

## Meet the New Student Council!

By Liz Donovan '23

The results are in! Prep's new student council has been elected. Next year's council will be Mitch Kirby, Gary Vanpelt, Andrew Cimini, and Lily Seymour! I reached out to them and was able to get responses back from three of them, here is what our new council had to say!

Why did you run for the position you did?  
Mitch, President – "I ran so that I could serve the community that has enabled me to become the person that I am today."

Gary, Vice President – "I wanted to run for Vice President because I've loved making a difference in student council these past three years as a homeroom rep. Being able to hear the ideas and concerns of the students and actually putting them into action has been a great experience."

Lily, Treasurer – "I see treasurer as a pretty strategic position, like budgeting and everything alike that for the student council and school. I thought it would be an interesting experience. I also feel like people usually assume that as a girl I would run for secretary, so I like to break the social norms."

What's one goal you have for next year?  
Mitch – "Among many goals, the foremost is to make the next year as glorious and eventful as possible."

Gary – "One goal is to make next year the best it can be. With the pandemic and virtual learning, our students, especially the underclassmen have missed out on integral parts of their prep experience. Hopefully with a new student council, the underclassmen can all feel welcome, accepted, and see how special prep really is."

Lily – "I think my one goal is to help the give the current and incoming freshmen the most "prep" year they can have while still abiding by social distancing and safe practices. I feel so lucky to have gotten half my normal high school career in a "normal" prep setting and I want to do my best to give that back for the underclassmen who weren't as fortunate"

If you could make any event happen at Prep, what would it be?

Mitch – "Given the opportunity, I would like to help establish a few days a year where incoming freshmen are invited to join in on club meeting, extracurricular meetings, and athletic practices to get a sense of what they are all about and what they entail."

Gary – "Besides trying to safely bring back dances and freshmen intramurals, I would try and get our student body to choose a new charity or cause each month to raise money for."



Lily – “I think a whole school field day would be fun. I know we do some fun games during pep rallies but like a whole school grade vs grade kind of thing would be a good time.”

Anything else you would like to say to your fellow Prep classmates?

Mitch – “I would like my fellow classmates to know that the incoming cabinet is going to do everything possible to make it a year to remember!”

Gary – “Sure! As I said on Election Day, I’d like to thank everyone for trusting me to serve as VP. I think with all of us together some real change can be made in our school. I’m here if any of you want to see anything

different or need anything throughout your time at prep.”

Lily – “I would just like to say thank you for trusting me with this position, I fully understand the level of accountability I will be held at, and I am going to do my best to operate as treasurer in the best interest of the prep family. I appreciate everyone’s support and can’t wait to see what next year brings for us all!”

And there you have it! Some amazing answers from some of the members of the new council. We can’t wait to see what they bring to the table for next year!

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Entertainment

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### Movie Review: *My Girl*

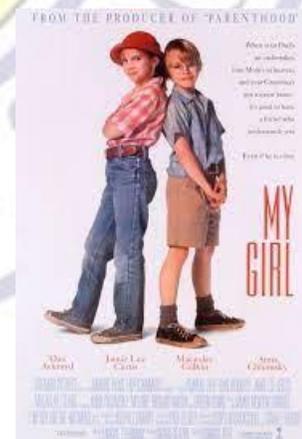
By: Skye Williamson '23

Are you looking for a movie that is wholesome, but a bit of a tearjerker? If so, you are in luck. The 1991 film *My Girl* deals with heavy topics through the eyes of an eleven-year-old girl named Vada Sultenfuss.

Taking place in the summer of 1972, Vada and her best friend Thomas J. are just two ordinary kids who enjoy fishing and riding their bikes around town. Everything sees merry and joyous until one

takes a closer look into her home life. Vada’s father, Harry, owns a funeral parlor, her grandmother has Alzheimer’s, and her mother has passed away. Vada does not have a lot to hold onto except for Thomas J. and her crush on Mr. Bixler, her 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Vada struggles to comprehend the difficult topics of death and maturity, while being the young tomboy she is. After a tragedy occurs in the later half on the summer, Vada begins to realize the importance of being present in the moment.

The movie is a classic, and has a sequel, *My Girl 2*, which I have yet to watch. Starring Anna Chlumsky and Macaulay Culkin, *My Girl* is a must watch!



## How-To Get Vaccinated

By: Grace Osborne '23

1. Visit

<https://www.vaccines.gov>

to check local pharmacies, clinics, who are giving the vaccine. You can also check with your pediatrician to see if

vaccines are available at their office.

2. Book an appointment and put it in your calendar so you don't forget.

3. Go get vaccinated!

4. Make sure to receive your second shot if applicable.



## Vaccine Status in the US

By: Liz Donovan '23

Back in January, the first few doses of the COVID 19 vaccine hit the United States, so it begs the question: how is vaccination going now? Within the US there are three options for a covid vaccine there is the Pfizer vaccine and the Moderna vaccine which are both given in two doses and

there is also the Johnson and Johnson vaccine which is given in one dose. After a few months of waiting, all three vaccines are now allowed to be given to all Americans who meet the age requirements. Most states were able to do this by mid-April. In recent weeks it has been announced that all teenagers above the age of 12 are now allowed to get the Pfizer vaccine. This is

incredibly promising compared to Moderna and Johnson & Johnson who do not allow people under the age of 18 to receive their vaccine. In mid-May the CDC announced that Americans are now allowed to take off masks, where permitted, if vaccinated. Vaccines are rolling out well in the United States and hopefully herd immunity is on the rise.

## Recipe of the Month:

### Oatmeal Cranberry Chocolate Chunk Cookies

By: Skye Williamson '23



#### Ingredients:

- 1 cup all- purpose flour
- ¾ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon baking powder

- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon fine sea salt
- 1 stick unsalted butter (room temperature)
- ½ cup light brown sugar
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 large egg
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups oats
- 1 cup dried cranberries
- ¼ cup chocolate bar (chopped up)

#### Steps:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees, and line cookie sheet with parchment paper
2. Wisk together the flour, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda, and salt
3. Once fluffy, add the egg and vanilla

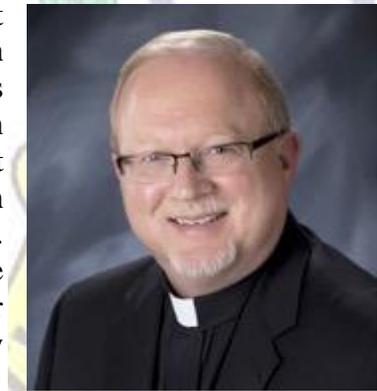
4. Once the consistency becomes smooth, add the flour, oats, chocolate, and cranberries
5. After everything is mixed, take spoonfuls of cookie dough and knead them into small balls

6. Arrange them on the cookie sheet, and indent them with the back of a spoon
7. Bake in the oven for 13- 15 minutes or until golden on edges
8. Enjoy!

**Welcome to the new President – Father A.J. Rizzo, S.J.**

Interview By: Eleanor Farrell '23

As the 2020-2021 school year ends, the Prep community joins together to say farewell to our President, Father Maher. Father Maher has been the President at Prep for the past six years and has been dedicated that time to the betterment of the school. As we welcome Fr. Rizzo, we reflect on the wonderful contributions Father Maher has made. (He put couches in the library; what more could we want!) Throughout his time here, Father Maher has taken Prep from a school to a home. He has beautified the school and created a welcoming environment that is hard to leave. Father Maher has been devoted to Prep in such a way that his departure will leave a hole in our community. As Father Maher heads to Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit Highschool in Georgia, we wish him well and hope that he finds at Cristo Rey what he found here: a family. As the year comes to a close, we wish farewell to Fr. Maher and welcome our new President, Fr. A.J. Rizzo. Father Rizzo is returning to Prep after spending time away. While we are sad to see Father Maher leave, we want to welcome Father Rizzo into our school the way Fr. Maher welcomed the many students and teachers that entered the school in his time here.



Below are some questions to help introduce the new Scranton Prep President.



**1. We know you were at Prep previously. What most excites you about returning?**

While I think I know Prep fairly well from my previous experience there, I am most excited to re-engage with the community and learn how things have changed since I left seven years ago. Being President will require me to learn even more about the school, and from a different perspective, and I am really excited about that opportunity.

**2. What did you miss the most about Prep in your time away?**

Without question, I missed the people of the Prep family. When I was here from 2014-2017, I made a lot of great friends with whom I have stayed in touch, but I am so looking forward to spending more time with them once I return!

**3. Since you are from Philadelphia, Pat's or Geno's? (Wiz wit or witout?)**

I am a Pat's guy all the way; wiz wit!

**4. What did you teach when you were at Prep? Are you planning to re-enter classroom?**

I taught English and Theology to Juniors for my first two years. In my third year there, I also taught Latin to freshmen for one period a day. I also helped with the Mock Trial team and the stage crew of the drama program, and I moderated the student council. I am unsure whether I will return to the classroom – definitely not in my first year, but it could be possible down the road!

**5. Tell us where you were prior to Prep. What did you learn from that experience and what do you plan to bring to Prep from there?**

For the past three years, I have served as the Director of Mission and Identity at Regis High School in New York City. At Regis, I oversaw the religious formation of both the student body and the adult community. I think that my work there has prepared me well to speak passionately about the mission of Scranton Prep and the great work that is happening on Wyoming Avenue.

**6. Favorite Marvel character and why?**

Hmm... I think I have to say Black Panther. I really loved that film and what it represented, and Chadwick Boseman was an excellent hero!

**7. What are the top three things you want the Prep Community to know about you?**

1. I am the second oldest of Peg and Tony Rizzo's six children; my family is very important to me and they are thrilled that I am returning to Prep!
2. Besides my hometown of Philadelphia, Scranton is the place that has had the most significant impact on who I am as a man, a Jesuit, and a Priest. I attended the University of Scranton, and my time at Prep was what confirmed in me my desire to become a priest.
3. I am a huge fan of the arts – music and theater, and especially musical theater!

**8. If you could only listen to one song for the rest of your life, what would it be?**

Wow, that's a great question – and a difficult one to answer! I think it would either be *Blackbird* by The Beatles or *Thunder Road* by Bruce Springsteen.

**9. What drew you to Jesuit Education/ the Jesuits?**

My experience in Jesuit Education both as a student and as a teacher/administrator have taught me to seek God in all things, and that working with young people in Jesuit High Schools is the primary way that I experience God's presence in my own life. I love Jesuit Secondary Education in general, and Scranton Prep in particular!

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**Senior Sendoff**

Questions By: Jayde Waibel '23

As this wild year comes to a close and we excitedly count down the days to summer, we must take a moment to say goodbye to our beloved seniors. In the midst of this unprecedented year, the class of 2021 has truly embodied what Prep stands for. They have brought joy back inside the walls of the school and filled our hearts with Prep pride!

Featured below are a few members of the senior class.

Senior: Emily Pettinato  
Attending: William and Mary  
Majoring in: Business

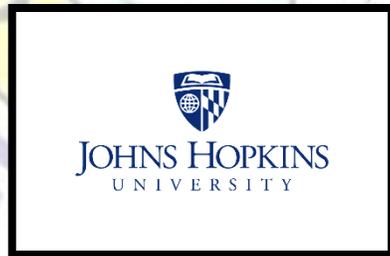
1. I will most miss the people especially underclassmen I was on teams with because those are the types of relationships that make sports fun!

- The most memorable/unique experience I've had at Prep was definitely the welcoming of the freshman every year. I love how excited and into it everyone gets.



Senior: Quinn Casey  
 Attending: Williams College  
 Majoring in: Theatre/Political Science

Senior: Willa Farrell  
 Attending: Johns Hopkins  
 Majoring in: Classics



Senior: Victoria Berbano  
 Attending: New York University  
 Majoring in: Classics

- I am definitely going to miss the people. I've always felt that Prep is so special because we all come from so many different schools, places and backgrounds. We build each other up and learn and grow together.
- Kairos showed me how truly amazing each person in my grade is. There's honestly no place I would have rather spent my last four years!



## Students should be assigned less Summer Reading Books

By: Nicole Scochin '23

### Yay

As the school year comes to an end, I believe that students should be assigned less summer reading books. I believe that students should have less books to read over the summer because the majority of students, no matter what age, attend summer camps, play sports, go on vacation, and hang out with friends. With all of these activities going on in the summer, trying to fit in five to six books in your schedule might be almost impossible. If the number of books is lowered to about two to three books a summer, more students might read all of their books instead of reading three of their five books and failing an exam on the books. Also, if the number of books is lowered, students will have more time to read each book and to take good notes on the books.



### Nay

As the school year comes to an end, I believe that students should be assigned five to six summer reading books. I believe that students should have more summer reading books because it allows the student to read different genres and to explore different topics while enjoying a story. Even with all of these different summer activities, students should put aside some of their time that they spend on their phone or social media to read their books. Staring at a screen all summer is not good for you! Students should also be required to read five to six books a summer because it allows the teachers to give questions that are less specific since there are more questions to give.

**Frequently Overlooked June Holidays**

June 1: National Go Barefoot Day

June 2: National Leave the Office Early Day

June 3: National Egg Day

June 4: National Donut Day

June 5: Constitution Day

June 6: National Cancer Survivors Day

June 7: National Chocolate Ice Cream Day

June 8: National Best Friends Day

June 9: National Donald Duck Day

June 10: National Iced Tea Day

June 11: National Corn on the Cob Day

June 12: National Peanut Butter Cookie Day

June 13: National Sewing Machine Day

June 14: Flag Day

June 15: National Photography Day

June 16: National Fudge Day

June 17: National Eat Your Vegetables Day

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June 18: International Sushi Day

June 19: Juneteenth

June 20: National Vanilla Milkshake Day

June 21: World Day of Music

June 22: National Onion Ring Day

June 23: National Hydration Day

June 24: Midsummer

June 25: National Take Your Dog to Work Day

June 26: National Chocolate Pudding Day

June 27: National PTSD Awareness Day

June 28: Tau Day

June 29: Hug Holiday

June 30: International Asteroid Day

**Purple and Gold**

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# Memorial Day Word Search

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