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WELCOME BACK, SI!

Hey SI! Welcome back to a new school year from your *Inside SI* Editors-in-Chief! We are excited to present *Inside SI*'s 71st volume! We also look forward to introducing an even more immersive digital experience for *Inside SI* with the arrival of our website.

While we are planning some big changes this year, we commit to always staying true to the mission of *Inside SI*: reporting impactful stories that will excite and showcase the diverse student body. Our goals for this year include having greater and more diverse student involvement in our publications; we hope to include

even more student voices and opinions. We also plan to create interactive aspects including fun games for SI students to play.

We can't wait to begin this journey with the guidance of our beloved benevolent censor, Ms. Nickolai and our newest moderator, Ms. Boland! We hope this year of *Inside SI* represents a celebration of our energy, talents, and belonging to a united community. We hope our stories will inspire you, captivate you, entertain you, and make you feel truly at home as unique SI students.

- The Editors-in-Chief

WILDCATS "IN THIS TOGETHER" FOR 2022-23

Jack Quach '23

Editor-in-Chief

On the morning of August 19, sheets of fog descended on 37th Avenue and hovered insistently above the campus. It was a classic San Francisco summer day. But the overcast, chilly landscape wouldn't stop colorful flurries of red and blue from waving in the air as SI students arrived to kick off a new school year.

Wildcat Nation and Student Council excitedly cheered next to cars and school buses, while the Pep Band joyously played their instruments. The Shades, S.I.'s student rock band, made their resonant debut wearing their signature sunglasses. SI was back in session.

With COVID-19 seeming ever distant in the rearview mirror, the energizing scene captured S.I.'s new theme for the year: "In This Together."

"I look forward to the ways students will make unity evident this year," said Ms. Pryor Lorentz, our new Assistant Principal for Formation.

The new assistant principal emphasized that "In This Together" builds upon the previous theme, "Journeying With Ignatius." Discovering the many ways Ignatius walked as a pilgrim, she added, encouraged her this year to view and appreciate everyone around her as companions on her road.

The 2022-23 school theme was chosen through a collaboration between the Student Council and school leadership. The school-wide theme "is more than just the best song in *High School Musical*," Georgia Vollert '23, a senior Student Council leader, said. "It has been so long since we've had the chance to come together as a community and celebrate all of our unique gifts. I'm so excited that we can do that now; in person, in school, and in this together."

And for Ms. Pryor Lorentz, the theme extends beyond just school life: "I think of being 'in this' with and for our SI community, but also 'in this' with and for all our community partners in our city, the Bay Area, and the larger world."



Student Council, Wildcat Nation, Pep Band, and The Shades welcomed students to start a school year propelled by the theme, "In This Together."



CALLING ALL CREATORS

Writers, artists, or anyone interested in what it's like to be involved with a newspaper from layout and design to writing short and simple articles – please come to our first staff meeting on Monday, August 29th in Rm. 119 after school at 3:00 pm. All are welcome and encouraged to come. Freshmen—no previous experience needed!



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MEET THE NEW ADMIN!

Melissa Hua '23

Editor-in-Chief

Many SI students will have already met some new faces following their orientation experiences. Three new administrators will be transitioning to new roles in the SI community.



Ms. Megan Pryor Lorentz, formerly a member of the Adult Spirituality team for the last 7 years, will be stepping into her new role as Assistant Principal for Formation. She expressed a sincere delight in “being able to work more with students.” She has always been a staple at campus ministry events and has already encouraged students to attend the new Friday afternoon liturgies (Friday Afternoon Masses (FAM)).



Ms. Haley Sanchez, formerly an English teacher and field hockey coach at the school, will also be stepping away from the classroom to enter the Deans' office joining current Dean Escobar. Her bright energy and constant supply of dum-dums will certainly serve as an incentive for any student who wishes to stop by the Deans' office this year.



Dr. Tasia Davis will now be stepping away from her role in the Dean's office and role as an ethnic studies teacher, and entering the newly created role of Assistant Principal for Community Formation and Culture where she will be helping to develop and advance many of the DEIB initiatives throughout the school as well as working closely with the Deans' office and affinity groups to further inclusive practices throughout the school.

FROSH ORIENTATION: IN THIS TOGETHER

Jack Stecher '23

Editor-in-Chief

For the first time in over two years, the SI community celebrated its frosh orientation with everyone in-person. Students along with their parents and guardians gathered in McCullough gym to start their school year off right.

Frosh with the guidance of their Big Cats went to mass to celebrate their first gathering as a class in front of their parents. Then after the mass Ms. Levine gave the rundown for the day and expectations for the school year. Soon after the frosh were split up into groups and traveled throughout the campus listening to discussions from Ms. Hernandez and Dr. Davis to the deans setting up guidelines on how to avoid detention.

Wildcat nation even made an appearance to help give Frosh the opportunity to see what it is like at an SI sporting event. The Frosh finished with their photos and ID along with receiving their first locker, ready to begin their journey at SI.

“ This year's frosh orientation was fantastic. It was great to get to welcome the incoming students, and talk to them about our school, our expectations and the importance of creating a sense of belonging for everyone on our campus. The administration was thrilled about the enthusiasm, the energy and the desire that the students have to be back on campus. We know this is going to be a great year, because like we told the parents and the students at orientation, we are in this together! ”
- Ms. Sanchez, Dean of Students

WELCOME NEW FACULTY FACES

Melissa Hua '23

Editor-in-Chief



SI welcomed 35 new faculty members to campus for the 2022-23 school year featuring some returning and new faces. Make sure to give each faculty member a warm welcome to SI!

Director of Counseling: Katie Blaesing
 Physics Teacher: Alan Calac
 Dance Teacher: Claire Calalo Berry
 Physics Teacher: Peter Cossid
 Admissions Associate: Mary Driscoll
 Counseling Coordinator: Anna Marie Dunne
 Salesforce Implementation Director: Ramil Ferro
 Asst. Athletics Director: Myles Holmes
 English Teacher: Emily Horner
 Wellness Counselor: Yen Hui
 Latin Teacher: Annie Huynh
 Asst. Athletics Director: Jazmine Jackson
 Social Science Teacher: Mike Kennedy
 College Counselor: Robert Lucchesi
 English Teacher: Greg Mangan
 Asst. Athletics Director: Elissa Mann
 Director of Culture & Belonging: Eric Mingo
 Admissions Outreach Associate: Betsy Mora

FSA Asst. Principal: Tierra Parker
 Director of Adult Spirituality: John Michael Reyes
 Copy Center Associate: John Roberts
 FSA Teacher: Aaron Rosenthal
 English Teacher: Nick Rougely
 Social Science/Religion Teacher: Patrick Scheuring
 English Teacher: Nicholas Schwager
 Religious Studies Teacher: Andrew Shahamiri
 Criminal Justice Teacher: Peter Siggins
 Religion Teacher/Adult Spirituality: Anne Stricherz
 Apple Device Support Engineer: Adam Tadesse
 English Teacher: Noah Taxis
 FSA Teacher: Manny Tonna
 FSA Teacher: Phyllis Tonna
 Wellness Teacher: Britany Tufnell
 FSA Teacher: Alexandra Vaughan
 Campus Minister: Joseph Wotawa

IMMERSION: GLIMPSES INTO THE SENIOR SUMMER

Melissa Hua '23

Editor-in-Chief

For many seniors, their 1-2 week immersion experience remains the pinnacle of their summer; it allowed them to continue their SI exposure into themes such as Catholic Social Teaching, sustainability, and the immigration crisis. This year's immersion program, featuring 70 students and 18 adult leaders, was able to rebound to its full size as a result of lessened COVID restrictions. There were 8 immersion groups: Tacoma, Las Cruces, Tenderloin, Kansas City, El Salvador, Wheeling, and Camden. Each group, while focused on radically different social justice themes, practiced a commitment to faith, community, and simple living. The lead-up to the immersion experience this summer also featured a particularly packed schedule with multiple "discernment" evenings and a post-trip retreat for immersion groups to reconnect following their experiences.

“ Words cannot describe how grateful I am that I was given the opportunity to immerse myself in the Camden, New Jersey community. From getting to know the amazing people I lived with for a week, to the eye opening lessons I was taught about urban poverty and social justice issues in our society, I truly feel that this experience has positively impacted and inspired me for years to come.
- Bianca Hallinan '23

“ Immersion is what makes an SI education distinct. By living alongside classmates and teachers, SI students on immersion form learning communities that push them outside their comfort zone and into meaningful encounters with marginalized communities and persons. Whether students are on immersion for one or two weeks, it is an unforgettable way to bring together the learning of the head, hands, and heart that is what SI is all about! These experiences transform our students and invite them to uncover new narratives about what it means to build community and work for justice.
- Ms. Tamara Setiady, Immersion coordinator



Fun times from the Kansas City immersion group!



Tacoma immersion participants enjoy the hot sun with an SI poster.



Immersion participants from the Las Cruces group walk along the border

SENIOR SUNSET: IN PHOTOS

Reilly Moriarty '23

Editor-in-Chief

SI's Class of 2023 kicked off their Senior year with a foggy yet fun Senior Sunset night on Thursday, August 18th. The seniors enjoyed pizza, spike ball, and making memories with their classmates.



A FINAL GOODBYE TO THE CLASS OF '22

Jack Quach '23

Editor-in-Chief

The Class of 2022 celebrated the culmination of their high school journeys on May 28, 2022. Explore the gallery of photos below celebrating seniors including SI graduation award winners.



Seniors gather with friends before the ceremony.



Valedictorian and *Inside SI* former Editor-in-Chief Tommy DeBenedetti '22 delivered his speech in front of his classmates at the USF campus.



Jackie Acosta '22 received the Fr. Sauer General Excellence Award.



Dory Miller '22, one of *Inside SI*'s former Managing Editors, earned the Ignatian Award.



S.I. awarded Mia Aaronson '22 with the Loyalty Award.



FROSH CLOSEUP



Jack Quach '23

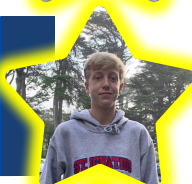
The Class of 2026

Editor-in-Chief

Share your honest perspectives and let your true self shine.



It's a great way to let people know how the year is going and I think it's a great idea to do it!



Be creative in your responses!



You will become more confident as the year goes on!



Be honest, and break out of your comfort zones!



I love the amount of school spirit at SI and how strong the sense of community is!



*From top: Sienna Cline, John Hollister, Benjamin Archuleta, Anam McCartney, Enoch Tse, & Mia Quilici

Calling the Class of 2026!

Inside SI is inviting YOU and the Frosh class to become the newest stars of our section devoted to sharing the journeys and experiences of the students taking their first steps into high school — the FROSH CLOSEUP!

The cast of the Frosh Closeup represents all the diverse areas of student life: athletics, math and sciences, arts and literature, music, and performing arts — and you have the chance to showcase your 9th grade adventures in all of *INSIDE SI*'s newspaper issues! Connect with students of all grades your experiences, passions, and fun facts about yourself as you set out on your exploration across SI!

Please use this link to apply to become one of the members in this year's cast (it's a short 4-min form): bit.ly/froshcloseup22-23!

While you're getting geared up to apply, take a look at the Frosh Closeup's Class of 2025 and their advice for you:



Philip Luongo III '23

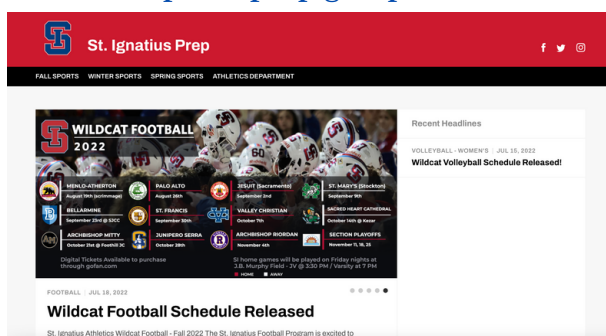
NEW SEASONS: FALL 2022

Editor-in-Chief

Get excited for a whole new year of sports SI! We kick off the year with six fall sports. Check out the resources below to find each team's schedule. Go 'Cats! *Inside SI* will publish highlights from the Fall Sports Media day held August 23rd in our next issue.

Go to this link for SI's athletic website:
<https://siprep.gorepu.com>

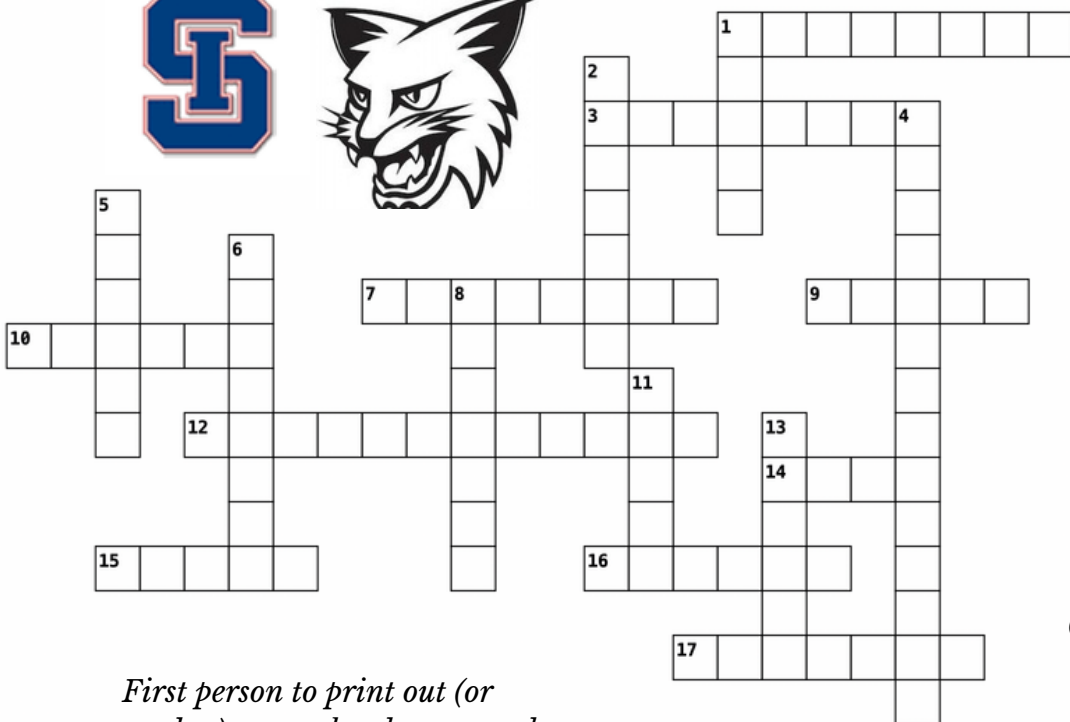
Download the RepU mobile app in the App Store to find each team's schedule, roster, record, and more!



WELCOME BACK CROSSWORD

Philip Luongo III '23

Editor-in-Chief



ACROSS

1. _____ of Loyola
3. The best newspaper
7. Fall sport
9. Annual art/poetry publication
10. _____ Commons
12. We won it last year
14. "For the greater glory of God"
15. New kids on campus
16. Our principal
17. New dean

DOWN

1. Our rivals
2. Our school's mascot
4. This year's theme
5. Senior retreat
6. "Lord, teach me to be _____"
8. _____ Chapel
11. Our school's president
13. _____ Theater

First person to print out (or screenshot) a completed crossword and bring it to Ms. Nickolai in Room 119 will receive a candy prize!

GUESS THAT TEACHER

Reilly Moriarty '23

Editor-in-Chief

Hey SI! Can you guess these teachers from their childhood photos? 3.



1. Mr. Schwager 2. Ms. Curcio 3. Mr. Oliva 4. Mr. Grealish

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