

Caravel NOTES

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Love of Learning Inspires Students and Teachers

A major component of the mission statement of Caravel Academy is to inspire students to develop a love of learning in addition to specific instruction. One way that we encourage this love of learning is to provide field trip opportunities for activities on and off our campus which supplement lessons being taught in the classroom. In fact, field trips or exploratory activities are a key component of our curriculum. The synergy of classroom work coupled with the “outside the box” learning opportunities provided by field trips invigorates our students. Here are examples of activities from the Lower School.



Second graders watch with pleasure as Marone spreads her wings and takes a swim.



The bird project includes intensive research.



Ashland Nature Center and Delaware Museum of Natural History Offer Learning Opportunities for Second Graders

The Bird Research Project is a Caravel Academy tradition and is a cross-curricular project that involves language arts, reading, writing, library, art, and computer. Our second grade students first enjoyed a visit from Ashland Nature Center where they had the opportunity to meet a female Mallard duck named Marone. After the visit with Ashland Nature Center, our students headed to the library to work with **Mrs. Robelen** and **Mrs. Jensen**, who assisted with the book selection and citation processes. Additionally, **Mrs. Hill** helped the children create an art project with their chosen birds. Further, **Mrs. North's** computer class was dedicated to helping the students create a cover page featuring a picture of their topic bird. At this point, our students presented their bird project to their classmates and teachers. Finally, our students wrapped up their bird projects by taking a school bus to the Delaware Museum of Natural History where they watched the Native Bird presentation.

by John T. Smith II
Lower School Principal

Read more about first, third, and fourth grade on and off campus activities on page three.

TRI-M Induction

On February 24, 2016, several Caravel Academy students were inducted into the Junior and Senior Chapters of Tri-M Music Honor Society. They accepted invitations based on criteria related to scholarship, character, leadership, and service. Senior Chapter President **Matthew Hipkins** and Junior Chapter President **Bobby Heath** opened the ceremony. Officers and advisors were introduced. Guest speaker, **Mr. Derek Dillman**, addressed the group and also received an honorary membership. The candidates took the pledge, signed the membership book, and received a membership pin emblem and membership card. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the Tri-M Induction Ceremony.



Physics and the Scientific Method.....In Kindergarten!



To some it looks like “just play,” but **Ryan** and **Ana** used a lot of science and math to make this curvy, domino-like structure perform the way they wanted it to. They started out with the hypothesis that they could line the blocks up (curve included) so that, when nudged, they would topple like a line of dominos. They tested four set-ups before their experiment yielded the results they were after. Along the way they also used language to plan, analyze, and work together successfully. Way to play!

*Mrs. Judi Todd
Orange Room Teacher*

The Easter Bunny Visits the EEC

The Yellow Room friends are enjoying a beautiful morning searching for eggs on the turf. **Jackson**, **Isabella**, **Lauren**, **Hartley**, and **Daniel** pose with the Easter Bunny and the treats they found. Thank you to our CSG for creating fun memories for the EEC.



Children Pose with Honest Abe



During the month of February our students are introduced to the character trait HONESTY and are reminded how important it is to always tell the truth. The students of the EEC traced and cut out their hands to form the beard of “Honest Abe.” Our students proudly pose in front of their collaborative masterpiece!

Blue Room Friends Learn About Dental Care

The Blue Room had a visitor during Community Helper’s week. **Mrs. Dianne Woodham**, a parent and dental hygienist, helped our young students understand the importance of taking care of their teeth on a daily basis. Mrs Woodham helped **Aleh** “dress up” as a hygienist for the rest of her classmates to see.



Orange Room Friends Visit Little Caesars

The Orange Room friends work together on a field trip at Little Caesars upon completing their unit on pizza. Caravel’s Bohn Family was gracious enough to open their restaurant to our students. **Carys**, **Kayla**, **Anaya**, and **Henry** put the finishing touches on their pizza pies!



*Mrs. Wesley Davidson
Director, Early Childhood Program*

First Graders Follow F.O.S.S.

The first grade curriculum incorporates the Full Option Science System (otherwise known as F.O.S.S. Science) to learn about air, weather, sound, and light. The unit began in a traditional educational style with the teacher introducing the topic, the students participating in content reading, and the class discussing the subject matter before the class broke into hands on learning. After learning in the classroom, our students created self-designed parachutes that they were able to fly on campus. Their goal in this activity was to create a parachute that was able to hold snack goldfish and land safely. While several parachutes landed “safely” on the roof of the Lower School, their mission was deemed a success!



Additionally, the first grade visited the Delaware Aerospace Education Foundation where our students had the opportunity to participate in hands on activities and tour the facility.

Kindergarten and First Grade Participate in Operation Dino Dig



TechStars Instructor Miss Kris directed a project to reconstruct a dinosaur skeleton. The children worked in teams to place the bones in the correct location to form a Protoceratops skeleton.

Third Graders Attend a Performance of “Peter and the Wolf”

Third grade students have been studying the many different instruments in the orchestra during their music classes. To help them learn to identify the instruments and enjoy the music created by an orchestra, the students have been listening to “Peter and the Wolf,” a musical composition that was written by Sergei Prokofiev in 1936. “Peter and the Wolf” is a classic children’s story which is told by a narrator and accompanied by an orchestra. Each instrument in the orchestra symbolizes a character in the story. After concluding the lesson in the classroom, our students traveled to the Schwartz Center for the Arts in Dover, Delaware, to hear the Delaware Symphony Orchestra perform “Peter and the Wolf.”



Historical Sites Provide Learning Experiences for Fourth Graders

Dr. Carl Sagan said, “In order to understand the present we must first understand the past,” and our fourth grade students have taken or will be taking several trips dedicated to doing just that. During a trip to Fort Delaware, our students experienced what life was like in 1859 right here in the state of Delaware. Our students were able to meet and talk with a prisoner of war, a school teacher, a blacksmith, and a Union soldier.



Additionally, our fourth grade students will be traveling to Historic New Castle in May. Our trip to Historic New Castle will allow the students to step back in time to experience what it was like for men, women, and children living in colonial times in the State of Delaware. Our students will be able to compare the colonial and current court system as they participate as judges, lawyers, defendants, plaintiffs, witnesses and jurors in a court room. They will also have a chance to experience the George Reed House to learn how families lived while at home in the colonial days. In support of our social studies curriculum, our students have also taken trips to locations including the Franklin Institute, the Kalmar Nyckel, and the New Castle County Courthouse.



Junior Chapter Tri-M

This year, we have 50 members in the Jr. Chapter Tri-M, each serving at least 10 hours each for a total of 500 hours of music-related service for the entire year.

Several of the members have earned service hours working for Ms. Busovsky, Ms. Boyd, Mr. Merritt and Ms. Davis, while helping with the Music Department in many ways. Some examples of jobs the members have been doing are music sorting and storage, pencil sharpening, folder repairs, assembling chair carts, cleaning keyboards, moving chairs and stands for sectionals, and even musically tutoring some of the younger students.

Many of the members have also helped and are continuing to help with Music Department fundraisers such as the Citrus Sale, Scrapbooking, Bingo, being dance leaders at the Lower School Sock Hop, and helping at our performing events as soloists and ushers for the Fine Arts Festivals and Spring Recital. We have also helped the Everett Theater and Caravel Theater Department with play ushering and concessions, and room setup for Improv Night.

Our chapter is also representing our school in the community; for example, we perform at Open House, march in the Middletown parade, and perform in a variety of community groups.

Our chapter-wide projects this year were extremely successful. The first project was Caroling for Cans, which raised \$200 for the Music Department from People's Plaza and collected over 200 pounds of food for the Food Bank of Delaware.

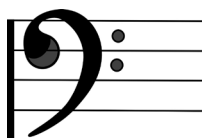
Lower school and middle school families donated to the Food Bank of Delaware in Jr. Tri-M's 2016 Penny Wars! They raised \$1370, which was given to the Food Bank to help 300 families. Every homeroom was a winner, in that we all pulled together to address the hunger problem in Delaware.

Meagan Tyler, Vice President, Jr. Tri-M

Senior Chapter Tri-M

This past year for the Tri-M Music Honor Society has been quite an astounding one. During our annual Caroling for Cans event at People's Plaza, our students sounded great, and raised a record 202 pounds of canned food! Our members were a great help to Mrs. Busovsky and Ms. Boyd with music tutoring and making practice tracks for lower and middle school students. We also helped save some lives with our annual blood drive where we received 31 donations with more hero donations to come!

Matthew Hipkins, President, Senior Tri-M



Tri-M Chapters performed at People's Plaza and collected over 200 lbs. of food for the Food Bank of Delaware.



Senior members Nadia Akhtar, Angela Egger, Matthew Hipkins, Michael Peyton, and Samantha Sullivan with advisors Mr. William Merritt and Mrs. Kelly Busovsky.

SPRING CALENDAR

Apr. 15	Friday	Middle School Dance.
Apr. 15-17	Friday-Sunday	Seussical, a musical play based on books by Dr. Seuss
Apr.17	Sunday	Color Run 5 K. 9:30 a.m.
Apr. 20	Wednesday	Barnes and Noble Book Fair
Apr. 22	Friday	Caravel Carnival Night, 5-9 p.m.
Apr. 28	Thursday	Roller-Skating Night
Apr. 29	Friday	In-Service Day. Prom.
May 2	Monday	Art Festival in cafeteria. Buy framed student art.
May 7	Saturday	Spring Fling
May 10-13	Tuesday- Friday	ERB Testing
May 17-19	Tuesday-Thursday	LS, MS, US, Spring Fine Arts Festival
May 30	Monday	Memorial Day. No School
June 6	Monday	In-Service for LS, MS, US. Last day for EEC students.
June 7	Tuesday	Last day for LS students. Field Day for MS-noon dismissal.
June 8	Wednesday	Last day for MS and US students. 2016 Graduation.

Please go to <http://www.buccaneerssports.com/> to see the schedule for all sports. Then come out to support your Bucs and Lady Bucs.

Please go to <http://www.caravel.org/> for an update and the latest announcements for all activities.

Don't forget to order your 2016 Buccaneer yearbook for grades 5-12. The yearbook is more than 270 pages in full color for only \$60.00.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

As we wrap up another great school year, the Middle School Student Council has participated in some fun activities!

On February 27th, seventh and eighth graders danced the night away at the Formal. Middle School Student Council President **Chase Guyton** said, "The Formal was an exciting event. It was a blast. The DJ also played great music and it allowed the seventh and eighth graders to have a free night to party." The theme was masquerade, and many students arrived with elaborate and fun masks. During the dance, students entered their masks into contests for categories such as Most Spirit, Officer Favorite, and Chaperone Favorite.

Love tacos? Love games? We do, too! On Thursday, March 24, the Middle School Student Council hosted a Taco Thursday and Family Game Night. The Middle School Student Council Secretary **Russell Roberts** encouraged families to come out to enjoy tacos and games and Treasurer **Yode Famodu** said, "Tacos were delicious!" Families came out and played games with their families and competed against other families. It was a fun way to kick off Spring Break!

The final dance of the school year is on April 15th from 7:30 to 9:30 in the cafeteria! Historian **Gerald Bryda** is excited for the next dance. The theme of the last dance is "USA," and Gerald Bryda says, "It will be great!"

On behalf of the Middle School Student Council, we want to thank you for a great school year! We are looking forward to next year and all the fun activities to come!

Meaghan Delp and Caroline Romeo, MSSC Advisors



ALUMNI TUITION SCHOLARSHIP



The Caravel Alumni Association is pleased to announce senior **Skylar Stowell** as the recipient of the George E. Glynn, Jr. Alumni Tuition Scholarship for the 2015-16 school year. She was selected by the Alumni Scholarship Committee based upon

her academic record and her school service as documented in the scholarship application process.

Skylar is a National Merit Commended Student and an AP Scholar with Distinction. In 2014, she represented Caravel at the Delaware Governor's School for Excellence. As a senior, Skylar was elected president of the National Honor Society and selected captain of her Cross Country team, which also named her MVP for the season.

Academically, Skylar has represented Caravel in Math League, Science Olympiad, and World Quest competitions throughout high school. She received an Outstanding Bill Award during her appearances in Dover for the Youth in Government program.

Volunteer work and school service have been important to Skylar and dear to her heart. She is passionate about her weekend work at Nemours A.I. DuPont Children's Hospital where she helps care for the babies and plays with the young children to distract them from the hospital routines in the Child Life Department. She has volunteered as a tour guide and a peer tutor at Caravel and as a kindergarten volunteer at Keene Elementary School. She even volunteered at the Nemours Pediatric Oncology Prom with the National Honor Society.

Her work with children has led her to look for a career in the pediatric medical field. Skylar plans to attend medical school to become a Neonatologist or a Pediatric Oncologist.

*Linda S. Wolfer
Caravel Academy Alumni Association*

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND TEAMS

Caravel's Odyssey of the Mind parent coaches are teaching the future how to brainstorm solutions, engineer ideas, and get along with respect, possibly the most difficult skill. They have handled messy clean-ups from paints and building, enthusiasm that has had difficulty controlling itself, emotional melt downs when feeling overlooked, and joy when the solution works. Such parents as **Craig Sparacino, Ellysia Howell, Jennifer Holdsworth, Sophia Sansone, Alicia Moore, Ric Brown, and Pradeep Sarwadi** deserve recognition for their trials and successes in bringing 47 students through the process of creation and birth of an eight minute, self-created show with technical difficulties requiring solutions, backdrops, costumes, songs, dances, and for one fourth grade team, even their own self-built vehicle. The other coaches include teachers **Tom Mendola, Sue Zebley, Carla Perna, and Mary Kay Valentine.**

Besides surviving the experience of helping seven students create together as a team, these parent coaches also brought their competitive regional teams to respectable scores against an average of 17 other school teams from the same grades throughout northern Delaware. The **Holdsworth** team placed seventh overall and received lanyards and pins. The **Sansone and Moore** team followed with eighth placement. Receiving lanyards with problem regional pins were **Nicholas Sansone, Kali Pragg, Alina Karimi, Jake O'Donnell, Baeden Powell, Isabela Brown and Emma Holleran.**

The **Brown and Sarwadi** team placed eighth overall and first against all other teams in spontaneous. Receiving lanyards with problem regional pins were **Brahmin Brown, Maanvi Sarwadi, Donovan Dixon, Robert Bell and Saharsh Subbasani.**

Sue Zebley's Division II team consisting of **Carter and Evan Keith, Chris Brown, Preethan Bandla, Liam Dilks, and Kush Patel**, scored fourth overall with a third place Spontaneous finish, a placement that sends them to the State Tournament on April 9th. They also received lanyards with pins.

Primary teams are non-competitive. All members receive medals, lanyards, and pins. First grade participants on Tom Mendola's team: **Ryan Howell, Aadi Rajan, Jack Romeo, Jake Womer, Paulina Borland, Will Caldwell, Hannah Li, and Ameet Rao.**

Second grade participants on Tom Mendola's team: **JD Devane, Hayden Haynes, Joeseeph Moore, Aishwarya Reddy, Jayden Sparacino, Sajjan Subramanian, and Elaine Zuo.**

Second grade participants on Mrs. Perna's team: **Audrey Zoe, Tristan DeAngelis, Saasthra Bojja, Morah Marsh, Matt Sansone, Nurai Hoffman and Hailey Haines.**

Caravel Academy's PTC provided funds for the purchase of lanyards and pins.

Mrs. Mary Kay Valentine, Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator



Jennifer Holdsworth's team placed seventh overall. Front row: Quinn McManus, Zach Deakyne, Laila Glover. Back row: Miles Hood, Brooke Holdsworth, Ian Guy, Trinity Wesley.

FIRST LEGO League Teams Invited to State Championship Competition

Our FIRST LEGO League (FLL) had three, well-supported, and hard-working teams last season that have each accomplished new ‘firsts’ for Caravel’s history. The 2015 Trash Trek Challenge was to “identify a problem with the way we make or handle trash.” Then, in customary FLL fashion, the members were to learn more about their problem, create an innovative solution, and share it with the world.

Seventh and Eighth Grade Team

Loaded with experience and family involvement, the seventh and eighth grade team was finally granted one of Caravel’s first State Championship invitations. This group, also known as the “Kings of Compost,” sought and seized opportunities to learn about, implement, and teach the practice of composting organic materials for the sake of reducing landfill waste while returning nutrients back to earth’s growth cycle. From shared studies of the short-term stages of food decomposition, to cafeteria collections of organic materials, all the way to building a yard-waste bin out of palettes for a local business – the experience they gained certainly earned them their title. Members: **Rohan Arutla, Jay Desai, Bryce Franklin, David Hecker, Carter Keith, Ryan Nagle, and Shay Patel.**

Sixth Grade Team

The sixth grade “Dream Team” was also invited to the State Championship thanks to the “Innovative Solution” that earned them a trophy at the Regional Qualifiers. You may already know that Styrofoam is a material that cannot be recycled in the DSWA single-stream process. But did you also know that meal worms eat it up?! When the sixth grade team first learned this, a few of their faces lit up with sly smiles and the “What ifs...?” began... They studied the possibilities, acquired worms for demonstration, proved their theory, and even attended a lab study to evaluate any potential harm it may cause the worms – the results of which I am led to believe, for all of



Caravel’s participants attend the State Championship held at Delaware State University.

you deeply concerned, were in favor of the little creatures! Members: **Rushil Kaushik, Suvil Kaushik, Evan Keith, Jake Parisi, Kush Patel, Sam Singh, and Suruchi Walekar.**



Fifth grader Ella Taylor launches the robot for its next mission of the competition.

Fifth Grade Team

Very early in the season, the fifth grade team engaged on a mission to save wildlife from pollutants that were reaching and contaminating the oceans and shores. Discovering how much of the pollution was due to plastic bags, they decided to join the effort to promote reusable bags as shopping alternatives. Instead of choosing from just paper or plastic at the register, why not show up with your own? An all-rookie team,

involving more girls than any previous season, the heart and compass of this team is poised perfectly for the next 2016 Animal Allies Challenge. Members: **Nic Karpinski, Grace Masten, Arnav Mate, Hope Neuhauser, Saharsh Subbasani, Ella Taylor, Nabeel Trimsi, and Sami Vallury.**

Not to belittle the ‘Robotics’ aspect of FIRST LEGO League, but For the Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology where building the life-skills of teamwork, ‘coopertition,’ and ‘gracious professionalism’ are deep within the core values of this League, the LEGOs turn out to be just another part of the fun!

Mr. William Boland, Advisor



Ninth graders Christopher Slough and Grace Parosky, both previous members, provided their time and energy to help perpetuate Caravel’s FIRST LEGO League program this past season.

JENNI TODD RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS “REGIONAL GOLD KEY AWARD”



Jenni Todd

The Alliance for Young Artists and Writers is a national nonprofit organization established in 1994 to identify, motivate, and validate the next generation of young artists and writers. This program is the longest running recognition program for creative young people in the country. Past winners include Andy Warhol, Sylvia Plath, Truman Capote, Robert Redford, Stephen King, and John Updike.

Recently, senior, **Jenni Todd**, was honored by this organization with a Regional Gold Key Award. Her portfolio will now be adjudicated at the national level.

A peer review is one way to better understand the outstanding qualities of Jenni’s writing. In the article that follows, Angela Egger, a Caravel senior and friend who has followed Jenni’s achievements, reveals additional details about her friend.

Angela Egger Honors Her Friend

Flash forward one year, or even just a few months. See Jenni Todd, situated behind a computer monitor, fingers tapping keys at lightning speed; she’s working on a remarkable article for one of the university periodicals to which she contributes. Flash forward five years to see her in a similar position, except seated at a proper desk, creating a piece of journalistic excellence for somewhere’s Times or Globe or Post. Right now, just as impressively, she’s basking in the honor of a Scholastic Art and Writing Awards Gold Key recognition for her writing.

Judges acknowledge Jenni’s talent.

During the latter half of 2015, Jenni, among the top of Caravel’s senior class, worked tirelessly on creating a portfolio to submit to the program, which has recognized young masters of written and visual art since 1923. I remember many an hour spent sitting with my best friend as she carefully chose from her extensive repertoire of research papers, analytical commentaries, and opinion pieces written

throughout her high school career, finally deciding on two fiery informed opinion pieces, one researched analysis, and one poem, all written more by her heart than by her pen. From an extremely biased standpoint, I remember firmly believing that there was no way Jenni’s work would go unacknowledged, so it’s incredibly fulfilling to know that a panel of judges, all from extremely unbiased standpoints, agreed!

With such eloquence, you would think she had been studying her craft for centuries.

Having observed Jenni in all stages of the writing process, I know all too well the brilliance and passion she has for words and the art of placing one after another, as well as her well-tuned eye for fixing writing riddled with grammatical, syntactical, and rhetorical errors--especially mine, for which I am thankful. She has an uncanny ability to express any idea with such eloquence that you’d think she had been studying her craft for centuries. In her essay ***Sheep’s Clothing***, Jenni insightfully narrates the emergence of teen girl culture:

“It is reasonable to conjecture that over the course of seventy years teenage girls, their biological makeup and predispositions, haven’t changed much. What has changed and vastly affected society’s perception of them is their presentation in our culture. In essence, the wolf was always a wolf; the sheep’s clothing, however, has been shed. And maybe, someday, the wolf will be characterized not by our perception of it but by its own howl.”

In just six pages, one of Caravel’s most highly-acclaimed writers comments on over seventy years of cultural development, further proving her ability to provoke thought and emotion through words, a talent shared by few. I look forward to the years to come, during which my greatest fortune--my closeness to such an adept wordsmith as Jenni--will become the world’s fortune, as Jenni takes the journalism industry by storm.

by Angela Egger

STUDENTS OF THE MARKING PERIOD AWARD

The Upper School has established a “Student of the Marking Period” award in order to recognize our outstanding upper school students for their individual achievements and successes. Students were nominated by their teachers and selected based on their excellence in the classroom, strong moral compass, extracurricular success, and citizenship within the Caravel community. As a recipient of this award, students will be recognized with a certificate of achievement, a picture displayed on the Student of the Marking Period bulletin board located in

the 400-wing lobby, and acknowledgment in the school’s newsletter and on the school’s website. Congratulations to the following students for achieving this honor for the Second Marking Period.

Grade 9: Christopher Slough, Jenna Hopkins

Grade 10: Noah Schwartz, Katie Capristo

Grade 11: Keith Medley, Brianna Williams

Grade 12: Buzz Thompson, Jasnoor Hundal

CARAVEL STUDENT GOVERNMENT

The Caravel Student Government, led by co-advisors **Mr. DeLaney, Mrs. DeLaney, and Mrs. Roarty** and officers **Jasnoor Hundal, Nicole Czechowicz, Nick Schaefer, Hayley Whiting, Jenna Whiting, and Brinda Vaidya**, had a busy spring coordinating and executing school wide events.

This past February, the CSG held the annual candy gram sale. Students gifted their friends, teachers, and family members with delicious chocolate roses during the week leading up to Valentine's Day. Sergeant at Arms **Brinda Vaidya** conducted the preparation for candy gram making and the sale of the chocolate. Co-advisor **Mrs. Roarty**, the CSG officers, and members of the CSG executive committee met in the cafeteria on January 30th to make the chocolate roses. 673 candy grams were delivered throughout the campus on February 10th.

For the second year in a row, the CSG held its Send Love to Our Troops project, which was directed by Secretary **Hayley Whiting** during the month of February. All students, from pre-school through twelfth grade, decorated and wrote thoughtful messages on pink heart-shaped valentines that were delivered to veterans at the Wilmington VA Hospital in time for Valentine's Day. On February 5th, the CSG shipped a grand total of 981 valentines to the hospital.



CSG volunteers attend the Special Olympics bowling event.

On March 8th, co-advisors **Mr. DeLaney and Mrs. DeLaney**, the CSG officers, and members of the CSG executive committee took a trip to the New Castle Bowlerama bowling alley to volunteer at this year's Special Olympics bowling event. The Caravel volunteers did a fantastic job distributing bowling shoes, gathering bowling balls, keeping score, supporting and encouraging the athletes, and handing out medals at the end of the event.

From March 7th to March 21st, Historian **Jenna Whiting** led the CSG in hosting the Sunday Breakfast Mission's Hope Tote drive, which collects and donates hygiene products to homeless people in need during the Easter holiday. Students of all grades made a difference in a multitude of Delawareans' lives by collecting an admirable total of 2,522 hygiene products.

Additionally, President **Jasnoor Hundal** managed the preparation and execution of the annual Easter egg hunt for the EEC and Lower School. During the CSG's weekly Wednesday meetings leading up to the egg hunt, the executive committee filled Easter eggs with candy and decorated Easter bags for the egg hunters. On March 22nd, the preschool and lower school students had fun searching for eggs and greeting the Easter bunny.



CSG Executive Committee prepares for the EEC and Lower School Easter Egg Hunt.

Jenna Whiting, CSG Historian

ART DEPARTMENT PLANS SPRING EVENTS

We have our two main events coming up in April and May! Come out and enjoy a colorful run and a night full of art! **Caravel's Third 5K Color Run** will be held here on campus on Sunday April 17, at 9:30 a.m. This is a colorful, fun family race that will raise money for Caravel's Art Department. Each participant will run through a course around the CA campus twice. There will be color stations set up throughout the course where the runners will be covered with colored powder! Event registrations will be \$25. Fill out the Color Run registration form located

in the main office and turn it in to the main office or to Mrs. Hill in room 506 with your payment. Please make checks payable to Caravel Academy. There are no refunds. More information will be on the registration form. Thank you for all of your support this year!

Our **2016 Art Festival** will open on Monday, May 2. Come see all of the beautiful work that our students have created this year. Each hallway will be covered with artwork from grades 1st-12th. There will be games, activities and more in the cafeteria. Just like last year,

your child's framed and matted artwork is for sale for \$25! **This framed work will be available only on opening night.** In order to purchase this artwork, find your child's framed art, and pay at the checkout table. All purchased frames can be taken home that night! We will be featuring our very own **Tyler Frank** to perform for the night. Come out and support our artists!

The display in the hallways will remain in the hallways through May 12.

Mrs. Tina Hill

BLUE-GOLD CLUB

The Blue-Gold Club at Caravel Academy sponsored their first annual Wing Bowl in the big gym on January 30, 2016. The event involved teams of local coaches, Caravel students, and Caravel faculty in a wing-eating competition that raised \$2000 for DFRC (Delaware Foundation for Reaching Citizens), the group that sponsors the annual Blue-Gold football game at UD Stadium. DFRC “enriches the lives of Delawareans with intellectual disabilities,” and the Wing Bowl also involved many of these great people, who had a wonderful time along with everyone else present.

The many members of the Blue-Gold Club still have work to do beyond the Wing Bowl, however. Not only will the Senior Ambassadors **Holly Brooks**, **Sam Esper**, and **John Chido** and Junior Ambassadors **Liz Smith** and **Magnus Wamble** be participating in DFRC events leading up to the



Blue-Gold game this summer, but also the Blue-Gold Club will be continuing to raise money and support for the work of the DFRC. For example, on April 17th in the Caravel cafeteria, the Club will be putting on a Spaghetti Dinner, sponsored by Trattoria di Napoli. As everyone agrees, the work is worth it for the lives that are impacted for good.

Dr. Ron Cheadle, Advisor



The first annual Wing Bowl raised \$2000 for DFRC (Delaware Foundation for Reaching Citizens).

MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE

On the weekend of January 8-10, 2016, a group of ten Caravel students: **Jenni Todd**, **Jessica Zarin**, **Angela Egger**, **Lasya Katta**, **Rachel Carlton**, **Allie Staman**, **Amanda Stull**, **Mike Peyton**, **Prithvi Arora**, and **Noah Schwartz** traveled as a delegation to the Model UN conference at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, PA.

Led by **Jenni Todd** and **Jessica Zarin** and advised by **Dr. Cheadle**, they served as delegates of countries to the General Assembly of the Model UN, sponsored resolutions in various regional groups of nations, and worked as reporters in the press.

Lasya Katta was named to the YMCA Youth Conference on National Affairs (CONA) for the second straight year, and the entire group was named an Outstanding Delegation at the conference despite competing against much larger delegations. Their influence far exceeded their numbers, and they represented Caravel Academy with distinction and grace.

Dr. Ron Cheadle, Advisor

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

The 2015-16 season was a magical journey for the Middle School Boys Basketball program. From the start of tryouts to the final buzzer of the last contest, the “A” and “B” teams put on a spectacular display of force that culminated in a joint record of 16-6. As in previous seasons, the Buccaneers’ ferocious team defense led the way. Opposing teams were held to just 24 points per game, including eight contests in which they were kept under 20! Complementing their great “D” was a high octane offense that accumulated 775 points for the season. When put together, the young Bucs won 13 of their 22 games by double-digits! What really made the season so special, however, was the unified spirit of the team. Practices were intense, games exhilarating, and it was all due to the amazing fervor that was demonstrated by every member of the program each day. Indeed, the 2015-16 season was a resounding success!

A very special thank you goes out to our managers, **Cameron Baines** and **Josh Masten**, as well as our volunteer assistant, **Zach Wiley**. The success of the program would not have been possible without their hard work and dedication all season long!!!

Coach Mike Regan



2015-16 “A” Team Roster

Back Row (left to right): Cameron Baines, Josh Masten
Middle Row (left to right): Jamison Young (22), Jabin Niehaus (44), Cole Reynolds (40), Wyatt Nelson (30), Brandon Rich (31), Blake Bryant (4)
Front Row (left to right): Dannie Buchanan (1), Hossam Afzal (5), Timmy Holly (33), David Preziuso (11), Bobby Heath (21), Brandon Johnson (2)



2015-16 “B” Team Roster

Back Row (left to right): James Valentine (11), Josh Morrow (22), Jacob McKinley (14), Michael Anderson (21), Maximus Macario (20), Brandon Brooks (13)
Middle Row (left to right): Zion DeShields (1), Ben Farraj (4), Amari Gordon (12), Tyler Johnson (10), Tyler Bishop (3)
Front Row (left to right): Cameron Baines, Josh Masten



Players listen attentively as Coach Regan explains the strategy to secure positive results.



Dannie shows speed and agility as he dribbles around the opponent.



Middle school cheerleaders perform at the boys basketball games.

VARSITY SWIMMING

After graduating 14 seniors last year, we were a little worried about the size of the team this coming season. We had no reason to worry; we have the largest team to date with 31 swimmers! Having many new swimmers, some with experience, most without, all have come a long way since the very first day of practice. They have worked hard and have proven themselves very capable in the sport of swimming.



were also junior **Amanda Ladzinski**, sophomore **Allie Staman**, and eighth graders **Meagan Tyler**, **Colleen Sheridan** and **Grace Li**. Sadly, we say goodbye to our seniors; in addition to those already mentioned are **Forrest Flanagan** and **Karthi Jayakumar**.

Both teams worked hard and demonstrated a lot of motivation and commitment.

Saturday, February 27th, marked the end of the season with the DIAA State Championships. Caravel was represented by both the boys and girls by entering three relays into the meet. It was a very exciting meet for our swimmers, with several earning best times. Eighth

grader **Meagan Tyler** competed in the finals and finished 11th in 200 freestyle and 16th in 100 butterfly in the State!

The boys team was led by captains and high point scorers, juniors **Jacob Puharic** and **Thomas Edwards**. Newcomers, senior **Jacob Sierzenski**, juniors **Alec Elliott** and **Max Lester** were significant contributors to the team. Returning sophomore **Ryan Marando** demonstrated his versatility by swimming any event needed.

The girls team was led by captains and major point contributors; seniors **Lauren Collison** and **Lindsey Pugh** had a great season. Lead point scorers

Substantial time drops have been accomplished by all who have participated although too many names to be mentioned, every last member of the boys and girls teams contributed to this season. Thanks to all managers, and parents for their commitment to this team, as we couldn't have done it without you. We appreciate all you do!

Coach Ringler and Coach Delp



SPEED AND AGILITY CLINIC SET FOR SPRING TRAINING

Last fall, alumnus Mitch Wiley hosted the first Speed & Agility clinic for third, fourth, and fifth graders at Caravel. The clinic was held after school one day a week for four weeks. It was a huge hit and had over 25 students in attendance. At the clinic's end, each athlete received a packet with a list of speed and agility drills they can practice at home as well as a t-shirt. This group of motivated athletes showed how training for the sports they love is not only fun but also rewarding!

Now, we are ready to sponsor this same clinic for spring training.

The young and motivated future Buccaneer stars will learn things such as proper running mechanics, acceleration and deceleration techniques, and other ways to increase their speed and quicken their feet. Some of the agility training includes agility ladders, reaction belts, sled training, parachute training, and resisted sprint training. On the last week of the clinic, the student-athletes will put all of their training from the previous weeks into action in everyone's favorite way—competition.

The dates for the clinic will be 4/21, 4/28, 5/5, and 5/12 (Thursdays). We will also be opening it up to second graders this spring.

Mitch Wiley

LADY BUCS BASKETBALL



Caravel Academy Girls Basketball finished 14-6 after a tough regular season schedule. Featuring a youthful lineup, the girls had big wins over Parkdale (MD), St. Elizabeth, Padua (twice), Conrad, Howard, and Trenton Catholic (NJ). This team and season were all about the process of developing our young talent and figuring out our identity as a group. The team showed mental toughness with buzzer beater game winners by **Ondia Brown** and **Maia Bryson**. **Grace Lange**

executed an end of game field goal to send an additional game to overtime. Players adjusted to new roles and responsibilities while working hard and coming together.

We earned the #6 seed in the DIAA Basketball State Tournament. We had a bye and opened the tournament with a win against Woodbridge. In the quarterfinals at the Bob Carpenter Center, our season ended in a loss to Sanford. The underclassmen will use the early end to the season as motivation to improve during the spring, summer, and fall.

“You have no choices about how you lose, but you do have a

choice about how you come back and prepare to win again.”
– Pat Riley

We are committed to putting in the work to earn a longer stay at the Bob in 2017!

Caravel girls basketball says goodbye and good luck to senior forward **Morgan Hojnicky** and senior manager **Ashley Kerns**. Their hard work and dedication have been a huge part of the most successful era in Caravel girls basketball history.

Coach Caldwell



BUCCANEER BASKETBALL



The Boys Varsity Basketball program has had a rough time over the past few seasons. Coming off a 3-17 season last year, the hopes of a winning season seemed slim. However, the culture of the program seemed to take a sudden turn this season, as the team won 12 games and made their first tournament appearance since 2009. The charge was led by a core of seniors, who have seen the program through the struggles over the past two seasons, and a few new player additions.

The season started off with a commanding win over nearby rivals including Glasgow High School, in which new sophomore addition **O’Koye Parker** scored 35 points and powered the team to their first win. It only took the team four games to match the win total of last year. Senior guard **Colton Esper**, sophomore guard **Billy Mckenzie**, and junior **Matthew Sengphachanh** provided consistent scoring to go along with **Parker** who became one of the top offensive players in the state, averaging 24 points per game.

The defensive effort was led by sophomore **Mandela Montgomery** and senior **Charlie Doordan** who provided resistance and determination while guarding opponents. Seniors **Kyle Maher** and **Bryce Carney** and junior **Drew Rollins** added much needed rebounding and interior play to balance the team filled with guards. The versatile freshman **Brandon Sengphachanh** also impacted games greatly doing everything from playing point guard to playing in the post.

The boys entered the tournament as the 21st seed and played the 12th seeded Appoquinimink High School in the first round. The boys team battled back from an early 20 point deficit to reduce Appo’s lead to two points before eventually falling 70-62 as time expired. However, the future of the basketball team looks bright with many returning players along with the JV team, which finished their season going 13-7. The team is looking forward to next season.

Charlie Doordan, Senior Team Captain

A Season for the Record Books

The Caravel Wrestling team went 9–2 during the regular season, which is one of the best regular season records for Caravel Wrestling for some time now. With such a great dual meet season, the team qualified for dual meet states; the ninth time in the last twelve seasons.

No one can doubt the dedication the team took this season. On and off the mat, everyone believed in themselves and set a standard of excellence for all future wrestling teams at Caravel. The team had one upper classman who was brand new to the sport, **Joey Silan**, as well as eighth graders **Kevin Haldeman** and **Joe Schaefer**, who came out to help the wrestling team fill pertinent weight classes and ended up having quite a successful year. This year was also the first time in the last few years that the wrestling team had all 14 weight classes.

This year, the Caravel wrestlers also had a great season individually. The team had six wrestlers place top four in the conference, which qualified them to the DIAA Individual State Tournament. The conference champions were **Josh Dailey**, **Colin Adams** and **Keith Medley** with all three champions’ begotten first period pins. Other state qualifiers were **Nick Barnhart**, new comer **Joey Silan**, and **Curtis Linton**. Freshman **Luke Duarte**, **Andrew Yuh**, and junior **Nick Schaefer** were alternates for the state tournament by placing 5th, 6th, and 6th respectively in the conference. **Harrison Dalton** also had a great conference tournament in a very tough 170 lb weight class. The team would also like to thank its managers, **Madi Bolander** and **Lauren Collison** for all their hard work.

This year’s team had two seniors, **Chris DiEdoardo** and **Matt Grant**, whose entertaining personalities and great work ethic will be sorely missed; however, with the team’s core of returning starters, as well as a tough group of rising eighth graders coming up from the strong middle school program, the future of Caravel Academy’s Wrestling team is looking outstanding!!!

Coach Michael Welch



Varsity Wrestling team is ready to compete.

Individual Wrestling Honors

Keith Medley: Conference Champion and State Runner-Up

Nick Barnhart: Conference Runner-Up and 4th in the State

Josh Dailey: Conference Champion and State Qualifier

Colin Adams: Conference Champion and State Qualifier

Joey Silan: 4th in the Conference and State Qualifier

Curtis Linton: 4th in the Conference and State Qualifier

Andrew Yuh: 6th in the Conference and State Qualifier

Luke Duarte: 5th in the Conference

Nick Schaefer: 6th in the Conference



*At the Yellow Jacket Invitational, eighteen teams competed. Caravel came in second place with 232.0 points. **Keith Medley** was named “Outstanding Wrestler.”*



***Nick Barnhart** placed 4th in the DIAA Individual State Tournament.*

VARSITY INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

The Boys and Girls Winter Track and Field teams enjoyed a great 2015-16 season. Unlike years past, the weather was optimal and our athletes were able to make the most of warm practices and great competition.

The boys team was led by seniors **Matthew Hipkins** and **Corey Hamlin**, and the girls team was led by sophomore **Katy North**. The Buccaneers faced competition in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and New York as well as qualified in all relays for the State Championship Meet.

Katy Peyton, Jayson Bak, Zandrew Bowe, Corey Hamlin, Jason Nunley and **Magnus Wamble** all qualified for and competed at states in their individual events. The highest point scorer for the boys was **Jayson Bak**, and the highest point scorer for the girls was **Katy Peyton**. The Buccaneers is a growing and talented team, who look to continue their excellence in the coming spring.

Coach William Merritt



VARSITY WINTER CHEERLEADING

The Caravel Academy Varsity Winter Cheerleading team had an outstanding year. The team covered home basketball games for the Varsity Boys team, and competed in three qualifying competitions throughout the state, winning 2nd place at two and qualifying for the state competition. The state competition was held at Smyrna High School, and senior **Hailey Reed** led the team. We finished 4th place overall and received awards for Best Choreography.

Morgan Carey, Kylie Lepere, Jenny Armistead and **Grace Silicato** were nominated for recognition with the Cheer Hawaii program and were invited to the prestigious Cheer Hawaii camp for the 2016 summer season.

Recognition at the banquet included team awards to the following: **April Gessouroun**, Most Improved; **Morgan Carey**, Leadership Award; **Kaelyn Conner**, Coach's Award; **Emma Leefeldt**, Most Spirited; and **Grace Silicato**, Most Valuable.

Coach Trisha Ziemba





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CHORAL GROUPS PERFORM AT WALT DISNEY WORLD



A BIG congratulations goes out to the Caravel Academy High School Wind Ensemble and Elite Choral Ensemble for being selected to perform at Walt Disney World! Each group prepared a 25 minute show including a variety of selections in addition to a few popular Disney tunes. It was also an honor to have Mrs. Peoples and the Manubay family attend the performance! This was certainly a memorable experience and an honor for these musicians to be able to represent Caravel Academy in front of hundreds of people.

