



# the legend

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## GEORGIANS ATTEND RIO PILGRIMAGE

By Ana Riethmuller  
12<sup>o</sup>E

Every two to three years, a selected country brings life to the World Youth Day, a one-week event celebrated internationally that assembles thousands of Christian young adults from around the globe with the Pope himself going as well. Each year local Churches organize their own WYD, but it's the international gathering that makes the front pages. 2013 was Brazil's turn and Rio de Janeiro was the chosen city. This time the occasion congregated around 3,200,000 youngsters.

Even though WYD is organized by the Catholic Church, it is also an opportunity for agnostic and atheist teens to get to know different cultures and different realities, to remind themselves of values such as faith, friendship and hope and to reduce the distances that separate.

Our school, as a part of the Holy Cross, offers their students the opportunity to go and be a part of this event, to greet the Pope and meet other teenagers from all over the world.

This year, two students from my class went and lived the experience. I interviewed one of them and attempted to summarize the pilgrim experience.

"It was gratifying," Javiera Gallardo, (12<sup>o</sup>E), told me. "I was shocked by the Brazilians' response to religion," she continued. "They were always expressing it; even by singing Christian songs on the bus! Eventually we started doing it too, we couldn't believe it."



From: <http://img.ibtimes.com>

"They think more about others than they do of themselves," she said when asked what differences she found between Chileans and Brazilians. "(they were) always concerned about the person next to them, always giving us their seats on the bus."

"I'd entirely recommend it, even if you're not a religious person," she answered when I asked if she would encourage others to join the World Youth Day in the future "In fact, I've been doing it ever since I got here. The people that didn't go truly lost a very beautiful experience."



From: <http://userserve-ak.last.fm>

### MOVIES AND MUSIC

By Belén Repetur  
10<sup>o</sup>E

Maroon 5 has a new album, which was promoted last year at a concert in Chile. This year they made the video of the song "Love Somebody" which was released May 29<sup>th</sup>. The album has great songs and the video is very good and is different from the rest of

their videos because it's very simple. It's about Adam (the band's lead singer) and a girl trying to reach each other and it's done in a very special way because it's all about touch. They don't talk and they start to appear by parts because they are covered in paint so it is very interesting and amusing. You should see it!  
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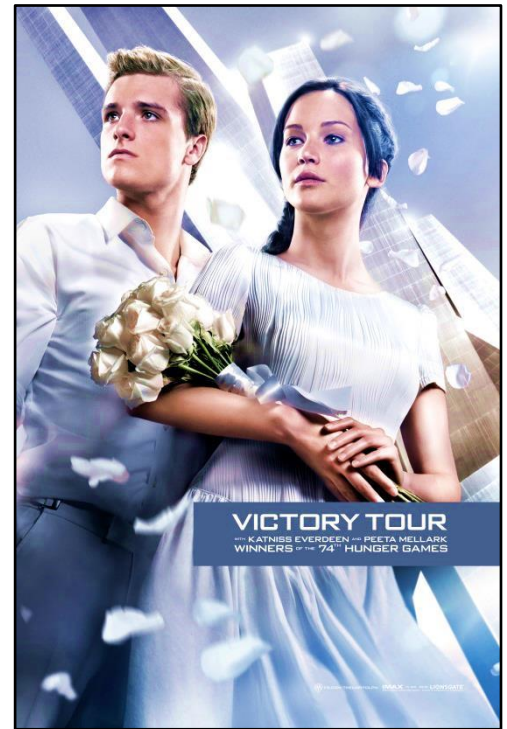
Paramore has just released a new album and just performed here in Chile on July 18th. The album is titled "Paramore" is really good and has great songs like "Still Into You" that is their big hit and other great songs like "Ain't It Fun" and "Now." My advice would be to take your time and listen to them because they are really good and their singer Hayley Williams is very talented.

## Movies:

"Side Effects" is coming really soon and has a great cast like Rooney Mara, Jude Law, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Channing Tatum and more. It's about a girl that, from the moment she starts taking pills, everything changes.

She doesn't know what is going on and the people around her think she's crazy so she is going to try to figure out what happened and to prove that she's not going mad.

Everyone is waiting for it. And it's expected to be as good as the first movie, "The Hunger Games," or even better. We all want to know what's going to happen between Katniss and Peeta but also we want to know what's going to happen with Gale. And what are the people who organize the Hunger Games going to do about what Katniss did in the previous Hunger Games, forcing them to let two tributes win instead of one? Are they going to do something about it or not? Let's see!



From: [collider.com](http://collider.com)

## SENIOR YEAR ADVICE FROM AN ACTUAL SENIOR

By **Ana Riethmuller**

12<sup>0E</sup>

Senior Year: the most dreadful, horrible and devastating year of your entire high school experience. I have been a senior long enough and believe me: I truly can't wait for it to be over. While your family pressures you to get higher grades and study more, some of your friends are having the time of their lives and still getting good results – sometimes even better than yours. But let's not forget the pressure you can put onto yourself, and the terrifyingly large amount of time you might spend calculating your scores or the grades you need in order to pass a certain class.

I had always thought that I had limited time to do my school work and personal nonacademic activities as well, but it wasn't until this year that I realized how much I had taken for granted what I had before. Juggling between school and "Preu", or preuniversitario, the little time I had for myself reduced to even less. Most of the time I have to choose school over Preu because, well, senior year only happens once (but you're also only allowed to do it once), meanwhile the PSU (the test 18 year-old

students have to take so they can get accepted into a university) can be taken numerous times until you get the score you desire or need for a specific career. But of course, most people decide not to take it more than once, since studying for three big tests that include contents from ninth grade through twelfth.

So what's my advice for future seniors? Pay attention in class, study a lot while you can and practice for what you'll have to face next. But most importantly, don't let the frustration and dissatisfaction that I'm experiencing consume your life the way it's consuming mine. Take a weekend once in a while to watch that TV show you like, go out with your friends and then have a sleepover, try to keep your mind clean and fresh by exercising and eating healthy; live your life, HAVE a life, that way you'll have a good NEM, so when you arrive to 12th grade you can mainly focus on your PSU results and the worry will somewhat diminish.

It's easy to let your life go on without you and it's also very common not to practice what you preach, so as much as you're learning from my wisdom, I have also realized how much I needed to hear it for my own sake: Be responsible, but also be happy. Be thankful for what you have and appreciate it.

## Why 'The Legend'?

By **Dan Faas**  
English Teacher

In the 15<sup>th</sup> century, there lived an Englishman named William Caxton, who is believed to be the first person to bring the printing press to England.

Through his life and work, Caxton is credited for helping standardize and spread the English language that you, dear Georgians, know and (hopefully) love. One of the first English books from Caxton to hit English shores was a book called "The Golden Legend." It was a

collection of hagiographies, which are biographies of Saints. One of the stories in "The Golden Legend" is that of St. George and the Dragon, from where our school gets its name and crest.

We have, therefore, decided to pay homage to that important piece of English language history by naming our own publication The Legend." We've also tweaked the old picture of St. George and the Dragon (seen on the cover and on the right, and drawn by the very talented Maria José Suarez) to a new one with a Georgian using a pen as a weapon. A pen is a mighty weapon, dear

Georgians. We present this publication to you as a place to read, discuss, and share your opinions in a language which you might still not have mastered. Some of you might find language difficult. We hope, in keeping with our school's motto ("Recte ad ardua") that you try anyway. We hope The Legend will help you to continue learning and using English, so as to communicate, share, help others, and fight the good fight in not just one language, but two.





## DEAR NEW TEACHERS...

*Every year, Saint George welcomes a group of new English teachers from the United States. These “ChACE” teachers go through a period of adjustment, but soon feel right at home at Saint George. Student Dominique Sura shared her advice to one of the new teachers. The advice applies well to all new teachers, regardless of their background, so we have decided to republish it here:*

By **Dominique Sura**  
11<sup>o</sup>E

Dear New ChACE Teachers,  
First of all, I would like to say hi to you and hope that you’ll have a nice time here in Chile. If you are new here you may not know that teaching here is a bit different from the States. First of all, the classes are more personal. The closer you are to your students, the better your classes will be. If you promise to do something funny at the end of the class you’ll give motivation to make the class work. We are very noisy, we like to talk a lot – and I mean A LOT. Your best weapon or tool to make a class function are jokes. Laughter will keep the attention of the students. Since our classes are more personal and we are talkative we hardly ever raise our hands before talking, it’s just our way of being part of

the class. Don’t take everything we say seriously. Tests are the worst things that will ever happen to you because there will be at least one student that will think that it is not well corrected and will fight with you to raise their grade. So don’t feel confident until you pass the first test back, and always say that if someone thinks that something is wrong with the correction write it on the first page and leave it on your desk because if you don’t chaos will surround you. Imagine a circle of angry kids with papers in their hands shouting to you that will never, and I mean NEVER leave you alone until you fix their grade (they will hardly ever let you talk in that situation).

You must let us go to the bathroom but not always because we won’t take you seriously. If I was you I’d figure out a fun way to make everyone silent. Be overexcited about everything. Celebrate everything. Repeat everything. Take the front part of the class as a stage and as soon as the bell rings scream, “ACTION!” and start acting.

But most important: Have fun teaching classes. The more fun you have with the students, the better your relationship with the students will be.

Wish you luck here in Chile,  
Dominique Sura B.

## REFLECTIONS ON TRABAJOS DE INVIERNO

By **Emilia Concha**  
11<sup>o</sup>B

A few months ago, a group of almost 150 students from 11th and 12th grade, including me, went to Rocuant Hill in Valparaiso to work on the project known as “Trabajos de Invierno.” It was a volunteering project where we painted houses, repaired roofs, ceilings, walls and cleaned green areas from many places around the area. All of this was to give people a better place to live.

All 150 students were divided into groups and were assigned a job. My group and I were assigned the job to build up walls to a room in the house of a woman called Erika. She is a 25-year-old woman who has a very complicated disease that affects her bones, and makes them very easy to break. The problem in her house was that it was a single room house and it was located on a cliff where the only way to go down was a stairway, so it was impossible for her to go out of her house even in a wheelchair. So another group



Georgians participating in Trabajos de Invierno sleep on the floor of a gym.

That was assigned to Erika’s house was in charge of building a ramp from the house to the street so she could be able, after 20 years of being locked up in that room, to go out and see the world with her own eyes.

One of the days, after having lunch with Erika and her mom (who is the one who takes care on Erika) they told me something that I will never forget and which inspired me. She told me, “You and your friends have inspired me and gave me strength to keep going, you have given me the hope and help that people have

hope and help that people have promised me for over 24 years, in 2 days.”

It was touching, I’ve never felt that feeling of being that helpful, it was encouraging to keep on doing my best, and even though I was tired, the exhaustion immediately disappeared when I heard those words.

Trabajos de Invierno is a beautiful experience, I highly recommend it to the people who enjoy the personal satisfaction of bringing happiness and help to the people who need it the most.

# literature page



This month, we are publishing the best original short stories written by students in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. The following stories were selected for their quality and awarded prizes as part of Saint George's annual English Day on August 28 of this year.

## **The Man That I Follow**

By *Atalía López*

11<sup>o</sup>A

I felt so excited when I looked at the envelope. My wife and me had been waiting for it, to stop struggling with money. I was carefully opening it when I realized that this moment should be shared with her. I left my office and took the subway. The envelope tight under my arm. I felt the warmth of the people surrounding me. Faces without expressions.

I didn't have to think where I was going. I know this route. My mind was full of thoughts.

Suddenly I became conscious that the man in front of me was somehow following me! Even when I'm the one coping his steps. In a few seconds, time stopped me. A bus ran over the man. Nothing made sense. I needed to get out of there. I arrived home and the lights were on. She was waiting for me, but when I talked to her about the envelope I noticed that I'd lost it. I promised her I'll be back.

That night, minutes later, she received a call and cried all night afterwards. And me? I saw it. The bus, blood, envelope soaked with it, and me. I was dead in the middle of the street.

## **Sky Life**

By *Drago Yurac*

11<sup>o</sup>E

"I will not leave you, even if the sky is falling down," said my mother one day. How many lies do people tell? How many times do we promise things that we never do?

I was sitting on the grass looking at the enormous sky. Why? Why did she leave me here alone? I don't know anyone apart from my mother because she always protected me from this world, the dangerous and savage world we live in. But now, what are my tools to live in this place?

I looked down and I saw the corpse of a bird lying on the grass. The bird left their little birds in the tree alone. It was the same for me. I had no future.

But I realized this was real life. I realized that I have a future, even if my mother left me alone.

Even if I have no expectations, even when the most terrible things happen, I have a future. I have life. So I looked up and saw the sky falling down. And no one saved me.

## **In the Moment**

By *Ignacia González*

11<sup>o</sup>C

I will do it one more time...but I need to have more time!

In practice, I can do it over and over again, but now I can't. Now that I have to do it I can't!!!

All of the judges are looking at me. I look at my hands and they disappear. I can't believe it, all this effort, all this time, and now that I'm here, I can't do it!

I start running, but I wasn't sure that I was running. I remember all the steps in my mind: run, run, jump, spin and stop. It was so easy before, but now my legs don't move, my arms don't respond...

Why is this happening to me now??? Why now??? All my future depends on this moment...

I run, but I don't run. I jump, but I can't jump, then I spin but it is impossible. And then I stop. No, I don't stop. I wake up.

I look out at my room and there is the wheelchair, waiting for me.

## **Untitled**

By *Ignacio Muñoz*

11<sup>o</sup>E

I felt so excited when I looked at the envelope.

It was a cold Friday night when two big men knocked on my door with an envelope that said, "hand deliver to Mr James Wall."

The moment I looked at it I felt a huge excitement, a feeling I had felt once before. The envelope had the NASA's and the government's symbol and it said TOP SECRET.

The only time I felt this excitement was the first time I received an envelope just like this one. And when I looked at the envelope those two men had delivered to me, I knew it was happening again, they needed my help once more.

The Earth's integrity was in danger, and I was the one that had to save it once again.

*The winners were presented at St. George's annual English Day on Aug. 28, 2013. They are as follows:*

*1<sup>st</sup> Place: Atalía López*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Drago Yurac*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Ignacio Muñoz*

*4<sup>th</sup> Place: Ignacia González*