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Powderpuff Game 2017



Picture submitted by Nina Sarmiento

By: Lauren Bruner

On November 9, 2017 two teams came face to face on the football field for the first ever Veritas Powderpuff football game.

Junior girls vs. Senior girls, both teams full of competitive spirit, came together and competed in an exciting game of flag football. Leading up to the big game, both teams participated in weekly practices, in which both inexperienced and experienced competitors met to hone their football skills under the guidance of coaches from the Veritas football team.

During the weekly practices, the members of the teams were versed in the many skills required to compete in the complex game. The teams started out with basic catching, throwing, and footwork drills, which slowly moved into the running of routes, such as a post or a slant.

Following the practice of these basic drills, the coaches took the players through plays for both the offense and

defense. After three weeks of hard work and a bit of fun in practice, the teams were ready for the Veritas Powderpuff showdown.

The teams finally faced off on a sunny Thursday afternoon for the game. At the beginning of the game the juniors were on top, but the seniors fought back and by halftime the juniors were down by seven points. After a couple of interceptions by the seniors in the second half, the seniors came out on top, with a final score of 56-42.

At the conclusion of the game, spectators and players alike were excited by the outcome of the spirited rivalry. Hopefully this is the first of many powderpuff games and a new Veritas tradition.

A special thanks to all who made the Powderpuff game possible, especially Mr. Ward and the coaches: Tony Jancubzyk, Andrew Oei, Peter Stamp, Cameron Woehler, and Sebastian Bautista.

Soccer Profile: Kylie Hall

By: Katie O'Connor



With 42 goals and 25 assists in her career as a Veritas soccer player, Kylie Hall is certainly a force to be reckoned with. As a student and an athlete, she tackles challenges with ferocity. Whether it's conquering a test or scoring a goal, Kylie puts one-hundred percent effort into everything she does.

As captain of the girls' varsity soccer team, Hall has led her team to many victories on the soccer field. She has scored the most goals for one person in school history, and it's easy to see why. Her impressive footwork and astonishing speed help her dominate opposing players in her path.

Her competitive attitude, along with her talent, motivates her to succeed. Kylie says her favorite part about soccer is scoring goals.

"I love scoring, and since I'm a forward, that's good!" Hall says, "I also like to win... a lot!"

Even at first glance, it is evident how much Kylie Hall loves soccer. She balances club and school practices with hours of homework and extracurriculars, such as choir and community service. Kylie's busy schedule often keeps her awake past midnight finishing home-

work. She says it can be discouraging, but it's a part of her routine.

"In high school, I have learned so much about time management," says Hall. "A big component of that is prioritizing my activities, not just soccer but religious, family, and community responsibilities. I have to thank my parents for teaching and reminding me what is truly important in life when balancing everything is challenging."

Along with handling weekly practices and workouts, Kylie's club soccer team often travels across the country to participate in competitive tournaments and showcases. College recruitment is a big component of club soccer, especially in the junior year of high school. With club soccer being so intense, Hall sees Veritas soccer as a chance to have fun with her friends while playing the game she loves.

Kylie is especially grateful to Veritas for providing a unique academic experience. "Veritas is a perfect fit for me for two reasons," she says. "I really do love to learn, and at Veritas we are exposed to so many different subjects, subjects that we might not have chosen for ourselves. It's through discovery and sometimes discomfort of the unknown where the most personal growth emerges."

While she may enjoy playing for the school soccer team because of her experiences with her friends, Hall still takes it very seriously. She scored a goal last year that put Veritas through its first ever state playoff game. Kylie uses her impressive work ethic and competitive drive to lead her team through even the toughest games. Her leadership is especially appreciated by Veritas coach, Senko Redzic.

"Kylie is a born leader. She leads by example, always sacrificing herself and leaving it all on the field," says Redzic. "Seldom will you meet someone so talented, so good, yet so humble and graceful. I am honored to coach Kylie Hall and to help her succeed and improve."

As such, the varsity soccer has aspirations for the state championship this year. Coach Senko Redzic believes that this is the best Veritas team ever assembled. Go Falcons!

2017 Fall Festivitas

By: Emily Gates & Abby Kaup



Although yellow leaves were nowhere in sight, the Veritas community came together to bring the fall spirit to Phoenix.

The fall fun began with the Veritas Victory 5K run. At 9:00 a.m., runners of all ages began the race at Arizona Falls. They ran just over 3 miles along the course, which bordered the canal.

After the race, the fun continued as the Veritas family gathered together to celebrate fall with the 3rd annual Fall Festival.

The festival clamored with sounds of laughter and the air smelled of freshly spun cotton candy. There was such a vast array of activities offered at the festival that everyone was sure to find something they would enjoy. To name just a few of the wildly popular festivities there was: a cakewalk, an obstacle course, and even a petting zoo.

But it wouldn't be the fall festival without the infamous pie throwing contest. For some reason, launching a bowl full of shaving cream at someone's face and seeing



Pictures submitted by Abby Kaup

the globs of shaving cream cascade down their face, has become the most beloved festivity.

With so many games, contests, and challenges, there was never a dull moment at the Fall Festival. But beyond the games and contests, the Victory 5K run and the Fall Festival provide an opportunity to create friendships and cherish the unique community of Archway Veritas and Veritas Prep. Thanks to all who made it possible, the warm and welcoming environment of the Fall Festivitas is something that everyone looks forward to each year.

Teacher of the Month: Mr. Michael Fink

By: Lilly Golich

Mr. Michael Fink has been making Veritas high schoolers generally skeptical longer than almost anyone. However, before he even thought about teaching, the Humane Letters teacher spent many years in the food and wine business.

Fink also attended grad school studying political science, and says he “had always been interested in academic things”. It was after spending time in Italy among academically involved peers and speaking with them that he decided to look into teaching

When asked what he appreciates about teaching at Veritas, Mr. Fink replied, “I like the students that are new to academic studies, but who are really curious, and it seems that we [Veritas] get a high number of those kinds of students.”

Fink strongly affirms he would have enjoyed Humane Letters when he was a high school student himself.

“I was a very average student in high school,” he says. “I really liked reading. I read a lot. As an elementary school student, I was on the Baxter Elementary School ‘hundred books club’.

Fink also laments the loss of a gift he received from the reading club—a large lollipop, taken away from him by his father...who was a dentist.

When he’s not grading papers or writing student evals, Mr. Fink enjoys attending the theater and seeing live music, both classical and country, as he takes special care to mention.

“I like to watch a lot of dramas on television,” He says. “I like to read, I like to prepare food...”

Fink explains that while he would refrain from claiming he has set hobbies, he likes to live his life fully, and appreciate culture (although I’m not sure where country music fits in with that...).

Books on your nightstand right now: Fear of Diversity by Arlene W. Saxonhouse

If you could attempt any profession other than your own: Country western singer

If you could have dinner with anyone living or dead: Jean-Jacques Rousseau

Favorite word: perspicacious

Least favorite word: obnoxious

Creative Corner: Student Poetry**Time**

By: Preston Schroeder

Time, a curious, strange and unknown place
 Where some brave adventures might have gone
 Go, travel far through endless Time and space

Time, simple, has an ever changing face
 Where days reset to always see one dawn
 Time, a curious, strange and unknown face

Travel, go through Time on a wild chase
 After a fantastic phenomenon.

Go, travel far through endless Time and space

And with a raving rage and glorious grace

In everything, yet nothing thereon

Time, a curious, strange, and unknown place

Travel through time; and vanish without trace

Go, leave the galaxy a ship whereon

Go, travel far through endless Time and space

Yet from your mind, me please! Do not erase

And from this sad World you will have withdrawn.

Time, a curious, strange and unknown place

Go, travel far through endless Time and space

Holiday Recipe- Pumpkin Bread from *onceuponachef.com*

Submitted by Jamie Greene

Ingredients:

2 cups all-purpose flour, spooned into measuring cup and leveled-off

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon ground cloves

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1 teaspoon ground nutmeg

1-1/2 sticks (3/4 cup) unsalted butter, softened

2 cups sugar

2 large eggs

1 15-oz can 100% pure pumpkin

Instructions:

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees Fahrenheit, and set an oven rack in the middle position.

Generously grease two 8 x 4-inch loaf pans with butter

and dust with flour.

In a medium bowl, combine the flour, salt, baking powder, cloves, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Whisk until well combined; set aside.

In a large bowl of an electric mixer, beat the butter and sugar at medium speed until just blended. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Continue beating until really light and fluffy. Beat in the pumpkin. The mixture might look grainy and curdled at this point - that's okay.

Add the flour and mix on low speed until combined. Turn the batter into the prepared pans, dividing evenly, and bake for 65-75 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.

Let the loaves cool in the pans for about 10 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack to cool completely.

*From everyone at The
56th Street Journal, we
wish you a very Happy
Holidays and a Happy
New Year!*

**Go to the next page to relieve some stress
from finals with a holiday coloring page!**

