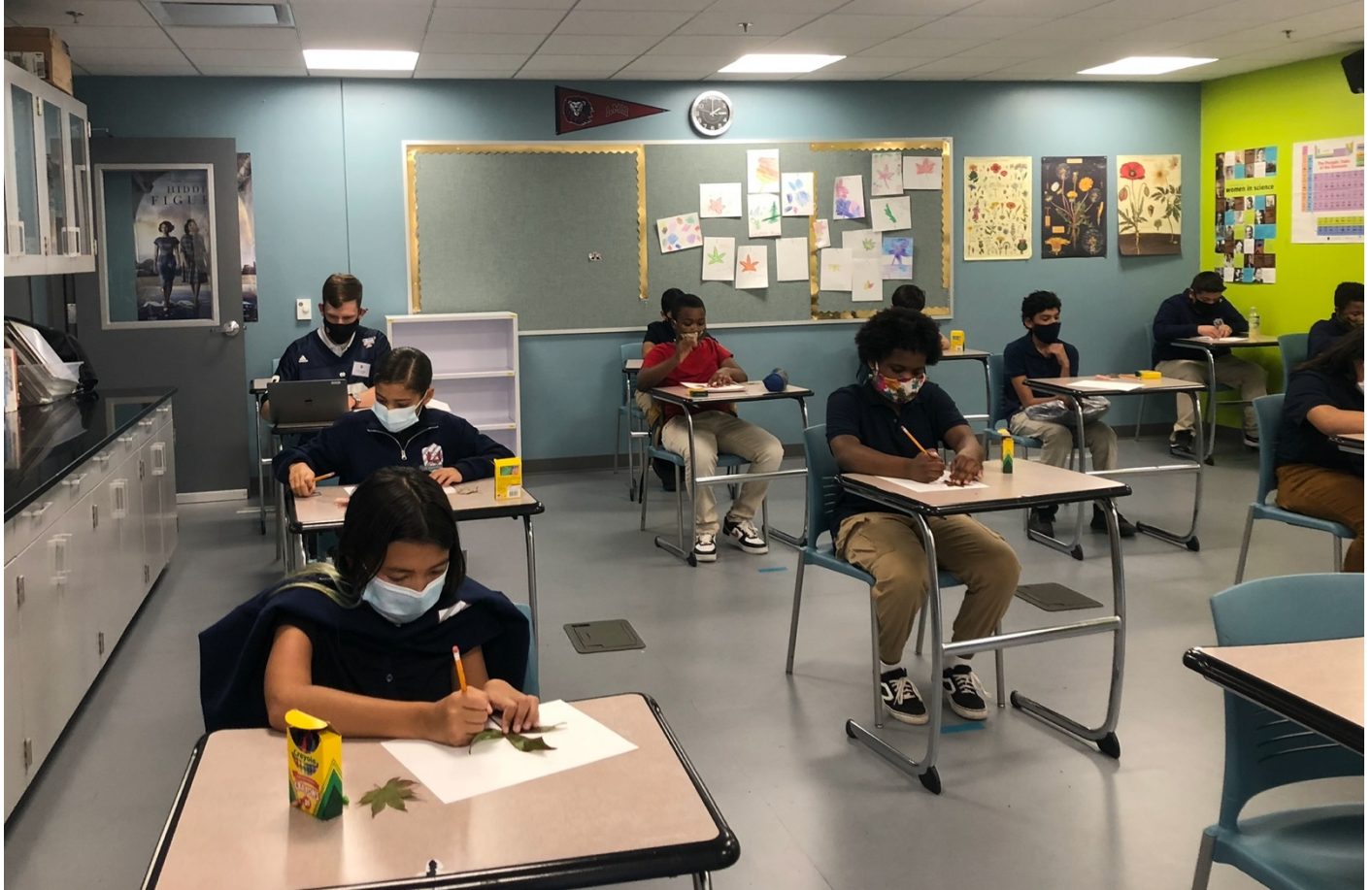
- Ana Diaz, 8th grade (President)
- Kiyoka Valdes, 8th grade (Vice President)
- Sean Milburn, 8th grade (Student Activities President)
- Trenia Dunbar, 7th grade (Secretary)
- Zoe O'Neal, 7th grade (Treasurer)
- Pamela Jones, 7th grade (Social Justice Officer)
- Za'niya Burley, 6th grade (6th Grade Representative)
- Wesly Madrid, 6th grade (6th Grade Representative)

For questions about Student Council, please contact Mr. Geraghty at cgeraghty@siprep.org.

7th and 8th Grade Plunges

What to Expect When Coming to Campus

As part of preparing for next semester, our scholars need to know that in-person learning is going to look different. Each grade is invited to “plunge” back into campus, and have a quick orientation on what socially distant, in-person classes will look like. Our 6th graders had the chance to do this earlier last week, and got to meet their peers and teachers in person for the first time!



Meanwhile, the 7th and 8th grade classes are slated to visit the FSA campus next. The schedule for these plunges can be found below:

November 4th: Wednesday

7th Grade AM/PM Plunge:

- 7th Grade Morning Group on campus from 9:40 AM - 11:15 AM
- 7th Grade Afternoon Group on campus from 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

November 11th: Wednesday

8th Grade AM/PM Plunge:

- 8th Grade Morning Group on campus from 9:40 AM - 11:15 AM
- 8th Grade Afternoon group on campus from 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

While the 7th and 8th graders are on their plunges, here are the schedules for the students who will still be learning from home:

November 4th: Wednesday

6th and 8th Grade Schedule:

- 6th and 8th Grade: Homeroom from 9:40 AM – 10:25 AM
- 6th Grade: Study Hall from 10:45 AM – 11:30 AM
- 8th Grade: HSPT prep from 10:45 AM – 11:30 AM

November 11th: Wednesday

6th and 7th Grade Schedule:

- 6th and 7th Grade: Homeroom from 9:40 AM – 10:25 AM
- 6th Grade: Study Hall from 10:45 AM – 11:30 AM
- 7th Grade: Study Hall from 10:45 AM – 11:30 AM

If any 7th and 8th graders are unable to come to the plunges, they do not have to attend any Zoom classes for that day. Questions? Email Ms. Bayze at tbayze@siprep.org.

A Day in the Life of Two 7th Graders

Bringing Life to Online Learning

This month we turn to our 7th graders, Maliah Howard and Judge Sumchai, to share how what their school looks like for them. Check out their stories:

Maliah Howard



Maliah starts her school day with good, positive thoughts, including thinking about what she wants to accomplish each day. She looks forward to attending class and tries to participate at least

twice in class in order to understand the material better. While in school, Maliah's favorite part about attending FSA is that everyone is nice to each other, and is always helping each other out when needed, especially the teachers who support her when she does not understand an assignment or when she has questions. To help her study, Maliah writes down all the homework she needs to complete. After class, Maliah ends her day by spending time with her family and taking a break before starting her homework.

Judge Sumchai



Judge begins his day with eating breakfast, getting dressed, brushing his teeth, and making his bed. Before class begins, he logs 5 minutes early into Zoom and checks his emails. During class, he looks forward to interacting with his peers and teachers. He especially likes breakout rooms because he gets to have small group discussions with his classmates. Overall, his favorite part about attending FSA is his kind and helpful classmates and teachers. To help him study, Judge sets alarms to help him keep track of time, while working on his assignments in between classes. After finishing all of his homework, Judge gets ready for basketball practice. In his free time, Judge likes to paint and draw, or go skateboarding.

SI Library Feature

The Resource That's Here for You!

Because of virtual learning, it can be hard to access academic resources remotely. Fortunately, FSA is supported by a wonderful team of librarians who are there to meet all of your library needs. Meet Ms. Wenger (left) and Ms. Brancoli (right)!



The SI library provides academic support to students every day, even during distance learning. Do you have an upcoming project and you need a book to do research? Students can check out [books from the SI library](#) and pick them up from the library or even have them delivered home! Just [email](#) the library and our library team will send books your way! [Ebooks](#) are also available for check out too! Also, students can access [academic databases](#) from the comfort of their own home. If you need help with citations, the library has [resources on how to cite](#) sources. If reading for pleasure strikes your fancy, and you're looking for new books, then BookFix is here to help! [BookFix](#) recommends books to you based on the genres you like! If you're looking to get involved in making the library best support the FSA community, then come and join the [Library Advisory Board](#)! Any questions? Contact [Ms. Wenger](#) or [Ms. Brancoli](#), or check out the SI library's [YouTube channel](#)!

Messages from FSA Teachers

Weekly PE Challenge Updates

Coach Mal and Coach Crowley continue to send Weekly PE Challenges to encourage exercise among the FSA scholars and the results are in! For Week 4, our coaches challenged students to walk 45 minutes per day. The 6th grade class walked a total of 615 minutes! Shout out to Kawai Jenks for walking a total of 315 minutes and Stevie Kitchen for walking 120 minutes. The 7th grade class walked a total of 160 minutes. 7th graders Pamela Jones, Camila Limo Fernandez, and Judge Sumchai share first place with each student walking 45 minutes. The 8th grade class has recorded a total of 120 minutes. The following week (Week 5), Coach Mal and Coach Crowley asked students what they would like to do for their next PE Challenge. Shout out to Zylah Coleman for suggesting the challenge

of who can do the most squats in a minute! For Weeks 6 and 7, the 6th graders did 1,581 squats! Kawai Jenks takes the top spot with 1,173 squats, and Zylah Coleman follows up with 331 squats. Meanwhile, Pamela Jones recorded all 40 squats for the 7th grade class. Finally, the 8th graders recorded 240 squats total. Thank you to our students who are keeping up their physical fitness in this time of distance learning! Keep up the great work!

Coach Mal and Coach Crowley will provide more details on the next Weekly PE Challenge soon. For questions about the Weekly PE Challenge, please contact either Coach Mal at ibaugh@siprep.org or Coach Crowley at mcrowley@siprep.org.

FSA Community Holiday Celebration

Even though we will close out the semester with distance learning, Ms. Gomes is busy planning a virtual holiday celebration for everyone to enjoy. In preparation for this virtual event, Ms. Gomes is looking for any students who are interested in Christmas caroling. She is also looking for any students who are interested in submitting holiday artwork or pictures of their holiday decorations at home. Ms. Gomes will compile everyone's collective performances into a livestreamed, pre-recorded YouTube performance. More details to come. (Picture from 2019 below)



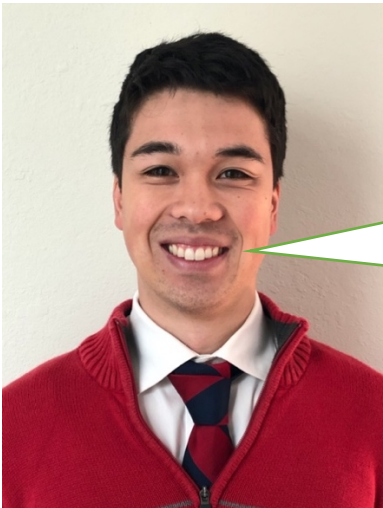
If you have questions about the FSA Community Holiday Celebration, then please email Ms. Gomes at agomes@siprep.org.

Yearbook Moderator Mr. Geraghty



Calling all students! We will still make a yearbook this year. Please send Mr. Geraghty pictures of your school set up at home or any artwork to include in the yearbook. Questions? Email Mr. Geraghty at cgeraghty@siprep.org.

FSA Newsletter Moderator Mr. Stranahan



Students! Want to interview your classmates or teachers? Want to show your art and photographs? Then come help with FSA's monthly newsletter! Questions? Email Mr. Stranahan at astranahan@siprep.org

Information for Parents About Upcoming Events in November

Parent Groups

Ignatian Guild

1. Ignatian Guild Monthly Zoom Meeting: Tuesday, November 10th from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
 - a. The Zoom Link will be sent to all moms by Stace Felder, SI's Digital Content Manager
2. [SI Parents Golf Tournament](#) (hosted by the SI Fathers' Club): Thursday, November 12th from 2:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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SIPAC

1. Pasko Celebration (Virtual): Saturday, December 12th
 - a. Please email sipac@siprep.org for additional details.

AALPA

1. AALPA Meeting: Wednesday, November 18th from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
 - a. Please email AALPA@siprep.org if you have any questions.

8th Grade Corner

SI Admissions Information

Dates to Remember

1. **Open House:** Sunday, November 1st from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
2. **SI Applications Close:** Friday, November 13th at 12:00 AM
3. **HSPT Exam Day:** Saturday, December 5th from 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Additional information about these events can be found on the [SI Admissions website](#).

8th Grade Checklist:

8th Graders! Have you done the following:

- ☐ Are You Working on Your SI Application?
- ☐ Are You Studying for the HSPT Exam?
- ☐ Have You Taken Practice HSPT Exams?

We would like to thank our parents and volunteers for all of your support.
Thank you so much for all that you have done and continue to do.



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QUESTIONS OR GO TO OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE
INFORMATION.**

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