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Fr. Jack Moves on From St. Rita

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After three years of being Chaplain, Fr. Jack is moving on from St. Rita. He will be going to St. Louis University to further his education. Known for his many accomplishments, he shall be missed. This article is dedicated to you, Fr. Jack.

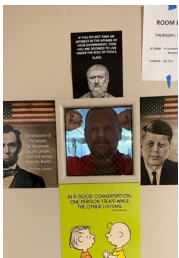
His time here began with trial by fire. Anyone who was in the secret hallway will recall how he banished the demon *šetašić* on his first day. The sheer greatness of the event led three students to join the Augustinian order, forming a suborder following Fr. Jack's style specifically.

His students will also remember the suffering they endured in his classes that ultimately made them better people. Every Friday, he would assign a 15,000 word research paper due on Monday on an obscure topic. Sources could not be found by regular means, only to be found in the Vatican catacombs, kept in one of the many tombs. This was how he fed intelligence to his students, hoping to influence them to become priests and men of God.

Nothing can overshadow the beauty of his homilies. Every time there was a family mass, my mom would have to attend. By the time we would leave, my mom would be dehydrated because she cried so much. She would always meet up with him after mass and talk about how he made her cry. She is now losing her mind because she doesn't know how St. Rita mass could possibly be the same or even subpar to.

Senior Bike Ride Rivals

JOSEPH BAXTROM '26



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Earlier last week the seniors blocked Western for their yearly bike ride. Everyone thought this was a hoot besides Mr. Dolan and a few other nerdowells. Things seemed to be going well until a rival group of bikers showed up to ruin the fun. These miscreants are none other than Tony and his riding Canolis. This biker gang has been causing a lot of upheaval in the parking lot and around Western.

It seems this biker gang has some mysticism up their sleeves, as their presence seems to have put a curse on Western. The curse causes everyone who turns onto Western to temporarily lose every last brain cell, except for the ones in charge of anger. In addition to

this, Tony has made it that when you drive in the Rita parking lot, you drive like you did on your second traffic with Mr. Morgan.

Ex-president Joey Kuska tried to challenge Tony and the Riding Cannolis to a brawl. Unfortunately the seniors lost terribly. As a result Raymond will now take over as President. He will bring back fight-night as a memorial for the class of '23.

Regardless, the seniors were forced to sit through a delayed detention instead of pulling off an original senior prank.

St. Rita Sued for \$1.3 Million After “Injury negligence” at 2022 Summer Camps

THOMAS HEALY '25

This afternoon, a family summoned St. Rita administration to the courtroom for “being negligent to injuries at the St. Rita summer camps.” Allegedly as a 6th grade camper suffered injury at the Football Camp after it is reported that he tripped over a piece of garbage left on the track and sprained his toe. The parents believe this injury may ruin his chances of playing professional football in the future.

This camper attended several summer camps here at St. Rita, and he claimed that all of them had many health and safety hazards. He pointed out one camp in particular: the E-sports camp. He claims that they were not fed at all at this camp and were forced to play Smash Bros for multiple hours on end. They were only given a small bottle of water after they won a game and would only be able to go to the bathroom after they won 5 games in a row. It was also claimed that there was some kind of illegal gambling going on in LL1, but that is still not confirmed at this time. This camper claims that many faculty and staff were placing bets on who would win the game of Super Smash Bros. This then inspired many of the kids in this camp to join them in this illegal gambling ring. The reason why so many of these campers had money on them was because the website was down to

purchase access to this camp. Again, none of this has been confirmed as of yet.

St. Rita administration denies all of these accusations and are willing to give refunds to the families that were “unsatisfied” with the experience their children had. St. Rita posted a statement on their Instagram today saying, “St. Rita of Cascia High School offers a fostering environment for all students. We make sure that our campus is secure at all times and that our health and safety standards are up to code. If you were unsatisfied with your child’s experiences, please reach out to jblazak@stritahs.com for information about a refund and a survey on how we could make it better.” When asking campers as they were leaving how their experience was during the summer camps, they all said that one person made it all better: Jay Bird. On the other hand, some parents are even concerned about concussion protocol during Mr. Standing’s recreation camp as many of their children could only muster “SWOOSH-SWOOSH” and “NIKE JUST DO IT” the entire car ride home.

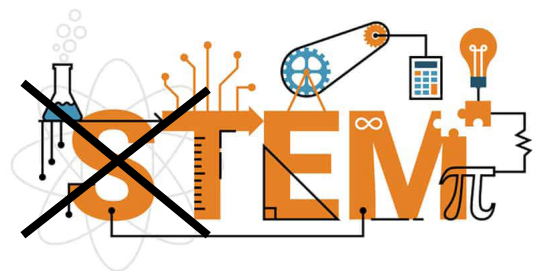
ST. RITA TO ELIMINATE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

JACK GARVEY '24

It’s no secret these days that Science teachers and St. Rita just don’t mesh. The list of teachers who have left in just a short period of time include: Mrs. Pangrazio, Mr. Ordoñez, Mr. Bioloto, and Coach Griff to name a few; even Mrs. Gyrion has taken a break from St. Rita this semester. These numbers are alarming. When asked about this issue, Junior Michael Henson said, “I’ve never had the same science teacher for a full year at St. Rita; they should just put ‘Idk lol’ for the teacher’s name on my schedule next to my science class.”

When asked about this trend, Mr. Blaszak said, “We told the students just don’t be a scientist or a doctor. Science isn’t really necessary, so we’ve decided to abolish the Science department at St. Rita. All you really need to know is that the nucleus is the powerhouse of the cell.” This left parents and students outraged, as the ACT has

an entire section of science. The many Ivy League hopefuls at St. Rita now fear for their futures. When asked for comment on this, Mr. Blaszak responded, “Take the SAT; it has no science”. It will be interesting to see how this affects Ritamen’s preparation for college. Stay tuned for updates.



SENIOR REBELS

LIAM NOLAN '24

On Wednesday May 10th, 2023, St. Rita barstool made a post in rebellious efforts against Mr. Partacz to rally the students and get them to wear shorts on a chapel day because of what happened the past Friday with "Bad Parking day." Their significant efforts resulted in a total of about ten kids wearing shorts. They received an A for effort with a side of detention. They did not end up getting the revenge they hoped for, but at least they were cooler than the rule-followers sitting in their chapel day attire in St Rita's 100° classrooms all day.

UNEXPECTED VISITOR AT KING CHARLES III'S CORONATION

PATRICK CONNOLLY '24

In case you have been living under a rock for the past year, Queen Elizabeth II died last year and her son Prince Charles is heir to the crown. Recently, he was crowned King of England and at his coronation, no one other than the Grim Reaper made a guest appearance. This should come as no surprise, seeing as Big Chuck is the oldest King crowned. Luckily, Death himself had time to talk about his guest appearance in this exclusive interview. Here are some of the highlights:

attacker. Those are the results of theirs or others' actions. I merely guide their souls. I could actually take someone's life, but my boss would fire me and I need this job.

Q. What were you doing in Buckingham Palace at the time of the coronation?
I'm personally great friends with the late Princess Diana. She is a lovely soul and I believe that she deserved better. When I heard that Charles was going to become king, I couldn't just let that pass. Did I plan to kill him? It's best I do not say. Did I have at least a few choice words for the bum?
Yes.

Q. Was it hard getting past security with the scythe?
I mostly carry this around to poke fun at the stereotype of the grim reaper holding a scythe, but yeah, it was rough. In the clip where you saw me walking passed the aisle, I was actually being chased down by the Queen's guard. They kept on pestering me with questions like 'What do you plan on doing with that scythe?' and 'How did you get in?' One kept on asking me when he'll die, so I gave him a fake time and place.



Q:What exactly is your job?
I don't really murder people like the media portrays me. I'm not the one that gives your cousin cancer or leads your neighbor to their

After the interview, the grim reaper told me some date and location, but I'm sure it's not important. He then disappeared into the air and I heard church bells in the distance. It was a surreal

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St. Rita Undergoes Major Construction Projects; 23-24 School Year to Be Held Over Zoom

THOMAS HEALY '25

St. Rita administration announced on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, after the last day of classes, that they would be undergoing major construction and renovations over the summer and that they cannot confirm that it will be completed until the end of the next school year. This was then followed by the announcement of the next school year being held over Zoom. This, of course, made many students very happy because they would be able to play video games while in class as they did during the hybrid 20/21 school year.

Many teachers were seen on the corner of 79th and Western holding up signs that read, "NO ZOOM! KEEP US IN THE CLASSROOM!". Many of these signs confused the average citizen who was driving their car down the street assuming St. Rita administration had lost their minds and put Covid protocol back in place despite no longer being considered an emergency. The St. Rita administration offered many options to the faculty about plans for the next school year. These ideas were never released publicly; however, based on the decision being unchanged, we can assume that the other options were very bad.

St. Rita administration sent out an email to students yesterday stating, "Students will be expected to log onto their classes and be in an

official St. Rita red or blue polo with khaki pants on, a belt, and proper shoes. Students are expected to be sitting at a desk with their camera on at all times when on Zoom. Failure to do so will result in punishment from the Dean of Students. All assignments are due at 3:00 PM everyday unless otherwise specified by the teacher. During the Zoom meetings, you are to not have a background at all and should be looking at your screen the entire time. If you are not looking at your screen, a teacher has the right to remove you from the meeting and mark you absent. This will then result in you getting a Virtual Detention . . ." The email continues on and on about all these regulations and standards, but the question must be asked: what is a "Virtual Detention"? We reached out to the St. Rita administration and they stated, "Whenever you are late to a meeting, or are marked MIA without a valid reason, you will receive an email from the Dean of Students with a Zoom link for the Virtual Detention. You will sit there, staring into your camera, until 3:30 PM. If you look away from your camera for more than 5 seconds at a time, then you will receive a blue slip, where you will help renovate the building for 4 hours." Students have begun ordering cardboard cutouts of themselves in preparation.

Brandon Johnson Supporters Shocked to See Lori Lightfoot Being Reinaugurated

CHRISTIAN MORALES '23

It was a beautiful day on May 15, 2023. The sun was shining, the birds were chirping, and the flowers were blooming. It was a great day for the inauguration of Brandon Johnson as the new mayor of Chicago.

Johnson won a hotly contested race against Paul Vallas, the clear frontrunner. Johnson was able to carry the majority of the black and Latino voters in Chicago while Vallas was only able to win most white and some Latino voters.

Johnson's overly progressive policies were a key contributor in his victory over Vallas. His support of more city-run mental health clinics and more detectives and less police officers on the streets won over many progressive voters who were tired of alleged police brutality and weak leadership from Lori

Lightfoot. Many progressives in Chicago were looking forward to May 15 as the day that started great change in Chicago.

As it turned out, however, that day of change would not come to be. Many Chicago progressives and lawmakers sat in Credit Union 1 Arena waiting for the inauguration of Brandon Johnson to begin, eager to begin a new era of progressivism in Chicago. However, the excitement quickly died down as Lori Lightfoot walked onto the stage with no Brandon Johnson in sight. The inauguration took place as normal, except with Lori Lightfoot taking Brandon Johnson's place.

At the end of the ceremony, it was revealed that Brandon Johnson was a mere puppet of Lori Lightfoot. She knew that she had no chance of being re-

elected so she opted to make a puppet that pretty much spouted out more radical versions of her beliefs in order to win votes.

Many across the city were outraged at this revelation. "Another four years of her garbage? Unbelievable," said one interviewee. Progressives across the city were outraged as well. "I thought we were gonna have actual change in the city!" said a pouty progressive from Morgan Park. "Turns out it'll be another four years of the same thing."

It appears that, no matter which progressive wins the mayoral election, voters will eventually be disappointed by their policies and advocate for a new change in leadership, which leads to a vicious revolving door in City Hall.

JOE BIDEN INVITED TO ST. RITA, SHOWS UP TO MOUNT CARMEL

RYAN TALTY '24

By now in his Presidential term, it is no surprise that Joe Biden is not that sharpest knife in the drawer, as a matter of fact, he is a spoon that fell in the knife drawer. Despite all of the grievances some may have with him, St. Rita administrative leadership had decided that a visit from the president would be great publicity.

When reaching out to the Biden Administration team, Mr. Blaszak commented on the encounter, "They seemed really confused, but we are doing our best to accommodate the administration and make the visit as simple and easy as possible".

However, on the scheduled day of the visit, something strange happened. Biden never showed up. We at St. Rita were convinced that some important presidential business came up, but the real reason he had never showed up was that the

Chauffeur had called in sick and President Biden was forced to drive himself for the day. Biden's car, by sheer luck, made it to the parking lot. The issue arose however, when he looked up at the sign, which read "Mount Carmel Convocation Center"

A video later on in the week, released by a startled onlooker, surfaced on social media of the president struggling to open a locked door and then shortly afterwards being escorted off the property by a security guard.

The President has yet to comment on this, due to the fact that he does not remember it happened. The St. Rita administration, however, will never forget that day the president blew them off.

SKYDIVING MUSTANGS

RICHARD LIPPERT '24

With summer around the corner, St. Rita has unveiled a new sports team to add to its already long-long list of sports. The brand new "Skydiving mustangs" were finally set to come together before a horrible incident halted their expansion. The team was supposed to jump from thousands of feet high and perform remarkable stunts. In cooperation with the growing aviation club, the skydiving team held tryouts this past week with a very unfortunate turnout. The turn up was great with over 50 students showing at tryouts at Midway airport.



What happened shortly after tryouts started was a horrible tragedy. The unexpected disaster of that day will forever ruin the reputation of the club. Although all students had permission slips signed and were excited to practice their skydiving skills, their moods all changed for the worst after. When asked about the situation, eager student Zach Baxtrom responded, "I don't think I can ever let this go..." Principal Blaszak is to issue a statement on behalf of the school to all family members about the tragic day. What happened that day will live in infamy. St. Rita's skydiving team may never recover from that rainy day that canceled tryouts.

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