

# The Jamesonian

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## Loughlin's renovations are on the fast track

by Chloe Cutting

Renovations are alive and well at Loughlin! As students settled into the 2016-17 scholastic year, it has been clear to all that Bishop Loughlin High School has undergone a number of renovations. This school year has seen the opening of two state of the art science labs to support STEM studies, the addition of a brand new art studio/classroom, and the complete renovation of the schoolyard and track. The schoolyard project has brightened up the entire neighborhood with a beautiful purple track.

Bishop Loughlin is fortunate enough to be blessed with generous alumni who want to help improve Loughlin. Bishop Loughlin recently completed a capital campaign, raising twelve million dollars. The initial fundraising goal was ten million dollars, so raising 12 million dollars is a major

achievement. The funds generated by alumni and the capital campaign are distributed among scholarships, new programs, and



Bishop Loughlin's Newly Renovated Track and School Yard

most visibly, renovations.

These new improvements go well beyond appearance. As a result of these programs, the student body of Loughlin has more exciting opportunities. Project Lead

The Way (PLTW) is a new program among the many available at Loughlin. Students enrolled in those classes are utilizing these

ture renovation projects. Scaffolding has been erected around the building to maintain the brick-work. In addition, Mr. Bolan says students should be prepared for renovations to the gymnasium and auditorium. Students of Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School can be proud of its ever improving appearance and the many exciting and expanding academic opportunities.

Interested in a time-lapse film documenting the track renovations?

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state of the art science labs.

The two PLTW labs, a new art studio, and new yard are just the start of Loughlin's new look. In an interview with the principal, Mr. Bolan spoke of planned fu-



Theresa Roselle greets photographers in the new art studio.

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# Opinion

## Choose to unite, not divide

By Jaysalee Salcedo

America is a strong nation that has a proud history of always fighting for improvement. We fought for a democratic government and in the year of 2016 we exercised that privilege to vote for Donald J. Trump as President of the United States. The shocking turn of events on Tuesday, November 8th did not leave Americans speechless. In fact taking full advantage of their first amendment right, social media was buzzing with negative tweets, snaps, status updates, and so on about Donald J. Trump, our president-elect. The anger of the people did not stop there; many protests began to arise all around the nation. Many people from all over the world have expressed an opinion on the United States newly elected president. There has even been negative feedback from the leaders of other countries. While many of the protests seem appropriate, others are too extreme.

Some United States citizens who are upset with the election results have begun taking a stand against the policies that await us. A boy in Boston walked out of



Time Magazine cover highlights the division over a Trump Presidency, declaring him "President of the Divided States of America."

class as a protest against Trump and people on the train have created a mural of protest, expressing their displeasure. Furthermore, protesters have peacefully filled the streets hoping for a change. There are also citizens who have expressed their opin-

ions in a more aggressive way. These extreme actions include burning the American flag, hanging the flag upside down, using violence, and even threatening to leave the country. Of course, people have a right to protest and to voice their opinions, but to what

extent? How far will people go, before they completely destroy their own society? It has been said by some that Trump will destroy America, but will the American people be the ones to destroy it before he does?

Instead of trying to capture the world's attention on the hurt and fear that people are facing, we are being dragged into the ignorant aspects and are being distracted from the reality. Together we will rise above this change. Divided, we will be buried in it. Disrespecting the country that men and women, brothers and sister, mothers and fathers have given up their lives to protect is disgusting and outrageous. The aggressive and violent behaviors are all because the people in this country voted for a man who may be far from the ideal president. How can people sit and criticize this man for being the reason for our country's problems when many can't even bring ourselves to act any better than he does? Instead of following the angry crowd and teaching young kids to hate and disrespect our government, teach them to make a positive difference in a way that will last.

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# News

## Students “Lead The Way” in engineering course

By John Perez

Bishop Loughlin is offering new courses this year as part of Project Lead The Way. Engineering and Biomedical Science are the courses that some students are currently taking. Insightful thinking and team building skills are essential to be successful in either course, particularly in the Introduction to Engineering and Design (IED) course. The teacher of the course, Mr. Schell, spoke about what he wants his students to achieve this year. Faced with the question, “What is IED?”, Mr. Schell responded: “The Intro to Engineering and Design course is a two-semester program in which students formulate ideas and solu-

tions to solve problems.” Mr. Schell wants his students to be creative and let their imaginations run wild in this course, as long as they are appropriate. “In this course, every single student must be able to utilize the Design Process in order to make up a solution to a problem effectively”, he said. Basically, the Design Process consists of usually 6-9 steps that must be meticulously followed in order to present a solution to a problem. Mr. Schell explains that in his other classes, students were able to use the Design Process to create a bridge comprised of only a single sheet of cardstock and two wooden blocks to hold the bridge up. Those who are currently taking

physics with Mr. Hassard should have done well with this design challenge.

Working in groups is another major component of the IED course. “Those that work well in groups, who share their ideas and build off everyone in the group, are the ones who succeed in this course”, Mr. Schell said. There is a lot of hands-on work that is involved here that gets completed in the new engineering lab on the fourth floor. Students learn how to use the Autodesk software program to design different components of an object and bring them to life using a 3-D printer that offers students a tactile representation of their work. “I’m really

looking forward to see how kids will be able to come together to build and create, because the world needs people like them to offer new ideas and a new approach to the world’s problems.” It is through this IED course where students learn the fundamental ideas and skills to do things like building robots that safely transport medicine to the developing world or creating water bottles that are biodegradable; the applications are endless. The future is now, and Bishop Loughlin will offer more specialized engineering courses that will further enhance the knowledge and interest for the current students in IED, propelling them into the careers of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

## Hello technology, goodbye privacy

By Mouhamed Diakhate

Most Americans live in a society that has embraced technology and has voluntarily given up its right to privacy. Due to the rapid advancement of technology, people are now able to get help from the many computers and machines that listen and respond to voice commands. That's the case for new Amazon Echo, better known as Alexa, and others like Siri from Apple, Google Home, and Cortana from Microsoft. Having these virtual assistants is really helpful, and is creating a new revolution in the modern world, but there are some concerns that the consumers of these products may want to reflect upon. In order for these devices to be able to respond to voice commands, the microphone must always be on. This means, in theory, that these devices hear

every word that is uttered in front of them. This raises the concern of who may be on the other side

son's search history will soon suggest products based on conversations it overhears. The idea of

ucts are also allowing them to record at any time, even when they are not using or thinking about their device. There is evidence that the companies do in fact, store the recordings, as the Amazon Echo works with an app that allows users to hear a recording of every request made using the “Alexa” device. Is there anything that can be done to fight this invasion of privacy? The answer is complicated. Users can indeed shut off the microphone or listening ability through privacy settings. However, in some cases, like the Amazon Echo or Google Home, the primary purpose of the technology is to respond to voice commands. Another roadblock to complete privacy is how many devices are around at all times. Even if a user turns off his or her microphone, there likely are many others devices listening nearby.



Technology is always listening.

of the microphone, potentially listening to otherwise private moments. If the answer is the company who makes the product, what do they do with all information given by users? Perhaps those ads that are already based on a per-

hackers being able to listen to private conversations is yet another concern. Some say that privacy is being invaded and exposed to the whole world through this advanced technology.

The consumers of these prod-



# News

## Human trafficking costs examined

### Staff Composite

The Bishop Loughlin community spent several days examining the global issue of human trafficking. Human trafficking is the trade of humans, most commonly for the purpose of forced labor or commercial sexual exploitation. Unfortunately, slavery still exists in the year 2017 on a global, national, and local level. On Janu-

ary 4, 2010 President Obama issued a proclamation naming January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. This followed a 2007 Senate resolution naming January 11<sup>th</sup> as Human Trafficking Awareness Day. Pope Francis has said that Human Trafficking is "a crime against humanity." These are not issues that only

happen in some far away distant land. The issue of human trafficking is an American issue as well. According to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline, a resource that anyone can call to submit a tip about potential incidents of trafficking, they received 20,424 calls and had 5,748 cases of trafficking reported in 2016 alone.

The actual numbers are probably much higher as these crimes often go unreported. On Wednesday, January 11, Campus Ministry hosted a viewing of the film *Taken* and a discussion of human trafficking issues followed up by a "Solidarity Service" the next morning in the chapel. That Friday, during family time, students discussed this important issue.

## Loughlin celebrates 165 years

By Tyler Afrifah

On Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School celebrated 165 years of excellence and the successful completion of the capital campaign with a reception. Attendees of the celebration included The Most Reverend James Massa, Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn, Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, and Representative Walter Mosely. Originally named St. James School for Boys and located on Jay Street, in 1933 the high school on Jay Street was closed and students transferred to Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School. Over the course of these many years the school has cultivated a

vast history of successes in academics and athletics.

In coordination with the opening of the renovated track, and the 165<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, The Jamesonian asked President Brother Dennis Cronin, to share some thoughts about Bishop Loughlin's lasting impact. Brother Dennis said "I think [Bishop Loughlin] has lasted for so long because it's constant, true to its roots and to its mission," and that Loughlin will remain in prominence and success by adapting and remaining constant.

**Visit the Bishop Loughlin Facebook page to see videos and pictures from the event including a News12 feature piece.**



Senior Grant Robertson introduced The Most Reverend James Massa, Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn, who gave the blessing.

## House System Update

By John Perez

- Loughlin had its first ever Christmas-themed Pajama Day, along with Christmas Sweater Day, Christmas Karaoke, and the Ice Skating Trip. This school year's Christmas Week was a success.
- The House System is currently working with the Social Studies Department to celebrate Black History Month.
- Culture Day is coming in March. There will be music, activities, and, as promised, food from around the world.

This will be a perfect opportunity to learn a little or a lot about our global community.

- Looking forward, The House System is planning for "The Mathmagical Month of March", "Nature Speaks" in April, and "LaSalle Week" in May.
- The House Directors and Executives are working their best to give us a unique look on our school and the world around us. They are open to suggestions from you, the student. Please stay tuned as the year progresses.

## Free on Wednesdays? Stop by and play with the Chess Club!

by John Perez

Are you interested in the game of chess? Would you like to sharpen your skills? The Chess Club at Loughlin, moderated by Mr. Hassard, meets after school on Wednesdays and meetings are held in the teacher's lounge in the cafeteria. Students can stop by and play chess matches with their friends. The environment is fun and laid back. It's a great way to make new friends as well. Mr. Hassard occasionally arranges pizza parties for Chess Club members as an added bonus. If you have any questions, or want to join the Chess Club, please see Mr. Hassard.



Mr. Hassard contemplates strategy as he supervises an intense chess match.



## Arts & Entertainment

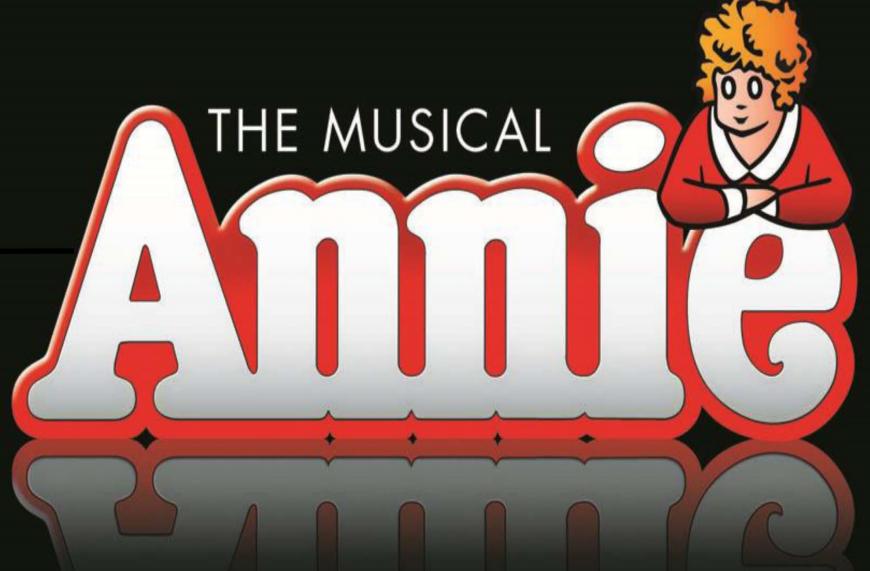
### Loughlin campus embraces Christmas spirit



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### Musical Spotlight: Cry Baby

By Abigail Branch

Melanie Adele Martinez from Queens, New York is also known as Cry Baby. Her style is considered unique and eclectic. She likes to shop in vintage thrift stores and her hobbies are collecting vintage toys, writing songs, and dressing up every single day. Martinez is mostly known to everyone for auditioning on *The Voice* and being a part of Team Adam on the show in 2012. After the show in 2014

she was inspired to write the Dollhouse EP or extended play featuring songs like "Dollhouse" and "Carousel", which was used as a trailer for "American Horror Story : Freakshow". In 2015 she released her album *Cry Baby* which received a great deal of attention extending into the year 2016. Martinez is currently on tour right now for her *Cry Baby* Album and is currently working on her next album and hopes to release it early 2017.

# Sports

## Basketball teams score big this season

### Staff Composite

The rich and storied history of Bishop Loughlin basketball continues to be built upon with the continued success for the basketball programs this year. For the first time in school history, the Boys JV and freshman teams both competed for the CHSAA championships on Saturday March 4 at Archbishop Molloy High School. The freshman team established a new legacy as they repeated and claimed back to back championships in a 56-51 victory over Holy Cross. The JV Lions came prepared to play but ran into a difficult challenge in a Christ The King team, resulting in a 61-50 loss.

At press time, the boy varsity AA team has just advanced to the semi-final round of the city championship tournament in an 87-70 victory over Iona Prep. The Lions entered the playoffs



The boys AA varsity team is poised for victory.

following a regular season that saw the varsity squad losing only four games. The team has been successful for much of this season, preparing for this playoff push following

their victories at the Kreul Classic tournament in Florida this past December. In addition to these team successes, individual accolades were awarded to Junior

Markquis Nowell and Senior Keith Williams. Marquis made CHSAA

ship as well. Unfortunately, the varsity B team played very well but were defeated by Archbishop Molloy on February 24.

The girls varsity team entered the playoffs prepared following a well-played season. In addition, Senior Lynette Taitt scored her 1000th point against Christ the King in the culmination of her impressive Loughlin career. According to the blmhs.org school website, Taitt joins an elite group of Loughlin women who include: Adeola Olanrewaju, Janele Henderson, and Aliyah Alston. Lynette has received a full scholarship to Manhattan College and she will be attending in the fall of 2017.



Bishop Loughlin Freshman Basketball wins back to back championships in a victory over Holy Cross on March 4.

Come out and support Loughlin's newest team.  
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### LIONS RFC 2017

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SUN 3/12  
TUES 3/21

WED 3/29  
TUES 4/11

THURS 4/27  
TUES 5/2  
SUN 5/14  
WED 5/17  
SAT 5/20  
SAT 5/27  
SUN 6/4

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v. ST. PETER'S PREP-NJ (S)

v. FARMINGDALE\*  
v. PRUSA ACADEMY  
BYE

at St. Francis Prep\*  
v. THORNTON-DONOVAN\*  
at Long Island\*  
v. DWIGHT\*  
at New Rochelle\*  
at St. Peter's Prep-NJ  
Crossover Match

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Glen Cove, LI  
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New Rochelle, WC  
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