



Saunders Sentinel

THE HOLIDAY EDITION

THE MUSIC CLUB

WINTER SHOWCASE



The Music Club
by Sara Stephen



The music club is located in room 233 and is hosted by our club president Dorian Douce and our security guard, Freddie. We typically meet every Thursday after school and stay until 4:30 pm. In the club, everyone gets their chance to display their musical talents and abilities, whether through singing or playing an instrument. We also get to show off our hard work and progress during shows! For the winter showcase, those participating would meet up on Tuesdays and Thursdays to work on their songs and receive constructive feedback from their peers to improve their performance. Those singing with the band would also work on cues and timings together. Personally, I was quite nervous to perform in the show at first. Getting up on stage in front of people is a little nerve-wracking for everyone, much less performing on stage. But, with encouragement from the other club members and weeks of practice, I finally managed to do so. And it went well too! It was definitely an enjoyable experience. As for the future of the music club, we will be back for another show in the spring after our break in January.





THE MUSIC CLUB WINTER SHOWCASE



SET LIST



ALEXANDER BRAVO- O HOLY NIGHT (BAND)
WILLIAM WILLIAMS AND CELINE- LET IT SHOW
TAINA CHALWELL- ONCE UPON A DECEMBER
SARA STEPHEN- ROCKING AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE
STELLA MAHALO- LAST CHRISTMAS (BAND)
OKELLO ALLEN- MARY DID YOU KNOW
~ INTERMISSION ~
ADRIANA GENOA, CHARITY KNIGHT, KEITY PLASENCIO,
OZZY ANDRUSCO- WINTER MEDLEY (MS. YOUNG)
DORIAN DOUCE- CHRISTMAS STORY
(ORIGINAL SONG WITH BAND)
WILLIAM WILLIAMS- OH COME OF YE FAITHFUL
(MS YOUNG)
MARINA FRISCHIA- SNOWMAN (BAND)
CRYSTAL BAAH- HALLELUJAH
DORIAN DOUCE- UNDERNEATH THE TREE (BAND)



The annual Music Club Winter Showcase did not disappoint. Under Freddie Bartley's guidance, the students were able to share their talents! Holiday favorites as well as seasonal tunes were sung, while a band members supplied the music.





CLUB FUN: SPREADING JOY TO EVERYONE

Student Government: Food Drive

by Sushmita Jacob

With the winter season coming around, there is no better way to celebrate a chilly day than with hot chocolate and a warm meal. Unfortunately, some people aren't able to enjoy a home-cooked meal during the coming cold months. To help those not as fortunate, Saunders' Student Government committee hosted a food drive this winter. Students can donate canned or boxed food such as pasta, rice, vegetables, and meat. Even treats like cake mix and pie filling are welcome. To encourage donations, some teachers offered extra credit to contributors. The food supported Feeding Westchester as they helped fight hunger this holiday season.



Student Government: Food Drive

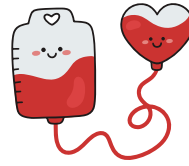
by Rafael Aldana-Diaz

As a member of student Government, under the guidance of Ms. Crispo and Ms. McNerny, the idea for a food drive seemed a great way to give back to the community this holiday season. I talked to Mrs. Nieves, the former organizer and Key Club sponsor, and we came up with ideas for how I could do something similar. She was very helpful and played a big part in making it happen. Mrs. Smith-Rossi, my counselor, also helped us with the final steps of organizing the food drive. Her support was essential in getting everything done.

Using the resources Mrs. Smith-Rossi provided, my partners Omar, Dennis and I contacted Feeding Westchester, the organization that would help us with the food drive. After a few emails back and forth, we had a plan. I also visited some of my former teachers to share the idea and ask for their support. They were very helpful and made a big difference in how much food we were able to collect.

In the end, the food drive was a team effort between my partners, Omar and Dennis, and the staff who supported us. Without their help, it wouldn't have been possible. A thank you and congratulations to ECC students and teachers who donate the most number of food items to this drive!

Student Government Gives the Gift of Life:



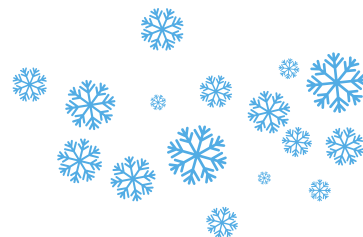
Blood Drive

by Nataly Felipe



On December 17th, the Saunders Student Government hosted a successful blood drive held all day in the auditorium. Students and teachers who donated were able to save up to 90 lives! Members of the student government volunteered to help the donors, guiding them to an area to sit down, eat snacks, and hydrate for 10 minutes. Student government assisted all students and staff to ensure everyone was well before returning to class. Seniors who donated blood twice or helped with the blood drive can get a red chord on graduation day. Everyone who donated blood is greatly appreciated!





MSK Gives Back to Veterans by Deborah Oppong Ampadu

For this year's holiday season, the Saunders Chapter of MSK came together to write letters to Veterans. Not only to show gratitude for their military service, but also to wish them well for the upcoming holidays! We had all begun by taking either store bought, or some cards designed by students of our Graphics magnet. We had a list of a few 'slogans,' or short messages we could write to some of the anonymous Veterans in case we had come up thoughtless. However, it seemed as if most of the girls had pretty heartwarming messages to share with the Veterans, who had committed very selfless acts for the sake of this country. Overall, as an activity, this really exemplified the community that is not only fostered within MSK, but Saunders at large, that we can all come together to pay our collective respect towards those who fought for our nation.



Cosmo Gives Back: Cerebral Palsy of Westchester by Jessica Cruz



On Wednesday, December 5th, students in Cosmetology and Barbering had the chance to work with kids from Cerebral Palsy of Westchester, located in Rye Brook, New York. The kids, ranging from ages 7 to 16, were treated to a variety of beauty services, including blowouts, haircuts, curls, and manicures, all provided by Cosmo 12 students. It was an inclusive and heartwarming experience for everyone involved. Cosmetology and Barbering students not only got to showcase their skills and creativity but also had the opportunity to brighten the day of the children, creating a fun and supportive atmosphere.



Winter Woodworking

Lauren Olivera

This holiday season, the carpentry program at Saunders embodied the spirit of community.

10th and 12th graders collaborated on a festive project, designing Christmas tree and snowmen decorations that were sold to friends, faculty, and family for \$10 each. Not only did this raise funds for the program, but also spread holiday cheer throughout the school. The students' hard work paid off, with over 70 decorations sold; a remarkable achievement.

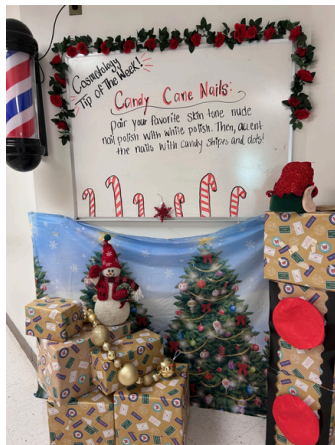


Meanwhile, 11th graders in Mr. Mendez's class worked on a special project. Students crafted life size light up ornaments, which were donated to Untermeyer Park. Carp worked hard to give back to the community this year, demonstrating the true meaning of the season and earning pride for the Saunders community.





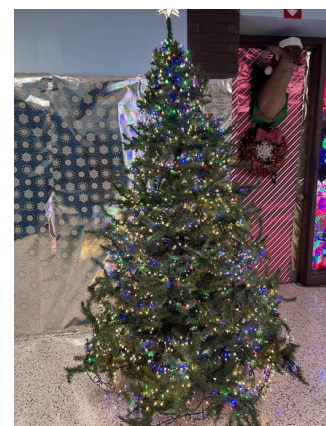
HOLIDAY DOORS & FESTIVE FLOORS



Classroom Door Decorations

by Sushmita Jacob

The new year always opens the door to new opportunities. That's why classrooms participated in our annual Doors of Saunders contest! Teachers and students worked together to showcase their holiday spirit by making the most creative and memorable classroom door. All decorations are welcome - from subtle lights to full Christmas trees and inflatables. The winner was announced on January 6th during morning announcements - congratulations to ECC!





SEASONAL SPIRIT WEEK





MORE JOY FROM SAUNDERS

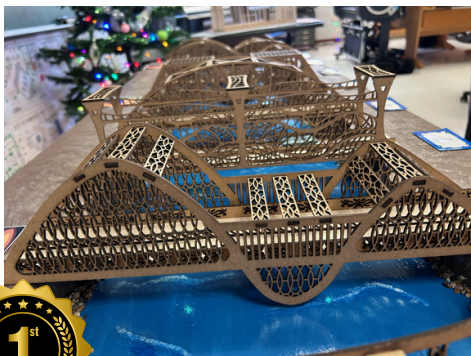
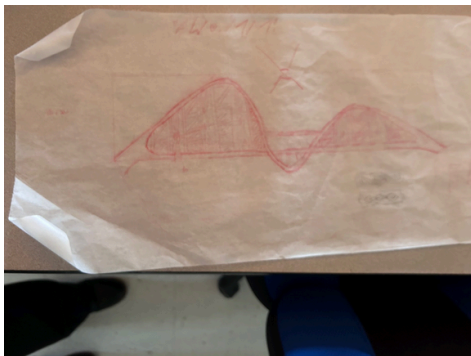


Architecture 12: Bridges Competition

by Zareuh Kwaw

The Saunders High School architecture program introduced a brand-new design project! The 2025 arch seniors were the first to design, build, and 3D model a bridge with little previous knowledge of the subject, nor how to use the 3D portion of the design program. First, the students drafted a basic outline of how they wanted the bridge to look on paper. Then the seniors transferred the hand drawing to the design program, using the program to print the many layers of the bridge. Following that, they glued together the multiple parts and components to the bridge. Finally, they self-learned the portion of the application that was responsible for the 3D commands. On Wednesday, December 18th many staff members went to the Arch Lab classroom to vote on a mix of 12 different bridges based on a strength test, the design, and the practical use.

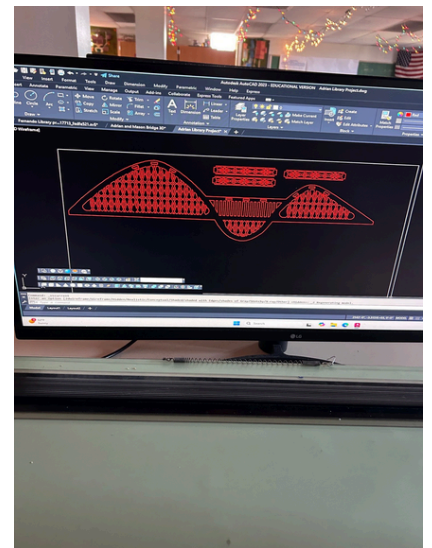
Great Job to the Architecture class of 2025!



ADRIAN WHITE AND MASON MANALO



JAILIN ESQUIVEL RAYMUNDO



Senior Movie Night

by Jessica Cruz

On December 4th, the Class of 2025 gathered for a Winter Senior Movie Night in the school auditorium.

The event, which kicked off at 5 p.m. and ended at 7 p.m., featured the classic Christmas movie Home Alone. Students were encouraged to bring blankets and friends for a cozy evening. The auditorium was beautifully decorated with Christmas lights, creating a festive atmosphere. Snacks were sold by Culinary, while Mr. Mack offered popcorn, soda, candies, and sweet treats like brownies and cookies. Over 20 students attended, enjoying the holiday spirit and creating lasting memories together.



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