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Where Has the Gap Gazette Been!?

Welcome back to The Gap Gazette! It's only been a year since our last issue, imagine that! On behalf of the school, I do apologize for this unacceptable delay for a paper that is to be published four times a year. Hopefully the upcoming year will bring a more reliable publication schedule! For now, I will turn the front page over to my dad for the latest in OHG happenings.

- Miss Sarah Sandalwood



It's been a very long time since we've talked about things in the Gazette. Much has happened since the last publication in November of last year.

Since the last Gazette, we've given up two sims for financial reasons. We lost several significant renters which took us into needing donations around L\$50,000 a month. After much stress about it, and late night number crunching, I determined that if I gave up 2 sims then we would only need around L\$10,000 to L\$20,000 a month in donations. The decision, though a painful one, was easy when looking at those two comparisons. Once the proper authorities were notified, I began to work on a plan to offer other parcels to the displaced renters with the hope that the decision would not cause them to leave. I believe we were able to keep those renters happy with their new locations. Since then, we've lost a few more renters and gained a couple more. Financially, until we get a few more renters, we're going to need donations every month.

On another sad and more devastating note, another well respected member of the community passed away. Albert Peterson/Alasdair Magic unexpectedly passed away in RL in April. The impact of his passing, especially since it wasn't expected, has left a deep scar on many. A memorial headstone was erected in the Abbot Chim Memorial Park should you wish to pay your respects. His wonderful photography of O'Hare's Gap is being maintained in Hangar 1 by Katja Luminos.

I should also note that a couple students of the school are also missing. It's always painful when a child of the community is lost. Please keep an eye out for their safety and well being.

Let's talk about the rumour mill.... A few weeks ago I heard that a few people heard that I was closing O'Hare's Gap. I don't know where that rumor started but I will put a stop to it here. NOT TRUE! I believe that OHG, which is made up of several key community parts, makes a difference in many peoples real lives. We make

a difference. Not just me, but you and every other member of this community. We find fun, laughter, peace, relaxation, and solace in the town, the cottages, the pub, the church, the school, the garden, etc. The list is long. If you are taking some enjoyment from any of that, please pay some of it back through your generous donations and I won't have to deal with nasty rumors like that.

We just had a great Halloween Dance and Costume contest. DJ Bebe did a great job providing the music. Tina did a fabulous job decorating and hosting. We had a lot of great costumes too. I think Mara, Loinnir, and Rose took the prizes. Our next dance should be our annual Christmas Dance. I suppose I should start planning that one. If you have any ideas, pass them along to me or Tina.

The hunt for a new Abbot for St. Columba Abbey is still in progress. I do believe the decision has been made and applicants will soon be notified if they won the role or not. Stay tuned for more!

A year is a long time to try to summarize. I think I've covered the highest points and the lowest points. I know I've not covered it all.

Who is there to thank for taking us into our 10th year? I have to say it's the entire community. There are key people that make it special for all of us: Our renters, Tina, Sarah, Hunny, Duan, Mother Catherine, Brother Manolo, Father Eissmann, Lila, Mara, Rose, Jessie, Davina, JJ, Mother Cait, the Tredwells, the Temples, Keshia, Five, Pryda, Katja, Sammie, Flip, JoAnne, the Norris's, Jasmine, Ben, Miss Wings, Polly, and so many others. Thank you all!



Out and About

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



by Lila Swansong

He said "I'll be back soon" and that was that. Over 3 months ago, Billy Auster announced a short trip and said he would see us again soon. That time has passed. More time has passed. The seasons have changed, the leaves fallen, the school term has begun anew. We thought nothing of it at first, but as time passed and even his family had not heard a peep, we began to worry. Jude, his brother, has disappeared as well and nary has been seen since that day.

A campaign was sought and OHG storefronts had fliers tacked up of the missing lad with pleas to pass any information you may have along. At this time of publication, even those have grown faded and torn and have blown into the gutters after several rains and the passing of autumn. Madam Naomi, employed only once a week, was left penniless and forced to take down her home. We are not sure where she sleeps all the time. Likely the cot in the dry storage usually reserved for time outs.

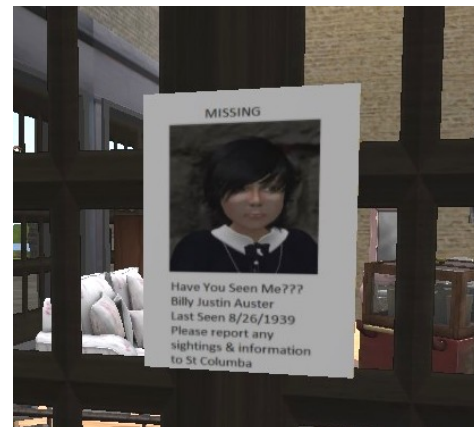
We have chosen to overlook her split ends which she cannot have trimmed or her hose that she tries to repair herself. She has remained stoic and brave in the face of the great unknown. For after 8 weeks of no word, surely a woman has got to be worried sick. If he does not come back, she may wind up at the spinster house in Cliffside Cottage high on the hill with Madam Pickery repairing dolls for supplemental income.

Only time will tell for the perhaps permanently single woman.

We began to toy with the notion we would never see him again when a curious lad looking exactly like Billy but with a similar, but different name, appeared at the door of the school one day. He refused any communication and disappeared himself shortly after leaving us bewildered. Was this all an elaborate ruse and he is having a laugh in a mine somewhere? Perhaps a doppelganger has come and taken over the real Billy? Did the triangle take him for good? We don't know. These are things that keep me up at night as I pen in my journal and sip on a tumbler of apple juice straight up.

I combed the cobblestone streets of the town myself, late at night on many occasions. For these are the times when he would roam alone. Carefully I looked for any tell tale signs – a lock of black hair, a gum wrapper, a sock; anything that might point me in the right direction.

But alas, empty handed. One thing is for certain, we will be grateful for any closure to this chapter of this saga. Students and members are reminded to report any information or sightings straightaway to the head office. In the meantime, we watch and wait.



Editors note: It appears the Auster household was NOT taken down. It is being upheld by an anonymous source.

HALLOWEEN AT OHG!

What an incredible night at the Hangar! Readers, yours truly is proud to announce this was her FOURTH Halloween party at the Gap and it was just as much fun as her first. Some of the faces have changed throughout the years on the scene, but the camaraderie has not and a spooktacular time was had by all.

Our very own amazingly talented junior student, Bebe Florise, provided the tuneage for the occasion and she didn't miss a beat. Classics like Monster Mash, Thriller, and Voodoo Woman played while she also sprinkled in her own special brew of pop punk favorites. Bet you didn't think a chubby toddler hand could spin like that did you? Well I did, and if you ever want to see more of it check her out at the Leopard Lounge Friday Nights at 7-9 SLT. Zombies Thriller dancing and ballroom waltzing ghouls were just part of the phenomenal décor. Glittering pumpkins and festive decorations were strewn all

about with a healthy dose of the macabre. Mayor Willy arrived in a glow in the dark skeleton ensemble onesie. Always armed with his never ending collection of dad jokes, he was his usual "humorous" self. Tina Ludlow and Hunny Spiritweaver were decked to the nines as was Sammi Yachvili who haunted a table all evening with a small ghoul friend whose name we never quite caught, or maybe were afraid to. Kesha Crawley also arrived with a date and took a more bold approach to the costume contest as a topless Superwoman. Hey, it's Europe! We are uninhibited like that!

The children of the town were well represented with Mara as a princess, Paul as a member of Hogwart's, a tiny skeleton Loinnir, a witchy Lila, and of course Miss Bebe in her Halloween get up.

Even Brother Manolo made an appearance dressed a erm, well, a monk! 3500 Lindens were up for grabs during the costume contest and I can't recall a prize amount ever being so high. If you missed the Halloween

party, be sure to come for the Christmas one. And if you aren't a member of the Gap, then come on down and see what you've been missing!



Saint Columba Class Report

A summary of school and educational events

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by
Victoria
Temple

Greetings to everyone.

Its been some time since i wrote to the ga-
zette. Where should i begin.

Attendance to the school has been some-
what strange after summer. Some days
many comes and some days a few comes.
Despite this, the school runs as it usually
does and it gives us a chance to ask our-
selves can we do things better.

With a school like ours that has a long his-
tory and traditions, it is very important to us
that we have a balance of something old
and new. What is clear to us is that the
school's pillars must remain strong. The
school pillars hold a safe school that has a
family atmosphere, where pupils can have
fun and be better people.

We are discussing the possibility of having a
social class starting in the next term. This
class will be outside the classroom. It can be
nature, swimming, hikes, bowling, dancing
etc etc. The hope is that we will of course
have fun, and experience different things
together. The only thing that can ruin this is
our puppeteers time zones, which can be a
pain at times.

In the past, the school had rituals outside
the classroom. This was such as soup and
bedtime rituals. These have been hard be-
cause of time zones, but pupils and teachers
wish to strengthen these rituals, as we feel
they are important.

Another place we hope to improve things is
with the prayer services at 12.45 pm. Father
E will be getting advice from Pupils and
teachers, This will give him an opportunity
to take the ideas he thinks will be good and

have them part of the service. The important
thing is that pupils and families feel the spirit
of God and can pray during these services.

The choir has had a success after summer.
We have played several shows with our
"Jukebox" tour and we have participated in
the Children's Choir festival, where 2 other
choirs sang. I could be a bit bias, but i think
that our choir was great and a good ambas-
sador for OHG!!! Now we are looking for-
ward to the Christmas tour where we are
having 8 concerts in December!!!!

The school also is working on new mesh
uniforms. This is because many children
have mesh avis.

In December, we have no classes. We will
be doing Christmas things as well as con-
certs. Not to worry though, as after New
Years day, we will be having exams.

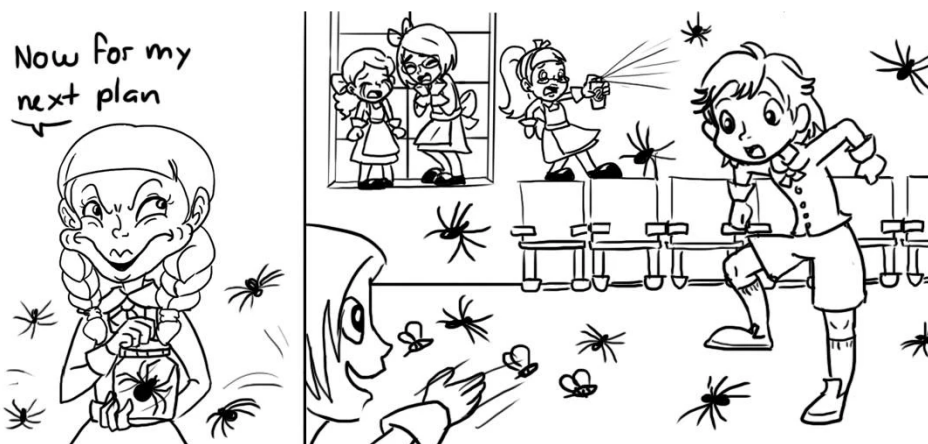
Thats all from me

Victoria Temple



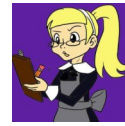
An Oldie but a Goodie - Miss Heidi releases her spider army upon the school

by Annie Auster



Saint Columba Admin Report

Public listing of student disciplinary records.



by
Sarah A.
Sandalwood

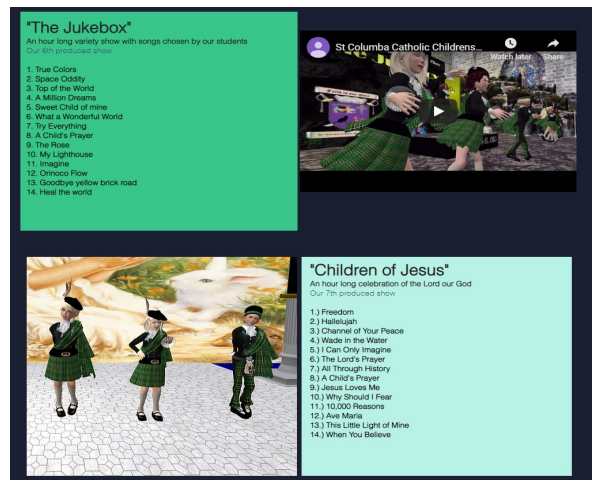
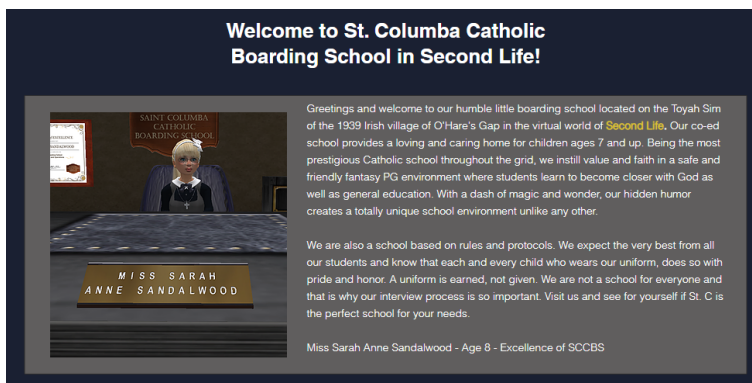
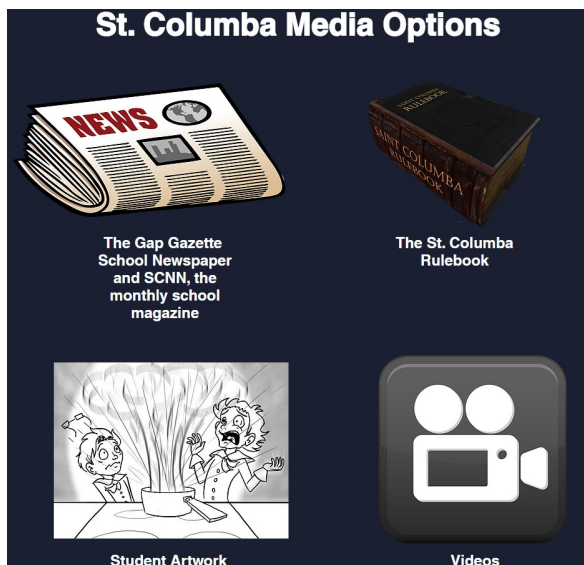
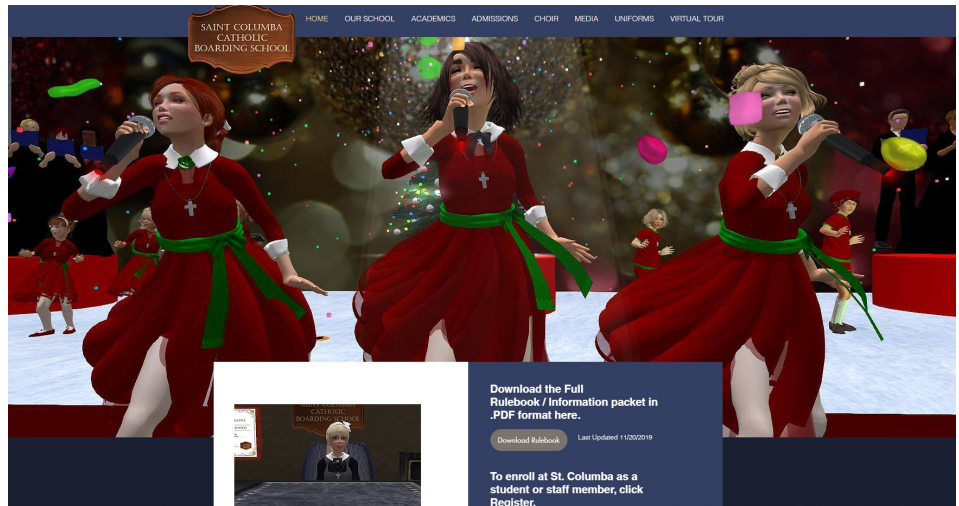
This column is traditionally where I list the student tick marks since the last issue. Well it's been an entire year and trust me, I don't want to take up dozens and dozens of pages because you would become bored until you got even half way through. Hopefully next issue, we can return to the "tick list".

So the biggest addition to the school since last year would have to be our website.

Everything school related can now be found in a very organized structure (imagine that) at...

WWW.SCCBS-SL.ORG

From student/staff applications, to the rule-book, to great videos and media, this new resource has showcased our school in a manner that explains it like never before. Make sure to check it out and spend a few hours exploring!



Saint Columba Catholic Children's Choir

Choir Spotlights and Information

The school's choir is one of our most popular extra-curricular activities. If you have never seen a show, you are really missing out on a wonderful and charming way to spend an hour of your time. Since February 2017, we have performed over 100 shows all across the grid bringing the name of O'Hare's Gap and SCCBS to thousands who had no idea we existed. We even participated in a multi-choir children's choir festival at Theater on the Hill!

In the past year, we created two new shows that have added to our catalogue of entertainment offering. Enjoy a look into them.

"The Jukebox"

An hour long variety show with songs chosen by our students
Our 6th produced show

1. True Colors
2. Space Oddity
3. Top of the World
4. A Million Dreams
5. Sweet Child of mine
6. What a Wonderful World
7. Try Everything
8. A Child's Prayer
9. The Rose
10. My Lighthouse
11. Imagine
12. Orinoco Flow
13. Goodbye yellow brick road
14. Heal the world

"Children of Jesus"

An hour long celebration of the Lord our God
Our 7th produced show

- 1.) Freedom
- 2.) Hallelujah
- 3.) Channel of Your Peace
- 4.) Wade in the Water
- 5.) I Can Only Imagine
- 6.) The Lord's Prayer
- 7.) All Through History
- 8.) A Child's Prayer
- 9.) Jesus Loves Me
- 10.) Why Should I Fear
- 11.) 10,000 Reasons
- 12.) Ave Maria
- 13.) This Little Light of Mine
- 14.) When You Believe



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“Rumor Has It....”

by
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The Poverty Line:

As of recent, a dark cloud seems to hang over the village of O'Hare's Gap. Why doesn't the sun shine as bright as it once did? What is that foul stench in the air you can catch a whiff of every time the ocean breeze shifts? It's the dumpster outside of "Sandalwood Estates"!

A dumpster you ask!? Yes! It appears the glorious, once noble family has fallen upon a bit of hard times. Their once "well-to-do, life styles of the rich and famous" mansion has been reduced to a tin can on wheels. While some may consider this lifestyle a "vacation get-a-way", it seems the Sandalwoods call this "home sweet home".

What could have happened to cause such a fall of this empire? While no one knows for sure, it seems Mr. Willy may have lost the family jewels on a sports bet. Or maybe it was one hand of "winner takes all" in a game of Una. Months ago, Tina was spotted floating on her back in the plastic lined, make-shift pool they converted from the back of a rusty, bullet laden pickup truck. Guess we can't say they have given up ALL their luxuries!

Miss Sarah's perfectly fluffed ponytail has seen a lot of split ends as of recent. Pupils have noticed that she seems more tired and disheveled lately. Her mood has gone from "serious" to "eh...whatever". It's even reached the point that staff and students are mocking her and calling her a "trailer kid".

As winter approaches The Gap, it is uncertain whether this mobile structure will be suitable for human life. Beanies and Weenies can only get one through so many cold nights. There's even been rumor that they might be roasting some of the missing students but surely that could never be true!

What is true is that whatever the reason, times are tough for this family. The dog, who for some strange coincidence is also named Sarah, hasn't moved from her spot since the trailer got there. She's the best guard dog ever! Well, guarding half a can of beer and a pack of crushed smokes. Maybe for Christmas, a piece of SMK will break off from the moun-



tain and crush this tin can putting it out of its misery. But until that day, the Sandalwoods will continue to make the best of bad situation. So pay them a kind visit but when the sign that says "Carolers will be shot on-sight" goes up out front, you best not be comin' round!

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Good of the Village



Halloween is such a fun time to attend church!



Miss Lila dazzles in the OHG talent show and takes home first place.



An angel kitty is added to the fountain in the cloister in remembrance of kitties that lost their lives tragically.



Madam Pickery holds office hours for the students...no one came....would you?

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Miss Sarah's puppeteer found this etching in a sidewalk a block from her house. "That's Impossible!"...said no one.