

# Eagle Tales

## JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

*Growing up is hard*, especially in high school. In such a difficult time, we are trying to maintain good grades, do extracurricular

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- 4th Back to School*
- 6th Report Cards*
- 7th 7 pm "Our Town"*
- 8th 2 pm "Our Town"*
- 13th Junior Retreat*
- 16th No School*
- 18th 6 pm Open House*
- 19th MCE Visit*
- 21st March for Life departs*
- 25th Advisory Meeting*
- 28th March for Life returns*
- 30th Catholic School's Week.*
- 30th Registration begins*

## Link Thinks

activities, and make college choices. It isn't easy. And all the while, we are trying to grow up. We are trying to show adults what we are capable of, but what can we do? If we try to do something big, we are "too ambitious" and are stopped in our tracks. If we stall for a moment, or even make a mistake, we're "lazy" or "inconsiderate." I feel, after the three and a half years I've been in high school that the best thing we can do to show adults what we are capable of is to stay positive about our future and have faith that God will help us to get to where we need to go. We should not shoot down dreams, we should follow them. The time is coming where we won't be in high school anymore. We need to prepare for the real world. My

generation has new technology to help with that. We've grown up with the growing connection of the internet across the world, where we find new ways to learn things and socialize with people we wouldn't usually. Some adults find it confusing how much we use our phones, but times change and new ideas emerge all the time. If my generation uses technology the way it's intended to be used, keeps positive, and stays faithful, we can do anything. Although growing up is difficult, it is possible. We aren't adults technically (even if we act like it), but that's okay. We should experience high school as our last years to be kids; have fun and learn from your mistakes. We should practice independence and overstep our boundaries within reason.

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need to go*

We would like to welcome Coach Brady Thomas to our Vermilion Catholic Family! The UL graduate and Texas native will be on campus and in the classroom beginning in January 2017. We are proud to have Coach Thomas joining the VC Family.

**Gabe Broussard**  
**Sophomore**

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

*Faith* has always played a huge role in my life.

Many challenges have arisen that I have faced and conquered through my faith in God. My eye disease (juvenile x-linked retinoschisis) gave me a scare when I first found out that I had it, but I realized that through God anything was possible. I realized that my eyesight may go but he gave me the gift of music which you don't need your eyesight for. He also gave me the gift of being able to play by ear which I don't take for granted.

When I was in the audition process for The Voice, I was a little intimidated by older and more experienced competitors, but I knew that God had placed me there for a reason. I felt God's presence in the quiet times while I was preparing for the competition. I felt his presence through my competitors who became my friends.

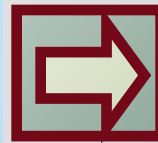
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and gave me such inspiration and encouragement. I felt his presence in my successes and in my failures through all of the people who supported me, especially my family. Through all of these things I saw God, and I couldn't be more thankful for all of the opportunities that he has given me. I trust in his plan for me.



In October, a new ministry program began at VC: **BREAKFAST WITH THE POPES**. Fr. Michael first organized the event to let

the students at our school know what our Pope and his predecessors are saying to youth in the Church. The pontiffs often write and speak to young people, giving them advice on how to live a holy life against the tide of secularism and be authentic, dynamic witnesses to the Gospel. At Breakfast with the Popes, an excerpt of a papal address is given to all the participants for us to read and meditate upon. While we enjoy the "Pope-tarts," "Pope Yes" (Popeye's) biscuits and orange juice (with or without "Pope"), we discuss the advice the Pope is giving to us and how we can apply these teachings in our own lives. This program is a good way to receive practical advice on how to live out our vocation to holiness as young people. Listen for announcements for when the next Breakfast with the Popes will be, and join us as the Holy Father speaks to us!



The VCHS Drama Club presents  
 "OUR TOWN".

January 7th @ 7:00 p.m.

January 8th @ 2:00 p.m.

## Eagle of the Month

9th

**COLIN LEGER**

Luke Camel  
 Madi Thibodeaux  
 Julie Hargrave

10th

**SAGE RICHOUX**

Austin Bourque  
 Madyson Guilbeaux

11th

**GABBY CLARK**

Morgan Fontenot  
 Cody Verret

12th

**TAYLOR ABSHIRE**

Jena Claire Courville  
 Cassie Broussard



**Basketball** has always been a sport that I have loved. I've played since I was three. I remember coming to Vermilion Catholic to watch my older cousins. I would see Coach Kim "Gidge" Guidry at football games and around school and was always curious as to whether or not I was going to experience playing for her. I have looked up to previous

# HUSTLE AND HEART

*"Tradition never Graduates" and I truly believe it* graduates and aspired to be like them; especially my sister Kelly (2016 VC Graduate). She was a star athlete on the team. She was a great defender and a respected leader. I try to fill her position on the team.

The friendships I have gained from playing for VC is indescribable; from traveling all around Louisiana to the special retreats and exciting gatherings we have. We are together year round beginning with workouts in May to the end of the season in March. My teammates are who I spend most of my time with. I've experienced some of my toughest obstacles and the greatest achievements with them; whether it was on or off the court. As a team, we all have one desire - to succeed. To reach it we must work together pushing each other to do our very best.

There is a sign above the locker room door that says "Tradition never Graduates" and I truly believe it doesn't. Coach Gidge tells us stories about previous Lady Eagles and we can all relate to them. We're told repetitively that people come back to watch "Lady Eagle Basketball." We not only play for our own names but the families that have come through Vermilion Catholic. We try to continue on the legacy of the Lady Eagles, year after year.

All we have to do is leave it all on the court for 32 minutes.

*Kylie White*

VCHS Junior

T-Père's  
Corner

## Parlez-vous Français?

The December **FRENCHCLUB** meeting was held on December 6, 2016, the Feast of St. Nicolas. President Bret Lee gave a short presentation on St. Nicolas and the history of the bûche de Noël (Yule Log). The club officers led the members in singing Christmas carols in French and then everyone enjoyed a slice of the bûche de Noël that several members helped to make.

A New Year often brings new resolutions. January 1st is an opportunity to recognize that we want some sort of change, maybe our diet, our exercise habits, or our spending. We make a commitment to ourselves to make a change. We make a commitment to ourselves to do something different. But our goal is achieved only by acting according to our resolution. And we all know that New Year's resolutions go unfulfilled. In our spiritual life, we often speak of this most clearly in the Sacrament of Penance, indeed, every time we say the Act of Contrition. "I firmly trust in the help of your grace, to sin no more, and to avoid all occasions of sin." While acknowledging our need for the Lord's assistance, we resolve to turn away from sin in our life. This is our resolution! Because with this, we are then able to dwell in peace for which our hearts are made. And while we are following through with this resolution, it doesn't mean we are on it. Because if we give up on our resolutions every year, we will never achieve our goals... whether that is our Life Goal of losing 15 pounds. With God's grace, let us seek perseverance in our resolutions