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Halloween Comes to OHG!



Yep, It was Halloween in OHG!! I'd like to thank all the residents and store owners for all their work on decorating!. We were lucky to have 4 judges from outside of OHG that went all over and put their votes in for the best decorated cottage and/or store.

Was it the scary grave yard, or the alien spaceship waiting to beam you up, or the hiding pumpkins in the trees to the boiling cauldron in the back yard, Action Jackson was the winner of this year Cottage decorating contest.



Next, as the voters walked through town, they felt a strong feeling of someone watching them. Could it be the ghost lady sitting on the bench of "Shannon Green Store". The smell of pumpkin pie just teasing you to come near and sit a spell. The warmth of the decorations sent the votes here.

Congrats to Sammi Yachvili for winning the Store decorating contest!!



If you missed the Halloween dance, you missed a great time. Dj Skyrin set the mood with her great tunes!

Costumes worn by all were a sight to see. 1st place was Sammi Yachvili (ghostly witch), 2nd place was Sister Catherine (Barbie in a box), and 3rd place was Lila Swansong(raggedy Anne) . Thanks to Action Jackson and Skyrin for all the decorations they did in the Hangar! We better see you all there next year!



The pumpkin hunt went off as planned. I do believe I smell a forgotten, now rotten pumpkin . I have to apologize for the limited pumpkins hidden. I couldn't find a time where the children were not lurking around. Well. I cant hide them if they are here . LOL

I hope you got to see all the decorations at Malone's Pub. Kaleen O'Malley did an awesome job there!. They all disappeared before I got a picture of it.....of..... did the zombies take them with them when they left OHG?

I want to thank all who helped make this holiday a blast!. It was nice to get you all involved. Any one who wants to help with anything in town, just drop me an IM. There is so much talent and vision out there. Keep in mind that Christmas is coming!! wink..wink.....Big Hugs to you all!

Tina Ludlow

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O'Hare's Happenings

Events and happenings around OHG
Real Estate and financial reports



by
Willy
Sandalwood

Another month has passed, the weather is changing, we're all a little older, a little wiser, and hopefully a little wealthier. Anyway, I want to touch on the wealthier part for a minute, so bear with me. I know some of our readers have owned sims, rented parcels, rented shops, rented cottages here at O'Hare's Gap or elsewhere. The one thing I know is the prices were probably quite different depending on where you go. I want to share with you why that occurs.

Some of this may already be known to you, I apologize for going through it if that's the case but please keep reading. SL is made up of Mainland, Private Estates, Homesteads, and Open sims.

Mainland is managed by Linden Labs, is usually cheaper to rent on and is typically identified by every kind of structure and object on the ground and in the air being visible. Flat land is usually the case as well, but not always. Basically you can identify a Mainland sim by what I call clutter and chaos. Every location is a single entity and may not be visually appealing in any direction that you look. If you happen to not be at ground level, like a skybox, you may only have a very small patch to actually walk around in. Personally I find Mainland to offer little realism. But it will be the cheapest rent you'll find and you'll have little to no thematic continuity.

Private Estates are managed by individuals, like myself. Private Estates offer 15,000 prims and allow up to 100 avatars to be on the sim at any given moment. They are the most expensive sim but can offer more prims at a lower price per prim. Private Estates can be cluttered like Mainland, or can be empty, or whatever the owner wants to do with them. One of the sims here at O'Hare's Gap is a Private Estate sim, Toyah is it (the one with the Abbey, Hangar '39, and SMK on it).

Homesteads are managed by individuals, like myself too. They offer 3,750 prims and allow up to 20 avatars to be on the sim at any given moment. They are little

more expensive per prim. Homesteads can be managed just like a Private Estate but they offer fewer prims. The other 3 sims that make up O'Hare's Gap are Homesteads (Tabary to the south, Velbert to the west, and Wilde where the town resides)

I've taken the 4 sims and turned them into a theme of sorts - Rural Ireland. I've been told that theme sims rarely last long in SL so I guess O'Hare's Gap (OHG) is the exception with the almost 7 years we've been here.

Unless the owner of a sim has deep pockets, the sims have to be funded. OHG is funded by the renters of cottages and shops, and by donations. Am I getting rich from it? Let me just say I have never made a penny profit, I am not even sure I have broken even, and at times have had to fork out \$200-\$400 US Dollars of my own money to pay my monthly tier on the 4 sims. I can't do that any more, the economy has seen to that. It took me a long time to figure out the right pricing to minimize the impact on my wallet and to get everyone that enjoys OHG to help fund it. Now I know what to charge per prim that is rented to be able to get close to breaking even.

You may think its expensive at OHG but you do need to consider what you're getting. Every prim you see on the sims have to be paid for. Nothing is free. I pay the same each month regardless of how many prims were used and how many are rented. How much do I pay? I pay L\$159,000 a month. That works out to around \$636 US Dollars a month. Again, that pays for all you see and do here. The town itself, the trees, the buildings, the roads, the Abbey, and more all are made of prims that don't get rented by anyone. Call them overhead if you will. The sum of all of the rentals pay their share of that overhead because without the overhead, we really don't have anything.

What else do you get for your rent and donations? We offer a beach on the Irish Sea side, the church of course, the boarding school, the Abbey, Sarah's Magic

Kingdom, bowling, a concert hall, airplane hangar, air strip, pathways where you can walk or ride your bike or horse, a pub where you can play billiards, darts, Trivia, Greedy, or just hang out at the bar or the snug, a bakery with real Irish recipes, a movie theater that provides real period movies weekly, actual replicas of historic Irish destinations, such as the Blarney Castle main tower, O'Brien's Tower, the Cliffs of Moher, boating, hidden romantic locations, portions of each sim that tries to emulate the north, south, east, and west portions of real life Ireland, you can enjoy the Irish experience, a period style gym, a riverwalk with faux shops, The Gap Inn where visitors can find a room for a week, a town center with an Irish Museum, not to mention the many excellent shops: Shannon Green, the ballet studio, the post office, the yoga place, the coffee house, the Diner, the Fairy shop, and the Pub where you can also get free drinks and dance all night long, not to mention that you can walk the sims and meet the people of the community as you would in real life rural Ireland

The community is the most valuable part of these sims. We have people here that care about each other. We help where we can, we are friendly, we enjoy being here, and some of us attend Vespers together. Some folks don't get involved but that's ok, that happens in real life as well. But you can bet that if you find yourself walking down any of the many paths and see any one in our community, you can say "hello" and probably make a new friend. OHG is about Irish Hospitality and we're proud of it.

I've gone far too long on this topic. OHG has survived 7 years because the tremendous people in the community. You won't find that on Mainland or hardly in SL for that matter.. You might find places that offer a few of the things that we offer elsewhere but never all of them together. I think we (the community) made something special that goes far beyond the prims.

Resident Spotlight

Welcome to new residents and
spotlight stories on existing ones



This month's Spotlight is on Hunny SpiritWeaver. When I first came to OHG going on 4 years ago, Willy first introduced me to Hunny.

She was welcoming, warm, shy (but every once in awhile a smirk and funny remark spurted out!) What made me stay

in OHG, beside Willy (rolls my eyes) were the people of this town. Sarah, Chim, Rain, Green, Vince, LuLu, so many to list, and our very own Hunny! If you ever talk to her, you will feel the warmth and sincere concern from her words. She is a root of OHG. She is family. We, at OHG, are honored to have her here.

Dancing to bagpipes at a street concert, Hunny SpiritWeaver met a leprechaun. It was 2010, and the streets of O'Hare's were full of kilted people dancing jigs. The leprechaun invited Hunny to tour

his chapel, and he magically turned into Friar Chim. A few months later, Enthralled with O'Hare's, Hunny moved into a little cottage next to the mill, and has been a part of the community ever since.

In the past six years, Hunny could be seen helping Chim with prayers, dancing to DJ's Bushi and Bri at Hangar '39, riding her horse through town, and crashing aircraft into the waterways. She watched the coast for unfriendly visitors, kayaked through the rivers, rode motorcycles with 'O'Hare's Angels', worked out at Voo's Gym, watched movies in the theatre, danced ballet in the studio, and raced marshmallow peeps through the paths of our fine regions.

In September of 2014, Hunny moved her Irish pub to Tabary. It is the third and final home for this homey public house. Hunny's has hosted various celebratory events such as rezzdays, adoption parties, St. Martin's dance, and saw the debut of some of SL's best DJ's and live performers. In the summer, you can camp in the nearby woods, or take a boat ride from the docks. People stop by for a quiet evening by the fire and the view of the offshore ruins.



by
Tina
Ludlow

In February of 2014, Siachana Yoga opened across the street from the Gap Inn. People stop by to get some exercise and meditate in a cozy peaceful space.

Today, Hunny coordinates some of the prayer services at St. Columba Abbey, and holds prayers on Wednesday nights at 7SLT. Sometimes we have prayers in the old Chapel and remember the times that we needed to be lovingly admonished by Friar Chim.

In RL, Hunny is an Information Technology Specialist. She divides her time between working, traveling, kayaking, riding horses, camping, yoga, and Irish Pubs :) (My, the apple doesn't fall far from the tree)

Don't pass through OHG without getting to know her. Hugs

LittleSven Baughman-Temple, Babette (Babs) Bellios, Mintachine, MadCat Bravehart, and Burnborgin73 are our new renters in OHG. Welcome and we hope to see you around!

The Post Office

The OHG Postmasters talk about
Post happenings



POST

by
MaxymilianHax
and Viola Lecker

OLD LETTERS ARCHIVE

All post offices have its dead letters departments where they store undeliverable letters. At our post we have created something similar. We don't have dead letters because we deliver all of them, also these which are not written yet. But we have old letters in mailbox wall sometimes. So the new department is called the Old Letters Archive (OLA) and we store there letters which were not collected from the main mailboxes by their recipients for more than 1 month. If you are not an often visitor to the post office and after a long break you come to check for your letters, check also OLA which is located on the first floor.



Upstairs you can also find a tiny collection of books with old letters written by worldwide known people. Enjoy reading!

ADDRESS BOOK

Anyone interested in using the post services can send a request to the post staff for adding to the address book (it is linked to the website pointed at the end of the article). Being listed in the address book help senders to properly address letters. The post services including address book are free of charge.

ROYAL POST



Recently at the post office we hosted the young king. He came to receive and send his royal letters. We heard he has his queen. Has this situation anything to do with our series of love letters written by king Henry VIII to Anne Boleyn, which we publish in the Gap Gazette?

LOVE LETTERS OF HENRY VIII TO ANNE BOLEYN

Letter seventh

Darling, these shall be only to advertise you that this bearer and his fellow be despatched with as many things to compass our matter, and to bring it to pass as our wits could imagine or devise; which brought to pass, as I trust, by their diligence, it shall be shortly, you and I shall have our desired end, which should be more to my heart's ease, and more quietness to my mind, than any other thing in the world; as, with God's grace, shortly I trust shall be proved, but not so soon as I would it were; yet I will ensure you that there shall be no time lost that may be won, and further can not be done; for ultra posse non est esse. Keep him not too long with you, but desire him, for your sake, to make the more speed; for the sooner we shall have word from him, the sooner shall our matter come to pass. And thus upon trust of your short repair to London, I make an end of my letter, my own sweet heart.

Written with the hand of him which desireth as much to be yours as you do to have him.

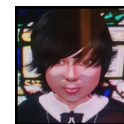
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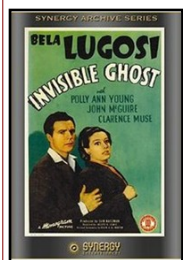
Billy reviews the films playing this
month at O'Hare's theater



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.

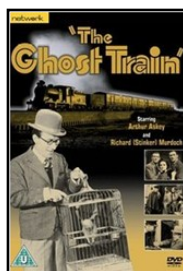


NOV 19-25 Invisible Ghost

As if ghosts weren't already terrifying enough with their white sheets, now they have to go and make a movie about an invisible one? I'm sorry, but this may be too much for a young boy like me. The plot apparently revolves around a town's leading citizen who turns into a homicidal maniac. Now, such a notion would normally seem safely in the realm of fantasy, but.... I'm here to tell you... that I *did* see mister Sandalwood's head turn ALL the way around in a haunted house last week. So.. keep that in mind if you make the gruesome choice to see this movie.

NOV 26-DEC 02 Ghost Train

First invisible ghosts, now ghosts that control their own train? If you haven't noticed by now, apparently the Sandalwoods have a thing for the macabre. Even though Halloween is LONG over?? I started to realize it when the Haunted House remained into November as well. Apparently this one is about some poor innocent people who get stuck at a haunted train station. I bet mister Sandalwood loves to sit in back and watch the entire audience shift uncomfortably in their seats. Now that I come to think of it... that's a lot like his daughter Sarah when she gets out her tick mark book at school. Like father, like daughter.



DEC 03-09 Sheriff of Tombstone

Oh, very nice, "Tombstone". Another Halloween movie perhaps? In fact, not. I was so very relieved to find out this one was actually about gun-slingers and the old west, with my hero Roy Rogers. I'm sure this was just a fake out on mister Sandalwood's part to get my goat. You win, mister Sandalwood! I give up!

DEC 10-16 Power Dive

Now this is what I call a quality movie. Secret airplanes made of secret plastics, power dives, tricks, near misses, high flying seat of your pants action that every young boy and other OHG citizens would enjoy.



DEC 17-23 The Gangs all Here

We are fortunate to live in O'hares Gap where the toughest gang in the whole town is a bunch of orphan kids who wouldn't harm a flea. Life is much different in this movie for two rival moving truck companies who will do anything -- even murder -- to bankrupt the other. I guess not everyone has heard of the concept of "thou shalt not kill."

Saint Columba Class Report

A summary of school events over the past month



by Sister
Victoria

To be a staff member or pupil at St. Columba's is something we all take pride in. We have more and more children coming every week, and I consider them all precious and family. Much has to be said for Miss Sarah, who runs the school and no complaints here, just praise. Lucie takes great care of us and is always looking for new soup recipes.

But the ball does not stop here. Pupils do their bits. Master Sam shows guests around and we all know that Master Billy is a good inspector. Even Miss Heidi makes sure boys behave. We have decided that at the end of term, there will be an appreciation day, where everyone gets an award!

Catechism classes are well attended. It can be a very hard class and it's easy to lose attention, but there is a lively debate, where pupils question things in a respectful way and tell how they want things to be. It is not just me that inspires and teaches other children. They inspire each other. Lately we have been talking about heaven and what sin means.

Miss Sarah has music appreciation, which is a favorite class. It allows us to listen to music and see how it affects us. It has also helped us know each other, and that our tastes are very different. Who would know that Miss Anneke likes AC/DC and the Mercy sisters like show music? The main thing is we all are learning how music can help us in life

Brother Christopher has a history class, and we know what it was like to be a Greek child, a roman and a medieval child. This class has shown us that being at a Catholic Boarding school is not that bad. We can see the struggles children had before and it helps us understand how things evolve. "the girls sit and are opened mouthed at the way girls in the past were treated, while lucie listens if there are any new soup recipes from 1000 years ago.

In the weekend, we have a social day every Saturday. One of the social events was a Halloween

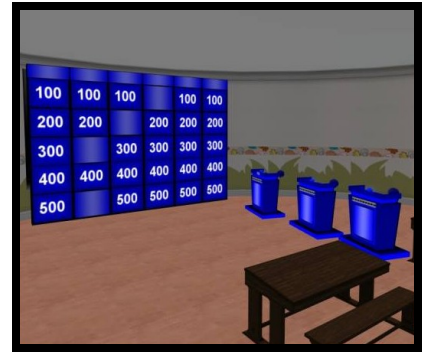
party in which Eric was the best dressed. I thought it should be me; I was dressed as a nun. It was Miss Virginia's first week and she thought we have parties every 5 days.... We also tried to find a lost unicorn and after searching through forests, mountains, circus, towns and meadows, we got lost ourselves at a beach.

We also found time for ourselves, as we tried meditation. Miss Chloe was contemplating the sick people in the world, while Miss Virginia was cleansing the dark area of her mind. Miss Lothena was content being able to view and appreciate the nature around her.

If you are not part of the schools face book page, I advise to as it gives a great glimpse of the spirit at the school.

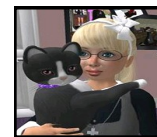
There is a lot of work over the next few weeks... exams is one. There is also a fashion show and contest to see who is the smartest. We are working to make the classroom bigger and what subjects we will have in the next term.

It is a lot of work for many, but we do it with smiles on our faces.



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, what's your deal with "Little Ponies"?
Mombo

Well Mombo, I can only assume you are referring to the article Miss Anneke wrote about me awhile back having fits over little ponies. You see, my grandma Sandalwood for whatever reason always referred to a little boy's pee pee as a "little pony". She would say "don't let that little pony out of the stable" to us kids and we would all giggle uncontrollably. So when Master Sam offered to show me his "little pony", I naturally was horrified at the thought. Consider it a misunderstanding. Little ponies should be kept in their stables!

Miss Sarah, how big is Master Billy's little pony?
Nano

..- **MUTED**

Miss Sarah, if $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ please explain why the sun rises in the east and sets in the west.
Mindy

Dear Mindy....

Shut up!

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

Master Billy's Babblings

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



by
Billy J
Auster

We have a certain student at our school. But yet, so much more. An attendant, really, and yet a leader in her own right. She is quiet, reserved, unassuming, neither boastful nor spiteful in any way. A simple girl who, rather than joining her comrades at mealtime, instead stands steadfast in the corner obediently ready to attend dutifully to any need whatsoever that they may have, like a caring, devoted mother.

It matters not if any ounce of her being might prefer sitting back and socializing with the crowd: She sees to it first that all cleaning and sweeping duties and other responsibilities throughout the grounds are completed before even daring to think of such frivolities. A young woman of true compassion and justice, having a keen appreciation of the true beauty in art – and a teacher who wishes these treasures shared with all those around her.

This simple young woman, Lucie of Saint Columba, has done so much for so many, for so long: Could she possibly be allowed to dare have a single, simple wish for herself? Unknowingly perhaps, she left clues of such a wish occasionally, so us kids pieced together the clues and wished for it, too, secretly, on her behalf. A simple, unassuming wish, to have not one, but TWO full pews of students at the abbey during a service, one day... someday... Well recently the day finally came. A dream come true at long last. And when it happened, as you can see from the photo, God let the sun shine in on those two pews, in all their glory -- as if there was some kind of heavenly recognition.

So here's to you, Lucie Rose. Your dream of two pews realized, now certainly we must aim for three.



Funnies



The Art of Art

Arts Review



by
Anneke Van
Trijp

The works of Dutch painter Hieronymus Bosch are known for fantastic imagery and delicate details. But none is so well known or so ambitious as his Garden of Earthly Delights, a piece so ripe with symbolism that it still inspires curiosity more than 500 years after it was painted.

It's a triptych named for its central panel.

In a bold move, Bosch attempted to depict the whole of human experience from life to afterlife in three related canvases. The first on the left is meant to represent Paradise; the last on the right is hell. And in the center lies The Garden of Earthly Delights.

The piece has been estimated to have been completed somewhere between 1510 and 1515.

It depicts Paradise in an iconic moment.

This unspoiled land crawling with curious creatures (including a unicorn) is the Garden of Eden at the very moment Eve was created to be Adam's companion. God can be seen making the introduction.

There may a damning message to the piece.

Some art historians believe the middle panel is meant to represent mankind gone mad for sin, wasting their chance at eternity in heaven. The lust Bosch loathed is clear with the barrage of nude figures engaging in frivolity. It's believed the flowers and fruits are meant to represent short-lived pleasures of the flesh.

Or The Garden of Earthly Delights may depict paradise lost.

That interpretation is the other popular reading of the triptych: No warning, just a statement that man has lost his way. This reading looks at the panels as being read sequentially left to right, rather than seeing the central panel as a sort of fork in the road leading either left (heaven) or right (hell).

There's more to the painting than its front panels.

Painted on oak, the backs of the Paradise and Hell panels can be closed to reveal the piece's final element. There, Bosch is believed to have rendered the third day of God's creation of the world, when plants had been made but not yet animals or man. It's topped off with two inscriptions: "He himself said it, and all was done" and "He himself ordered it and all was created."

The Garden of Earthly Delights is one of three similar triptychs Bosch completed.

Bosch also painted the similarly themed The Last Judgment and The Haywain Triptych. Each one can be read chronologically left to right, from the Bible's tale of man's creation in the Garden of Eden, to modern man making a mess of the world God made for him, to the horrible hellscape created by this behavior.

The devotion and vocation shown in this piece came from Bosch's father.

Little is known about the life of this Early Netherlandish Renaissance artist, but we do know that both his father and grandfather were also painters. Bosch's father Antonius van Aken was also an adviser to the Illustrious Brotherhood of Our Blessed Lady, a group of Christians dedicated to glorifying the Virgin Mary. Not long before he began work on The Garden of Earthly Delights, Bosch followed his father's lead and joined the Brotherhood as well.

Though religious, this probably wasn't painted for a church.

Its message may have been one of morality and chastity, but the imagery of The Garden of Earthly Delights was just too weird to be displayed in a house of worship. It's far more likely that the work was a commission for a wealthy patron, possibly a member of the Illustrious Brotherhood of Our Blessed Lady.

It may have been a hit in its time.

The Garden of Earthly Delights first entered the historical record in 1517, when Italian chronicler Antonio de Beatis probably noted seeing it in a Brussels palace that belonged to counts of Nassau. He didn't note the critical reception of the piece, but the fact that reproductions were made, including a painting and a tapestry, suggests Bosch's bawdy and bizarre take on damnation found an audience.

The corruption of God's Word by man is depicted with two hands.

The first is shown in Paradise, a gently raised right hand as God introduces Eve to Adam. In the last panel, a hand mimicking this position is shown severed, grey with decay and stabbed through its center, with a gambling die perched on its fingers in Hell's lower left side on a blue disc. Its message is cruel, but clear.



SMK Report

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



by
Sarah A.
Sandalwood

SMK has received a good bit of love over the past month! For the first time ever, ALL of our shops are rented and all but ONE attraction (Pirates of the Caribbean) has been sponsored! This is great financial news for once. Still far from breaking even but it helps my pocket book quite a bit!

Construction on Space Mountain has resumed after a break and it will be the first new attraction to open at SMK in over a year. But SMK is more of a museum than it is a theme park like others you will find out there. Our classic attractions opened years ago and several have had upgrades, but at the very core, they are original, classic shows that debuted around 2009. We keep them alive for generations to enjoy. You saw these shows as a kid and now you can bring your kids to relive the magic!



MouseWorld Memorial Hall converted into a creepy wonderland for the Halloween dance.

Saint Columba Student Report

Public listing of monthly student disciplinary records.



by
Sarah A.
Sandalwood

My job at St. Columba as an "Excellence" is not an easy one. In my world, constant vigilance is essential and it is my duty to ensure that St. Columba remains an exceptional institution. With my trusty "Tick Mark Book" always by my side, I record every student infraction and error in hopes of correcting inappropriate behavior. This is a task that I take VERY VERY seriously and the students know it.

After so many infractions, students may have to submit essays, stay behind during field trips or the ultimate punishment, expulsion! Our rulebook is immense and every person who wears the uniform must comply.

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

Miss Trille:

Oct 18,2016 - Speaks out in class

Master Sam:

Oct 17,2016 - blowing bubbles in the dinner hall.
Oct 19,2016 - Riding a pony at OHG dressed in

riding gear rather than uniform.

Oct 20,2016 - In the girl's dorm with Miss Heidi

Oct 20,2016 - Speaks out loud in class

Oct 25,2016 - Wrong tag

Nov 3,2016 - Speaks without standing in class

Nov 3,2016 - Behind the church out of uniform.

Nov 4, 2016 - Speaks without standing in class

Nov 12,2016 - Hid snails under Miss Anneke's bed

Miss Lilupa:

Nov 3, 2016 - Spoke while seated

Master Alexander:

Oct 18,2016 - Outbursts in class

Miss Sven:

Nov 6,2016 - Wearing unauthorized jewelry with Sunday dress

Master Billy:

Oct 18,2016 - Whispering in class

Nov 3,2016 - Cannot sit in class without whispering.

Nov 4,2016 - Not wearing appropriate tag

Miss Heidi:

Oct 19,2016 - At OHG in horse riding gear instead of uniform.

Oct 20,2016 - Out of uniform at OHG

Oct 20,2016 - Speaks out in class

Oct 20,2016 - Ate Snickers bar in class

Nov 3,2016 - Talks in class

Lucie:

Oct 18,2016 - Stood and spoke without raising her hand.

Miss Anneke:

Nov 2,2016 - Entered the bo...***()*(*)()(*)
(animal claw mark through the record; unreadable)

Miss Hannah:

Nov 13,2016 - Wore wrong uniform

Miss Lothana:

Nov 12,2016 - No head cover in the sanctuary

Nov 12,2016 - Wearing pink dress asleep in the classroom.

Opinion

Reader's submissions and comments



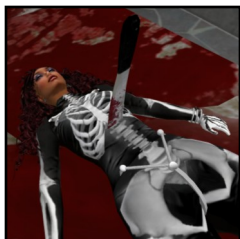
CRIME STORY

The OHG town needs a criminal police department. Immediately! The police has got now just a wan police station and a little arrest room with metal bunk inside and a toilet with inoperative flush, and there is no sink with crystal water.



After discovering what has happened in the town recently it is obvious that the police definitely requires funds to build professional forensic lab and hire a crew. They have to do investigation and need to have a place to do some tests to find out who is a serial killer - the author of all these crimes documented below. Victims' names are mostly known.

Warning - presented evidence is not appropriate for children under 7!



Tina Harakiri (OHG owner's wife)



Marty Rope and unknown stranger (hangman players)



Willy Twistedneck (OHG boss) and two strangers (one covered with a carpet and one still alive - this is probably the only witness of this horror)



Doc Pathfinder (OHG town doctor)

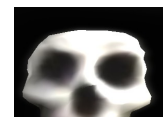


Niall Bedtime (knives sharpener)



Pippi Miner (gravedigger)

And there is no policeman or detective in the town who would work on these case and interview the only suspect.



Suspect caught by satellite camera

Sir Erik the PostCat

Saint Columba Student News

School Spotlight and New Enrollments



by
Sarah A.
Sandalwood

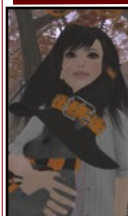


Granted she's not a student, but our new "Head of Education", Sister Victoria, has been a remarkable addition to our school. Not only has she packed each day with something interesting for us, she has engaged the students and excited them about learning. Bringing a scheduled "8 week rotating term" to St. Columba has added both value and variety to what was once a struggling curriculum. She has great taste in teaching staff too!

Her sense of humor and unorthodox ideas make her a bit of a contemporary nun but in a Catholic school as open and accepting as ours, she is a perfect fit. While her salary requirements are astronomical, she has graciously accepted the L\$0 that the position pays...yet she has made up for it with large amounts of school budget she's spent enhancing our education. But I honestly cannot complain as she has proven her weight in gold and that's why she is this month's spotlight!



Welcome Newly Enrolled Students!



Miss Lilupa

Miss Lilupa is a 7 year old sweet girl who recently was given her official "student tag" and we congratulate her! Being native to the Russian language, Miss Lilupa interacts with us through a translator which adds to the challenge of integrating into our culture and she has done so with ease. She has made a wonderful addition.

Master Trezden

Master Trezden is an 8 year old boy looking for a home and loving environment. Not to mention he helps balance out the boy to girl ratio! We are delighted to have him!



WELCOME TO THE ST. COLUMBA FAMILY!!

Notes from Miss Sarah:

To say that our school has gone through remarkable changes in the past few months would be an understatement! With our new curriculum and flood of new students, it's been a real challenge to maintain our Catholic objectives. But the great thing about St. Columba is the fact that we are the MOST progressive and accepting Catholic school in all the lands.

We continue to learn of our heritage and worship our time honored traditions while adding a dash of progressiveness not unlike Pope Francis himself. It's that progressive difference that makes me burst proudly at the seams. To lead such a wonderful group of students and staff has been an absolute pleasure and I love the direction we have been heading in. May we keep this momentum moving forward without compromising what makes us St. Columba at our very core...YOU!

Each and every person in this school contributes to the overall success. We do a wonderful job of avoiding drama with exception to our "playful dramas" which keep us well rounded. This is rare indeed....and it's why I screen so heavily when a new student enters our midst. While we are very accepting, it takes a special person to be part of St. Columba and you have all seen it firsthand. Please keep doing what you do and filling O'Hare's Gap with a love that flows like an endless river. I love you all!

O'Hare's Meeting Minutes

A summary of O'Hare's monthly town meetings



by Lila
Swansong

It was time once again for the monthly O'Hare's meeting. As always there was important business to discuss and, in my opinion, equally important libations to be consumed by the townsfolk.

Mayor Sandalwood was running a bit behind and made quite the entrance decreeing that Trump has absolutely no influence over O'Hares! Tina quipped that she thought that was good as she expected many emigrants to which the Mayor retorted that all are welcome as are their Lindens. A wonderful new resident was welcomed, a Miss Kaleen O'Malley. She is taking residence up over in Tabary. If you happened to catch all the fab decorations at Malone's, now you know who you can thank. It seems that is not all Miss O'Malley enjoys doing, she also likes organizing events.

Speaking on a personal note, I can say she has come to the right place. She expressed her desire to bring her friend over who plays the piano and will retake us with some Irish tunes. I cannot think of a more pleasant way to spend an evening and I look forward to it. A few late stragglers trickled in and Sarah took a break from her usual Excellence composure to entertain the crowd with her best saloon keeper impersonation as she served up frothy mugs of root beer and even...dare I say it....use a spittoon.

Hunny Spiritweaver reminded the crowd that that coming Friday's prayers were dedicated to Chim's Rezz day and that she would be conducting prayers in his honor. Prayers were also to be held at the little chapel. Hunny also remarked that the dance studio had a new bar installed and the dancers were already putting it to good use.

Sister Catherine also piped up and informed the crowd that she would be trying to conduct prayer services at 6 am. Sister's services, while not too often, are always a beautiful treat. Sister also reminded everyone of the upcoming shows at the Hangar. While it was short meeting this month, much was discussed and we know we have many fun events to look forward to.

All events are played on a voluntary basis with the performers receiving tips as compensation. Sarah *did* put forth her rider requesting ice-cream, so hopefully an allotment will be made come student performance time for the holidays. I will be pushing for it. As a reminder, the town monthly meeting is held Wednesday Dec 7th at 6pm SLT.



by Lila
Swansong

Out and About

Miss Lila heads out into O'Hare's to see what's going on....

Consider yourself a pumpkin head if you missed the O'Hare's Halloween party held at the Hangar October 30th. However, I'll still fill you in on all the marvelous fun we had.

No space was spared as the Hangar came alive with twinkling decorations that set the perfect backdrop for all the fun that was had. Witches, warlocks, vampires and Halloween princesses strutted their stuff on the cobweb dance floor. Our resident DJ Sky was rocking out the tunes for several hours and what a job she did! A finer musical engineer cannot be found on the whole grid.

We Monster Mashed, Tina Ludlow taught us how to Thriller dance and we performed a most notable line. Throwbacks to the 80's and 90's peppered with Madonna and The Cranberries kept us rocking' and we reminisced over our favorites as she hap-

pily took our requests. Our own dear Action Jackson was truly the life of the party as he danced non-stop and provided most enjoyable banter that kept us all entertained.

Mayor Sandalwood's laughter could be heard throughout the building as he and Tina danced and whirled the night away. And we can't leave out the always sweet and cheerful Jesie Sorbet who's friendliness is infectious and always dresses to impress no matter what day of the year it is.

The home and business decoration contest was talked about and we exchanged notes on our favorites. And no Halloween party would be complete without the costume contest! Our very own Spectral Sammi took first place in her hauntingly temporary transparent body. Sister Catherine took a break from her habit and cheer uniform to dress

as a fantastic real-life Barbie complete with box and all. Yours truly is proud to say she secured third place as a Raggedy Ann doll. Be sure to check out the board outside the Hangar to keep up on our events. Hope to see you at the next one!



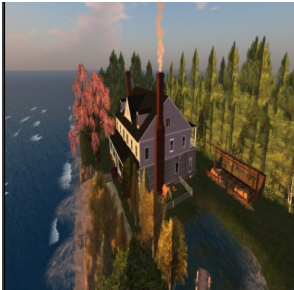
Mercy Murmurings

The Three Mercy Sisters share their musings...

by The
Mercy
Sisters

This is the first of our "Mercy Murmurings," so I thought I'd tell you a little bit about our family.

The Mercy family lives in a large house beside the sea, our dad is a farmer and is kept very busy on the farm, and Mama runs the house for us. There are five sisters, Sarah, Anita, both 18, me, I'm 12, Lizbet is 10 and little Chloe is 8. As I said, it is a large house, and we can only keep it clean and tidy by having chores to do in it, and we have to do these each day.



This includes tidying our rooms, cleaning the various other rooms in the house like the kitchen, and also looking after our animals. We have a dog called Charley, two rabbits, several hens who give us fresh eggs every morning, and two donkeys who live in a stable. They all have to be fed and watered every day.

We live beside the sea, so in the summer we can go swimming, and there is little inlet next to the house, which is ideal as a swimming pool, but very soon, when it freezes, we will be able to skate there. In future Mercy Murmurings, we hope to talk about things we like, our feelings, happiness,

sadness, some stories, things we hope will interest you all. In the meantime, goodbye from me, and I will let my two sisters have a chance!

Kirsty Mercy

Hello, this is Lizbet.

I'd like to say a few words about my impressions the first time I came to a service at St Columba. I had been inside the church of course, when we were shown round, but this was different. I was still in my normal clothes, I hadn't been given a uniform, and I walked in and wondered where to sit.

I was going to go to the back, feeling quite shy, but Miss Sarah invited me to come to the front with the others. There were several St Columba students standing in front of the altar, taking the service, and I didn't realize then Father Alberto usually takes it, I didn't meet him till later. I had no idea what to do, what to say, but I copied the others and think I did okay.

I enjoyed the service, even though it was my first time, I felt a part of it, and I resolved that I would come as many times as I could! I wondered then if I would ever be given the chance to say a prayer or reading, and was really thrilled when that eventually happened!

My turn now! This is Chloe.

I like writing stories, so in some future Mercy Murmurings I hope I'll be able to entertain you with one!

But for now, I'd like to tell you what I felt like when I first came to St Columba. Me and my sisters were shown round the school and the church, and were very impressed by the buildings, especially the inside of the church! We were taken into the Chapter room by Miss Sarah and interviewed there, and learned quite a bit about the school.

I hope I answered the questions adequately because I was very very nervous. We were given notecards about school rules, there seemed such a lot, but I made sure I read them again and again. So far, I don't think I've done too badly, at least I haven't had a tick mark, fingers crossed! When we were in classes first of all, I did feel out of place sitting in my normal clothes, and longed to try the uniform on. At last, that day came and I felt so proud going to class in uniform and even more so, attending church in uniform.

I came to classes and church as often as I could, and then came the wonderful day when I became a student! It was a great feeling walking down the aisle in church, in my uniform wearing my student tag, and taking my place with all the other students!

I know I made the right choice when I asked to come to the school, it is perfect for me, it suits the way I feel, and on top of that, everybody has seen been so friendly and helped me settle in.

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TOTAL DRAMA ISLAND

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
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Today yours truly wants to write about the town itself. As you all know, its a small town somewhere in the middle of Ireland. Now Ireland is a strange little country. Inhabitants of course are the Irish people, but thats not all. There are Leprechauns, gnomes, trolls, fairies, and more mystical creatures. So yours truly decided to look them up and try to interview one of two of them.



Now Leprechauns and gnomes live in the woods. So the first thing writer theses did, look at the card, where the woods were in the surroundings of the Gap. Unfortunately, there are no woods nearby the town of O'Hare's Gap. And unfortunately, yours truly never met anyone of them so she doesn't really know what to look for. But of course, that didn't stop the writer theses. So she took on the walking shoes, dressed in her warm St. Columba's

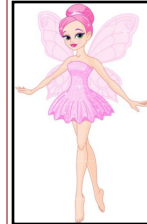
uniform, and off she went, in search of Leprechauns, gnomes, trolls and what ever other creatures would appear.

First of all, yours truly went to the hills. Not expecting to find anything there, it was surprisingly unexpected, she encountered some beautiful houses there. All occupied by - no doubt - sweet people. Unfortunately non of the inhabitants were home, so there was not a chance to ask them



if they ever met the creatures i was searching for. But of course, that didnt stop me either. So further and further away in the hills of O'Hare's Gap I went. higher and higher, but no luck. No leprechaun showed him/herself. At one time i thought i saw a little green creature running over the small paths, but when i came there, it was gone. Of course, leprechauns are fast, everybody knows that.

A little disappointed not to find any mythological figures in the hills, I went to the beautiful town of O'Hare's Gap. It was getting late,



so no wonder, no inhabitants were in sight. Yours truly had a feeling she wouldn't find any of the creatures she was looking for and so she was heading to the school, so she could go to sleep. But what surprise! passing the O'Hare's café: there she was: a faerie!. And a big one at that!. Of course right away i went to her, to ask her some things. Unfortunately, when

i approach the faerie, she disappeared. Scared as she was for humanoids.

Perhaps when i visit her more often, I will be able to speak to her and have an interview with her for our Gazette. No doubt she knows a lot more about the whereabouts of the leprechauns and gnomes. And i will be able to find them. If so, i will report about it.

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Good of the Village



There are few things as lovely as this....



Students perform Michael Jackson's Thriller at SMK



Father Eissmann shares a blessing with Brandelyn

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Master Sam takes a shower