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On February 10, SCL students, faculty, and friends celebrated an evening called "Night to Shine" with over 200 guests with special needs. Each special guest was paired with a SCL student who was their host for the night's events. One of our hosts, Victoria of Brazil, stated that the night was more fun than a regular dance. "Instead of worrying about my appearance and my dress, I was only thinking about my guest and how I want this night to be special for her, and it was! The night was very special to me too. I hope we do this again next year."

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Graduation 2017

Important Details



This year, 32 international students from 7 countries will graduate.

Graduation for the Class of 2017 is on Sunday, June 4 at 2:30 p.m. We hope that many international families will celebrate with their students at the graduation ceremony.

Friday Night Concert and Social Gathering

Come to the Spring Concert on Friday, June 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the gym followed by a celebration to recognize the service and retirement of English department head, St. Croix English camp founder, and award-winning speech coach, Mrs. Ellen Kuznicki.

Reception and Brunch

A special reception and brunch for graduates and their families will take place in the residence dining hall starting at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 4, prior to the graduation ceremony.

Contact Sue Galler (SGaller@StCroixLutheran.org) if you are able to attend. Also, let her know if you need an individualized invitation letter mailed to you in order to obtain a travel visa. She is happy to assist!

Hotel Accommodations

If you need a hotel for your visit, contact the AmericInn of Inver Grove Heights. This nearby hotel offers a competitive corporate rate (ask for the St. Croix corporate rate) and a convenient airport shuttle.

AmericInn

1 (888) 881-7829

1 (651) 450-7511 (locally)

Address:

5861 Blaine Avenue East
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076

Website: <http://www.americinn.com/hotels/MN/InverGroveHeights>

Graduation Reminder Memo to Students

Find at: <http://bit.ly/2INkeiM>

News You Can Use

Planning for 2017-18

As you plan return flights for the 2017-18 school year, please refer to the 2017-18 calendar found online in the parent/student portal at www.StCroixLutheran.org.

Students in Fall Sports

Football and soccer players may arrive on Sunday, July 23 with special permission from the varsity coach and for an additional 1,050 USD.

Students arriving early for other fall sports must arrive on Sunday, August 13. A fee of \$20 per day will be required of all early sports arrivals.

In order to play sports, a student must have a sports physical (good for 3 years) and 2017-18 Athletic Eligibility form signed by parents on file in the athletic office. These and other forms can be found in the parent/student portal at <http://www.StCroixLutheran.org>

Students Entering Grade 9

Arrive on either Tuesday or Wednesday, August 22-23. The new international student orientation will take place on August 24 and 25.

All Other Returning Students

Arrive Thursday, August 25 to Saturday, August 27. Classes begin Tuesday, August 29.

Email Mrs. Galler

SGaller@StCroixLutheran.org with your fall flight information as soon as you know it.

MSHSL Eligibility Form

Find at: <http://bit.ly/2INi5Uj>

Sports Physical Form

Find at: <http://bit.ly/2lhHdPf>

2017-2018 Tuition and Fees

Tuition Fee: 20,800.00 USD
Residence Fee* (includes meals): 9,200.00 USD

*Single rooms are available by application and as space permits for an additional \$4,000/year.

Total: 30,000.00 USD

Enrollment Fee*: 4,000.00 USD

Application Fee*: 100.00 USD

TOTAL FEES: 34,100.00 USD

*The enrollment and application fees (4,100.00 USD) are due on March 15. Paying these fees secures your student's enrollment for 2017-2018 so that your student's place will not be awarded to a new student on our waiting list.

If you have not received an invoice and wire information for the 2017-2018 school year, please contact Mrs. Werner, Finance Manager, who will be happy to assist you. VWerner@StCroixLutheran.org.

Scholarship Available

Students with a GPA of 3.2 or higher, who schedule challenging classes and participate in co-curricular activities, and are model residential students may apply for a merit-based scholarship of 1,500 USD.

Scholarship dollars will be applied to the July 31 payment. Tell your students to listen to announcements regarding this scholarship.

2017-2018 Calendar

Find at: <http://bit.ly/2mnbvW3>

Important Dates

Enroll/Application Due
March 15

Spring Break
March 18-25

HS Spring Sacred Concert
Sunday, April 9, 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 9, 6:30 p.m.
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Pride & Prejudice
Friday, April 28, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 29, 7:00 p.m.

Spring Formal
Saturday, May 13, 3:30 p.m.
LIVE STREAM

Awards Ceremonies
Tuesday, May 16
Academic - 2:15 p.m.
NHS/Service - 7:00 p.m.
LIVE STREAM

Grade 8 Graduation
Tuesday, May 30, 7:00 p.m.
LIVE STREAM

HS Spring Concert
Friday, June 2, 7:00 p.m.
LIVE STREAM

Graduation Reception
Sunday, June 4, 11:30 a.m.

Graduation
Sunday, June 4, 2:30 p.m.
LIVE STREAM

Night to Shine 2017

St. Croix hosted Night to Shine, an incredible prom night experience for people with special needs, on Friday, February 10, 2017. Over 200 SCL student volunteers served as “buddies” for the event or volunteered to help organize the event. The evening included a red carpet experience with friendly paparazzi, hair and makeup stations, limousine rides, karaoke, and of course, a dance!

St. Croix was honored to be chosen as one of only five hosts in Minnesota and one of 350 hosts worldwide by the Tim Tebow Foundation. This foundation, and all of its outreach initiatives, was primarily created to show God’s love to children around the world.

200 honored guests were in attendance and paired with a SCL student or adult “buddy” for the evening. A buddy served as both a companion and caretaker for the guest and helped to ensure safety and a great time. “Our students were wonderful hosts,” stated President Russ. “I am proud of how they truly made the night special for our guests.”

To see more pictures from Night to Shine, visit www.StCroixLutheran.org/NTS

NIGHT *to Shine*
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Student Spotlight: Trang P.

Trang P. came to SCL from Vietnam as a sophomore in 2014 and is now finishing her senior year. She is friendly and soft spoken, and you can't help but smile back when you see her. She is gentle in nature and powerfully inspirational.

Being in the spotlight is "not her thing," but you can't help but notice her at nearly every volunteer event that SCL offers. On some Friday nights, she can be found at Feed My Starving Children, a local charity, radiating joy as she packs food to be sent to needy countries.

She also is a regular volunteer at New Friends, a SCL friendship group that meets monthly to host people with developmental disabilities. Encouraging those in need comes naturally to her.

It seems that she has found her "thing" in serving others and influences others to do the same. While at SCL, she has served as a peer tutor, a snow angel (shoveling snow for the elderly in the community), and steps forward whenever there is a need for student volunteers at an SCL event.

Since coming to SCL, Trang's love of service and helping others has grown beyond participating in activities provided by the school.



In addition to serving others, Trang enjoys chemistry, math, and other advanced placement courses at SCL.

When she returned to Vietnam last summer, she searched online for volunteer opportunities so that she could help people in need in her home country. She found an organization that sends medicine to remote parts of Vietnam.

Her service has been recognized by those who know her. In her junior year, she was chosen as a Student of the Month, an honor bestowed directly from the teachers.

When asked how she has changed during her time at St. Croix, Trang said "I am happier now. Even when bad things happen, I am still happy." Her love of service and giving to others clearly is part of this inner joy.

Trang will graduate soon and is looking forward to a life of service in her future profession, dentistry. She's not sure whether she'll study in the U.S., or abroad, but she is sure she wants to continue giving back to those around her.

International Festival 2017

St. Croix students will host the biennial International Festival on Thursday, April 13. Groups from each of the countries represented at SCL will create an information booth, prepare traditional foods, wear traditional clothing, and provide an activity for fellow students, faculty, and staff.



International Festival 2013



International Festival 2015

Summer Enrichment 2017

SCL students enjoy a long summer vacation in June, July, and most of August.

Many students use this time to study for the SAT while relaxing in the comforts of their home country. Other students like to attend enrichment programs in the United States that may add to their education and familiarize them with a university they would like to attend.

Listed below are examples of programs available this summer. You can find information about these and other programs through the Naviance online system under "Enrichment Programs."

We ask that students share their summer plans with their advisor.

Business and Finance

Georgetown University—
Washington D.C.

Fundamentals of Finance – 3 credits

When: June 4–July 7, 2017

Cost: 3,775 USD (plus residence fees and meals)

Priority Application Deadline:
April 15, 2017

Website: <http://bit.ly/2kUR9TN>

Business and Finance helps students develop practical skills and critical thinking abilities that will benefit them in their future academic and professional lives.

Science and Math

Brown University—
Providence, Rhode Island

When: June 26–August 11, 2017

Cost: 11,500 USD (includes residence fees)

Website: <http://bit.ly/2l807by>

Is your student interested in getting a head-start on college credit, exploring the sciences and math as



possible majors, and experiencing the rigorous education of an Ivy League Institution? Brown's Pre-Baccalaureate Program is designed to engage college-ready high school students in college-level learning.

Medical and Biological Science

Boston College—
Boston, Massachusetts

Boston College Experience

When: June 26–August 4, 2017

Cost: 8,600 USD (includes residence fees)

Website: <http://bit.ly/2lNQa6L>

A variety of classes for university credit including General Biology and Molecules and Cells for credit.

Environmental Science

New York University

When: July 2–August 11, 2017

Cost: 4,975 USD per course (plus residence fees and meals)

Website: <http://bit.ly/2mtcaRB>

A comprehensive survey of critical issues in environmental systems science, focusing on human population; the global chemical cycles; ecosystems and biodiversity; agriculture and the environment; energy systems from fossil fuels to renewable; earth's atmosphere; carbon dioxide and global warming, and paths to a sustainable future.

International Relations & Economics

Syracuse University—
Syracuse, New York

Summer College for HS Students

When: July 1–August 1, 2017

Cost: 6,140 USD (plus residence fees and meals)

Application Deadline: April 15

Website: <http://bit.ly/2lBN8Ce>

Students have the opportunity to enroll in two undergraduate courses for credit and gain a basic understanding of international business and career options along with economic models applied to current issues facing individuals and society.

Computer Science

Carleton College –
ext. of University of Minnesota

Summer Computer Science Institute

When: July 16–August 4, 2017

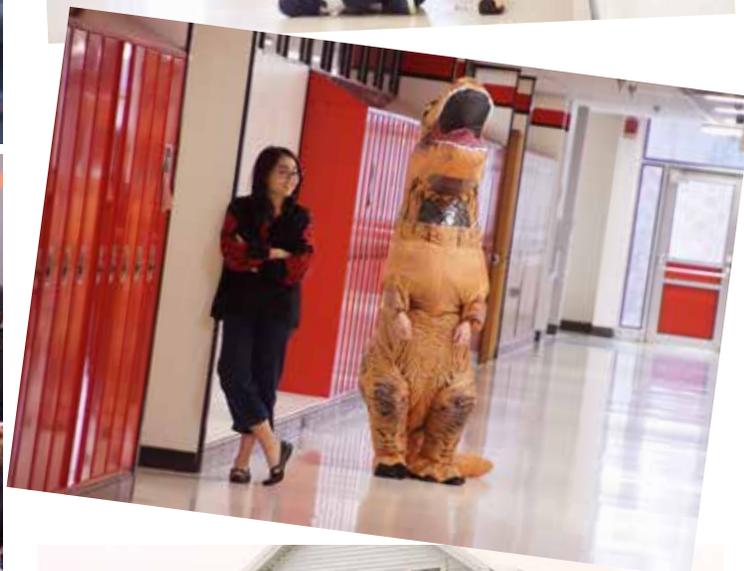
Cost: 3,600 USD (includes residence fees)

Application Deadline: March 25

Website: <http://bit.ly/2mfQD2E>

Students will learn how to systematically approach problems like a computer scientist as they engage in classroom learning, hands-on lab activities, and collaborative guided research.

Winter 2017 Candids



Alumni Updates

We want to hear from you! Tell us about your accomplishments, whereabouts, and family news. Send updates to Alumni@StCroixLutheran.org.

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