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# The Gap Gazette

## We're Back! Did You Miss Us!?

Though St. Columba did not officially take a summer holiday, many of our students did. So last month we took a break from publishing The Gazette, but now we're back for your enjoyment! As this is our 5th issue, you have realized by now that many of our articles focus on the school. Needless to say, it IS a school paper and we understand the majority of our readers are from the school. However, I officially invite any O'hare's Gap residents to join the paper staff and become a reporter. We don't always have our staff available to cover OHG events due to time zones and other issues. Please send me an IM if you would like to become part of this great resource!

That being said, I would like to say a few things about St. Columba that have been on my mind in the past recent weeks. There really are not enough descriptive words in the English language for me to explain just how unbelievably PROUD I am of our school and what it has become! It did get off to a rough start and received some opposition but today, as it celebrates almost a year and a half of being here, it IS part of the community and a beacon of love to the entire village.

There is no other school in SL quite like St. Columba. We do love to role play and our rulebook is one of the fattest you will find anywhere. Perfection is demanded and flawless behavior is our ultimate goal. Yet when you become a part of this school, you become part of an amazingly loving family. Under the perception of an almost military like structure, we laugh and giggle at each other and love the life we live. Yet we are capable of being serious when it comes to our prayers and education.



Our classes are real. While not everyone is RL Catholic, we do discuss and learn about theology through catechism and courses about "The Saints". Irish History, English Lit and a new "about to be launched" Music Appreciation class help round out a well balanced curriculum. And on Fridays, we have our "Quotes and Debates" class where students get to challenge each other's thoughts on certain topics and decode the meanings behind some of time's greatest quotes.

Daily we hold prayers at 12:45PM SLT lead by Father Alberto Eissmann 365 days a year. These short services are wonderful moments of daily scripture. In the event of Father Eissmann's absence, we students hold the prayers. Our services are sacred and respect must be observed when in the abbey.

Yet we are not all work. Like all kids, we like to have fun and occasionally we take educational

field trips, go dancing or just talk about life over a hot bowl of Lucie's soup. It's not a glamorous lifestyle but it's humble and rewarding. The students that come to St. Columba are looking for an experience that simply isn't available at many of the other SL locations, and I say that with the utmost regard. St. Columba students are some of the nicest and well behaved kids you will find and that's one of the reasons I explode with joy talking about them! Enrollment has grown over the past several months as kids looking for a loving environment rather than a spanking school have found their way via the grapevine to our doorstep.

The school is always open and anyone is invited to tour or attend any of our classes or prayers. You may not understand why we do what we do, but you'll agree that we do it better than anyone else!!

Miss Sarah Sandalwood  
Editor-in-Chief and proud Excellence of St. Columba

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# O'Hare's Happenings

Events and happenings around OHG  
Real Estate and financial reports



by  
Willy  
Sandalwood

You've been to the O'Hare's Gap (OHG) beach now haven't you? I discussed that in the last Gap Gazette, remember? This month I want to point out a real life destination that I've included in our wee bit of Ireland...O'Brien's Tower.

Where is O'Brien's Tower at O'Hare's Gap? HINT: In real life, as in O'Hare's Gap, O'Brien's Tower marks the highest point of the Cliffs of Moher in County Clare, Ireland.

I have never been to the tower in real life. I built it from heavily researched pictures, and textual references. The size in SL is proportional to the real life tower. I even used real life pictures of the brick walls, walkways, and flagstones to create the textures used in the SL version. I do believe what you see here is very close to what you would see on a trip to the actual tower in Ireland.

Wikipedia has the best condensed story about O'Brien's Tower:

The tower was built on the cliffs in 1835 by local landlord Sir Cornelius O'Brien as an observation tower for the hundreds of Victorian tourists that

frequented the cliffs at the time. Another version tells of O'Brien building the tower in order to impress women he was courting. On a clear day the view can extend as far as Loop Head at the southern tip of Clare and beyond to the mountains of Kerry. Looking north from O'Brien's Tower on clear days, the Twelve Bens in Connemara (also known as the Twelve Pins) beyond Galway Bay can be seen, and typically the Aran Islands to the west.

Folklore holds that Sir Cornelius O'Brien was a man ahead of his time, believing that the development of tourism would benefit the local economy and bring people out of poverty. O'Brien also built a wall of Moher flagstones along the Cliffs and it is said in the locality that he built everything in the area except the cliffs. He died in 1857 and his remains lie in the O'Brien vault in the graveyard adjoining St Brigid's Well.

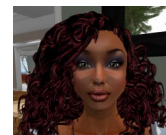
Get out there and see the O'Brien's Tower then go enjoy the beach (sunrise is breathtaking).

Slan!



## Resident Spotlight

Welcome to new residents and  
spotlight stories on existing ones



by  
Tina  
Ludlow

So happy to bring one of our residents to the spotlight this month. Actually he was August news, but due to gazette staff vacations we have him for September. "Jack" ActionJackson86 is a long time resident of O'Hare's Gap and New Palermo with his lovely wife Shy. You will remember him by the



winner of the OHG holiday decorating contests., He and his lovely wife, Shy, have been known to go all out. I can't wait to see what they do in the coming holidays. Always a spark in his eye and his conversation, we are glad to have him here.

If you see him hanging out with Willy, run for cover!! Those two should not be together, never know what could happen.

The talented pair Jack and Shy, have written, produced, directed, starred and danced in numerous productions in SL. Jack is also a prodigious SL artist.

An RL artist, Jack received art degrees in Drawing and Painting, Special Mechanical Art, and Art Education, from prestigious schools before becoming

an Art Teacher in public schools. Now retired he pursues many of his interests in the arts in RL and SL.

Hope you all paid attention to the OHG notices and got to go to the Galicia Art & Cultural Hall where you would have seen his impressive art work. Jack's displayed art for the month of August was "Native American". The show consists of some of his most recent creations. Using antique black and white photographs of Native Americans as source material, Jack has created a vibrant show bursting with color. The show drags period images into a dazzling modernity.

Gallery owner Anjelikka is quoted regarding the show. "This one ... Wow", "Totally different, the effect is brilliant", and "I love it ... it brings the Native Art alive!" I have checked out this place and it is a must see! If you missed it, keep an eye open for future shows. I will send out notices as soon as he gives me the word!

Next month, I hope to get a word from the Mrs! Her life here is fascinating and maybe we can get some inside info about her charming Mr. So if you see the couple, shout out a hello!

hugs

### New renters:

KaleenOMalley  
k2Whitefalcon  
Glimmerdust01

I know you all will welcome our new community members to OHG. Welcome and hope to see you at any of our events.

### Last Minute Update!

Sammie will be playing scary Halloween stories in her store from now until Halloween! Don't miss it!

# The Post Office

The OHG Postmasters talk about  
Post happenings



POST

by  
MaxymilianHax  
and Viola Lecker

## LETTERS ON PAPER

### MYSTERIOUS SHORTCUT

In this month issue of the Gap Gazette we continue with love letters written in 16th century by king Henry VIII to his future wife, who was afterwards a queen of England and Ireland - Anne Boleyn. What do you think this mysterious shortcut in second letter means? Please send your answers by letters to post-man or post-woman with your agreement to publish it in next issues of the Gap Gazette.

### LOVE LETTERS OF HENRY VIII TO ANNE BOLEYN

\* Letter second \*

Though it is not fitting for a gentleman to take his lady in the place of a servant, yet, complying with your desire, I willingly grant it you, if thereby you can find yourself less uncomfortable in the place chosen by yourself, than you have been in that which I gave you, thanking you cordially that you are pleased still to have some remembrance of me. B.N.R.I. de R.O.M.V.E.Z.

Henry R.

\* Letter third \*

Although, my Mistress, it has not pleased you to remember the promise you made me when I was last with you—that is, to hear good news from you, and to have an answer to my last letter; yet it seems to me that it belongs to a true servant (seeing that otherwise he can know nothing) to inquire the health of his mistress, and to acquit myself of the duty of a true servant, I send you this letter, beseeching you to apprise me of your welfare, which I pray to God may continue as long as I desire mine own. And to cause you yet oftener to remember me, I send you, by the bearer of this, a buck killed late last night by my own hand, hoping that when you eat of it you may think of the hunter; and thus, for want of room, I must end my letter, written by the hand of your servant, who very often wishes for you instead of your brother.

H. R.

\* Letter fourth \*

My Mistress & Friend, my heart and I surrender ourselves into your hands, beseeching you to hold us commended to your favour, and that by absence your affection to us may not be lessened: for it were a

great pity to increase our pain, of which absence produces enough and more than I could ever have thought could be felt, reminding us of a point in astronomy which is this: the longer the days are, the more distant is the sun, and nevertheless the hotter; so is it with our love, for by absence we are kept a distance from one another, and yet it retains its fervour, at least on my side; I hope the like on yours, assuring you that on my part the pain of absence is already too great for me; and when I think of the increase of that which I am forced to suffer, it would be almost intolerable, but for the firm hope I have of your unchangeable affection for me: and to remind you of this sometimes, and seeing that I cannot be personally present with you, I now send you the nearest thing I can to that, namely, my picture set in a bracelet, with the whole of the device, which you already know, wishing myself in their place, if it should please you. This is from the hand of your loyal servant and friend,

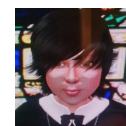
H. R.

### Must have links:

- \* P.O. website: <http://bit.ly/postofficesl>
- \* P.O. fanpage <https://www.facebook.com/postofficesl/>
- \* P.O. teleport: <http://maps.secondlife.com/secondlife/Wilde/138/204/25/>

## "At the Movies"

Billy reviews the films playing this  
month at O'Hare's theater



by  
Billy J  
Auster

Did you know O'Hares Gap has it's very own movie theater? Even with FREE ADMISSION there is plenty of room for all to sit back and enjoy a good film! Features change weekly!

If you like, you can follow [THIS LINK](#) to teleport you directly there! You need Quicktime Player installed for the theater to work.



### AUG 17-23 Uncle Joe

A young girl is sent away to the country to live with her uncle when her parents fear a possible courtship with an artist. I guess that's how it was in the old days. If you were an actor or painter you were some kind of second class citizen and they treated you like you had the plague. But now of

course things are better and artists have twitter-gram and insta-tweet, get married and divorced multiple times per year, and everyone wants to be their friend!



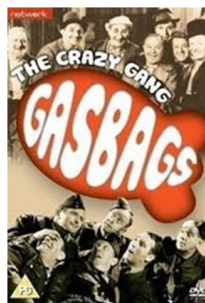
### AUG 24-30 Son of Monte Cristo

When I first saw this title was coming to O'Hares Gap I was fearful it was another monster movie like 'The Son of Frankenstein' or 'Satan's Son' but... it turns out it's more of swashbuckling adventure and the only 'monster' is an evil dictator who unfairly takes

over the Lichtenburg in the Balkans in the mid 1800s! Femme fatale Zona is the rightful ruler, who, with the visiting Count's help, hopes to win it back! However the Count is in disguise and things are not as they may seem!

### SEP 01-07 Gasbags

I don't know why... call me intuitive.. but I had a feeling this movie was going to be a comedy..! You know.. full of she-nanigans and jokes using those rubber inflatable "gas bags" -- that when you sit on them make a noise like you've eaten too many beans? Well... I was half right. A crazy gang of funny men pilot a blimp over enemy territory during wartime on a humorous adventure. And the flatulence? Well you'll just have to wait and find out for yourself!



### SEP 08-14 Cheers for Miss Bishop

Just who is this "Miss Bishop"? And who exactly is cheering for her? Sounds like a student from Saint Columba who maybe has an alt as a cheerleader! But in fact - turns out she is a \*teacher\*! A teacher madly in love... but loses her fiancé to her scheming cousin! Tragedy strikes and the plot twists with even more twists than a twizzler.

# Saint Columba Class Report

A summary of school events over the past month



by  
Lucie  
Rose

Well first I am glad to be back in this wonderful school with new wonderful pupils arriving all the time, where being the humble broom and servant, with so little knowledge and education, still allows me to attend class, which makes me proud and grateful.

Madam Temple came to us and generously proposed to give classes, and even twice a week, which is a gift that we are ever grateful for. She teaches us catechism in her way which is very original and creative.

She knows her subject very well and teaches us a lot.

Her second class is the life of saints which I have not been able to attend much, but which is very instructive too.

She never hesitates to take us in outings, and we of course love it.

I have heard Madam Temple is an important actor in another school. And being that busy and having such weight on her shoulders did not stop her from giving more to the childhood of this world, by engaging in giving us the teaching that we lacked. Of course most pupils are much less ignorant than I am. fortunately.

And when she invited the pupils of her other school, it was exciting to have guests, and also we could see that the level of thoughts and redaction between the two schools, was quiet even.

I truly hope that this first encounter gave as much excitement to the pupils of the other school as it did us, and that we will share regularly in the future, and for a long time.

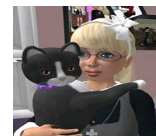
Exchanging with other schools, confronting our identities, is bringing our curiosity, to enrichment.

The broom



## Ask an Excellence

Miss Sarah answers your questions to life's most puzzling issues in the most Excellent ways!



by  
Sarah A.  
Sandalwood

Miss Sarah, where do babies come from?

Edgar

*That is an excellent question Edgar! Babies come from The Baby Store! It often surprises me how many people don't know that!! It's really cool actually....you walk up to a monitor and you start by picking a boy baby or a girl baby. From there you pick what color hair you want it to have and then you can add customizable features. For example, if you want it to play a song instead of that horrible default CRY tone, you can upload your favorite heavy metal song and you'll hear it loud and clear every time the baby is upset! After it clears your credit card information, it will take them 9 months to build your customized baby. From there, the SPS (Stork Parcel Service) will deliver the baby right to your front door. Once you boot up your baby for the first time, it will ask you for a name. Pick something that will really make it mad when it gets old enough to understand...you gotta have fun with it after all! Eventually, it will grow up and create an avatar in Second Life so it can name*

*itself what it wanted to be called all along. Your baby will require several upgrades as it grows and some of those can be costly. If after 7 days you do not like your baby, you can return it for a full refund. Of course I have never been to the Baby Store because you need to be an adult to do that. But I've been told that this is just the way it is! And THAT my dear Edgar, is where babies come from.*

Miss Sarah, has Billy broken up with this Anneke chick yet? How long is it going to take the two of you!?

Anon

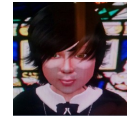
*Well Anon, it's good to know that you are as persistent as a...umm...well...a persistent thing! I have also come to the conclusion that your brain is like a BB in a boxcar! First off, Miss Anneke is "NOT" to be referred to as a "CHICK". She is a highly regarded student and should be treated with respect! In fact, let's just end this now!! You are being*

*MUTED Anon! I'm done listening to ridiculous questions month after month! You have wasted MY time AND the reader's! Good Day to you!*

*To ask Miss Sarah a question, please submit it on a notecard to [sarah nikitin](#) in an IM!*

# Master Billy's Babblings

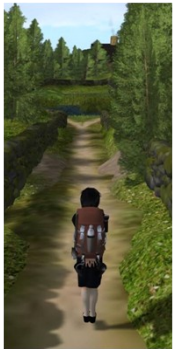
Billy needs to babble...and YOU need to listen! :)



by  
Billy J  
Auster

## IN SEARCH OF ANNEKE

by Billy Justin Auster  
September 2016 Saint Columba School Gazette



"Even the journey of 100,000 miles begins with a first step." A Catholic monk once said.

(Well.. the monk didn't actually write it.. he just said it out loud in church one day, and I happen to be sitting nearby him. And he didn't actually say it to me specifically.... At the time we were just sitting in the abbey while waiting for Father E. I think he was practicing for a sermon or something) Anyways... I somehow found comfort in this quote now...

as I said this to myself over and over to boost my confidence. I was starting on a long, perilous journey, to all of the far corners of O'Hares Gap, and possibly into the dangerous jungles beyond, in "Search of Anneke".

You see, Anneke is my classmate at school -- and she had disappeared after a misunderstanding. And I was dead set on finding her. Miss Sarah pleaded for me not to and that we should contact the authorities instead. And our attendant "the broom" Lucie also said it was too dangerous but I was determined. Anneke was out there somewhere and I wasn't going to rest until she was home safe. "Not on my watch" I said to myself as the branches cut my cheeks mercilessly and the thorns found their way fast into my Mary Janes.

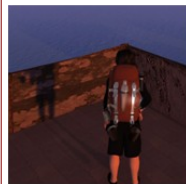
The first thing I learned on my journey is that the earth is definitely NOT flat. There were bumps, and valleys, and even cliffs.



The next thing I learned: The corners of O'Hares Gap are INDEED corners! They sometimes even have sharp edges just like the corner of a square! So sharp, you could cut you

hand on it if you were foolish enough to touch it (no need to ask *me how* I know that).

But the most important thing I learned is that if you set your mind to do something, you can accomplish great things. Even the smallest person (and I'm only 12) can change the course of history if you really want something



badly enough.

What happened to Anneke, you ask? Well you'll just have to come to the Abbey at 1PM SLT someday and visit with us, and ask those in line, to find out what happened at the end of this wonderful adventure!



## Funnies



# The Art of Art

## Arts Review



by  
Anneke Van  
Trijp

### The Persistence of Memory

The faithful transcription of dreams has always played a major role in Dali's paintings. The painter had studied psycho-analysis and the works of Freud before joining the Surrealists. To dream is easy for him because of his Mediterranean heritage. A siesta, to him, has always opened the doors of a pre-sleep period, the instant when one forgets the presence of one's body. Dali's demonology owes a great deal to his reveries. They have given birth to heterogeneous elements which he then brings together in his paintings without always knowing why. In the works of the Surrealist period, Dali treated those elements of disparate appearance with absolute realism which emphasized the proper character of each one of them, making an exact copy from a document, a photograph, or the actual object, as well as using collage.

He increased the effect produced even more through the use of techniques stemming from the precision of Vermeer to the blurred shapes of Carriere. Once he had given an emotional autonomy to his protagonists he established communication between them by depicting them in space - most often in a landscape - thus creating unity in the canvas by the juxtaposition of objects bearing no relation in an environment where they did not belong. This spatial obsession derives from the atmosphere of Cadaques, where the light, due to

the color of the sky and of the sea, seems to suspend the course of time and allows the mind through the eye to glide more easily from one point to another. the famous painting in The Museum of Modern Art in New York, The Persistence of Memory is an excellent example of the foregoing and contains the following elements:

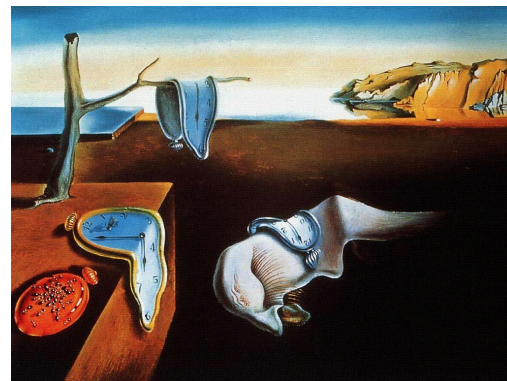
1) The soft head in the center is born of reveries. At Cape Creus, Dali had seen a rock whose shape was very similar to this head.

2) The watches, which he says are: "nothing more than the soft, extravagant, solitary, paranoiac-critical Camembert cheese of space and time... Hard or soft, what difference does it make! As long as they tell time accurately.

3) The precise image of ants in the sunshine. A leafless olive tree with its branches cut.

4) Last, the landscape. For the person who does not know the region where Dali lives, the violence of the color might seem excessive. It is nothing of the sort. On the contrary, this vivid color renders exactly the effect of the light in the sky, on the

sea, the seashore, and the rocks. The latter cannot be specifically located; they are the generalization of all the landscapes Dali had seen and painted before. His great merit is to have succeeded in synthesizing the ideal coast by use of familiar rocks and coves, thus giving the spectator the illusion of having seen them before.



## SMK Report

### Sarah's Magic Kingdom: Disney Museum News and Financial report



by  
Sarah A.  
Sandalwood

This past month, SMK played an important role with Richmond Survival Camp in their 2016 weeklong adventure. When I was approached to open my park to the camp, I couldn't wait to learn what was in store. Over 250 campers were to board a train to Disney World to spend a fun day together. However, there was a twist the kids didn't know about. Upon arrival, characters got them to go directly to Pirates of the Caribbean as their first ride. But right before they boarded the boats, fairies appeared and told them Never-Land was in danger and their help was needed to defeat REAL pirates! They were magically transported to an island where they would spend their week learning all kinds of great stuff.

The kids loved it and though they didn't actually get to spend time at SMK OR ride anything, many returned when camp was over to explore it with their families. We saw over 250 kids (in groups of 20) come to our gate on their way to adventure. The camp coordinator I worked with couldn't have been any nicer and they were ever so grateful for SMK's participation in this year's experience.



# Saint Columba Student Report

Public listing of monthly student disciplinary records.



by  
Sarah A.  
Sandalwood

Public display of these records help encourage the students to be more diligent in their thoughts and actions. Here are the records for the past two months..

## Master Billy Auster

July 21, 2016 - whispers in class without permission and without standing  
July 21, 2016 - whispers in class without permission and without standing for the second time  
July 21, 2016 - whispers in class without permission and without standing for the third time  
July 26, 2016 - Whispers in class...this is apparently something he cannot learn or understand! Suggest attending "Remedial Class Ethics 101"  
Aug 15, 2016 - Whispers in class....as usual...why bother...??

## Miss Heidi

July 18, 2016 - Did not stand to speak in class  
July 19, 2016 - Came to school in old western dress  
July 19, 2016 - Pulled a gun on me at the school!!!!!!  
July 27, 2016 - Came to line in wrong uniform.  
Aug 4, 2016 - No head cover in church  
Aug 6, 2016 - Wore earrings because someone cut off her pigtails  
Aug 6, 2016 - Admits to playing Pokemon Go on a smartphone  
Aug 13, 2016 - Wore an animal hat in inspection line  
Aug 15, 2016 - Came dressed in skimpy overalls instead of uniform.  
Aug 29, 2016 - Came in wrong uniform  
Aug 29, 2016 - Refused to wear uniform skirt because "boys don't have to!"  
Sep 5, 2016 - Used foul language in class

## Miss Lucie Rose

July 21, 2016 - Invited a stranger to join the school without investigation.

## Master Noah

July 17, 2016 Wearing earrings again  
July 19, 2016 - Spoke in the middle of class prayer  
July 19, 2016 - Speaks while seated...does not follow class protocols.  
July 20, 2016 - Smoking in line AGAIN! Considering Expulsion!  
July 24, 2016 - Turned into an elephant during inspection.  
July 26, 2016 - Wrong student tag

Aug 10, 2016 - Cannot remain quite in inspection line!  
Aug 10, 2016 - Has issues following instructions of ANY kind.  
Aug 13, 2016 - Wearing crazy hats during inspection.

## Miss Anneke Van Trijp

July 17, 2016 - Wrong Sunday uniform  
July 21, 2016 - Wore earrings  
July 27, 2017 - Entered the boy's dorm unattended.  
Aug 31, 2016 - Wearing unauthorized jewelry with uniform.  
Sep 1, 2016 - Wearing unauthorized jewelry with uniform.  
Sep 2, 2016 - Wearing unauthorized jewelry with uniform.  
Sep 3, 2016 - Wearing unauthorized jewelry with uniform.  
Sep 4, 2016 - Wearing unauthorized jewelry with uniform...

## Miss Stacie:

July 18, 2016 - Did not stand to speak in class  
Aug 27, 2016 - Wore unauthorized necklace.

## Miss Lila:

July 17, 2016 - Chewing gum in inspection line  
July 25, 2016 - Sat before prayers at dinner  
Aug 7, 2016 - Admitted owning smart phone to play Pokemon Go  
Aug 21, 2016 - Blowing bubbles in inspection line  
Aug 24, 2016 - Climbed up a church bell tower unauthorized  
Sep 6, 2016 - Entered church without head cover.

## Master William:

July 19, 2016 - Cannot stand at attention in line.  
July 21, 2016 - called Grandmaster "insane"  
July 21, 2016 - whispers in class without permission and without standing  
July 21, 2016 - spoke without standing and without permission  
July 21, 2016 - Did not stand to greet a guest  
July 25, 2016 - Sat before prayers at dinner  
July 30, 2016 - No student tag  
Aug 4, 2016 - Sat at table before prayers  
Aug 4, 2016 - Threw a rolled up bread ball at Miss Anneke during dinner  
Aug 4, 2016 - Pinched Miss Heidi at the table  
Aug 10, 2016 - Cannot remain quite in inspection line  
Aug 24, 2016 - Asked a lady guest to bend over to look at her bottom.  
Aug 25, 2016 - Yelled out loud during prayers.

Sep 4, 2016 - Threw a temper tantrum

## Master Sam:

Aug 24, 2016 - Climbed up a church bell tower unauthorized  
Aug 25, 2016 - Wrong tag  
Aug 27, 2016 - Wrong tag  
Aug 27, 2016 - Said the "F" word at school!!!!  
Sep 2, 2016 - Did not stand to speak in class

## Miss Sven

July 28, 2016 - Sat in the living room chairs!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
Aug 9, 2016 - Wore wrong uniform to inspection  
Aug 15, 2016 - Wore wrong uniform to school  
Aug 15, 2016 - Improper tag  
Aug 25, 2016 - Improper tag

## Miss Luz:

August 4, 2016 - Did not perform church protocol.  
Aug 15, 2016 - Threw paper airplane in class  
Aug 15, 2016 - Speaks out in class and does not stand to speak  
Aug 30, 2016 - Wore a "Tween Paradise" tag

## Master Alexander:

July 22, 2016 - Wrong student tag  
Aug 14, 2016 - Wearing sunglasses while in uniform  
Aug 20, 2016 - Reverted gender without school authorization

## Miss Vibeke:

July 26, 2016 - Whispers in class

## Miss Hannah-Marie:

July 24, 2016 - Did not perform church protocol upon entering.  
July 25, 2016 - Sat before prayers at dinner  
July 26, 2016 - Spoke while seated in class  
July 26, 2016 - Spoke more while seated. Has not learned classroom protocol.  
Aug 10, 2016 - Cannot remain quite in inspection line  
Aug 25, 2016 - Spoke negatively about me.

## Opinion

Reader's submissions and comments



The other day It was mentioned that my clothing was not appropriate for being at church.

Two passages in the New Testament concern proper dress for women:

I also want women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God. (NIV, 1 Timothy 2:9-10) Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful. (NIV, 1 Peter 3:2-5)

The Bible's teachings about dress cannot be applied directly to today's situation. Attending church in biblical-era clothing: a cloak, tunic, sandals and a turban or veil, would cause attention in most churches! But the general principles of modesty and propriety can be applied. Standards of dress are different from church to church and change over time, but I think we should avoid any style of dress that sends a message opposing the church community's values to make people feel uncomfortable. Because they are wearing jeans and a tee shirt and not a dress or suit.

Tessa Danube

Recently I found a terrible thing in OHG. I was flying, as most cats do, and I landed on a roof of the OHG Visitor Welcome Center & Irish History Museum. I got depressed discovering this poster there.



When I was crying over elephants' life in the circus, suddenly Heidi and her brother William appeared on the roof and were also sad as much as me when they saw the poster. We want to protest against such advertisements in OHG or anywhere! Animals should be treated with respect and left in their natural environment. Circus is a prison for them and circus training is cruel to animals. Promoting such entertainment is awful!

The population of elephants on Earth has decreased very much in the last years due to mankind and its our duty to save them. We need to find these elephant herds presented on the poster and rescue them. Any suggestions about how to find these poor, imprisoned animals to help them are welcome and can be shared with us directly or by the post in a letter/notecard named: elephants rescue expedition.

Max the cat, William & Heidi  
(Maximillian Hax, William and Heidi af Pärila)

Animals Rescue Group

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# Saint Columba Student News

## Student Spotlight and New Enrollments



by  
Sarah A.  
Sandalwood



This month we put the spotlight on Lucie Rose. Lucie is our hard laboring, over worked, under appreciated school attendant. She never complains of her chores (much) and does her absolute best to care for the students like a nanny. While she is often oblivious to the world around her, she knows the St. Columba rules by heart and helps to keep the pupils in line.

Lucie's soup is legendary and known throughout the land (well according to Master Billy). Our uniforms are always spotless and pressed to perfection (in spite of Master Sam unable to keep his whites white). And when guests arrive, Lucie is always the first to approach and welcome them inside with a tasty beverage of their choice.

Known lovingly as "The Broom", Lucie is the oldest of the students even though she is in her twenties. Her constant need to learn keeps her an active participant well beyond that of a common scullery maid. Though humor is frowned upon, Lucie manages to force a smirk across my serious and stern outer façade. I will never admit that her sarcasm and sharp wit sometimes make me giggle until it hurts...because we all know that goes against our regulations.

Her dedication to St. Columba is unmatched. She feeds the hungry and houses the homeless. It's hard to put your finger on what exactly makes Lucie so necessary to the existence of our boarding school. Then we realize....It is her internal charm, warmth and endlessly flowing love that makes her shine. Oh yes, and she's keen with a sewing machine...otherwise we'd be naked!!! O.O

And this is why Lucie Rose is this month's student spotlight shining star!



### Welcome Newly Enrolled Students!



#### Miss Sven Bachman-Temple

Miss Sven is 8 years old and is the daughter of our Catechism teacher, Madam Temple. Upon arrival, Miss Sven learned quickly that sitting in the fancy chairs is a huge St. Columba faux pas! But she quickly moved passed that and has become a dedicated student who assists with prayer readings.

#### Miss Hannah-Marie

Miss Hannah-Marie is a 10 year old orphan who came to us with a desire to learn. She quickly became acclimated and joins us frequently in most school functions. Her feisty personality makes her a challenge to possibly follow in Miss Heidi's footsteps!



#### Miss Emily De Wahl

Miss Emily is a 12 year old, well educated student who is fluent at Interlingua which is an International Auxiliary Language. Following her dictation can be confusing for some (including me) but she obviously knows her craft. She is delightful and charming and always well behaved.

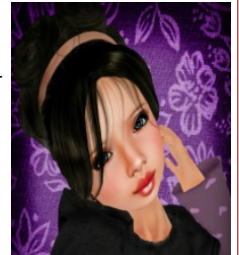


#### Master Sam Taylor

Master Sam is a 7 year old boy which has helped fuel the balance of males in our institution. He quickly became acclimated and rarely does he miss a day of prayers and class. It is believed that according to the GrandMaster, he has animals living inside his ears. Master Sam loves old world charm and is typically well behaved in spite of him being a boy.

#### Miss Michelle Avery Wroth

Miss Michelle is a 7 year old sibling to Master Alex, one of our own. She comes to us with a love of ballet and a hope for a structured school environment. As of the time of this publication, Miss Michelle has yet to officially wear the uniform but we are certain she will make that monumental leap any day now!



#### Miss Courtney Flecker

Miss Courtney is our freshest student to step off the boat. At age 13, she is one of our older pupils. She as well has not worn the uniform at the time of this publication and we are still getting to know her personality. But so far she seems dedicated and determined. Her twin sister on the other hand? Time will tell if she joins her.

**WELCOME TO THE ST. COLUMBA FAMILY!!!**

## O'Hare's Meeting Minutes

### A summary of O'Hare's monthly town meetings



by  
Lucie  
Rose

This month the town meeting happened only in spirit. Lord Sandalwood did not talk about all kind of technical matters, as he is condemned to do, such as money, instead of honey, griefers instead of giraffes, rents, instead of scents, and TOS instead of laughs. Miss Ludlow did not have the opportunity to give her precious input, nor to fall asleep as soon as things are getting technical and didn't have to hide her lack of interest for those things. Miss Hunny didn't show her remarkable modesty

and nobody could congratulate her for her great service to the community and church. Nobody could also thank Mister Shorahim's great service to church, nor could new residents be introduced and praised. And so your humble servant cannot invent stories that were never told in the town meeting, as I need the town meeting to invent its resume :) I am sure next month will be a great and very inspiring session again.

The broom

# O'HARE'S GAP



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Miss Anneke digs up the dirt and  
gossip around O'hare's

"Don't let the truth stand in the way of a  
good story"



by  
Anneke Van  
Trijp

It is the first week of September. All students are back from vacation. And at the inspection line (but after the inspection) everybody was telling about what they did. Also master Sam did. Proudly he told his fellow students about a nice gift he got - i think from his father. No less than a little pony.

He told us about him getting a little pony and he was to ride it almost every day. And, generous as master Sam is, he asked miss Sarah if she wanted to ride it too. And - oh boy - was that a wrong question! Miss Sarah almost screamed "Nooo, I don't want to ride your little pony!!!! Master Sam, innocent as he is, startled. "Why not, miss" he asked.

Yours truly felt sorry for master Sam, so i said "I would like very much to ride your little pony, master Sam". And again: miss Sarah almost screamed: "No you do not want that miss Anneke!!!" "But I like little ponies miss Sarah" writer replied. And I asked Billy "can I ride your little pony then?"

Wrong again! Miss Sarah again shouted "you may not ride master Billy's little pony either!" "B-But Billy is my boyfriend, miss Sarah". "I don't care, you may NOT ride any little pony".

Of course we were puzzled about miss Sarah's feelings about little ponies. We all know miss Sarah as an animal lover, and she rides Brandelyn now and then, so why cant we ride master Sam's or master Billy's little pony. I suppose the reader is puzzled too.

The confusion continued. Master Sam told us, that he got his little pony for Christmas. Now that's a statement that's not strange. But miss Sarah's reac-

tion to that was "How can that be, master Sam, don't you have your little pony all your life?" "No miss" master Sam replied, "I got it since Christmas".

And then, miss Sarah said something, what made me lose all faith in miss Sarah's goodness. She said: "ohhh, i suppose we talk about different 'little ponies' ". Now I think, we discovered the naughty side of miss Sarah. Probably not tickmark worthy, we all have our naughty side, but yours truly sure didn't expect this from Excellence Miss Sarah.

Disappointed? Not really. We saw a side of miss Sarah what we always thought was there, but never came out. It shows, also miss Sarah is human, with a darker side. Yours truly respects her the more. And I'm sure, all students love the human side of miss Sarah.

BUT... I fear also miss Sarah has a lot to tell in the confession box.

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## Good of the Village



Madam Temple takes us on a fieldtrip during one of her Saints classes.

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Master Sam and Master Billy model the new boy's white uniform.