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St. Rita Students Respond to New Policies

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As students returned for the 2023-2024 school year, all students were met with a 40 minute long talk on new policies. Many students were incredibly outraged by these new policies, some even protesting them in unique ways. One major change was the newly implemented discipline rule of getting a Saturday if you fail to be in full Mass dress code. A junior, who requested to remain anonymous, stated, "This is ridiculous. Before, I would just take the 15-20 minutes after school and just show up in comfy clothes. I didn't care that much. This, however, has taken it to a whole new level and needs to be stopped. I don't even know where my tie is, and I don't have a clue on how to tie it. These YouTube tutorials aren't very helpful, and I got practice on Saturday...". The student continued to ramble on about this issue. Mrs. Palmer who would provide the Mass day essentials, such as a spare Chapel shirt and tie, is somewhat distraught by this new rule claiming, "Now I don't get to see students before school panicking because they didn't know it was a Mass day. Those moments always made my mornings."



New Air Conditioning Units to be Ready for January Heat Wave
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Another new addition to the school building are the cameras sitting in the stairwells to prevent kids from closing the fire doors. However, there is certainly a different reason why these cameras were installed; so the security staff can rerun the footage of when a kid trips going up the stairs and get a good laugh out of it. When presented with this theory, the security staff and administration denied it.

How far will the administration go next year? Will we get Saturdays for playing Roblox in English class? Only time will tell.

From Present to Past

PATRICK CONNOLLY '24



Former St. Rita Teacher Recycles Old Material
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After extensive research, St. Rita's nearly non-existent science branch has cracked the code to time travel. While I can't disclose the science behind it, I can tell certain details. The project took 50 years to complete and was started by a handful of students looking to get scholarship money. Using a broken down VW Beetle to go 99 mph (due to a small budget, we had to change certain details from our inspiration), we have been able to go back to the past. We can't go to the future because the government started taxing time traveling in 2024, meaning we can't cross that line. We paid that tax once and we won't again.

Signs of Rita men goofing around in the past have been popping up more and more. Just last week, archeologists found an SR hand painted on cave walls, accompanied by the phrase "DMO was hear." When interrogated to see if he stole the Beetle, Danny Morris '24 was quoted as saying, "I didn't even know we had a Time Machine." This was not believed because who wouldn't know about the Time Machine. As of yesterday, Danny is still in custody for questioning. If found guilty, he will be sent to time jail to carry out his time sentence.

The Battle of the History Department

RICHARD LIPPERT '24

With Mr. Kellam's inevitable return to Saint Rita, the other teachers have been getting rowdy about his betrayal to our beloved school. Some questions given by our staff include, "Why would he go to work at such a nasty, horrible place?" and "Do you even care about your alma mater?" Some teachers are suggesting that Mr. Kellam is too disloyal to be allowed to return to our school. What if he decides to leave again? How can we trust him? The history department in general is up in arms. They say he brings disgrace to the history of our history department. The phrase "history is bound to repeat itself" feels all too real at this moment. Ms. Hackett fears he is coming for her job (He is also helping lead Kairos. Coincidence? We think not). Coach Nee is fearful he will have to be annexed to the basement once again. He has finally gotten comfortable. One teacher in particular, Mr. Conlon, has been extremely upset with him. Ever since Mr. Kellam's uncalled for absence back in 2021, Mr. Conlon has never been the same. The two were very close friends up to his demise, and his return has made Mr. Conlon so ashamed to be associated with him – he seeks revenge.

The first annual Saint Rita fight night, brought to you by Raymone Saffold, will take place this weekend. The school has been opposed to a

fight night for many years, but as scholarship needs are on the rise, the advancement team is desperate. Therefore, our headliner fight, Mr. Conlon vs. Mr. Kellam: The battle of the history department. The highly anticipated cage fight is expected to be the most attended sporting event for Saint Rita this year. An estimated 4 million dollars is expected to be made by ticket sales and fan bets. We at the NATIR are rooting for Mr. Conlon and are very excited about this boxing match. We interviewed Mr. Conlon and Kellam about how they feel leading up to the fight. Mr. Conlon claimed, "That loser and his bow tie are toast." In which Mr. Kellam replied, "*gulp*" Make sure to get your tickets soon or tune in live to our most anticipated event in school history, try and catch one of our teachers training in the weight room, and let's get ready to rumble...



St. Rita Goes Amish Amid Schoology Struggles

JOSEPH BAXTROM '26

The beginning of the year is always filled with mixed emotions. You get new classes, and you might meet new people, but something this year that has caused great distress to many students and teachers is the introduction of Schoology. The constant struggles to turn things in, write on things, and find all your assignments on one page has caused immense vexation for many students. Teachers have to maneuver how to find people's work and figure out creative ways for them to be able to turn in their assignments. All these problems led to the St. Rita community adopting the Amish way of doing things. Many teachers, such as Mr. Hubbard or Perovich, are happy because they don't have to worry about kids playing

games on their iPads anymore. Others are very displeased. Mr. Donovan is very distraught because he can no longer coach E-sports and now has to go back to teaching band. Yuck! The curriculum is also changing. Spanish students and Latin scholars no longer have to bicker about which is better, because now the only language being taught is Pennsylvania Dutch. Carpentry is going to replace engineering because engineering is too advanced.

While the NATIR staff is annoyed they must practice their best penmanship to prepare to handwrite the Winter edition, overall, this is a great solution because Schoology is absolutely atrocious.

Daily Announcements Moved to Text Message

JESUS LEANOS '26

There is a new change to the way St. Rita's daily announcements will be delivered to students. Instead of an email being sent out everyday, now students will be sent more text messages throughout the day informing them of all the things happening around the school. The reason for this change is due to students "not seeing" important information from the emails. Now students will have no excuses for not seeing anything because we all know the first thing every student does before and after the bell is check on their phones. Additionally, this change will keep students mentally at school since they won't be reading tiktok comments, but instead reading the lunch special of the day, even though they'll end up buying pizza again.

Unfortunately, the students have not had a positive reaction to this change. Some students claim that the new barrage of daily text messages are "excessive" and "annoying" despite being nuisances themselves. In fact, there seems to be no Mustang who is pleased with this decision, as everybody is demanding for daily emails to return. However, it will probably take a long time for any change due to administration being run by sloths, despite the school mascot being a mustang.

Thompson Takes Snaps Under Center during Homecoming Blowout

MAX MORARIO '25

As the 2022-2023 school year rolled around at St Rita High School, the Mustangs were introduced to a new Strength and Conditioning Coach and Mrozek Fitness Center Supervisor, Mr. Ryan Thompson. With Coach Thompson's arrival, St. Rita High School athletic program's expectations skyrocketed, Thompson brought enthusiasm and discipline with his intense training style to all student-athletes at St. Rita.

The St. Rita High School faculty, staff, and student-athletes were enthusiastic about Coach Thompson's arrival. Mr. Blazak expressed his enthusiasm and optimism, saying, "We know that Coach Thompson will be a game-changer for not only our athletes, but also our students. His intelligence and commitment to his role will undoubtedly make a difference in all of our sports programs."

Coach Thompson's Impact is not limited to a particular sport. Coach Thompson is known for tailoring training programs to meet the specific needs of each sport, guaranteeing that every athlete receives the guidance and support they require to excel in their chosen field. With the help of Coach Thompson, the St. Rita football, baseball, and basketball teams were all recognized at the state level.

After his first year at St. Rita High School, Coach Thompson established himself, not only as a phenomenal coach, but also took up new roles this year as the freshman biology teacher and assisting Coach Nee as an offensive line coach as he took up the Offensive Coordinator position that was left vacant when Coach Kuska retired as the Head Football Coach.

As the 2023 St. Rita High School homecoming week was coming to an end, the Mustangs were looking to bury the Marmion Academy Cadets and entertain the crowd to make the week even more memorable. The Mustangs came out firing in the first half putting up forty-two points in twenty-four minutes. Something unexpected was going to happen in that second half that nobody could have foreseen. In the fourth quarter, an unfamiliar face entered the game at Quarterback, and Coach Thompson made his first appearance as a mustang on the football field. Even though Coach Thompson was able to show off some athletic ability in the pocket, he was unable to make any completions and was promptly taken out after a three and out.

Will Coach Thompson be able to get another chance to show off his skills? Who knows, but all we can hope for is that Coach Thompson will be a mainstay for the St. Rita High School Staff.

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