

# The Bulldog Bark



St. Anthony High School

Effingham, IL

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Press On to the Goal Philippians 3:14

## *The Neon Dance* by Liz Wortman

On September 9th, the Student Council sponsored the infamous "Neon Dance." As usual, black t-shirts were purchased—despite a major delay in the delivery—and decorated with neon paint and plenty of glitter (for the girls). For the most part, everything ran smoothly. There were plenty of people to set up and clean up, the DJ was great, and—thankfully—everyone passed the

mandatory sobriety test. The dance began around 8:00 p.m. and it didn't take long for the party to start. After everyone had warmed up to the dancing environment, the entire stage was moving. There was confetti flying everywhere and everyone was a sweaty mess, but it was still a great time.

According to many of the students, this was the best Neon Dance yet!

Photography: Marco Chan



## Points of Interest:

- STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS
- HOW MUCH DO YOU STUDY?
- WHERE'S WALDO
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- FALL SPORTS

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Some Junior boys enjoying the cookout after TestingPalooza.



The Class of 2012  
Looking toward a bright  
future (and graduation).





Freshmen



Juniors



Sophomores



Some of the Senior girls had a little trouble with the staged photo. Everyone is supposed to be pointing in the same direction... umm... Jackie.

*The Bulldog Bark* welcomes the following new students:

Front L-R: Hannah Piggush, Rachel Schultz, Chloe Malone, Rachel Beals

Middle L-R: Tyler Ebeling, Branden Kurzeja, Fabiola Rosi, Channing Dial, Darcey DePaolo, Megan Nuxoll, Megan Schmidt

Back L-R: Matteo Secchi, Logan Rogers, John Sandschafer, Giorgio Pillitteri, Mack McWhorter, Alexander Curl, Peter Keller, and Marco Chan.



# Halloween Costumes

by Hailey Bushue

When in doubt, go as...Charlie Sheen? I am not kidding you. Charlie Sheen tops the list as most popular Halloween costume this year. So if you want to wear the most popular outfit for Halloween find yourself some tiger blood, remember to use the catchphrase "winning," and don't forget to go totally crazy. The "Rock Star from Mars" is not the only one hitting the Halloween popularity charts. Some other high scorers for men are (you will never believe it – well, Mrs. Cross will) Zombies. Zombies have made a big comeback this year. Women are dressing as Katy Perry, Lady Gaga, and the ladies from the Jersey Shore. Children are all about the Angry Birds characters this year. Also, it seems that Halloween is not all about the children anymore the adults are getting back into the spirit with more and more adults dressing up within the last decade.



Image from [www.halloweencostumes.com](http://www.halloweencostumes.com).



New staff members join Mr. Kevin Palmer, our new Athletic Director. (L-R): Mrs. Marlene Brandt, Mr. Palmer, Mrs. Christy Hiatt, and Mrs. Crystal Tipton.

**"A good teacher is like a candle -  
it consumes itself to light the way for others."**

-Mustafa Kemal Atatürk

Congratulations to Noah Prince and Michael Kabbes, both Seniors at SAHS. Noah and Michael earned the designation "AP Scholar" from the College Board. They received this recognition for their achievements on Advanced Placement (AP) exams. Both Noah and Michael will have the opportunity to receive a higher AP Scholar award by earning passing scores on their AP exams at the end of this year. Noah is currently enrolled in AP Literature and Michael is enrolled in AP Calculus.

Other students will be eligible for the AP Scholar award this year. Recent SAHS grads Kelly McHugh and Michael McHugh earned AP Scholar designations this past year. Makenzie Weishaar earned the designation of AP Scholar with Honor for her scores on five AP examinations.



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## 2011-2012 Class Officers

### Freshmen

Gus Koester (P)  
Morgan Gardewine (VP)  
Anna Schutzbach (S)  
Madeline McDevitt (T)

### Juniors

Alex Keller (P)  
Nick Nosbisch (VP)  
Emmie Schultz (S)  
Amber Wenthe (T)

### Sophomores

Luke Jansen (P)  
Lexie Niebrugge (VP)  
Sarah Wortman (S)  
Lauren Schmidt (T)

### Seniors

Lauryn Ragland (P)  
Michael Kabbes (VP)  
Sophie Hoffman (S)  
Liz Wortman (T)

**SAHS National Honor Society** recently named the officers for the 2011-2012 school year. Congratulations to Mitchell Wortman (President), Michael Kabbes (Vice President), Katie Bishop (Secretary), and Lauryn Ragland (Treasurer).

## Where's Waldo

by Anonymous

Many of you probably know about the school-wide game of "Where's Waldo," but for those who do not— let me explain. There are tiny pictures of Waldo hidden all around the school. When you find a Waldo, you must take it and hide it somewhere else. This game lasted all of last year and has continued into this year. For all you people who like to hoard the pictures of Waldo, please just hide them and help the game continue. Keep your eyes open and have fun playing *Where's Waldo!*



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## Freshman Spotlight

Sarah Wortman

Emily Willenborg:

Favorite Class: Ancient World History  
Extracurriculars: Spanish Club, FCA  
Sports: Cheerleading

What Emily likes best about SAHS is “ordering out, the freedom, and Sarah’s here!” Her least favorite thing is the uniforms. While Emily does not know where she wants to go to college in the future, she knows she wants to be an anesthesiologist. Emily’s older sister, Claire, is a Junior at SAHS; her brother, Kyle, attends SAGS. In her free time Emily likes to “go to tumbling, babysit, and be lazy!” Over the summer she went on vacation to Germany.

Derek Heuerman:

Favorite Class: Spanish  
Extracurriculars: None  
Sports: Track

Derek says “the teachers” are what he likes best about St. Anthony High School. But, he really doesn’t like the dress code. Derek hopes to attend EIU in the future and wants to study Engineering. He has two brothers at SAGS. In his free time Derek likes to “hang out with friends.” This summer he went to Holiday World for vacation.

## Sophomore Spotlight

by Liz Wortman

**Makayla Walsh**, a sophomore at SAHS, is really involved in sports and extracurricular activities. She participates in cross country, basketball, and softball; Makayla is also a member of Pep Club, First Friday Faith Club, and FCA. Her favorite class is Conceptual Physics, but her favorite thing about St. Anthony is “being with all my friends—including Benton and Tegelsworth—and the Neon Dance.” Makayla says that the worst things about school are the uniforms and having to be in Early Bird everyday at 7:30 a.m.

Though Makayla hasn’t decided on a college yet, she knows it should be “somewhere down south that’s warm all year round.” She doesn’t know what she wants to do for a living, but she hopes that she gets paid a lot. Makayla does not currently work anywhere, but she does help out children with special needs during the summer. Makayla has two siblings that attend SAGS—Kennan and Conlan.

In her free time, Makayla likes to hang out with friends, play sports, shop online, and watch all types of movies. This past summer she visited Chattanooga, TN, to play in the softball world series; she then went to Kentucky Lake to “chill, boat, tube, and jet ski.” Her favorite music is anything that Scott sings to her. Eww.

**Zach Tegeler**, the man of mystery, also took a moment to share his thoughts. Zach’s favorite class is Study Hall (with me). Zach enjoys playing soccer; he is also a member of FCA and Spanish Club. Zach says, “Sophomore year so far has been a lot better than Freshman year, and the best part so far was the Neon Dance!” He is also not a fan of the uniforms, though.

Zach plans to attend SIUE and study dentistry or nursing. He wants to be either a dentist or an E.R. nurse. However, Zach does not work anywhere at the moment.

Zach has three siblings: a brother and sister at SAGS and a little brother at the Pups’ Patch Pre-school. In his free time, Zach likes to play COD, soccer, and hang out with friends.

Over the summer Zach traveled to New Orleans and Orange Beach, Alabama. His favorite music is Mac Miller and Lil Wayne.



## Junior Spotlight

by Keri Utz

Taylor Dirks, a Junior at St. Anthony High School, enjoys participating in cheerleading — when she is not spending her free time sleeping. Taylor's favorite class is AP Language. She does not have any specific plans for college, but she is considering Physical Therapy as a possible career. Taylor likes "the fun people" here at SAHS, but she really doesn't like the tardy policy. When Taylor is not sleeping or cheering, she works at T.G.I. Fridays.

Nick Behl is also a Junior here at SAHS. Nick's favorite class is P.E. He says that "seeing Mitchell and Jordan everyday" is what he likes best about St. Anthony High School. However, Nick does not really like the dress code. In his free time, Nick participates in Golf ("and that's it"). He does not work anywhere at the moment, but he did spend his summer working. Nick does not have any definite plans for college, but he does want a job "that makes a lot of money."

## World Youth Day

by Sophie Hoffman

We heard languages we had never heard before. We saw different cultures we were unfamiliar with. We learned of countries we didn't know existed. All these different tongues, customs, and pilgrims had come to see the pope and grow in our unique faith together.

Over one million young people gathered August sixteenth through the twenty-first in Madrid, Spain to share in our faith. One million strong, we traveled from all different regions of the world. After arriving in Madrid, our group of twenty-nine pilgrims was met by swarms of crowds of pilgrims walking to a concert. All the different races chanted in their own languages, exhibiting their national pride. This sight foreshadowed the festivities for the next days.

The organization of World Youth Day truly was dedicated to the spiritual growth of the pilgrims. We spent hours at the Love and Life Center, the stadium designated for the English speaking people. We listened to the comical Archbishop of New York and had Mass. The bishops of our own dioceses made themselves available for questions from the young pilgrims. We all viewed the Stations of the Cross. We attended the Vigil with 1.5 million people. Thousands and thousands of young people attended these events as one.

The word catholic means universal. World Youth day exemplifies the meaning of our religion. All of these people from all different corners of the world came together with the same beliefs, practices, and faith. Throughout the week, all the young pilgrims chanted two cheers, "Benedicto!" and "Esta es la junetud del Papa!" One is the name of our pope and the other is calling him the pope of the youth. Pope Benedict XVI brought all of the youth to Madrid, showing us the meaning of catholic.

Congratulations to  
Brianna Siemer  
on being selected for IMEA  
District Band!

*What wisdom  
can you find  
that is greater  
than kindness?*

-Jean-Jacques Rousseau

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**BULLDOG SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY**

## Congratulations to Jack Niebrugge!

Jack Niebrugge, currently a junior at St. Anthony High School, recently received notification that he was a semi-finalist in the essay contest for the novel *Anthem* sponsored by the Ayn Rand Institute.

The Ayn Rand Institute promotes annual essay contests that offer 680 prizes and over \$99,000 in prize money every year. Thousands of essays are submitted from students across America and around the world. To qualify, students must be in the 8th, 9th, or 10th grade. Students selected one of three topics for the contest.

## Senior Spotlight

by Paige Oltman

Sami Boggs, a Senior at SAHS, says her favorite class is Health Occ. She is also a proud member of Science Club! This Spring, though, you'll find Sami and Sophie "kickin' bass on the Bass Fishing Team." Sami's favorite thing about SAHS is that Seniors don't have to wear uniforms this year. She believes that upperclassmen should have open campus lunch and no exams for students with passing grades. Sami wants to attend college in California or Florida, but says "SIUE will do, I guess." She wants to be an Orthodontist. Sami currently works as a hostess at the Hilton. Unfortunately, Sami cannot tell us what she does in her free time, but she did share that she went to the Jason Aldean concert. Sami would like to give a shout-out to Alexis Niebrugge: "You're the man!"

Jordan Tabbert, another fabulous SAHS Senior, says his favorite class is P.E. He is a member of Scholar Bowl. Jordan's favorite thing about SAHS is the people. When asked about his least favorite school rule, Jordan replied, "None of them. I love rules. They're what separates us from the monkeys." Jordan plans to attend either U of I or SIUC. He wants to be a rapper or a basketball player — but, in case that doesn't work out (seems unlikely, though) he would "like to be some sort of engineer." Jordan currently mows lawns. In his free time he likes to hang out and spend time "rollin' through the streets in my 4Runner." This summer he went to Boston, Rhode Island, and Wal-Mart.

## Meet Matteo...

by Ashley Conder

Matteo Secchi is one of our foreign exchange students from Italy. Matteo's favorite class is Photography. When he's at home in Italy, Matteo plays soccer. In his free time he likes to go out with friends and play soccer, volleyball, and pool.

Fave Music:	Hip-Hop
Fave Singer:	Eminem
Fave Color:	Blue
Fave Food:	Pizza
Fave Movie:	Gladiator



## Effingham's Waldo

by Lena Grunloh

At the beginning of this past summer, some friends and I got together to make a bucket list. We all threw in ideas to accomplish before summer's end and, by a stroke of genius, St. Anthony alumni Ann Bushur proposed the glorious Waldo. We would make a life-size cardboard cutout, paint him, laminate him, and display him in the town. Inspired by the 2010-2011 school year, our hopes were that once we put him up then someone would "re-hide" him. Waldo would become Effingham's famous little game! My friends and I got Waldo all dolled up to hit the town one night, and we found the perfect spot for him: in the middle of the two animated people on the side of the Job Match building! He fit in perfectly, and we were all a little sad to part ways with our friend. The next morning one of the girls drove by and saw that Waldo was gone. He was either taken to the dump by the Job Match guy on his way to work, or hopefully re-placed. Sadly, we knew the odds of him slumming it in the dumps were high, until we got the news he was still alive! In fact, he was famous! After making it to the Heart Theatre, IGA, the Crossroads Bank, Scrubby's bar, in a senior picture of a girl from Neoga High School, and the Effingham County Jail, Greg Sapp announced a report about our baby Waldo on the radio! You can find the radio link online under the title "Waldo Enjoys a Night on the Town." Waldo, I am so proud of you!



Waldo's first appearance in Effingham.

Photo: <http://www.thexradio.com>

## Engineering Challenge

## SAHS Press Release

Michael Goldstein, a junior at St. Anthony High School, was one of two young men from the state of Illinois chosen to represent the state at the 61st National 4-H Engineering Challenge Event. The Engineering Challenge was hosted by Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana on September 25 through 27, 2011. Michael competed in the National 4-H Computer Event Microcomputer Programming Contest. This program is a computer contest held at the National 4-H Engineering Challenge.



The Mission of this contest is to excite youth about engineering and to provide competitive hands-on design experiences. The objectives of this contest are to provide challenging microcomputer experience which will encourage creativity, promote logical problem solving techniques utilizing microcomputers, recognize youth for their accomplishments in microcomputer applications, and to expand of microcomputer programs in 4-H.

Michael competed in three areas: a written exam, a hands-on programming exercise, and an illustrated speech. The written exam is given to each contestant at the event to determine the contestant's knowledge and understanding of general computer terminology and programming. The second phase of the competition consists of hands-on problem solving. Each contestant is given several short mathematical and logical type problems to be solved and produce printed results. The results are judged on readability, format, organization, and accuracy, and following the instructions given. Contestants demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of how to use spreadsheet software and word processing software. The third component of this competition is the illustrated speech.

Contestants were treated to a campus tour and an industrial tour. Contests competed in an Engineering Bowl the evening of day two and on the evening of day three the two Engineering Bowl finalist teams took center stage to see who would walk away as this **year's champion. Michael placed 2nd in this year's competition!** Congratulations on a job well done!



## Fine Arts Musical—Save the Date

SAHS Fine Arts students will perform *Grease*.

### Cast Members

Erin	Goeckner
Michael	Goldstein
Jesse	Haarmann
Joshua	Hanner
Layna	Hoffman
Sophie	Hoffman
Eddie	Jansen
Luke	Jansen
Christa	Kabbes
Nic	Koester
Gus	Koester
Megan	Nuxoll
Kate	Richards
Lauren	Schmidt
Jake	Spraul
Josh	Wall
Jackie	Wortman

### Show Times

Friday, December 2nd	— 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 3rd	— 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 4th	— 2:00 p.m.



### Supporting Cast and Crew

Rachel Beals, Kara Bourgeois, Allison Bushue, Melissa Bushur, Marco Chan, Hannah Dallmier, Jaelen Deters, Laura Deters, Taylor Dirks, Kelsea Dust, Avery Gardewine, Natalie Goeckner, Tierney Hammer, Michael Kabbes, Kory Kowalski, Chloe Malone, Alexis Niebrugge, Lauryn Ragland, Miranda Rohlfing, Jessica Runde, Jenny Schmidt, Nate Schmidt, Brianna Siemer, Lane Steppe, Anna Utz, Keri Utz, Amber Wenthe, Bailey Wenthe

### Hey boys!... Want?!

If you ever go on a trip with 23 kids, always be prepared for that one person who is extremely strange. On the trip to Italy and Spain for World Youth Day, it was Taylor Mefford! Every time I turned around she was doing something weird. After our first few days in Italy, she was sick of Italian food. While riding in the bus, we passed a McDonalds. It sounded as if Taylor had just seen Jesus. Her joy was short lived because, despite her excitement, the bus driver was not stopping. For the rest of the day, all we heard about was how she wanted some McDonalds. Christa got fed up with Taylor's moping. So during free time, she walked to McDonalds, bought Taylor a cheeseburger and fries, and came back to the little café we were at. All the girls had been sitting around a table talking, while the boys played hacky sack. Taylor was overjoyed when Christa presented the McDonalds. She had to flaunt her glorious cheeseburger to the boys. She held up the burger triumphantly in one hand and shouted over to the boys, "Hey boys!.. Want..?!" She never finished her sentence but proceeded to hysterically laugh as everyone stared at her with blank expressions. Eventually we all started laughing too but at her not with her! We realized that Taylor was our extremely strange person.

### *First World Problems* by Carly Andrews

First World Problems, also known as "White Whine," are frustrations and complaints that are only experienced by privileged individuals in wealthy countries. FWPs are used to make light of trivial inconveniences.

Some "problems" only ever occur in First World Nations:

- "My dad is using my laptop. So, now I have to go downstairs to use my desktop."
- "My sister took my make-up and now I have to go without today."
- "My mom is tanner than me..."
- "I poured cereal in the bowl before checking to see if we had any milk, we didn't."

For more "First World Problems" go to <http://first-world-problems.com/>.

### Murderer Shmurderer

After three years of working at the glamorous Homewood Grill, I've discovered that the ice cream business is more unpredictable than one would guess. The night of September eleventh, a full moon glowing in the sky, madness ran wild at the Homewood Grill. All was quiet on Willow Street, the night was beginning to slow down. At nine o'clock as I was waiting on a customer, I heard loads of cracks. It sounded like gun shots! But this is Effingham.. that stuff doesn't happen here! After this interruption the customer looked at me as if to say "What are you waiting for? Take my order!" I quickly took her order and then talked to my manager about the peculiar sounds. The entire crew decided there was no way it was actually gunshots. Immediately after our decision, we heard more shots and saw two cops fly by our glass box. We begin to doubt our decision and locked the back door. Not that a door would have stopped a mad man from entering or shooting us through the glass! Our customers must have still had some doubt because they decided to sit at our picnic tables and watch the action unfold. Within a few minutes at least a dozen cops and three ambulances arrived. Watching an active crime scene one hundred feet away was not enough for our customers. They decided to walk right up to the cop cars! We always knew our customers were weird, but we didn't know they were totally bananas! Despite the danger and lunacy of their actions, they considerately kept us informed with details of what they saw and heard. So thank you to all the crazy Homewood customers out there for keeping us informed and entertaining us with your crazy antics.

### *Prod Chickens* by Mitchell Wortman

Sophomore Haylee Mathis may not be the first to come to mind when the word 'entrepreneur' is spoken. But for nearly two and a half years, she has made thousands of dollars in a business that she started when she was only twelve: selling chicken eggs.

On a typical day, she will collect about 50 eggs from her nearly 140 chickens. In warmer months, she will make her rounds once a day, but during the winter, Haylee has to brave the cold before the sun rises, checking her yield at 5 A.M. each morning and again after she returns from school. Luckily for Haylee, whenever she is busy with volleyball or other activities, her little sister gladly chips in and collects for her.

"How did such a job start?" you may ask. From the time she was ten years old, she wanted chickens. Two years later, her parents finally caved and gave some to her. Her father then suggested that she sell the eggs. Today, Haylee has four different types of chickens: white leghorn, barred rock, Rhode Island Red, and California white. She sells both standard white and richer brown eggs. For all her hard work, she makes more than \$2000 each year. All of her profits go into her college fund.

# Volleyball



Varsity volleyball players traveled to Newton to compete in a tournament on September 17th. Six schools participated. The *Lady Bulldogs* took 2nd place overall.

## Varsity Volleyball Players Pose for Pics

Hannah Dallmier, Lena Grunloh,  
Katie Bishop, Haylee Mathis,  
Kassy Dammerman, and  
Naomi Gray.



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## Cross Country

by Allison Bushue

Cross Country: The sport we are all convinced you have to be a little insane to try—from 2 a day practices, running 6 miles, and hard track workouts. The upside to all of that is the adrenaline rush after you get done running, eating breakfast at Niemerg's after 6 a.m. practice, short-short Mondays, mud wars, and of course your amazing teammates. The cross country team has run the Chrisman Cow Chip, Shelbyville, Robinson, Tuscola, Mattoon, St. Joe- Ogden, E.C.C, Cumberland, and NTC meets. (At the time of submission) We still have the Bulldog Classic at Mid- America before ending our regular season and hopefully making it through regionals and sectionals to get to state.

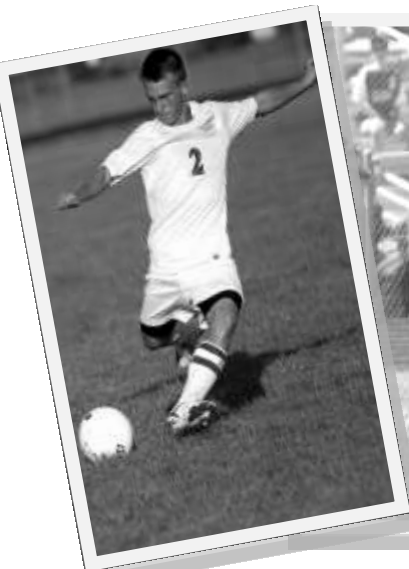


Girls: Liz Wortman, Katie Whightsel, Emmie Schultz, Claire Willenborg, Fabiola Rossi, Paige Oltman, Barbara McGuire, Allison Bushue, Sarah Wortman, and Makayla Walsh.

Boys: Anthony Raddatz, Patrick Grunloh, Ryan Hoelscher, Nick Koester, Mitchell Wortman, Jake Spraul, John Goeckner, Peter Keller, Zach Gardewine, Andrew Gardewine, Mack McWhorter, Drake McHugh.



JV and Varsity Volleyball



Members of the 2011 Soccer team show off their skills. (L-R) Evan Hakman, Charlie Schultz, and Michael Kabbes.

Photographs: Liam Andrews

## Girls Tennis

by D.J. Brummer



This year the tennis girls have been as successful as ever with one slight let-down. With the loss of two seniors from last year, Anna Mitchell and Megan Zumbahlen, in addition to the improvement of our dual match competitors, we unfortunately lost the dual streak of 15+ years and 150+ consecutive matches to Olney. The current dual score for this season stands at 8-1. Despite this, we have had much success with new talent and weekend tournaments.

We have a new coach this year. Yale Reynolds was the sole coach two years ago—having coached for 14 total years. After he left, his father Joe Reynolds

took over for one year; now we have Mrs. Darlene Esker. Darlene Esker has many qualifications with three kids now playing college tennis. We have obviously been bounced from coach to coach recently but, despite the changes, success is still on our minds.

Pictured above is the team at the Sacred Heart-Griffin tournament. The entire team won 1<sup>st</sup> place with individuals claiming other titles. The team will soon be approaching sectionals which we have taken 1<sup>st</sup> in for the past 12 years. This is a very important milestone for all the girls. It will be the determining factor to prove that the tennis program is still thriving. We need this for reassurance after our dual streak loss. Then state will come along. Some will qualify and some won't. But with tough competition, it is an honor just to qualify. All in all, the team has much to look forward to in the upcoming end of the season.



*"I can do all things  
through Christ who  
strengthens me."*

-Philippians 4:13

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## Heaven Help Me by Dear Carlos

Dear Carlos,

My friend is being really annoying lately. She's really clingy and follows me everywhere. She doesn't get any of my hints to go away. How do I tell her this without losing her as a friend?

Signed,  
Annoyed

Dear Annoyed,

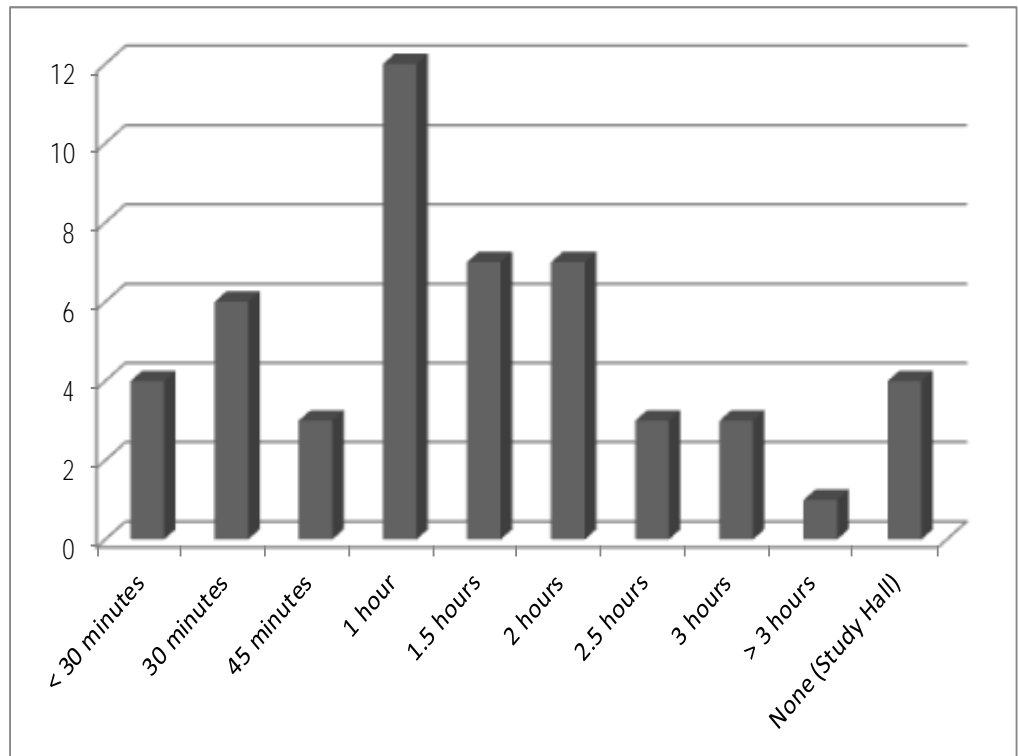
You should seriously reanalyze your relationship with this person. Perhaps, she is being very clingy and annoying, but you sound like you don't want to keep her friendship. Have a talk with this girl. Confront her as an adult. Tell her you just need some space at the time. Then, take a couple weeks and decide whether or not you want to continue your friendship. Just be sure to *communicate* your decision to her well.

Signed,  
Carlos

Got a problem? Contact [bbstaff@sahslit.com](mailto:bbstaff@sahslit.com) —  
Your questions will remain anonymous.

## Study Habits

Compiled by Maggie Mumm



On average, how much time do you spend studying each night?

## The Naming of...

by Paige & Sarah

I was Sarah's dream puppy. Sarah stalked me and my puppy self on the Internet daily. Sarah would have done anything to be able to have the cutest puppy in the world. In order to get me Sarah had to jump a 9 foot pole vault—she accomplished this—and make it to state. Automatically Liz and Paige started coming up with “perfect names” for little me. They were horrible at naming; for example, Paige's cat's name is Cheesy Potato...keep that in mind. Anyway, they came up with names such as Maylee, Pea (which sounds like *pee*), Pretzel, and Polly Pea (after Polly Pocket and her best friend). All these names were just stupid names that no one would ever name their animal. Sarah came up with Mia Bella Mae Wortman. However, Paige and Liz just would not give up. They called me Pea on a regular basis. What is a Pea, anyway? I scrunched my nose at them and attacked their feet every time they got my name wrong. I don't know what their problem was—did they have a speech impediment where they couldn't say MIA!? I personally think that Mia is the cutest name possible for the cutest puppy possible.

Join in next time to see what I do when Sarah's not around!

xxx Mia “Free to be if you're as cute as me.”



And introducing... Mia Bella Mae Wortman.

## *First Fridays Faith Club*

by Katie Bishop

This year Mrs. Kabbes decided to start the First Fridays Faith Club. The club was inspired by the First Friday Devotion of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and was given to St. Margaret Mary by Jesus. Those partaking in this devotion should have a special reverence toward the Sacred Heart and it is in reparation for the pain we have caused Jesus. He has promised everyone who attends mass and receives Holy Communion on the first Friday of nine consecutive months twelve promises:

*I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.*

*I will establish peace in their homes.*

*I will comfort them in their afflictions.*

*I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all in death.*

*I will bestow a large blessing upon all their undertakings.*

*Sinners shall find in My Heart the source and the infinite ocean of mercy.*

*Tepid souls shall grow fervent.*

*Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.*

*I will bless every place where a picture of My Heart shall be set up and honored.*

*I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.*

*Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be blotted out.*

*I promise thee in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who communicate on the First Friday of nine consecutive months, the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving the Sacraments; My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.*

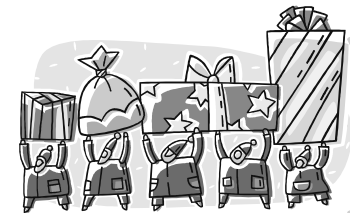


Mrs. Kabbes wanted to raise awareness of the devotion and take advantage of the fact that we attend Mass every Friday at school. She only expected to have a few people come to the first meeting where we would discuss our faith and eat pizza (without meat as a sacrifice to Jesus). To get things started Mrs. Kabbes put a note in the daily announcements and a sign-up sheet in the office to determine how much pizza to order. When she arrived at school Friday morning she was astonished to find over 30 people signed up for the club. Mrs. Kabbes admitted she was slightly taken aback and unprepared for the large number of students — but thrilled to see so many people in the club. The club also met on Friday, October 7, at St. Anthony Church to attend 8:30 Mass. Afterwards, the club **went to Niemerg's Steakhouse for breakfast and a discussion of our faith. The club will meet again Friday, November 4th.** New members are always welcome!

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