I often don’t cherish the special place excited for college. I acknowledge that to feel the pull of graduation and am affected by “senioritis,” I am starting As a senior, and someone special.”

Olivia Gillison wrote, “It’s the people that make FCS the place it is today. Friends, they miss the faculty and staff remarked. In addition to missing their home FCS feel, “ as graduate Gwen Lewis college life, they all yearn for the “down-closeness. Even as they are living an ideal experience at Friends’ Central and in the next step in my life, I am often occupied by thoughts of graduation results, I don’t live in the moment. Pre-occupied by thoughts of graduation and the next step in my life, I am often unable to appreciate the exceptional community we have at Friends’ Central. I acknowledge that Friends’ Central has its faults, as does any high school, but overall it is a community that has helped me become the person I am today. In their advice for this year’s seniors, the Class of 2010 recommended that we enjoy FCS while we can, and truly cherish our last few months as high school students. Good luck to all the other seniors, and make sure you take notice of their well-thought out advice!”

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Surprisingly, I live a pretty American life here. I live with my aunt, uncle and cousins (Nosh age 10, Mia 13 and Lucas who is 15) and go to an American school where all my classes are in English. So during the week it’s not so Japanese. During the weekends I usually take the train to downtown Tokyo to hang out with my friends who all live in the city. Girls here have a crazy but awesome fashion sense which makes it in much fun to live here. Since my aunt and uncle work at the school, I live out in the suburbs about a 2 minute walk from campus. There are Cold Stone Creameris here and Starbucks so there’s always something I can find that will remind me of home. Saying that, there are some pretty Japanese things I do here too. If you ever want to throw away anything you have to separate it into Burnable and Non-Burnable and recycle cans and bottles, but you have to throw away the cap separately. When I first got here I kept forgetting but now it’s not such a big hassle. I also ride my loko everywhere. Everyone here rides bikes. They also really like cell phone charms; there are some pretty ridiculous ones out there... it’s like a stuffed animal hanging off your cell phone. And on the train everyone plays their

Friends’ Central Holiday Concerts 2010


ReGroup

By Hannah Albertine ’12

Have you heard about ReGroup? I met with Mr. Morris to get the scoop on the upcoming start of this new committee. Regroup brings Upper School students and faculty together to discuss and present suggestions to the Administration. Mr. Morris commented, “It’s our job to brainstorm and try to have a positive impact in the school, but it’s not our job to enforce these changes.”

Freshmen Reflections

Advice from the Class of 2010

By Benjamin Yahalomi ’11

As the Class of 2011 eagerly awaited early application results, last year’s seniors candidly reflect on their experience at Friends’ Central and in college thus far. Their remembrances about high school demonstrate a fondness for the close-knit community we have and the lifelong friendships that FCS is, and whether thinking about the next exam, or early decision results, I don’t live in the moment. Pre-occupied by thoughts of graduation and the next step in my life, I am often unable to appreciate the exceptional community we have at Friends’ Central.

It’s a huge change going from being 1 of about 300 students at Friends’ Central to being 1 of about 10,000

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students at UPenn. I always wanted to know what it feels like to go to a large school, where everyone doesn’t know your name and where you can meet new people. In college I’ve found that place, but oddly enough I find myself searching for atmospheres, within the large university, that give me that cozy, down-home FCS feel. I’m now a part of the land of opportunities, so to speak. I meet interesting and intelligent people from all around the world. I’ve been offered a ten-week internship at a hip new marketing firm in Brooklyn. I am experiencing, arguably, the best time of my life. I love it. Yet, deep down, I truly miss the familiarity that I had in Friends’ Central. Looking back, I wish that I had spent my senior year with my head in the “now” rather than in the future, cherishing the last bits I had of the FCS community rather than drifting through the days after my acceptance into college, waiting for school to be over. My advice to the seniors is to appreciate where you are in life at the moment. You’ll have plenty of time to enjoy college while in college, so enjoy high school while you’re in high school.

--Gwen Lewis (UPenn ’14)

My thoughts about Friends’ Central...Well for one thing, you can’t say that FC never gave you a second family, and I think that’s the most important part about this school. When I was looking for a college/university to attend my senior year, the one thing I wanted it to have the most was a sense of family/community. While Ohio Wesleyan definitely does have this feeling, it is nothing compared to what you get going to FC. Yes, the professors here are mostly from all around the world. I’ve been offered a ten-week internship at a hip new popular drink there. It’s like the equivalent to Gatorade and it’s grapefruit flavored. They also have soda and you shake it up and it turns into jello. But it’s good, I promise. Also Aquarius is a really popular drink here. It’s like the equivalent to Gosnade and it’s grapefruit flavored. They also have normal Coke and Dr. Pepper. I actually found Arizona Iced Tea the other day which made me really excited.

--Mary Chawaga (Back row, center in photo)

Dearest Serena,

I enjoy watching “baby shows” such as Sid the Science Kid, Between the Lions, and Sesame Street. Despite everyone’s criticism, I find these shows quite educational, but recently the plans have become increasingly sophisticated. As a result, I feel a desperate need for discussion and clarification of them. Should I or should I not visit the first grade and engage them in brain stimulating convo? Sincerely,

Between the lines

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--Ben Filreis (Bard ’14)

Dear Between the lines,

I’m slightly concerned with your TV choices and recommend you get help from a therapist. Did something traumatizing happen during your childhood years? I will admit that I indulge myself with old shows like Maggie and the Ferocious Beast once in a while when I miss for some extremely legitimate reason but this does not seem like just an occasional thing for you. When tapping into the light, I get this vibe warning me that such tv fare is potentially an unhealthy hobby. Also I imagine that the first grade teachers would not be pleased with an overgrown baby interrupting their class for Elmo so please don’t go anywhere within a ten mile radius of the Lower School for everyone’s sake.

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Nintendo DS’s. Even businessmen in their suits and ties; it’s funny because they’re really intense about whatever game they’re playing. On the weekends around my neighborhood I see boys playing on their sports team (mostly soccer and baseball) from 8 in the morning to 6 at night. Sometimes when I walk the dog after school, I will see little boys (age 9 or 10) running a cross-country course for their baseball teams. I tell them “ganbatte” which means “let’s go/you can do it” sort of thing. They always look confused and laugh at me when I say it... so I’d say that’s a pretty good sign that I’m saying it correctly :). But that’s about all the Japanese I know.

What I’ve learned from my trip is how much I appreciate my life back home in Pennsylvania. Not that I don’t LOVE Japan, but it’s definitely not my home. Living in another country, around the world from where your home is- you learn how fortunate you are. I am so thankful to my parents and my relatives here in Japan for letting me have an experience like this. I have grown a lot as a person, and it’s hard to explain how much I’ve gained from this opportunity. Through the hard times of missing my family and friends, I’ve been able to lean on the friends I’ve made here, and it will be really hard to leave them. I’ll also miss some of the weird drinks I like here. There’s this “Fanta Shake” drink that’s like Fanta their baseball teams. I tell them “ganbatte” which means “let’s go/you can do it” sort of thing. They always look confused and laugh at me when I say it... so I’d say that’s a pretty good sign that I’m saying it correctly :). But that’s about all the Japanese I know.

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Making the Grade

By Sami Resnik '12

It's Thursday afternoon, and the Angels in America papers have been handed back. There's a moment of silence as everyone pretends to read the comments, but really looks for his or her grade. Class ends and the second we're out the door, the infamous "grade" question is asked: "What did you get?"

This question is not uncommon; in fact it's exactly what I expect after any graded assignment is handed back to a class, be it a quiz, test, or paper. There are a couple ways that students deal with this question, depending on the grade they received. Some simply share their grade with others. They do this because they did well and are glad someone asked the question, rather than having to play the question game. Another way students deal with this is to hastily announce, "I'm not telling you," which then makes your classmates think you didn't do too well, but you're too pleased with how you answered so you don't care if they think that. The worst answer, but the one the asker probably wants the most is: "I failed." The fail answer is split into three categories, the laughing "I failed," the close to tears "I failed" and the angry "I hate this class fail." Maybe some of these situations are familiar to you, maybe they aren't, but no matter how anyone responds to "What did you get?" the fact that it is asked in the first place is really interesting.

Why do students feel the need to know other people's grades? Grades are supposed to be private, so why is the exact opposite true at FCS? Katherine Drehin, a senior at Friends' Central, explains, "People are really self-conscious and regardless of whether they did well or badly they want to see how their friends did to make sure they're on the same level as they or better. Knowing how other people did can be a big boost in confidence for your own grade." Katherine was right to mention comparison as a key motivation for the inquisitive students demonstrate towards knowing others' grades. It's done with SAT scores, college acceptance letters, and more.

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Mid-Season NFL Recap

By Max Ginsberg ’14 and Daniel Yahalomi ’14

The NFC 2010 season has been unpredictable, surprising, and exciting, and filled with both disappointments and pleasant surprises. Several teams have had a drastic improvement in their record, and several a drastic decline. The Dallas Cowboys and the Minnesota Vikings both won their division in the 2009 season, but now sit toward the bottom of the NFC. On the opposite spectrum, the St. Louis Rams finished the 2009 season at a horrible 1-15 record, the worst in the NFL, and now sit atop their division. Additionally, the Chicago Bears finished last year at 7-9, placing them third in their division, but led by strong defensive play, they have become a dominant force in the NFC.

One team that stands out is the Atlanta Falcons, led by their quarterback Matt Ryan, wide receiver Roddy White, and running back Michael Turner. The Falcons have been able to convert late in close games and that is always a recipe for success. If the Falcons can secure home field advantage in the NFC, their chances of reaching the Super Bowl will get even better. In his first three years, Matt Ryan has just one loss in home games, a very impressive record. In addition, you cannot count out the Green Bay Packers, New Orleans Saints, and New York Giants, who have all played well this season.

Lastly, you cannot disregard the success of the Philadelphia Eagles. The Eagles had a busy off-season, getting rid of both Donovan McNabb and Brian Westbrook, two players that defined this team for many years. As a result of this decision, many people were not expecting much out of this Eagles team, but how mistaken we all are. The Eagles have played above expectations this year, and are in a tight race with the Giants for the NFC East crown. This success is largely due to the incredible play of Michael Vick, who is having an MVP caliber season. Going into the season, Kevin Kolb was the starting quarterback, but when he got hurt in week one against the Packers, the Eagles season and fortune completely changed. Michael Vick came in, nearly bringing the Eagles all the way back, and providing an instant spark. With Kolb out due to a concussion, Vick shined, earning the starting job, and he since has soared above expectations. Vick has become a pocket quarterback, but is still a threat on the ground as well. With Vick elevating his passing game, this Eagles team has what it takes to win the NFC. Is this Eagles team different than years past, and will they finally come to the city of Brother-Lee Love!

Ravens, and Steelers. When you talk about the NFL, you have to mention the New England Patriots, led by three-time Super Bowl winner, Tom Brady. After dismantling the Jets and Bears the last two weeks, the Patriots are the team to beat not just in the AFC, but the NFL. The Jets, after a 9-2 start, have dropped their past two games and look to be in trouble. Mark Sanchez has regressed in these losses, and must elevate his game as the Jets travel to Pittsburgh and Chicago the next two weeks. With a defense among the leagues best, it’s up to Sanchez and that offense to prove it has what it takes to make it to Dallas. The Ravens have a hard-nosed defense, and an offense that is finally starting to gel. With receiver Anquan Boldin, running back Ray Rice, and improving QB Joe Flacco, this team has all the tools to make a deep run in the playoffs. Lastly, the Steelers stifling defense and fluid offense make them a threat, with the possibility of another run at the Lombardi trophy.

Every year there is a team that surprises people in the playoffs. Last year it was the Jets, and in 2008, it was the Cardinals. We cannot count out anybody come playoff time. These teams include the Colts, Chiefs, Jaguars, and Chargers. Two of these teams will be left outside of the playoffs and looking in, but I can assure you nobody wants to face the Colts or Chargers come playoff time. Even with all the Colts injuries, Manning has been a magician, and it does not seem to matter who is at receiver, because Peyton Manning will find you. Likewise, Phillip Rivers has been an MVP candidate, and has dealt with many of his weapons being injured as well. Under Norv Turner, the Chargers have lost just one game in December, and that was this season, in week 13 against the Raiders. However, their late season success has not translated in the post-season. Is this the year it does?

On the other hand, there are teams that have been disappointments this year. The Cincinnati Bengals highlight this list. After bringing in receiver Terrell Owens to pair with fellow Pro Bowl wide receiver Chad Ochocinco, many considered the Bengals the team to beat in the conference. Well, the complete opposite has happened. The Terrell Owens experiment has failed, and a big problem has been the play of Carson Palmer. Palmer is having one of the worst seasons of his career, and constantly tries to force it to Terrell Owens, resulting in interceptions. The experiment known as TOCHO failed miserably. In addition, their defense is so debilitated it couldn’t stop a Pop Warner team if it tried. The whole NFL was looking forward to watching the Bengals shine this year, but unfortunately they have faded back into obscurity. They have lost ten straight games and counting. It was fun while it lasted.

In this unpredictable NFL season, the AFC has likewise been highly competitive and often shocking to fans and sports reviewers alike. Four perennial powerhouses lead the conference: The Patriots, Jets,
Three FCS Grads Take the Hard Court for Boston University

By Matthew Karlinski ’11
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The North Region of the National Invitational Tournament Season Tip Off took place at the Pavilion on the campus of Villanova University on Tuesday and Wednesday November 16th and 17th with local flair.

Competing were the Boston University Terriers, who have various ties to the Main Line. Boston University’s head coach, Pat Chambers, was an assistant coach at Villanova under Jay Wright before he became the coach at BU. In addition, Boston University’s incoming freshman class includes local talent.

Friends’ Central is well represented with HJ Gaskins, Dom Morris, and Travis Robinson all playing for Coach Chambers. The trio led Friends’ Central to back-to-back Friends School League title in 2010 and a Friends School League title in 2010. Friends’ Central head coach Jason Polykoff remarked, “It was very exciting to see our three former players making an impact at the college level so quickly. I know with their hard work and dedication to the team they will continue to shine.”

NFL Week 15 Power Rankings by Wesley Kaminsky ’11

It was an emotional week in the NFL season, and I’m not even talking about the actual games. I’m talking about my fantasy heartbreak.

After sneaking in the playoffs thanks to Tom Brady’s performance on Monday night against the Jets, I thought I had all the momentum going into the playoffs. That was before I made a stupid decision as a manager. At my flex spot, I benched Deion Branch, Lance Moore, and Kevin Boss in favor of Jacoby Ford who scored me a grand total of 0.05 points. Okay, let me explain myself. How am I supposed to expect Deion Branch to have the best game of his career in a blizzard? How can I trust Lance Moore in the Saints wide receiver by commission offense? Thanks Kevin Boss, for scoring me one points last week, then scoring a touchdown on my bench this week.

Lastly, I want to personally thank Ryan Matthews for screwing me over one more time. After I selected you eighth overall, you fail to produce one touchdown on any bench this week. Thanks, Ryan.

Anyway, here are my week 15 power rankings.

1. New England Patriots (1): 11-2. Tom Brady has shredded the Steelers, Jets, and Bears defenses, who are all season long and struggle with one points last week, then scoring a touchdown on my bench this week.

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13. Indianapolis Colts (14): 7-6. Now is it too late for the Colts to make a playoff run? If not, they will make a statement against the Patriots.


15. Green Bay Packers (4): 8-5. The Packers made the Lions defense look like the 2000 Super Bowl champion Ravens in a 7-3 loss. That was a bad loss. Packers fans better pray Aaron Rodgers is okay.


17. Oakland Raiders (16): 6-7. The Raiders missed a golden opportunity in Jacksonville, but will bounce back with the lowly Broncos coming to town. Remember the last time these two teams met? 59-14, Raiders.

18. Dallas Cowboys (18): 4-9. There’s one thing Jason Garrett didn’t care in Dallas: Defense. They weren’t even close to stopping LeSean McCoy on the final drive.

21. Philadelphia Eagles (5): 9-4. That was a nice win in Dallas, and if they can beat the Giants this week, the NFC East is all but wrapped up.

4. New Orleans Saints (7): 10-3. The Saints offense is clicking on all cylinders right now. I would not want to face this team in the playoffs.

20. Houston Texans (20): 5-8. Which loss has been the worst for the Texans?
**Winter Break at The Cinema**

By Louis Lesser '11

Over Winter Break, there will be much opportunity to watch films, at local theaters in the Philadelphia area and in the comfort of your own home. Here are a few new and interesting movies you can see with some spare time over the break.

**Movies**

While traditionally, the major time for film releases is the summer season, some of the biggest hits of the year have recently come around Christmas. For example, two of the most profitable movies of 2009 were *Avatar* and *Sherlock Holmes*, both released in the month of December. Also, the holiday season is known for the limited release of Oscar-bait movies, a trend that will be more visible this year, as the Academy Awards will take place on February 27th. This year, Hollywood plans on releasing many "tent-pole" and awards-caliber films for an eager viewing public. Here is a sampling of what one can expect from mid-December to early 2011.

*The Chronicles of Narnia: Voyage of the Dawn Treader* (Released December 9th)

(From October Issue) The third film in the series based on C.S. Lewis' novels is also the first movie not to be released by Walt Disney Pictures (the movie, produced by Walden Media, will instead be distributed in 3D by 20th Century Fox). Based on the fifth book in the Chronicles, this movie follows the two youngest Pevensies on a naval rescue mission. Look to see if this popular franchise remains profitable under new management.

*How Do You Know* (December 17th)

Partially filmed just downtown this past year, Reese Witherspoon and Paul Rudd star in the newest from director James L. Brooks, best known for his work *As Good As It Gets* and as a producer of *The Simpsons*. Early praise, specifically from *Entertainment Weekly's* Dave Karger, who predicted the movie to be a dark horse Oscar contender, just might be a winner.

*TRON: Legacy* (December 17th)

After 28 years, numerous rewrites, and the rise of Computer Generated Animation (CGI), Disney has finally released a sequel to *TRON*. While the first movie was considered a box office flop in 1982, the film has garnered a cult following, and is now viewed as a textbook-example of early CGI imagery. The sequel, staring Jeff Bridges, will be released in IMAX and 3D, two formats that have broken box office records this year. However, Disney is seriously gambling its fortunes with the movie, and pundits are still concerned over the key movie-going 18-34 demographic and its interest in what seems to be a dated sequel.

*Yogi Bear* (December 17th)

Dan Aykroyd and Justin Timberlake lend their voices to this live action/CGI hybrid update of the classic Hanna Barbera cartoon. Unbeknownst to many, this film actually marks the second star vehicle for the bear from Jellystone Park, who last appeared in 1964's animated *Hey There, it's Yogi Bear*. Producers at Warner Brothers hope to capitalize on a similar franchise, Alvin & The Chipmunks, for their own cartoon critter bonanza.

**Gulliver's Travels** (December 22nd)

Jack Black headlines a comedic cast in another retelling of Jonathan Swift's famous book. The only difference between previous adaptations is that this version of the story is meant to be funny, Jack Black has not had live-action top billing since 2009's *Year One*, which was not a great financial success, so look to see if his lead role can draw fans to the cinema.

*The Tourist* (Released December 9th)

While Johnny Depp and Angelina Jolie are arguably the biggest male and female stars in Hollywood, they have never collaborated, until now. After spending much of last year filming all over Europe, this thriller follows an American, who is being pursued by an out a criminal, with whom she once had an affair. Will star power be enough to drive this out a criminal, with whom she once had an affair. Will star power be enough to drive this film? Find out in theatres.

*The Dilemma* (January 14th)

Vince Vaughn and Kevin James star in the latest from director Ron Howard, which tells the story of a man (Vaughn) whose best friend's wife cheats on him. The catch is, his friend (James) does not know of the affair, and his buddy must decide how to break the news. Supported this fall with a nationwide standup comedy tour (which I attended), the film has also garnered controversy over its trailer, but looks to capitalize on the box-office success of its lead actors to become the first hit of the new year.

*The Green Hornet* (January 14th)

Seth Rogen fills the role of the iconic hero, in this adaptation of the character first introduced in 1936 during a radio program. Directed by visionary filmmaker Michel Gondry (*Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*), this movie finds the hero in his first adventure, telling his origin story.

**DVD Releases**

(*OnDemand/Digital Release To Soon Follow*)

*The A-Team* (Released December 14th) Despicable Me (Released December 14th)

*The Other Guys* (Released December 14th)

*The Town* (Released December 17th)

Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole (Released December 17th)

Devil (December 21st)

Easy A (December 21st)

Salt (December 21st)

Step Up 3 (December 21st)

Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (December 21st)

Jersey Shore: Season 2 (December 28th)

Resident Evil: Afterlife (December 28th)

Dinner for Schmucks (January 4th)

The Last Exorcism (January 4th)

Machete (January 4th)

Have a Great Holiday at the Cinema!

**Celebrity Wish List**

By Ben Fogel '13

Ever wonder what celebrities get for the holidays? Fancy cars? Diamond Rings? Mansions on their own private island? Remember not all gifts come as presents. Let's find out what some stars deserve for the holidays:

1. Brad Pitt- A horse and his own home. Here are a few new and interesting movies you can see with some spare time over the break.

2. Kate Winslet- A hat and for her hair cut.

3. Emma Watson- A hat for her haircut.

4. Barack Obama- A face guard for the next time he plays basketball.

5. Jayson Werth- Loyalty and a winning team.

6. Miley Cyrus- Disney-appropriate songs and videos.

7. Justin Bieber- A nail polish line? Oh, wait...He has that. His own trading cards? He has that, too. Chart topping hits about love at the age of 14? Sadly, yes. Thousands of 8-12 years old girl fans? Yup, that too. What about a new 2010 Crimson red electric h3 hummer? (only available at Toys R Us).


9. Lebron James- A friend in Cleveland.

10. Mark Zuckerberg- A good publicist.
“Come Together”
The Beatles Finally Arrive on iTunes

By Jack Kornblatt ’13

On November 16th, 2010, the music world changed forever. The night before, Apple posted an announcement on iTunes, which said that at 9:00 A.M. the next day they would announce something that would change everything. In typical Apple style, they gave the punters time for speculation. The next morning, the announcement was revealed: The Beatles had finally come to iTunes. Since the tech giant’s creation in 1976 as a tiny start-up, Apple Corps, the record company owned by The Beatles, has been in a long term dispute with Apple. The dispute stems from trademark concerns -- Apple Corps believed that Apple Computers stole their name and logo design. Another reason the music was not available online is that the surviving Beatles did not want their songs being sold individually, which they felt cheapened the value of each song and the album as a whole. In fact, the current agreement acknowledges this disillusion towards online music sales -- The Beatles will not be on iTunes forever. Under the current agreement between EMI, Apple Corp, and Apple, the group’s music will leave the store at the end of 2011.

Many teenagers aren’t excited about this change. Firstly, because the band waited so long to join iTunes, many people have already obtained their favorite Beatles songs and albums through other means. Secondly, many people were disappointed to hear Apple’s “Earth Shattering” announcement was simply the addition of The Beatles to iTunes. Two theories abounded; first, that Apple would significantly discount songs on a certain day, and second, that a flash plug-in would be added to the iPod touch, iPhone, and iPad. Despite all this disappointment, however, the band has sold very well thus far. In the first seven days the band’s catalog was available on iTunes, 450,000 albums and 2 million songs were sold, reports EMI. Several Beatles’ albums, including the box set which contains every known Beatles song, documentaries, video from the band’s first U.S. concert, and much more have appeared on the iTunes top 10 and top 100 albums list. No one can deny that even several decades after the group was disbanded, The Beatles remain one of the most, and arguably the most, popular band of all-time.

In 1964 the band that changed everything came to America. Now they’re on iTunes.

Apple’s Poster advertising that the Beatles are now on iTunes

From http://apple.com/

from Top 10 Gifts on page 3 for a present, gift cards are the way to go. You can get a prepaid debit card, which can be used almost anywhere, or you can get one to a specific store or shopping center. This way, the recipient can pick out exactly what he/she wants, and is always happy with the gift.

Digital camera
Most of us love taking pictures, which is why a digital camera is a great gift. However, digital cameras have lost some popularity due to the smartphone, but there are some great deals for cameras this holiday season. You can get a camera for as little as $100.

Twilight/Harry Potter Items
Many people are huge fans of The Twilight Saga and Harry Potter, and there are a lot of different items being sold based on these hit movie series. Some great presents include the Twilight and Harry Potter books, movies, games, t-shirts, and posters.

iTunes gift card
Everyone loves listening to music, so an iTunes gift card is a very useful gift. You can buy music, TV shows, movies, books, and apps for iPads, iPhones, and iPods. iTunes gift cards come in different amounts and are even sold at supermarkets.

Sports jerseys
Sports jerseys are a great way to support your favorite sports teams and players. There are hundreds to choose from and are sold in many different stores. The prices may range from $50 to over $200 depending on the style or brand.

Go Eagles!

From Reflection on page 3

College thus far is absolutely incredible. It’s really, really different from FCS, but it’s just as amazing. You’ll find that it’s actually much easier to manage your work in college because you have so much more free time. One of the nicest parts of college life is that you’re literally living with your best friends; you’re always surrounded by people, which is so much fun. Something to consider is that you’ll probably be surprised by how much you’ll miss Friends’ Central. By the end of senior year most of my friends were pretty prepared to move on from FCS, but now everyone that I’ve talked to misses it a lot. The end of senior year most of my friends were pretty prepared to move on from FCS, but now everyone that I’ve talked to misses it a lot. It’s such a unique place; it’s basically impossible to find a community like the one that exists at Friends’ Central. My advice to the seniors? It sounds stupid, but really, really try not to worry about what school you’re going to end up at. It’s cliché, but it somehow always works out that you’ll go where you belong. Also, the end of senior year is absolutely incredible, so just push through the next couple of months. Enjoy the time you have with your friends because they won’t be the same as the ones you make at college. Good luck!

--Emma Richman (F & M ’14) (pictured below with her roommate)
Phoenix In the Phast Lane by Jamie Ulrich '12

Artists In The Spotlight by Keira Sultan '12

Aengus Culhane '11

For Aengus Culhane art is more than simply a form of self-expression. "For me, art goes beyond just having fun. It gives me a sort of solitude and fulfillment that I can't get anywhere else." Aengus took up art at a young age, and was helped along the way by two neighbors, who taught him varied skills and techniques. For a period of time he stopped producing artwork when he couldn't find enough time for it, and didn’t start up again until the summer after tenth grade. However, he made up for lost time by then participating in art classes in Philadelphia and taking our school's studio art course during his junior year, and now Studio Art II as a senior year.

He usually works with either people or still life, using a variety of mediums, including charcoal, pastel, and oil paint. Aengus explains that he always creates still lifes in oil paint, but with sketches goes through phases using different mediums. In the same way that art has impacted Aengus, his emotionally evocative pieces such as the portrait below are able to do the same to his viewers. If you want to see more of his pieces, check out his work in both the studio art gallery and the upcoming issue of INK. Best of luck to this aspiring artist, who plans on continuing to develop his artistic skill in college.

Liz Phillips '12

When you look at a piece of artwork by Liz Phillips, you will rarely be struck with a feeling of déjà vu. In detailed work such as the one below (titled No Signal), her collaboration of thick, bold colors and use of controlled lines creates a highly unique and interpretive approach to art that is all her own. Her eye-catching style makes sense when she explains, "One thing that really draws me to art is the pure aesthetics of it. I love making things that look interesting to me." Liz uses a variety of mediums in her pieces in order to achieve her personal style, often combining materials such as graphite, charcoal and watercolors. However, Liz does not create art only to be pleasing to the eye. She reveals, "For me, art is a chance to express myself and my ideas, and the way I see the world."

Although art has always played a large role in Liz's life, she started getting serious about it at the beginning of her sophomore year, when she realized how much she enjoyed it and that she could possibly make a career out of it one day. Since then, she has put her talent to work by participating in several art classes, as well as spending a month at The Pratt Institute in New York this summer, where she took two classes in foundations of art and sequential art. One thing that makes Liz so interesting as an artist is that she does not limit herself to one particular art form or subject matter. While her piece pictured here centers around an object, many of her pieces also include people, as she especially loves to draw eyes and faces. Liz also loves photography, which she often shoots using a Polaroid or one of her two film cameras. She hopes to exhibit her photos at a gallery in Islesboro, Maine, next summer.

While the mediums and subjects of Liz's works may be constantly changing, one thing will always remain the same; her pieces will continue to be seen in unique ways by different individuals. But to her, this is what art is all about. She says, "One thing I love about art is how everyone can walk away from a piece of artwork with different interpretations, different emotions, and different ideas. In art, there are no right or wrong answers."