

## Dean's Office Announces Partnership with Obama for 2017-18 Year

### Partacz excited for tracking chips, drone strikes

SEAN MACANDER '17

In an effort to curb disruptiveness, disrespect, and other general hooliganism, the St. Rita High School Dean's office announced they are partnering with former President Barack Obama for the next school year.

"I am very excited to work with St. Rita," said Obama. "A combination of the tactics used in the White House plus some brand new technology we have been working on in Area 51 for the past ten years will ensure the safety and security of the Ritan people. Our exceptionally surgical and precise punishments are matched by none."

Dean of Men Joe Partacz seems excited about the collaboration. "Next year," he said, "we are projected to have ten times more iPads taken away and instead of just viewing students' social media accounts, we will have direct access to their iMessages and Snapchat. This will allow for any slander against the school or any semi-funny tweets to be registered and the names will be posted immediately on the jug list."

Any browsing data will also be up for sale to local restaurants, colleges, and future employers to ensure the security of their enterprises. Profits from these sales will go directly to the Admissions Office t-shirt fund.

In addition to directly surveilling student iPads, President Obama announced that he will be implementing his favorite type of security, drone strikes, into the classroom. For every 25 jugs handed out by a teacher, they will receive a drone strike. While the drones are only shooting Jolly Ranchers at the offending student, this terrifying experience is "sure to be a necessary assertion of power that will secure the classroom for at least a few days," according to Partacz. While The Natir is unsure on the legality of such procedure, President Obama said, "I did not sign up to be president so that people can tell me I can't bomb Americans. See you in court!"

The students' reactions to the new announcement were surprising. At least some students were expected to be critical of the new measures, but surprisingly, zero students had anything to say. In fifteen random interviews with students, all moderated by Partacz, the students were shaking with excitement. A young freshman said, "Oh yeah, I think it's great! Though it may not be for me. I think I might talk to my parents about transferring." He could not be reached for further comment at a later time.

Off the record, students said they haven't been this scared since that one actor told them to shut up during the MacBeth performance. "The intimidation tactics this administration is using is getting out of hand," said a junior. "However, we did sign away our dignity by coming to this school." The raise of tuition for next year was also stepped another couple of hundred dollars to pay for each student's tracking chips.

"Our tracking chips will allow the Dean's Office to observe and study the migration patterns of our students," noted Partacz, "as well as allow us to zap the students if they get too close to the chapel foyer."

### Freshman Viz becomes first SR student to go entire school year without showering

STEPHEN VIZ '18

In a memorable achievement and stunning turn of events, St. Rita freshman Peter Viz has become the first St. Rita student ever to withhold from showering for an entire school year. Viz's last shower was August 15th, several days before the inception of his freshman year. He reportedly became very close to breaking his shower-less streak throughout the course of the school year, but through determination and lots of encouragement from family and friends, Viz was able to pull off this feat.

Known by his family and close friends as "Stinky Pete," "The Greasy Goblin," and "Mr. Musk," it seems that Viz has always had a nose for unsanitary habits. He has been known by several people to regularly skip hygienic issues but he had never completely skipped showering before the beginning of freshman year.

When asked where he got the inspiration for his disgusting accomplishment Viz replied, "Why bother showering when I can be doing other things? I've never liked showering as it is vastly time consuming, and skipping it all together freed up 15 to 20 minutes a day where I could be things that I actually wanted to be doing. So I thought why not just skip showering altogether?"

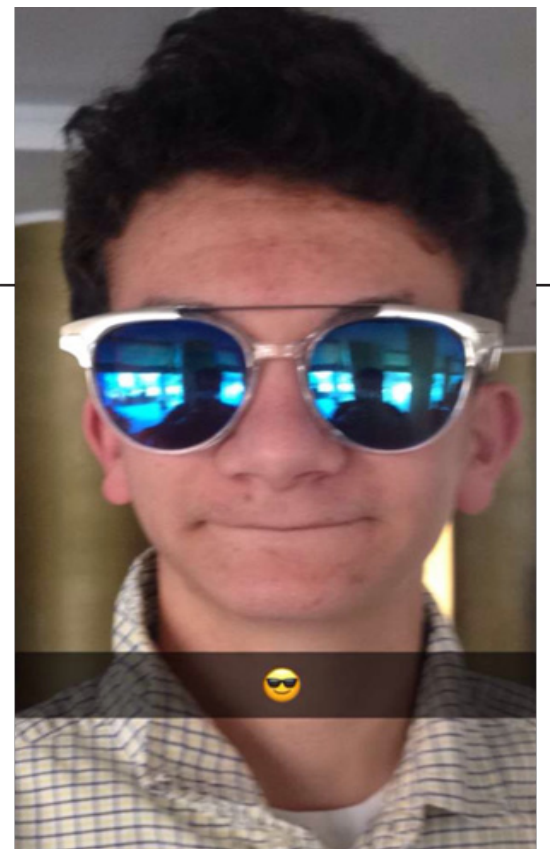
Viz had this epiphany several weeks before the beginning of the school year, so he put

plenty of thought and planning into this decision. After deep thought, he ultimately decided he could pull it off; however, Viz struggled several times during the school year, grappling with this decision to remain unwashed.

"I'll admit, I almost gave in several times," he said. "You really do dive into a whole new world. It's harder than anything I have ever done. You don't really miss showers when you are taking them, but abstaining from them completely really does take a toll."

To keep "fresh" during the school year, Viz went through 217 spray bottles of Axe body spray, 113 sticks of deodorant, and plenty of various lotions and creams to subsidize the lack of showering in his everyday life.

When asked if he had any regrets on not showering for close to 9 months, the fragrant freshman responded with a laugh, "No regrets but definitely something I won't try to replicate." While Viz plans to return to showering regularly, he also does have other possible anti-hygienic feats planned for the future, such as possibly withholding from using deodorant. So for the time being and the foreseeable future, it seems that "Stinky Pete" will truly live up to his name and defend his title as the ultimate champion of the anti-hygiene crusade.



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## MONEY

# SR Stock Club embroiled in Ponzi scheme, SEC investigations

MIKE RUTTER '17

The St. Rita Stock Trading Club has a long history of success and prestige. For several years the club has seen excellent results which represent the whole of the school very well.

One would not have to look very hard to see St. Rita at or near the top of the leaderboards in Illinois high school competition. The 2016-2017 season looked extraordinary early on, with the Mustangs both leading or in second place in the daily results for several months. The competition is judged on how much money a team earns in relative relation to the Standard and Poor's 500- an industry standard of investment broker performance. Roughly 80% of brokers underperform the S&P 500 annually; thus, St. Rita children are among the most elite of brokers.

The teams managed a 60% return on investment in a span of eight months, as well as a 24% return, beating the S&P 500 significantly. But those banker schmucks managed to goof it up and lose the competition. Team 814, led by senior Josh Jackson, was penalized for orchestrating a Ponzi Scheme. The scheme primarily targeted the elderly, and took the money and supplied fake bank statements for the victims to be under the impression of financial growth. A tip-off led to a prompt investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission which concluded in a significant fine and the detainment of Jackson. He faces a minor slap on the wrist and possibly a Saturday jug.

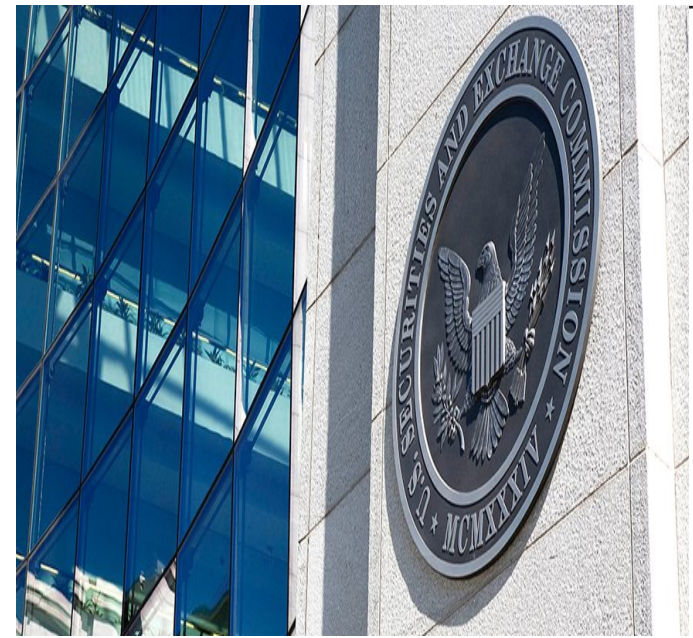
While some were outraged at the harsh sentencing,

the SEC released the following statement on Twitter: "Well it isn't like he murdered anyone. He just stole old people's money lol." Team 813 lead by senior Mike Rutter also saw excellent results initially, but quickly saw a downturn in results as the duo of investors began acting more and more like wall street fat cats. The investors opted to spend money on various cars, lavish private jets, and an unreleased Wu-Tang Clan album. The expenses marked the installation of Wall Street-ism in the two's lifestyles. Wall Street-ism is a syndrome which is only present when a person begins to earn large sums of money and begins to act irrationally. Wall Street-ism is also entirely made up by the author of this article and has no medical proof among any qualified study except for on the Wikipedia page which was also created around the time of this article. Jackson refused to comment on the advice of his lawyer Mr. Kellam.

"It's exciting to see the fine development of capitalism within our students," said an unnamed school administrator during an interview. "We couldn't have any more pride in our Ritamen and their capitalistic tendencies. It is part of their graduation outcomes to have developed an exceptional sense of financial literacy and affinity for keeping the means of production disparate from the owners of capital."

It certainly is interesting to see the economic behaviors of two teens fueled by capitalist interests. Without a doubt, their school has had a profound in-

fluence on the clever and cunning nature of the two. If only that pesky SEC stayed away, they could have made a significant donation to the school.



## LOCAL NEWS

## No technology equals no good

### Tech-free day ends in disaster

PETER VIZ '20

St. Rita incorporate a "technology free day" at school this semester, and it's safe to say that it will probably be its last. Many students were taken aback by the fact that the school announced that during a regular school day the students would not be allowed access to iPads or phones during the school day. Of course some students tried to beat the system and hide and use devices, but as usual the law won and the devices were confiscated. When kids were getting to school in the beginning of the day, most of them were about to get ready for one of the hardest days of their lives so far.

"I never thought that the school would actually do this," said a student, "but once they announced that it was actually a reality, I was about to pass out."

On the day that so many students were dreading the halls of St. Rita looked so dismal and sad. iPads and iPhones had not been checked the whole day by many students accustomed to this technology being an integral part of their daily routines.

Not only were students getting restless, but they started to show weird signs that one doesn't usually see in a healthy teen. By lunch, the halls were in a uproar, with food being thrown and books being burned. If that was bad, then the lunchroom was a living nightmare, because even though Mr. Boyd can only do so much, he was taken over by angry students of all ages.

"The kids started to act dangerous," said Coach Kuska. "The 'no technology' was to blame for this, but they needed it."

Most people wouldn't call it ideal to be in a room with 30 angry, frustrated, and confused boys. With two periods left in the school day, things around the building were starting to get scary, and some questioned whether to get out while they could. Even though the students couldn't have any sort of technology, that doesn't mean that the teachers couldn't, which eventually led to much controversy in classrooms. All seemed to die down, but then a couple students started having panic attacks and convulsions due to the fact that they had not looked at a screen in over

six hours.

"When a few kids started to drop from their desks and shake I didn't know what to think," said a very shocked sophomore. "I thought they were just joking, but it turns out that they needed to be revived by a device."

After many angry parents had gotten phone calls from the hospital that the students were sent to, the school had little choice going forward. Most of the administration said that there were more benefits than risks to omitting technology for the day, but a mob of outraged parents and students waited outside of the school with signs and chants trying to win over as much people possible to choose their side in banning these type of days. In the end, to avoid a number of lawsuits and different allegations against the school and the administration, technology free days have been banned.



## NAMES IN THE NEWS

# Natir writer can't think of article to write

KYLE GUSTAFSON '19

St. Rita sophomore and Natir journalist Kyle Gustafson was in his room on April 22nd, 2017. He was suffering through Mr. Baffoe's latest article about the Chicago Bears when he decided to check the deadlines for his fourth quarter Natir article. He was shocked to find that the topic proposal should have been turned in weeks ago, and the article was due the day before. Kyle was quick to give an excuse for his ignorance of the schedule.

"I've been pretty busy outside of the club," he explained. "I've had homework, hockey, the NHL playoffs, naps and procrastination keeping me occupied. It's not that I haven't been giving my article any thought, though. I just wanted to make sure this one was good. Everyone knows that the Natir is the most important club here at Saint Rita. The students were heartbroken when we didn't deliver an issue for the second quarter. They definitely noticed. Everyone is relying on us for their satirical-newspaper-about-Saint-Rita fix, and I wanted to deliver. My articles so far have been pretty disappointing."

Gustafson's last sentence is an understatement, as he has struggled through his first year and a half with the club. He started his Natir career by calling sophomore Connor McGrath a puppy that the hockey team adopted in an article that makes absolutely no sense. The work causes Gustafson to cringe to this day, and is still better than his first, rejected version of the story. His articles have improved slightly since then, but are still glaringly mediocre, and his last submission for the club was a poem. Yes, a poem. I know, what a loser.

Thus it is with good reason that Kyle has put a lot of thought into his next article. All that thinking, however, has yielded little results.

"I have had a few ideas, but didn't think they were creative enough," Gustafson elaborated. "This next article needs to be a breakout piece. It has to actually be entertaining, not like the rest of the junk we churn out. I thought about writing about Fr. Paul's changes at St. Rita, but those articles are old news, and it's time for a change from that. The Seinfeld Club was an interesting topic, but I figured I would have nothing to write about. I considered covering the student government elections but those papers turn out the same every year. Writing about the new mini mesters was also an option, but that ultimately felt like a waste of a week. None of those topics seemed good enough, and now I don't know what I'm going to do."

So now Kyle is in a tough situation. He sits on the couch, having just finished his homework and Mr. Baffoe's article, unsure of what his next steps should be. It is his duty as a committed Natir member to get an article written and published, but he knows that he will be called down for dinner any second. There's no time to start thinking right now, especially on an empty stomach. He can squeeze in an episode of *Impractical Jokers*. Or two. Maybe he won't be writing an article this quarter, after all.

## FAREWELL AND GOOD RIDDANCE

### Where in the world are the Seniors headed?

JACK WOJCICKI '17

The past four years have been a roller coaster of emotion for the Class of 2017 and the St. Rita community that has shaped them. Over 150 young men walked in with outstanding potential and slowly but surely broke the will of several teachers and administrators. As their careers on 77th and Western come to close, let's take a look at where some of them will be going in the months and years to come.

The class of 2017 is full of some of the best and brightest. Valedictorian Trevor Scianna will finally be moving out of the monastery and beginning at Villanova University, where he will be rooming with Fr. Tom McCarthy, OSA. Salutatorian Brian Murphy will be attending his dream school Northwestern University--which is really just his excuse for not wanting to move out of his house because he is a momma's boy. Colan Fitzgerald, a nominee for Mr. Mustang and every other award this institution has ever awarded students, will make history by becoming the first person since the Virgin Mary to ascend straight to Heaven. Fitz is just so nice that Death doesn't want to burden him. Michael Rutter plans to fly down to Daytona Beach, Florida and attend Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. He later plans to go missing flying solo around the world. Godspeed, Rutter.

On the athletic side, it was another successful year for Mustangs chasing college dreams. The class of 2017 is led by several football players signing to play for Lovie Smith at the University of Illinois. In four years they will all be drafted by the Lions. Several baseball players will not be hanging up the cleats after this year's upcoming loss in the sectional final to another Catholic League Blue team: Joe Trezek and Tyler Woynerowski will continue to play and eat kielbasa at Benedictine University; Steve Washilewski will pitch for the Jayhawks of Kansas; Nino Rizzi will carry on his bench-warming career at DePauw University; Cal Greenfield will catch at the University of Flor--wait, never mind.

It is also worth mentioning that senior Matt Hovorka has joined the few and the proud by enlisting in the United States Marine Corps. We wish Hovorka the best of luck as he fights to protect Mr. Blaszak's right to start afternoon announcements five minutes late every day. Cousins Jimmy Conroy and Sean Macander will once again be attending the same school as they both head down to the University of Alabama. There just seems to be something about Alabama and cousins. Adam McCarthy will be following in his dad's (Tim McCarthy '85) and brother's (Timmy McCarthy '15) footsteps and attending the University of Illinois. Adam has also changed his name to Tim.

Nick "Flats" Kinnerk plans to join a semi-pro baseball team called the Electricians. His twin brother Danny, along with Matt McGury and Myles Leyden will be buzzing the next four years for St. Ambrose University lacrosse. Liam Kelly refuses to become a washed up athlete and will be playing football at Ambrose, as well. Charlie Pienta is the unanimous winner of the second annual Casey Cronin-Chavez '15 Award for Student Most Likely To Not Realize He Graduated And Is Still Always At Rita For Some Reason.

St. Rita will be losing one other thing after the conclusion of this school year, something that will leave a much bigger void than these seniors ever could. Mr. Brian Gilbert has turned to the dark side and has accepted an administrative role at St. Laurence High School. It would seem that Gilbert's many attempts to overthrow Mr. Conroy have failed and with Fr. Paul now suppressing his every move, the founder of the St. Rita Communist Party--err, Club--is taking his tech skills elsewhere. The Natir wishes Gilbert the best of luck, as he'll surely miss this place.

The Class of 2017 is unique in many ways and their absence will surely be felt after May 20th. Mr. Kellam, for one, isn't feeling too broken up about it. "Finally," he twitched.

For the final time, this is Jack Wojcicki, keeping you updated on all the goings-on of St. Rita High School. It has been a ride. Go Vols. Thank you.

## SPORTS

# SR baseball has a new easy going dress code



KEVIN HEALY '18

Before the 2017 St. Rita baseball season, Varsity Head Coach Mike Zunica and his coaching staff made an unforgettable decision that would greatly impact all players in every level of the Rita program. "We the coaches, have come to an agreement, to allow you the players, to dress up in costumes, funny outfits, and informal attire for most away games this season," said Zunica. This decision came as a shock to all the players but ultimately had every single player showing their exuberance. Coach Zunica and his coaching staff were very confident in making this decision.

"The main goal of this strategy is to keep things loose with the players and coaches," said current assistant coach John Nee, who will be taking over head coaching duties next season for the retiring Zunica. "The season can become a drag for some of these kids, especially if we make a run at the State title in June."

This plan seems to be taken after Chicago Cubs manager Joe Maddon, who's been having his players dress up throughout the season dating back to his days as manager of the Tampa Bay Rays. Some of the themes the coaches had in mind include superhero day, pajama day, "strictly business," wacky suit day, and favorite TV characters. As for the players, this project has been the only thing buzzing for all mem-

bers of the baseball teams and other students as well.

"I am very eager and excited for this opportunity," said an anonymous player from the varsity team. "I can finally wear my Curious George outfit I have in my closet."

Currently mid-season, this plan has been a huge success. The varsity team has already had dress up themes for away games against Providence, Brother Rice, Mount Carmel, and Loyola. The most positive responses have been for a USA suit, a Batman costume, a Buddy the Elf onesie, and a Napoleon Dynamite outfit.

The St. Rita baseball program has gained plenty of attention from many newspapers, media outlets, and especially baseball programs from other high schools. This storyline has even helped the Mustangs future for incoming freshman, gaining huge amounts of consideration from young baseball players now wanting to get a chance for this awesome experience.

"What Coach Zunica and his staff have done is incredible," said Mount Carmel Head Coach Brian Hurry. "I immediately saw how relaxed and loose the Mustangs were once the game started. Don't be surprised if our program and multiple other baseball programs are doing the same plan next year and for years to come."

Another intention the baseball staff had in mak-

ing this decision was to celebrate Zunica's final season as Varsity Head Coach. Zunica has done wonders for St. Rita High School and this new plan would be one last great ride for the long time varsity coach.

"We the administration at St. Rita, approved of this plan because we thought it would be a great way to honor and thank Coach Zunica," said St. Rita Principal Brendan Conroy. "We wanted to give Coach Zunica the most unforgettable last year ever and we thought this would help accomplish that."

At a pregame ceremony earlier this month prior to taking on Catholic League rival Loyola, St. Rita announced it would be retiring Zunica's Teletubby onesie. The coach was unable to take the surprise without some tears being shed.

It's obvious to see how this plan has positively impacted the baseball program, the players, and the athletic department for years to come. This strategy for the players could not have come at a better time because of the pre-season expectations the Mustangs were facing. It's evident to understand that Zunica's strategy has not only helped his players for the 2017 season, but created memories that will last a lifetime.

## LIFE/DEATH

## Students freak out over final exams

LIAM DALY '19

The end of the 2016-17 school year--it's so close some kids claim they can taste it. They are excited for a number of things like sleeping in, going to the beach, and not having homework. There is just one problem: they still need to take final exams.

Yes, it is that time of year again, and as school winds down students who have slept through 70 percent (some studies have claimed the number to be upwards of 80 percent) of their classes are freaking out over finals.

Finals, the tests that determine what you have learned over the semester and occasionally the entire school year are an anxiety inducing, stupid, and pointless event that should be banished. (Sorry, that was my inner student talking.) But finals have caused some across the St. Rita student body to find different coping methods.

I went and asked the freshman their thoughts on finals first; the reason being is that this is the first time ever having finals for many of them. "I am so scared I have not slept in two days because I have been studying so much," said one.

Another student has been doing as much research as he can. "I saw on Google that if you listen to classical music it helps you," said the little fella, "so I have been listening to Beethoven for a week. I also saw that if you chew gum when studying, and then chew it during the final it helps you remember stuff."

It is safe to say that the freshmen are incredibly stressed out over finals. I then decided to go the sophomore class and see how they are handling finals. From what I was able to decipher the sophomores are very confident going into their fourth finals of their high school career. One student was so confident he said he would get a 100 percent on every final he took without studying.

"You know I am just so experienced in taking finals that I already know what they will put on the test," he bragged. "This is going to be so easy."

Some sophomores however are realist and understand the importance of finals. "This is the final semester I can really change my grade point average!" one cried out. "I need to study. If I get below a 4.6 G.P.A my parents will kill me!"

The juniors seem to be the most level headed. Most of them understand what they need to do, and how much studying will be required to get a good grade. But that hasn't stopped some students from freaking out. "I need to do good on these finals so I can look good for colleges!" moaned one. "If I do not do good, I won't ever get into college!"

Yes, junior year is the most important year, but that has not stopped kids from having a cocky swagger to them. "This is going to be a piece of cake," said junior Kevin Healy.

Speaking of cocky swagger, that brings us to the senior class. The students who are just done with high school. The majority of them will not take finals because of the rule that if they have an A in a class they are exempt. They feel they have nothing to lose, with most of them preparing to sleep through the exams. One student was kind enough to take a break from riding his bike down Western Ave. to answer why he is not going to study.

"Why should I try? I am done. I have already chosen what college I am going to, there is literally no point in studying for these finals."

Yes, it is safe to say while the rest of the school is freaking out over finals, the seniors are calm, cool, and collected. Finals for freshman, sophomores, and juniors begin on May 30, so only time will tell if all the sleepless nights and studying will pay off, or if they will choke. Let's be real, though--they are going to choke.

