

# MILLENNIUM VOICE

The student newspaper of the Millennium Art Academy Community

“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I remember, involve me and I learn.” Ben Franklin  
Herman Guy, Principal Laura Inman, Advisor

## Student Team Triumphs in First-Ever Turkey Bowl Win!

by Michael Perez



Photo by Edcarly Cruz

It's that time of the year again, when students and teachers confront each other on that football field! On November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014, staff and students participated in Millennium's 6<sup>th</sup> annual Turkey Bowl, a tradition in which students can battle it out

with teachers to claim the title of Turkey Bowl Champs.

Mr. Ferron started the tradition back in 2009,

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## Women's Winter Fashion by Franchesca Sanchez

Are you wondering what's new or in for women's fashion? Fashion is looking pretty glamorous this time of year. The weather may be chilly but, that doesn't mean you are limited to how you can dress. You can always look fashionable and stay warm and cozy at once.

Many females I know enjoy dressing comfortably during the winter season. There's a new trend called "Game Changers" in a fashion magazine: BCBGMAXAZRIA (BCBG stands for "Bon Chic Bon Genre," which means "Good Style Good Attitude" in French). This style consists of a street-chic cred for winter fashion. In other words, it influences a style of what people like to wear to appear cool or tough. Sweaters, earmuffs, feathers, hats, bandanas, and gloves are involved with this new look for the winter season.

Another new trend from the bombastic magazine I would recommend is "Midnight Masquerade." This style consists of beaded and/or lace masks, glittering jewel tone cocktail dresses, high heels, and necklaces that are silver and also beaded. I would wear this style of clothing myself since it reminds me of a dark version of glitz and glamour. The dresses and shoes consist of dark colors (black, purple) and the colors make the glitter stand out.

A new trend that I believe is phenomenal for the winter season is "Tres Chic." This style consists of neutral colors, which would really stand out with a touch of gold. Although these white and nude colors may at first sound boring, they blend in with winter because they merge with the winter season and the holidays. Simple dresses or skirts aren't necessarily boring since you could add any color you think brings out the entire outfit.

BCBGMAXAZRIA has a store where you can order online but the outfits and accessories are extremely expensive. With the trends I've described, I also recommend a website called

Polyvore.com, where you can receive a version of a specific piece of clothing, footwear, jewelry, etc. for a cheaper price. Usually, the item will look slightly different from the original but it's still pretty good. Another online app I recommend is Wish (you can download it on an Android, iPhone, or Smartphone device). This app is different from Polyvore, but you can also buy items for an affordable price as well. This is simple, so if you decide on these new trends, they will be easy to find anywhere.



## Go, Stevo!

By Carmen Diaz

The girls on the Stevenson volleyball team were all shocked when they lost on their first playoff game against Bronx Leadership High School. I am on the team, and I can say for all of us that we tried our best and we had an overall great season. Knowing that many of our former teammates will be leaving to start their lives in college is one of the reasons I'm going to miss this season a lot as well as all the other girls from the team. We were a group of sisters ready to attack and always be in a positive mood whether we lost or won any of our games. We never gave up, and that's one of the things I love most about volleyball. When it comes to volleyball, we all have one thing on our mind, which is to have fun and do our best.

Coach Tesio, of course, is an amazing coach! Sadly, she couldn't be at our playoff game, but we had Lorenny Nunez, an alumna. Also softball Coach Ouiment was there to support us. We couldn't have been there without them! Our season may be over, and many of the girls from the team may be graduating, but some will be back next year, and I am one of those girls. I will end this by saying that we loved this year's season, and will miss each other dearly. We will cherish the memories we had together as a team. GO STEVO!!!!!!!!!!!!



The Stevenson Volleyball Team

## The Final Play

By Nahidur Rhaman

Talk about an incredible football season for Stevenson High School for 2014! They made it all the way to playoffs. For the playoff game Stevenson played Frederick Douglass High School and won with a score of 30-0, making it an incredible win for Stevenson High School. Stevenson also played an unbelievable game against George Washington High School, the undefeated champions, and won by a score of 26-24, knocking them out the first round of playoffs. At the semifinal where all the pressure was on, Stevenson played an amazing game, but sadly lost their spot to Eagle Academy, 18-20, making it a very close game for Stevenson. After their loss to Eagle Academy the team was heartbroken, with players saying their goodbyes and farewells to the seniors of the team with teary eyes.



and students and teachers have participated in and loved it ever since. Each quarter is played with a different grade competing against our educators, with 12<sup>th</sup> graders leading the charge and setting the tone. The first quarter of the game was an all-out war between Millennium’s seniors and teachers. It was a very intense, non-scoring quarter, which ignited the flames within the rest of the players.

During the second quarter, the 11<sup>th</sup> grade dominated the teachers, blowing them out 28 to 0 due to Tysheem McGregor’s passes, Anthony Zapata’s touchdowns, and Albert De Jesus’s interception. The team cooperated beautifully, with the line doing a wonderful job as well, protecting the quarterback and penetrating the opposing offense. Throughout the third quarter, the 10<sup>th</sup> graders took a whack at it, yet their efforts were overshadowed by our teachers’ will for a comeback. Teachers managed to score three touchdowns, two led by the ace himself, Mr. Sajac, and cut the score down 28 – 21.

In the final quarter, probably the most suspenseful of all, Millennium’s newest students, the freshmen, tried to keep the gap between the teachers and students wide. Student Damien Davis managed to score two more touchdowns, widening the gap 42 – 21, giving us students our first victory in Turkey Bowl history! It was a very proud achievement, that all of us students achieved together.



The key factors in our students’ win over the staff were our growth and maturity as we all worked together for our goal. The student teams also had experienced players from the Stevenson football team, which may have aided the rest into a successful direction. The annual Turkey Bowl is always a fun and memorable event in which all of us students show our school spirit and determination, working together to win for our pride. It’s another positive way in which we could all interact with each other outside of the classroom.

All staff and students would like to thank Mr. Fleitman and Mr. Connolly for organizing it, and the rest of the people who gave a hand to make it such a successful event. Most students had a positive reaction, such as Edcarly Cruz, who said, “Overall it was very successful, but I would love to see more events before the game and more females playing in the game itself.” Mr. Sajac commented, “It’s always fun playing in the Turkey Bowl against the students. They came in organized and younger and played an amazing game. I am looking forward to next year’s rematch!”

Photos by Edcarly Cruz



## Pongal, The “Great Indian Thanksgiving”

by Diana Roopnaraine

Did you know that Hindus also have a Thanksgiving holiday? It's called “Pongal,” and it is always around January 14. The history of the festival can be traced back to the Sangam Age, i.e. 200 B.C. to 300 A.D. Pongal celebrates the sun's movement towards Capricorn, as it begins its six-months-long journey northwards. Pongal is called “The Great Indian Thanksgiving.” One Pandit, or Hindu priest, says: “The word ‘pongal’ comes from the word ‘ponga’ which literally means ‘boil,’ and so ‘pongal’ connotes overflowing. It is also the name of after a sweet dish that we eat during Pongal.” The recipe is below.

### Pongal Recipe



#### Ingredients

- » 1 cup Rice
- » 1/4 cup Moong dal
- » 1/2- 1 tsp jeera
- » 1/2-1 tsp peppercorns
- » 1/2 tsp pepper powdered fresh
- » A few Cashewnuts broken
- » 1/2 cup dessicated Coconut
- » A pinch of Turmeric powder
- » Ghee

#### Method

1. Fry the Moongdal a little till you get a light flavor.
2. Mix the dal with the rice, add 2 -3 cups of water (the rice should cook very, very soft)

Pongal recipe, cont.

3. Add turmeric powder, coconut, a few peppercorns and a 1-2 tsp of ghee to the rice and pressure cook till done.
4. When done, take a kadai add sufficient of Ghee to it, more the ghee better it tastes, add jeera, pepper corns and cashewnuts.
5. Add the cooked rice mixture, add pepper powder, salt and mix well with the ghee and jeera/cashewnuts.

### Faculty and Staff Learn CPR

by Ms. Lissette Castillo

Last month a few staff members got the privilege of coming together to participate in a CPR training class. Our facilitator was informative, witty, and very hands-on in teaching us the ins and outs of proper CPR implementation. We were able to work with both adult and infant dummies on how to administer CPR as well as use a defibrillator. We practiced what to say in cases of emergency, how to approach the victim, and how to handle the situation once a victim is deemed unresponsive. It was both a learning and an amusing experience watching everyone take their turn in trying to perform CPR on a dummy. However, it was extremely helpful for all of us who deal with students every day as well as have our own children to know that we all left qualified to help those in need of medical attention both in our school community and in our own lives.



## “Dear Jane” Advice Column

by Lexi Reyes

Hey, and welcome back to the “Dear Jane” advice column! Jumping right into an issue I recently received in the Question Box, a few students asked about how to deal with “disrespectful/bad” people, including teachers, other adults, peers, and more.

Now, of course, there are going to be people in life that you come across that you won’t necessarily be fond of, but there is a huge difference between dislike and disrespect. Disliking someone doesn’t undoubtedly mean that you will disrespect them or that they will disrespect you, but there are many, many people in this world who take things too far, and unfortunately cross that line. As a person, much less a student, you must know the opposition. If someone is making you feel uncomfortable or upset by making rude comments about or insulting you, it can be extremely easy to reciprocate that behavior. As the intelligent beings that we are, we must assess the different ways to go about this situation in a calm and mature matter. Doing so will show whomever it is who is mistreating you that you are an educated person, and that you will absolutely not tolerate treatment other than what you deserve. Here are a few tips on how to deal with a situation like this:

### #1 : Ask them to stop.

As “childish” as it may seem to some of you, asking whoever is disrespecting you to stop just might work. I know most of the time, it doesn’t, but it does count as a sort of warning to that person, and if they continue after you’ve asked them, it can be considered harassment.

### #2 : Tell a dean, principal, or guidance counselor.

Something so little as saying, “*Hey, this person is doing ...*” or, “*this person is making me feel...*” can totally resolve your problem. Going to an authority figure not only eliminates the risk of an argument or fight, it also depicts your level of maturity and your unwillingness to engage in those sorts of actions.

### #3 : Report.

Again, although it might seem “childish” to some of you, reporting this person rather than engaging in an argument or fight can have a further lasting effect. Reporting them won’t only force them to acknowledge their actions, but will most likely result in them being reprimanded by a higher authority, and having to face a consequence.

To end this before it gets too wordy, don’t take any crap! YOU have to look at yourself in the mirror at the end of the day, and being a teenager, self-esteem is a tough enough thing to deal with. No one needs other people affecting how they see themselves, and that’s something we all learn through time and experience. Everyone is beautiful in his or her own way, and once you believe that, **YOU WILL BE HAPPY!**

Have a great winter break, everyone!

## MAA Art Club

by Andre Ogando

Here at Millennium Art Academy, Ms. Blau runs an afterschool art club as part of Career Visions. The group meets Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 2:30 to 5:30.

The group gives students a space to work on their portfolios for school or just for themselves. Ms. Blau helps students to work on their own styles and to create bodies of work that show their individuality.

In the club, the students are encouraged to draw and paint from their own imaginations as well as from references of other well-known artists and things found on the web, or in museums. The club recently went on a field trip to the Brooklyn Museum to view a very special installation art piece by Judy Chicago, a feminist artist from the 1970s. The club also saw work created by a handicapped and mentally ill artist, and then went to the main level to view a really interesting exhibit about the high heel in fashion. Students saw highlights of the permanent collection, including

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Egyptian art, at the museum. Lastly, students viewed a special exhibit of contemporary artists working in Brooklyn, creating mixed media and video pieces.

Students in the art club are encouraged to take art outside the classroom and think about how it applies to real life, as well as the city and global communities. Students also consider how art can be a part of their lives now and in their future goals, for college, and for careers. Some of the club members also just enjoy art as a hobby or way to express themselves.

## The Winter Formal

by Edcarly Cruz

We want more! That's the response of every single one of the students who attended the MAA formal. The Senior Committee proved to the student body that they are capable of planning and organizing school events that are exciting for everyone. The formal incited school spirit and anticipation for upcoming events. Now everyone is talking about it. Seniors are constantly being asked, "When's the next one?!"

The Class of 2015 Senior Formal was a success; for those of you who missed it, you were left out of the theme's surprise, the crazy dancing, the crazy photo-taking with your crew and the endless drinking of water bottles because of how hot the cafeteria got. Some comments from attendees were: "It was so unexpected; I loved the club-like feeling," and "It was so nicely decorated!" Let's not forget the photo-booth and the repetitive but still enjoyable DJ! The Senior Committee will endeavor to bring more fun and exciting events throughout the following months. So glad you guys enjoyed it!

## Video Games Are Life

By Trevor Allen

There's a video game club at MAA run by Mr. Paterno, on Wednesdays and Thursdays after school. Mr. Paterno wanted a video game club to let students enjoy themselves and not only play games, but also do research on how they could apply their talent in games and make it into a career. Mr. Paterno commented: "The video game club is a place where kids can relax and just enjoy themselves, and also they will be able to learn how to use these skills in the real world, and maybe make careers out of this." A few of the games are *Super Smash Bros*, *Modern Warfare 3*, *Call of Duty*, *Black Ops 2*, and *Mario Kart*.

There are many games to play and three of the best systems: PlayStation 3, X-Box 360, and the Wii. Now you know what games are there and where the game club is located, so sign up for the program and head to Mr. Paterno's room after school every Wednesday and Thursday.

## Video Game Review

by Dominique Singleton

Get your game systems ready, because here is the video game review of the winter! First up: *Middle Earth—Shadow of Mordor*. This game has the fighting styles of *Batman: Arkham City* and *Assassin's Creed*, with *The Lord of The Rings* and *The Hobbit* storylines together. This game is set loosely between *Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit*. This tells the story of a ranger by the name of Talion and his family who have been murdered by the Black Hand of Sauron. In this game you will have to fight Uruks on your way to find the Black Hand of Sauron. This game is good for adventurers who love action-packed games. Next up is *Hyrule Warriors* for the Wii U. If you are a big fan of *Link* and *The Legend of Zelda*, then make sure you pick this game.

This action spin-off ditches the traditional dungeons and puzzles. This game is all about fighting, with a wide range of characters with many different fighting styles. There is bound to be a character for you. Finally *Super Smash Bros* for the Nintendo 3DS: this has Nintendo's best game mascots. It is a four-player game, so grab your friends and get started. There are new stages and characters for a lovely selection of your choosing. You start off with 36 characters, with other new characters unlocked over time. There are many different ways to play these characters, and all fun for everyone. So make sure you grab these three games and start playing!

## Movie Review, *Hunger Games (Mockingjay, Part 1)*

by Sydne Warren

The movie *Hunger Games: Mockingjay—Part 1* came in first place when it opened on November 21, 2014. This film had the highest advance ticket sales of 2014. It grossed \$56.9 million on Thanksgiving weekend and was number one at the box office for two weeks. This very emotional and action-packed film stars Jennifer Lawrence as Katniss and Josh Hutcherson as Peeta. *Mockingjay* is a science fiction dystopian action-adventure film. After Katniss is rescued from the Quarter Quell, she awakens inside the compound under the allegedly destroyed District 13. District 12 has been reduced to rubble, and Peeta is captured by the Capital, but they have also brainwashed him; this leaves Katniss

this leaves Katniss believing it is her fault that Peeta is captured, making her feel more guilty than ever.

This movie was the most emotional movie of the trilogy. You begin to see the changes of all the characters in *Mockingjay—Part 1*. They stand up for what they believe in and even die because they are tired of how the capital is treating them. Jennifer Lawrence as Katniss is so captivating it might bring tears to your eyes. This movie is very intense and shows you that you can stand up to anything. Overall this movie is enjoyable and entertaining so you should watch it as soon as you can.

## Spirit Week

by Edcarly Cruz

This academic year is the year of many firsts here at Millennium Art Academy. Students won the Turkey Bowl for the first time, and we have the first ever drama club, the first college lounge, and the SOAR ideal: Scholarship, Opportunity, Attitude, Respect.

This year is also the first time ever that the Senior/Yearbook Committee worked a compromise with the Student Government Committee to endeavor to get 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades to work together in school activities, therefore benefitting everyone involved.

This year's Spirit Week made a different turn, and seniors should reminisce for a bit about how much it has improved since our 9th grade days. Take a moment to reflect back on how the thought of participating in this event was intimidating or simply stupid; at the time, we worried about being judged as kids by the upperclassmen or simply making a fool of ourselves, while some of us weren't doing it because the "crowd" wasn't doing it.

One thing I can tell you is that we definitely learned it is a great way to get closer with teachers, staff, and peers from other grades, and it is also a spotlight chance to be nominated Best Dressed or get your picture in the school's newspaper.

It is a fun way to become a different person and let your spirits "run loose" by uniting the MAA family and getting some stress off our and our teachers' shoulders, whether it'll be dressing up for Costume Day or rocking your favorite sports jersey on Jersey Day, or showing your wild fun side on Wacky Tacky Day.





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