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## New modern Chem Lab almost ready

By Derek Sokolowski '11 and Michelle Bravo '09

Molloy's current sophomore class will be the first individuals to use the brand new Chemistry Lab, now located where the now departed Computer Lab used to be in Room 340, when it opens next month.

The more modern, Chemistry Lab is safer than the old lab and will open as soon as the finishing touches on the construction are "completed and all New York City code inspections are taken care of," said Bro. Roy George, school principal and chemistry honors teacher.

The old Chemistry Lab, which was located in Room 329, was in desperate need of improvement.

Built almost 50 years ago, the old lab had plumbing problems, was cramped and not up to modern safety standards.

"It is so old that even I had chemistry there," said Bro. Roy, a member of Molloy's Class of 1962.

In contrast, the new chemistry lab is much more spacious, safe, and modern.

The new lab has an array of new safety features:

- \* anti-corrosive table tops, special cabinets to store acidic and basic substances;
- \* fume vents to rid the air of chemical impurities;
- \* an improved emergency shower;
- \* a fire blanket, eyewashes, fume hoods, and emergency gas and electricity switches conveniently located on the



The new Chem Lab awaits sophomores. (Photos by Emily Balkan).



teacher's desk.

The brand new plumbing and increased cabinetry space make it a comfortable environment to work in.

The new Chemistry Lab will open as soon as the fume hood, which is located near the theater and used for teacher demonstrations, is installed, said Bro. Roy.

Meanwhile, the fate of Room 329 is still uncertain.

The old Chem Lab is currently being used by the Science Dept. until the new lab is ready.

"I don't know [what will happen to the old lab]," said Bro. Roy. "We could turn it into a classroom but no official

decision has been made yet."

Most of the sophomores are pretty excited about going to the new Chem Lab next month.

"I like the old Chemistry Lab because we got to be part of the old [Molloy]," said Sarah Prieto. "But now we are going to the new. It's groundbreaking history in Molloy."

Michael Skowronski said he will not be disappointed at having to leave the old Chemistry Lab.

He said the general opinion of the old Chemistry Lab was that it was, "nasty, old, and unsafe. A new Chemistry Lab will give us more room to work in and newer stuff."

## Stanners miss Computer Lab

By Nicole Bonilla '09, Vimla Warslie '11, Isobel Williams '11

This school year began like any other except for the fact that Molloy seemed to be missing a Computer Lab.

Once the home of over 40 computer consoles that was once open after school for both teachers and students alike, it is now Molloy's new Chemistry Lab.

What happened?

"About a year ago, [Molloy President] Mr. [John] Sherry and I decided that the old Chemistry Lab looked old and outdated," said Principal Bro. Roy George. "Mr. [C.J.] Mallia told us the Computer Lab also had to be redone."

So it was decided that the Computer Lab in Room 340 would become the new Chem Lab and the old PC's would be removed to make way for Bunsen burners and test tubes.

Students wishing to work on a computer at school would instead go to the Library where 20 brand new laptops would be made available for their use.

However, many students say they

miss the old Computer Lab.

Many students like using the new laptops but are unhappy about their new location.

The old Computer Lab had a very different atmosphere after school than the Library, where silence is the rule.

"The new computers are better because they work faster," said senior Naaila Hassan, "but I'd rather have the old Computer Lab back."

Senior Kimberly Bernard agreed, saying, "I like the computers a lot, but I just don't like their new environment."

Jeannett Llave also misses the old Computer Lab but, as a sophomore, she sees an advantage in the change.

"Yeah, it was fun going there after school to get some homework done before we went home," she said. "But since it's now a new Chemistry Lab with air conditioning, it's cool with me."

During previous years, students often used the Computer Lab to finish school projects that they would otherwise have to complete at home.

Usually, these projects required group collaboration – something that is unacceptable in Molloy's Library.

Bro. Roy said that if students talk to each other while on the computers, librarian Ms. Dorothy DeNoto, "will ask them not to."

Another student concern is that there aren't enough computers in the Library for every student who wants to use one and that could affect Stanners' grades.

"If there aren't enough computers," said sophomore Brandon Rodriguez, "they might have to put a time limit for each student to use one. Someone might not have enough time to finish his or her work."

Another complaint is that while the Library closes at 3 p.m., the old Computer Lab was sometimes open past 4 p.m., which gave students more time to get their work done.

In the past, teachers used to take their classes to the Computer Lab if they wanted them to use computers to work on an assignment.

Now teachers must use COW, or Computers On Wheels, in their classrooms. "A teacher has to reserve a day in advance one or two carts which contain 20 laptops each," said Bro. Roy. "The school is now wireless, so

you can get internet access anywhere in the building."

Ms. Kathy Loughran, though pleased by the many advances that the school is making with these new computers, anticipates some setbacks during the early stages of using the new system.

"I'm worried about the time it will take to get the cart up to my room and to set up the 28 computers I'll need in my class," she said. "I'll have to spend a lot of time getting everything settled at the start of class and will have to pack the computers up at the end of class before the next teacher needs to use the classroom."

Nevertheless, she has faith that the COW system will work in the future and that it will just have to take some getting used to.

"You've got to take the chance," she said, pointing out that technology would not be where it is today if people didn't take chances. "We have to move forward, not back."

Bro. Roy agreed, saying, "We're trying to keep up with the times. In three years, these laptops will be passé and we'll have to get newer ones."

# Frosh freak over long lines at lunch

One of the most difficult first experiences at Molloy for the Class of 2012 is enduring the time-consuming, jam-packed, slow-moving lunch lines in the cafeteria.

Standing in line to buy food in the cafeteria takes so much time that a 30-minute period is too short for us to actually consume our food at a normal pace.

Why is the frosh lunch line so long?

Some blame us for being too slow in adjusting to a new environment.

Cafeteria cashier Johanna said it's only a matter of time before we frosh get used to the way the cafeteria works and the lines move faster.

"At first, they're confused, but they get it in a week," she said.

Another reason the lines are slow is because we frosh often get confused.

Sylvia, another cashier, recalled a frosh who thought that "OR" stands for

Oreo cookie when it actually stands for oatmeal raisin.

We frosh, however, think the problem is not us but the long lines themselves.

If we are at the end of those lines, we often have only five minutes to eat before being called out into the parking lot to go back to class.

Some of us avoid the lines by bringing our lunch from home.

Others who are lucky enough to get to lunch early are the first in line and so get to finish eating and talk with friends.

But for those of us who every day end up on the end of the lunch line, we can only wonder how long will we have to wait until the lines start moving faster.

— Christina John '12,  
Matthew Rosal '12  
and Sandy Zaw '12



Confusion abounds among frosh trying to figure out how the Molloy cafeteria works. (Illustration by Manuel Cordero)

# How much better to be a soph

One year ago, we walked Molloy's halls for the first time as frightened frosh.

This year, we command the halls as big, bad sophomores and life is much better.

So, what's the best thing about being a sophomore?

"We're not freshmen anymore!" said Dean Reilly.

The worst thing?

"We still have bottom lockers, but at least we're not at rock bottom," said Christine Hurley.

So how much have things really changed?

"The first week of school is different for freshmen than it is for sophomores because sophomores know where to

go and what to do, and they're not nervous like the freshmen," said Joey Smallwood. "For sophomores, everything is old news."

The biggest difference between frosh and sophomores in September is "book bag size," said Justin Vega. "You can always tell a freshman from everyone else by their blank stares and book bags."

Brendan Erskine said frosh, unlike sophomores, "freak out when they can't find something."

Sophomores agreed that it's a relief not to go through the awkward process of meeting new people again this year. Carina Bunnag said, "I have friends that I can talk to in class compared to not knowing anyone as a frosh."

While frosh are mocked by the older students during the first weeks of

school, sophomores aren't.

Melissa Duran said, "I know more juniors and seniors now and so they're nice to me."

But Molloy sophomores often take pity and try to welcome the frosh.

Reilly said it's, "kind of a friendly, mutual relationship."

However, not all things are better for sophomores.

Maya Suarez said, "Teachers definitely expect more of you."

Christine Hurley agrees. "They're definitely harder on you," she said.

Said Smallwood, "You learn a lot freshman year and you kind of become more outgoing and mature in a way."

— Julianne Broderick '11  
and Natalie Kurzyrna '11

## *AM makes it easy for frosh to fit in*

When Molloy's class of 2012 reported for its first day of high school on Sept. 3, it was intimidating at first as we tried to find old friends from grade school while trying to make new friends at the same time.

We were all called into the gym at 8 a.m. and Principal Bro. Roy George spoke to us, trying to calm our jitters.

He told us we have a clean slate entering high school and so we can become anyone we want to be.

Then, we were divided up and sent to our homerooms, where it got pretty hectic as we received our I.D. cards, lockers and combinations, Metro Cards and our class schedules.

Then we went to the Gym to get our textbooks and then to the Library to buy our workbooks.

Thankfully, we all survived that first day of high school.

We returned to school on Friday Sept. 5 and this time there were seniors roaming the halls as we went through a shortened day and got the chance to meet all of our teachers.

On the following Monday, we experienced our first real day as Stanners, with the halls packed with all the upperclass students.

Most of us were nervous and a little excited to be starting a new chapter in our lives.

Everyone at Molloy was very nice to us and willing to accept us into the Molloy family.

But, much like big brothers and sisters, they still managed to trick some of us by offering pool passes or sending us off in the wrong direction when we asked where a classroom was located.

Adjusting to high school was difficult. But we soon learned how to open our lockers and how to get to our classes on time.

We are starting to fit in.

Even though there have been some difficulties, there are definitely more positives than negatives so far for the Class of 2012.

Many upperclassmen are kind, teachers helpful, and we already have made some friendships that will be long-lasting.

All frosh can agree that we are excited to start our journey here at Molloy.

— Megan Wenzler '12 and  
Mia Polizzotto '12

## Corrections:

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Emily Balkan took the front page

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Molloy's Varsity Softball Team won the 2007 CHSAA Brooklyn-Queens title and were not runners-up.

Photographer Emily Balkan's name was misspelled in the story about The Tablet High School Press Awards winners.

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# A Smartboard's now in every room

By **Carolina Ortiz '11 and Stacey Nieves '11**

Most Stanners have noticed that this year every classroom in Archbishop Molloy has been equipped with a Smartboard or "interactive whiteboard," and teachers have been provided with personal laptops.

The process of taking Molloy to this new level of technology started two years ago with the installation of the first Smartboards and was completed just before the beginning of the school year.

Smartboards are the 21st Century blackboards used as an aid to a teacher's methods and to improve a student's learning process.

The interactive Smartboards act as a projector for the laptop computer screen and can be used to access the internet, to display notes, or give a power point presentation.

The new programs on the laptops enable teachers to take attendance more quickly and easily. Daily

homeroom announcements are now sent via email to the teachers' laptops.

"I like that it saves paper," said Ms. Elizabeth Murdocca, "I like the implementation of technology. I like that it's easier to use."

The Smartboard's multiple functions are beneficial to both teachers and students; however, some teachers have had trouble mastering the technology. Some students consider a teacher's difficulty with the Smartboards to be a detriment to learning.

"Not all teachers can use them since they sometimes malfunction," said Tom Rotondo, a junior.

When asked if he liked teachers using the Smartboard, he said, "When they don't know how to use it — no."

Sophomore Kara Nandin doesn't always like the Smartboard, "because some teachers can't use it correctly."

Students expect that teachers will need some time to get the hang of it. Some teachers use the Smartboards



Mr. John Diorio uses his new Smartboard. (Photo by Emily Balkan)

more than others and a few don't use them at all.

Mr. Michael DeMarco said of the new attendance and announcement methods, "There are always glitches. It's going to be easier in the long run."

He also said that the new technology

has changed the way he teaches by improving the method of presentation and making it easier to update and transfer lessons.

Most teachers see the Smartboards and laptops in a positive light for the added convenience they provide.

## Frosh aren't the only newbies at AM

By **Jonathan Mangar '09**

The Class of 2012 isn't the only new group of Stanners this year, as eight new faculty and staff members arrived at Molloy this month.

Mr. Edward Shannon, Class of 1984, is the new Administrative Assistant for Students, working under Assistant Principal for Students, Mr. Ken Auer.

Mr. Shannon is the brother of Fr. Frank Shannon, Class of 1976, who said Molloy's 50th Anniversary Mass

last spring at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Mr. Shannon returned to Molloy because he greatly enjoyed his high school experience due to the work ethic taught here and the "self-discipline that was demanded of Molloy students."

Mr. Shannon said, "students should be aware of my function at Molloy, which is to ensure a productive and safe environment. I look forward to interacting with the students on a daily basis."

The Science Department hired Mr. Michael Nadeau to teach Physics Honors and Chemistry.

Educated in a rural public school outside of Binghamton, N.Y., Mr. Nadeau was drawn to Molloy by its "fruitful environment for learning" and "faith aspect."

After teaching here for two weeks, Mr. Nadeau discovered, "our students are funny and I like to laugh."

He observed that Stanners are eager to learn and strive for excellence.

"I expect my students to do their best, and I'm always willing to help them achieve their expectations," he said.

Joining the Guidance Dept. are frosh guidance counselor Mrs. Christine Loo and senior and frosh academic counselor Bro. Eugene Birmingham.

Bro. Eugene, who was a guidance counselor for 12 years at Mount Saint Michael High School in the Bronx, said, "Molloy has a family-centered, value-based education with a strong Catholic identity which stresses social justice. We

have happy kids, a faculty that cares, and a wonderful Campus Ministry program to help the needy."

He encourages students to make guidance appointments to, "discuss any questions or concerns."

Mr. David Little has joined the Foreign Languages Department to teach Spanish 1, 2, and 3, and be the Spanish Club moderator.

He is an avid traveler and enjoys learning languages.

Mr. Little previously taught in a Marist school, Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, Mass., and finds the large class size in Molloy a challenge but describes students here as, "disciplined and respectful."

Ms. Lauren Kemmerer, Mr. Joseph Bajger, and Ms. Kelly Early have joined the Mathematics Department.

Ms. Early returns to Molloy this fall after serving as Bro. James Maher's replacement for the first semester of the 2007-08 school year when Bro. James was on sabbatical.



Ms. Kelly Early helps a math student. (Photo by Derek Sokolowski)

## Juniors should not miss College Night on Oct. 3

By **Christina Damore '09 and Christina DiLorenzo '09**

Open to upperclass students interested in beginning their search for the right college, Molloy's Junior-Senior College Night will be held on Thursday Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. in the Jack Curran Gym and Cafeteria.

The annual event give Stanners a chance to "wet their whistles" by gathering information from any of the over 80 colleges that will be represented there, said Mr. Kerry Hughes, Molloy's college guidance counselor.

College Night allows students and parents alike to walk around and look at the presentations made by colleges

such as Yale University, New York University, Providence College and the Merchant Marine Academy.

"Molloy sends out 100 invitations to various colleges that are popular with Molloy kids," said Mr. Hughes. "These colleges know Molloy is a very good school and they are looking for students to attend their establishment."

Although this event will help the few seniors who have not yet started searching for the right college, Mr. Hughes said College Night can be very important for all juniors.

Juniors can gain insight into the college application process and be more prepared to make the various choices that must be made during

senior year, such as possible areas of study, tuition costs, financial aid and scholarship availability at each college.

"Preparing for this night, however, is also very important," said Mr. Hughes. "Let's face it, the price of college nowadays is crazy. One thing that parents should do at College Night is ask about financial aid and scholarships."

To prepare for the event, Mr. Hughes said juniors and their parents should answer these questions:

\* Do I want to stay home or go away to college?

\* How much tuition can my parents afford to pay?

\* What do I want to major in?

The answers to these questions will

help students narrow down their search, "and not be overwhelmed by the whole process," Mr. Hughes said.

Senior Emily Harms said the college application process already is producing major stress even though she hasn't gotten far into the admission process due to the, "complicated applications, with too many different parts involved."

However, she did visit colleges last summer.

Senior Kristen Lasak, who also visited some schools, is looking forward to meeting with the school representatives during College Night, hoping to get further information about those colleges.

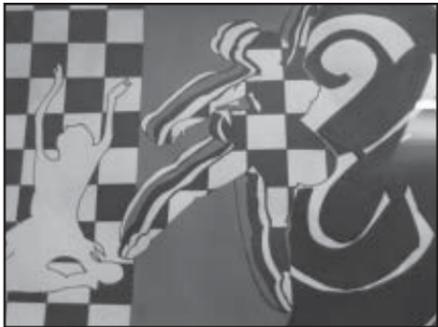
# Don't join the 2 o'clock club, join...

## **Anime Club**

Moderator: Mr. Chris Dougherty  
Meeting Site: Room 304 or 308 or theater.  
Members watch Anime screenings, take day trips to Manhattan to Anime stores with Japanese lunch, and attend a yearly convention in New England in the spring.

## **Art Club**

Moderator: Mrs. Terri Burke  
Meeting site: Room 3 06  
Members develop art techniques and creativity with hands on projects.



## **Asian Club**

Moderator: Mr. Matt Kilkelly  
Meeting site: Room 302  
The Club focuses on specific interests and issues that concern the Asian community as a whole.

## **Biology Club**

Moderator: Mr. Mark Lombardi  
Meeting site: Biology lab  
Members engage in experiments and activities not available in regular course work such as forensic experiments, isolating DNA, growing cultures, maintaining a contained ecosystem and dissections.

## **Book Club**

Moderator: Ms. Mary Pat Gannon  
Meeting site: Room 318  
Members select recent or current best sellers and discuss their literary and social merits in a relaxed atmosphere.

## **Blue & White Yearbook**

Moderator: Ms. Kathy Loughran  
Meeting site: Room 221  
Members of the staff meet every day after school from Sept. to March to put together the yearbook using the school's computers. Staff positions include: photographers, artists, writers, editors and lay-out artists.

## **Briarwood Shelter Volunteers**

Moderator: Mr. Mike Germano  
Meeting Site: Briarwood Shelter run by the Salvation Army  
Frosh can not join until the third marking period. Members serve as tutors and mentors for the children living in the shelter and run several holiday parties for them during the school year.

## **Campus Ministry**

Moderator: Mr. Mike Germano  
Meeting site: Campus Ministry Office  
This group helps with Mission collections, organizes the annual Coat and Toy Drives and the Fast-a-thon and homeroom Mission collections.

## **Chess Club:**

Moderator: Mr. Mike Harrison  
Meeting Site: Room 316  
Open to beginner, intermediate and advanced players, members meet twice a week and are expected to spend at least two hours a week playing chess. A club competition runs from Nov. through April.

## **Computer Club**

Moderator: Mr. C.J. Mallia  
Meeting Site: Computer Lab  
The club designs, updates and programs its own website. Students create their own programs and design graphics

## **Concert Band**

Moderator: Mr. Gregory Leonardo  
Meeting site: The Music Room  
Admission to the band is by audition. Once a student is accepted, band is added to his or her academic schedule since a grade and one half credit is given for band.

## **Drama Club**

Moderator: Mr. Kevin Schwab  
Meeting site: The Theater  
Drama club is geared toward helping students develop an interest in theater performance and theatrical production. The club stages two plays a year with the cast determined by auditions open to all students.



## **Eastern European Club**

Moderator: TBA  
Meeting site: TBA  
The club's purpose is to foster interest in eastern-European culture. Members participate in International Day and take cultural trips to New York City.

## **Ebony Club**

Moderator: Mrs. Anne Lonergan  
Meeting site: Room 324  
The club attempts to learn more about Black History and contribute to

International Day. There are also activities for Martin Luther King Day and Black History Month.

## **Environment Club**

Moderator: Mr. Chris Dougherty  
Meeting site: TBA  
The club publicizes Earth Day in school with a display advocating a pro-conservation position and works with various environmental organizations to further its cause.

## **French Club**

Moderator: Ms. Dorothy DeNoto  
Meeting site: The Library  
This club plays host to a multi-cultural Christmas Tree trimming party, participates in International Day and studies French culture. Students also view movies in French in the theater.

## **Guitar Ensemble**

Moderator: Mr. Glenn DaGrossa  
Meeting site: The Music Room  
For beginning and advanced guitar players, members develop their guitar playing, knowledge of theory, scale, and chord structure and learn skills in classical, jazz and contemporary styles of playing.

## **Indian Club**

Moderator: Ms. Dorothy DeNoto  
Meeting site: The Library  
This club plays host to a multi-cultural Christmas Tree trimming party, participates in International Day and studies South Asian culture.

## **Irish Club**

Moderator: Mr. Patrick Flynn  
Meeting site: Room 322  
The club's purpose is to study Irish culture through movies, books and lectures and to participate in International Day.

## **International Day**

Moderator: Ms. Kathy Loughran and Mr. Chris Nassau  
Meeting site: Room 221  
Student volunteers to coordinate all facets of this extremely popular celebration of all the ethnic groups that comprise the Molloy community.



## **Italian Club**

Moderator: Mr. Mark Verdi  
Meeting site: Room 233  
Yearly activities include two or more competitive sports games with other Molloy clubs, two or three Italian film shows, one club program at International Day, one field trip to Manhattan.



## **The Lantern**

Moderator: Mr. Mark Sweeney  
Meeting site: The Chapel  
Lantern is a student organized prayer time that meet every Wednesday at 2:15

## **Literary Magazine**

Moderator: Mr. Matt Kilkelly  
Meeting site: Room 303  
Student writers, editors and artists come together to publish "Out of the Box," which features short stories, poems, essays and art work.

## **Liturgy Committee**

Moderator: Mr. Mike Germano and Mrs. Anne Lonergan  
Meeting site: Office on second floor balcony overlooking gym.  
Students with graphic arts, performance and organizational skills come together to help plan and execute each Molloy liturgy throughout the year.

## **Photography Club**

Moderator: Ms. Kathy Loughran  
Meeting site: Room 221  
Members are sent to photograph all school functions and sports activities as well as executing photo assignment for The Blue & White yearbook and The Stanner school newspaper.

## **Pipe & Drum Band**

Moderator: Mr. Ed Cameron  
Meeting site: Third floor and Gym  
Students are taught to read bagpipe music and play the either the bagpipes or drums. The band marches in many events including the St. Patrick's Day Parade.



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### Right to Life Club

Moderator: Mr. Mike Germano  
Meeting site: The Theater  
This club aims to both educate and invigorate students about the need to create a society in which all life is valued.

### Science Fiction/Fantasy Club

Moderator: Mr. Chris Dougherty  
Meeting site: Room 308  
Members go on field trips to Queens/Manhattan movie theaters showing Sci-Fi/Anime movies, museums, video game tournaments, and watch classic films in the school theater.

### S.M.I.L.E.

Moderator: Mr. Chris Dougherty  
Meeting site: Room 304 or 210A  
“Something More In Life’s Experience” invites all students to get involved in a variety of peer group discussions dealing with personal or family issues.

### Spanish Club

Moderator: Mr. David Little  
Meeting site: TBA  
Members participate in International Day, the Adopt a Child program, food drives, prayer service, athletic contests vs. other clubs, hear guest speakers and go on restaurant-museum expeditions.

### The Stanner

Moderator: Mr. Charley McKenna  
Meeting site: Room 217 and The Stanner office  
Molloy’s school newspaper offers all students the opportunity to write news and sports stories and editorials on school-related issues. Reporters, editors, photographers, and computer production staffers are needed to publish the monthly paper.

### Student Activities Committee

Moderator: Mr. Pat Flynn  
Meeting site: The Theater  
SAC prepares and runs many of the school social events for students such as the Junior and Senior Proms.

### Student Council

Moderator: Ms. Kathy Loughran  
Meeting site: Room 321  
Elected representatives organize school activities such as Spirit Week.

## Competitive clubs at AM

### Dance Team

Moderator: Ms. Elizabeth Murdocca  
Meeting Site: TBA  
The dance team holds auditions for all students in Sept. The team performs at dance conferences and in school.

### Integrated Science Association

Moderator: Ms. Mary Mallia  
Meeting site: Room 333  
Members work on projects and do research for various science and engineering competitions.



### Intramural Sports

Moderators: Mr. Mark Verdi, Mr. Brian Kelly, and Mrs. Maureen Rosenbaum  
Meeting Sites: Manton St. Park and the Gyms.  
Intramurals are open to both homeroom and independent teams. Winning teams receive trophies. Members of the Referees Association officiate.

### Investment Club

Moderator: Ms. Mary Pat Gannon  
Meeting site: Room 318  
Students learn investing skills in order to compete stock market games against other NYC area schools.

### JV Math League

Moderator: Mrs. Adele Solari  
Meeting site: Room 327  
The team competes four times a year against other high schools from the NYC area.

### Mock Trial Team

Moderator: Mr. Lou Barbera  
Meeting site: TBA  
The team participates in trial simulation competitions at the Queens County Supreme Court against both public and private schools.

### Model United Nations

Moderator: Mr. Bill Flemen  
Meeting site: TBA  
The team allows students to step into the shoes of the United Nations member states and plot strategy, draft resolutions and resolve conflicts in an annual competition held each spring at the UN.

### Science Olympiad

Moderator: Mr. Mike DeMarco  
Meeting site: Biology Lab  
The 15-member team, chosen by tryout in the Fall, competes in the NYC competition involving biology, chemistry, earth science, physics and other disciplines.

# Overloaded backpacks is damaging to health

By Camille Dwyer '10 and Melissa Gazal '10

At the beginning of every new school year at Molloy, upperclass students rushing through the hallways to get to their next class in four minutes are stopped short as they ram into the infamous frosh backpack.

Frosh have a tendency to pack every textbook and notebook they own into their bulging backpacks to carry from class to class.

Not only do these overburdened frosh clog the hallways, they are doing damage to their health.

Mrs. Kathleen Forgione, the school nurse, said that the students should carry no more than 10% of their own body weight in their backpacks.

For example, if a student weighs 100 pounds, she should carry only 10 pounds of books in her backpack.

Mrs. Forgione said that if students continue to carry more than the maximum recommended amount, they can develop serious muscle strains over time.

Frosh Brendan and John, who didn’t want to give their last names, both carry the typical large, protruding, frosh backpack with seams coming undone due to a load definitely more than 10% of their body weight.

Brendan said that he was carrying seven folders, two textbooks, two

composition notebooks, and a pencil case in his backpack

Brendan and John agreed that their backpacks are much lighter during the school day, but when it’s time to head home, they cram books into their backpacks due to all the homework given by their teachers.

Brendan claimed, “My backpack isn’t that heavy.”

John, however, said his was overloaded and that it is a pain when walking home.

Ms. Forgione said, “This is only because freshmen don’t know how to go to their lockers between classes and manage their time. Don’t worry. It will get better as the year goes on. By the time they’re seniors, they may just carry a tiny purse around.”

While frosh usually are the ones carrying overloaded backpacks, some upperclass students do, too.

Chris, who also didn’t give his last name, is an upper class student who carries a big backpack because he wants to get to his classes on time.

Because most of his classes are on the even side of the school building and his locker is on the odd side, he feels he can’t go to his locker between classes.

“I also carry a big backpack because I’m very interested in studying,” Chris said.



Illustration by Manuel Cordero

## AM’s Frosh Survival Guide

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### Do brown bag it for lunch.

It’s not geeky or embarrassing. It’s smart. The lines for lunch are long. So if you want time to eat and talk to your friends, bring your lunch.

### Do manage your time better by buying a planner.

Don’t leave all your homework for the last minute or your new bedtime will be minutes before you’re supposed to wake up.

### Do visit the guidance office or ask for a tutor.

If you are having personal or academic problems, Molloy offers help.

### Do go to extra help classes.

Many teachers offer extra help classes in the morning and after school.

### Do turn your phone off.

It’s embarrassing to be in the middle of class when your phone goes off and it’s a sure way to be sent Room 123 for detention.

It may take a while to get used to life at Stanner High, but it’ll happen. Just look at the upperclass students. We once all carried our schedules in our hands and over loaded Jansports for months, too.

It will get easier. So enjoy the ride and don’t stress out.

# Stanners make fourth trip to Lourdes

By David Kane '10 and Kristen Himmelberg '09

While most students spent their summer having fun at their local beaches or parks, a select group of Stanners took two weeks away from their summer vacation to make the trip to Lourdes in France, famous for being where Bernadette Soubirous reported in 1858 an apparition known as "Our Lady of Lourdes."

Now, 150 years later, believers from around the world still make pilgrimages to this holy site.

That group of Stanners, headed by Bro. Pat Hogan and Mr. Chris Dougherty, included current seniors Travis Kessel, James Hartigan, Patrick Fava, Shannon McLoughlin, Danny Waters, Stephanie Halvax, Julia Karsten, Melissa Alke, Sheri Florio and Lauren Ciuffo.

Most of the seniors who went were approached as juniors by either Bro. Pat or Mr. Dougherty about the trip.

"I was asked by Bro. Pat to go on

the trip and thought it would be a rare opportunity," Hartigan said.

Kessel said, "I've wanted to go on this trip since I was a freshman because I love helping people and knew that the experience would be amazing."

This was the fourth annual trip by Molloy students to Lourdes and every year alumni also go on the trip.

Thirty-four people were in the Molloy traveling party which left New York on July 23 and returned August 2.

The Stanners flew from JFK Airport to Paris and on to Pau, where they boarded a bus for the 45-minute ride to Lourdes.

The cost of the trip ranges between \$1,800 and \$2,300 as the cost differs from year to year depending on any extras added on.

Fundraisers, such as car washes and bake sales, are held to off-set the cost for each Stanner.

Mr. Dougherty said in the past, the group has ventured outside of Lourdes to visit the home of Marcellin

Champagnat but this year the trip was "hard-core Lourdes."

Once there, the Stanners met other volunteers from all over the world, with France and Italy contributing the most.

"There was a slight language barrier but we found ways to communicate," Alke said.

The volunteers slept on a floor with two people to a room and used a "community" bathroom.

The girls worked mostly at Accueils, a local hospital for the elderly, primarily in the kitchen washing dishes.

"A normal day for me was to wake up, work breakfast, work lunch and then work dinner, having free time in between each meal," said Alke.

The boys, meanwhile, had different jobs from day to day.

They worked the baths, helped disabled and sick people move from trains to buses at the local train station and worked as ushers at masses.

"No two days were alike, which made for a great trip," said Kessel.

Mr. Dougherty remarked on the lingering remnants of sexism at Lourdes.

While boys under age 18 are sometimes allowed to work in the baths, girls are not allowed to work in the baths until they're 18.

All members of the group participated in the Candlelight Procession to commemorate the life of Bernadette.

Mr. Dougherty enjoyed seeing Stanners engaged in spiritual activities in their free time such as lighting a candle with a special intention or getting something blessed, "without any prodding or coercing."

Volunteers also walked into town to explore different shops and cafes during their free time.

"A couple nights we went out to dinner as a group in the town," said Alke.

"I would recommend [the trip] to anyone who is considering it. Even though it was a lot of work, I definitely want to go back next year," she said.

## Camp gives frosh a chance to meet



By Karolin Dzieniszewski '11 and Melissa Beale '11

Incoming ninth graders are welcomed to Molloy every July at Freshman Camp in Esopus, N.Y.

The camp's purpose is to allow frosh get to know their new classmates before the start of the school year in September and have lots of fun.

This year 114 frosh attended camp from July 6-12 with 20 sophomores volunteering to work as the kitchen crew, 28 junior and senior volunteers serving as counselors and about 18 volunteer faculty and staff members

there as supervisors.

Principal Bro. Roy George said this year's camp was wonderful thanks to the new frosh being very cooperative, fun-filled and spirited.

Bro. George said his favorite memory was the final Friday of camp when all the students sat outside and sang together to create a sense of unity at that moment among everyone at camp.

Frosh Andrew Mancini and Matthew Niewinski both said they decided to go to Freshman Camp to meet new people.

Bro. Roy said he believes the frosh

who attended camp have a greater advantage during the first weeks of school over those who did not attend because they come to school already knowing some of their classmates and some of the juniors and seniors at Molloy.

Ninth grader Kathleen Woods said her older brother recommended she attend Freshman Camp.

What she liked best about the camp was making a lot of new friends. Terrence Donohue said the best thing about the camp was the camp wars.

All four frosh said that all upperclass staff members were very friendly and helpful.

They all loved the camp and would definitely like to go back next year as staff members.



Frosh play Jenga (above left), while others team up with seniors to play Flag. (Photos by Bro. Roy George)

## AM's 'Frosh Survival Guide'

By Melanie Dostis '10

It's that time of the year again when seniors and juniors, and even the sophomores, begin complaining about the newly arrived frosh.

If only there had been a "Molloy Frosh Survival Guide" on sale at Barnes & Noble during the summer. So instead, The Stanner has gathered all the tips needed to survive as a frosh.

**Don't join the 2 o'clock club.**

Join as many after school activities that you can. Molloy has many clubs,

activities and sports to choose from so pick one or more because it's the best way to meet people.

**Don't join an after school activity just because it will look good on a college application.**

You don't want to be stuck in something that makes you miserable, so make sure you're spending time doing something you enjoy.

**Don't waste any time trying to date an upperclass student.**

You don't want to be known among

your friends as the "girl trying to date the senior" or the boy who actually thinks a senior girl would be interested in him.

**Do try to make friends with upperclass students.**

The best way to do it is by joining an after school club or activity and by talking to the juniors and seniors whose lockers are above yours. They won't bite!

**Don't pack all the contents of your locker into your book bag.**

Take home only the books you need. Don't start out the year by being the "frosh with the huge book bag." If you keep bumping into people with your bag, obviously there's a problem!

**Don't be one of those frosh who doesn't move in the hallways.**

Make your way along the hallways as fast as you can and you'll avoid being yelled at by the upperclass students behind you.

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# For frosh who like to sweat...

## Boys Teams

### JV Soccer (Fall)

Mr. Brian Campbell

Does the team make cuts?: Yes

How to try out: Letter was sent to frosh in June announcing tryout date, time, and location.

### Frosh Cross Country (Fall)

Head Coach Mr. Frank Gambino

Assist. Coach Mr. Jim Redmond

Does the team make cuts?: No

How to join: Attend Sept. meeting announced in homeroom.

### JV Baseball (Fall and Spring)

Head Coach Mr. Chris DeSarno

Assist. Coach Mr. James Lally

Does the team make cuts?: Yes

How to try out: Attend Sept. meeting announced in homeroom.

### Frosh Swimming (Fall)

Head Coach Mr. Dennis Wresch

Assist. Coach Mr. Donald Green

Does the team make cuts?: No

How to join: Attend Sept. meeting announced in homeroom.

### Step Team (Fall to Spring)

Coach Mrs. Anne Lonergan

Does the team make cuts?: Yes

How to try out: Attend Sept. meeting announced in homeroom.

### Frosh Basketball (Winter)

Head Coach Mr. Chris DeSarno

Assist. Coach Mr. Jeff Rivera

Does the team make cuts?: Yes

How to try out: Attend Oct. meeting announced in homeroom. Tryouts are held first Saturday in Nov.

### Frosh Track & Field (Winter to Spring)

Head Coach Mr. Frank Gambino

Assist. Coaches Mr. Marty Towey,

Mr. Joe Dombrowski and Mr. John Kramer.

Does the team make cuts?: No

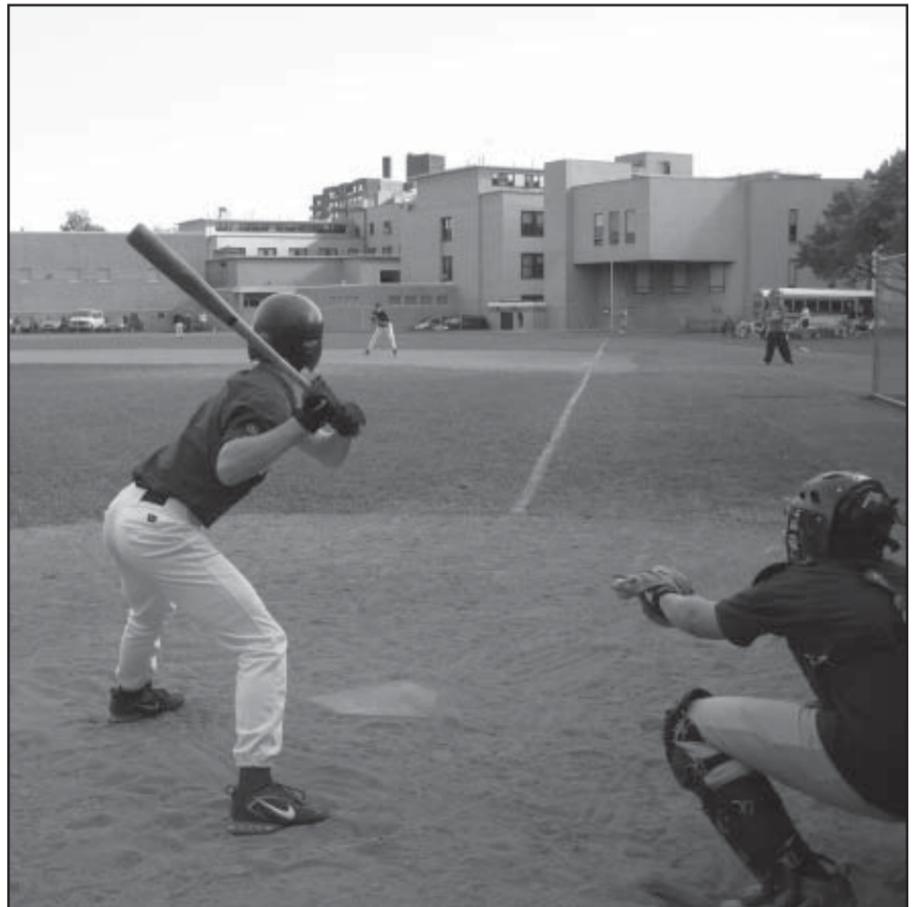
How to join: Attend Oct. meeting announced in homeroom. Practice starts first Saturday in Nov.

### Varsity Tennis (Spring)

Coach Mr. Matt Hunter

Does the team make cuts?: Yes

How to try out: Attend March meeting announced in homeroom.



## Girls Teams

### JV Soccer (Fall)

Coach Ms. Judy Zink

Does the team make cuts?: Yes

How to try out: Letter was sent to frosh in June announcing tryout date, time, and location.

### Frosh Cross Country (Fall)

Head Coach Mr. Frank Gambino

Assist. Coach Mr. Jim Redmond

Does the team make cuts?: No

How to join: Attend Sept. meeting announced in homeroom.

### JV Softball (Fall and Spring)

Head Coach Mr. Luis Santos

Assist. Coach Mr. Ed Cameron

Does the team make cuts?: Yes

How to try out: Attend Sept. meeting announced in homeroom.

### Varsity Tennis (Fall)

Coach Mr. Matt Hunter

Does the team make cuts?: Yes

How to try out: Attend Sept. meeting announced in homeroom.

### JV Volleyball (Fall)

Head Coach Mr. Steve Leoutsakos

Assist. Coach Ms. Magdalena Schiffer

Does the team make cuts?: Yes

How to try out: Letter was sent to frosh in June announcing tryout date, time, and location.

### JV Basketball (Winter)

Head Coach TBA

Assist. Coach Mr. Bill Niklaus

Does the team make cuts?: Yes

How to try out: Attend Oct. meeting announced in homeroom. Tryouts held first Saturday in Nov.

### Varsity Swimming (Winter)

Coach Mr. Dennis Wresch

Does the team make cuts?: No

How to join: Attend meeting announced in homeroom.

### Frosh Track & Field (Winter to Spring)

Coach Mr. Austin Power

Does the team make cuts?: No

How to join: Attend Oct. meeting when announced in homeroom. Practice starts first Saturday in Nov.

### Step Team (Fall to Spring)

Coach Mrs. Anne Lonergan

Does the team make cuts?: Yes

How to try out: Attend Sept. meeting announced in homeroom.



## Teams Open to Boys and Girls

### JV Bowling (Fall to Winter)

Head Coach Mr. Vinny Leonardo

Assist. Coach Ms. Patti Caciopo

Does the team make cuts?: Yes

How to try out: Attend Sept. meeting announced in homeroom.

### Varsity "B" Golf (Spring)

Coach Mr. Lou Barbera

Does the team make cuts?: Yes

How to try out: Attend Sept. meeting announced in homeroom.

### JV Handball (Spring)

Head Coach Mr. Vinny Leonardo

Does the team make cuts?: Yes

How to try out: Attend Feb. meeting announced in homeroom. Practice starts first Saturday in March.



# Doherty, Dorgler double up

Sophomores Chris Dorgler and Chris Doherty were double winners at Archbishop Molloy's Sixth Annual Sports Awards Night last May.

Dorgler won the MVP Award for the Frosh Boys Cross Country Team and the Coach's Award for the Frosh Boys Basketball Team.

Doherty was the MVP of the Boys Frosh Swimming Team and won the Coach's Award for the Boys Varsity Swim Team.

The MVP Award is given to a team's top performer and a Coach's Award is given for leadership, team spirit and performance.

Eleven athletes won a team award for the second year in a row: Devin Chowske, Ernie D'Ambrose, Nick Galli, Teresa Governale, Andrea Martinez, Jonathan Menna, Zuzanna Michalak, Catherine Morreale, Rovena Pjetergjoka, Gabrielle Rosato, and Ernest Rouse.

The following is a list of current Molloy students who were award winners:

**Boys JV Baseball:** Sean Towey was the MVP; Michael Pagan won the Coach's Award.

**Boys Frosh Basketball:** Chris Garcia was the MVP. Chris Dorgler won the Coach's Award.

**Boys JV Basketball:** Ernest Rouse was the MVP

**Girls JV Basketball:** Elizabeth Lynch was the MVP; Angela Contorno won the Coach's Award.

**Boys Varsity "B" Basketball:** Kristian Alleyne won the Coach's Award.

**JV Bowling:** Tom Wengler was the MVP; Gina Marie Papia won the Coach's Award.

**Varsity Bowling:** Jonathan Menna was the MVP; Nick Galla won the Coach's Award.



Chris Dorgler won awards in both basketball and cross-country.

**Boys Frosh Cross Country:** Chris Dorgler was the MVP; Brian Woods won the Coach's Award.

**Girls Frosh Cross Country:** Lauren Conter was the MVP; Ilsen Hernandez won the Coach's Award.

**Boys Soph Cross Country:** Devin Chowske was the MVP; Ernest D'Ambrose won the Coach's Award.

**Girls Soph Cross Country:** Rovena Pjetergjoka was the MVP; Teresa Governale won the Coach's Award.

**Girls Varsity Cross Country:** Catherine Morreale was the MVP.

**Varsity "B" Golf:** Steven Sceflo was the MVP; Ryan Pellegrino won the Coach's Award.

**Varsity "A" Golf:** Pat Collins was the

MVP; John Lynch won the Coach's Award.

**Boys JV Handball:** Luke Bilgrey was the MVP; Joseph Hoyer won the Coach's Award.

**Boys JV Soccer:** Sebastian Altomarinno was the MVP; Paul Bakoyianis won the Coach's Award.

**Girls JV Soccer:** Laura Prendergast was the MVP; Victoria Ryan won the Coach's Award.

**JV Softball:** Melissa Kump was the MVP; Jennifer DeMaria won the Coach's Award.

**Boys Step Squad:** Gavin Spence won the Coach's Award.

**Girls Step Squad:** Claire Mahon won the Coach's Award.

**Boys Frosh Swimming:** Chris Doherty was the MVP; Brendan Erskine won the Coach's Award.

**Boys Varsity Swimming:** Daniel Collins was the MVP; Chris Doherty won the Coach's Award.

**Girls Varsity Swimming:** Zuzanna Michalak won the Coach's Award.

**Boys Varsity Tennis:** Kemet Dugue was the MVP; Anthony Chan won the Coach's Award.

**Girls Varsity Tennis:** Bea Izsak was the MVP.

**Boys Frosh Track:** Chris Zappel was the MVP; Matt Lambert won the Coach's Award.

**Girls Frosh Track:** Stephanie Rey was the MVP; Sabrina Spataro won the Coach's Award.

**Boys Soph Track:** Sean Collins was the MVP; Matt Catera won the Coach's Award.

**Girls Soph Track:** Andrea Martinez was the MVP; Gabrielle Rosato won the Coach's Award.

**Girls JV Volleyball:** Karolina Kaluza was the MVP. Ariella Levine won the Coach's Award.

## Boys soccer tops Xaverian for 2-0-1 mark

By Thomas Wengler '09

Molloy's Varsity Boys Soccer team has gotten off to a 2-0-1 start highlighted by a victory over Xaverian.

"We lost to them when I was on JV," said senior sweeper Bobby Montoni, "and the win really proved that we could play with them."

Last year Molloy made it all the way to the semifinals of the City Championship Playoffs so Athletic Director Mr. Mike McCleary was hoping for a good start this season from this talented squad who he feels can win the 2008 CHSAA City Championship.

This season's success can be attributed to the leadership of Molloy's three senior captains: Peter Levantis, Andrew Rodriguez and Montoni, who's hobbled by a muscle tear in his leg.

Also contributing to the strong Molloy attack are juniors Greg Davis and Glenn Whelan, the team's top two scorers so far this season.

Despite the good start, Montoni definitely believes that the team has room for improvement.

He hopes to return from injury to help his team win the championship.

"I just want to win the Brooklyn-Queens Championship and get to St. John's [for the city title game]," Montoni said.

## Tennis defeats archrival Mary Louis

By Anthony Chan '09

The Archbishop Molloy Girls Varsity Tennis team remained undefeated this season by defeating archrival The Mary Louis Academy 3-2 at the West Side Tennis Club on Sept. 18.

Molloy's winning lineup was: senior Allie Reisch at No. 1, junior Maria Duran at No. 2 and frosh Monika Nowak at No. 3 singles. Seniors Beatrice Izsak and Sandra Zawadka were the first doubles team and junior Samantha Hernandez and sophomore Maya Suarez played second doubles.

"I thought the team played really well [vs. TMLA]," said Reisch. "Maria played great at second singles and really pulled through for the team."

"Bea and Sandra had a really tough match and really dug deep to win [8-6]," Reisch said.

Zawadka, however, thought she and her partner played too cautiously.

"I should've served better and played more aggressively," she said.

The team, coached by Mr. Matthew Hunter, concluded tryouts earlier this month and only 11 players made the cut for the 2008 season which began Sept. 10.

Returning players include four seniors, Reisch, Izsak, Zawadka, and Danielle Manzella, four juniors, Duran, Hernandez, Rebecca Persaud and Kisa Shiga, and one sophomore, Suarez.

The only newcomers to make the team were sophomore Meaghan Grimaldi and Nowak.

After a quarter of the regular season was complete, Reisch had a 2-1 individual record while Duran's record was 3-0.

The victory over Mary Louis established Molloy as the team to beat in Brooklyn and Queens.

Zawadka agreed chances of the team winning the sectional championship again this year are "pretty good."

But Reisch said the rivalry with Mary Louis won't go away just because Molloy beat them in their first meeting of the season.

"The team to beat is The Mary Louis Academy again," she said.



Senior Bea Izsak returns a shot . (Photo by Anthony Chan)