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## Let's Go Go-Karting

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### Student Spotlight

Yifan Lu, a Salesianum School junior, is becoming a track star. At the Downingtown Invitational on April 4, he ran the 100 meter dash in 12.31 seconds, coming in eleventh place. On April 11 at the Warrior Invitational at Henderson High School, he beat his time in the event, coming in at 11.85 seconds. These strong runs helped Yifan and his teammates qualify to compete in the Penn Relays in the 4 x 100 meter race on April 25. They placed fifth in their heat.



Among Sanford School 9th and 10th grade students who took the American Mathematic Competition (AMC) 10 exam, Ruilin Yang placed second. The 75 minute test contains problems that can be solved with algebra and geometry concepts.



Ladies and gentlemen, start your engines! Students were given the chance to test their driving skills on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at Mid Atlantic Grand Prix in New Castle, DE. After a brief safety lesson, they donned crash helmets and hit the indoor track in the lightening-fast go-karts.

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### Mathletes Compete



The 2013-14 school year marks the thirty-seventh year of operation for the Delaware Secondary School Mathematics League. The purpose of the League is to cultivate an interest in mathematics through team competition. Upon completion of four regional meets, the top scoring teams and the top scoring individuals from each region are invited to participate in the Invitational Meet. This year, the Meet was held on March 31 at the

Modern Maturity Center in Dover, DE. In Region 1, Salesianum School 10th-12th Grade Team placed second. Yifan Li (tied for third spot in the individual competition) and Yulin (Micheal) Zhao were members of the team. The boys were pictured in an article in The News Journal. Saint Mark's High School 10th-12th Grade Team placed second in Region 4. Xincheng (Jason) Ju (placed second in the individual competition), Yitao (Terry) Liu (placed third), and Bojie (Kevin) Zhang were on the winning Spartan team.





## New Partner Schools

Renascencia Hall is pleased to announce new partnerships with three exceptional private schools. We look forward to a long and successful relationship as we help to grow and improve their international student programs.



Wilmington Christian School is a college preparatory school founded in 1946. Located on a beautiful 15 acre campus in Hockessin, DE, the facilities feature state-of-the-art classrooms and labs, and an expanded, top quality gymnasium. Wilmington Christian School teaches, influences, and encourages each student to effectively integrate Biblical truth into his/her daily life and is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. The school offers a broad range of academic and co-curricular activities supporting a rigorous, well-rounded education. Students routinely receive local and state recognition for excellence in academics, athletics, music, fine arts and community service. Students are consistently selected as members of athletic all-conference and all-state teams and are honored for excellence in music through all-state band, jazz band, orchestra, and chorus and excellence in visual arts and writing in a number of competitions. The school has a strong, established International Student Program through the efforts of Stephanie Galbraith and Kelli Pitman. Renascencia Hall will be helping to strengthen their international program.



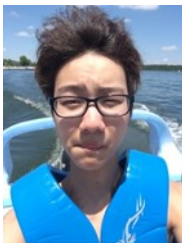
Academy of the Holy Angels in Demarest, NJ is the oldest private girls' school in Bergen County. Situated on a beautiful 25 acre campus, complete with an outdoor athletic complex, Holy Angels is located just minutes from New York City. Founded and sponsored by the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1879, the school community, of one mind and one heart, has nurtured scholarship, leadership and service for over 135 years. As a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and a National Service-Learning Leader School, the Academy is seeking students who will thrive in a challenging learning environment that will help them reach their full potential so that they, in turn, may share their gifts with others. The Academy offers small class sizes and individual attention in a collegiate atmosphere while also offering three levels of classes: college preparatory, honors and high honors, as well as AP courses in the junior and senior year. At Holy Angels, the curriculum, arts and athletics programs, extra-curricular activities, and facilities are planned with one mission in mind: to empower each young woman to reach the fullness of her potential - spiritually, morally, intellectually, socially and physically.



York Catholic High School is an accredited, co-educational institution for students grades 7-12 operated by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg in Pennsylvania. Founded in 1929, York Catholic High School provides a safe, family-oriented environment that will encourage sound academics and respect for self and others. York Catholic has a reputation for high quality academics and maintains the quality of excellence, which continues to merit the approval and accreditation from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Students are encouraged and challenged to develop a mature, faith-filled and moral vision of themselves and their world spiritually, socially, intellectually, emotionally, and physically. The school offers students a wide array of extracurricular activities, clubs, art and cultural enrichment programs, community service activities and student publications. A comprehensive education program is offered which includes advanced placement classes, honors and accelerated courses, and college dual credit options.

## Spring Break 2014

Over the Easter holiday, many students took the opportunity to pack in vacation time before finishing out the school year. After the cold, snowy winter, students were eager to enjoy the sunshine and warm weather. Destinations included Boston, Disneyworld, New York City and Washington, D.C. for sightseeing or visiting colleges. Others used the time off to shop for new clothes. The break provided the perfect occasion for seniors to spend time with friends before walking across the stage in their cap and gowns and heading off to college.



## Important School Dates

*Consult your school website for details and updates.*

### May 1—8

- ◆ Upper School Art Show—Sanford

### May 2

- ◆ Upper School Art Reception—Tatnall
- ◆ Freshman/Sophomore Semi Formal—Salesianum

### May 3

- ◆ SAT testing—Saint Mark's & Sanford

### May 5—9

- ◆ Book Fair—Tatnall

### May 5—15

- ◆ Advanced Placement Exams—all schools

### May 10

- ◆ Junior Prom—Saint Mark's

### May 12

- ◆ Annual Blood Drive—Salesianum

### May 14

- ◆ Band Awards—Saint Mark's

### May 15

- ◆ Choral Concert—Tatnall

### May 16

- ◆ Junior Prom—Salesianum

### May 17

- ◆ Prom—Sanford

### May 18

- ◆ Spring Concert—Saint Mark's

### May 22

- ◆ Instrumental Concert—Tatnall

### May 26

- ◆ Memorial Day—All Schools Closed

### May 30

- ◆ Senior Prom—Saint Mark's

## Upcoming Events

### May 11

- ◆ College Application Seminar—ALL JUNIORS

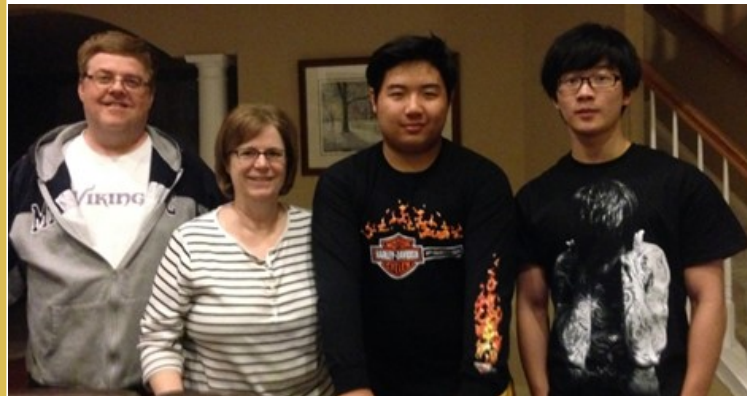
### May 31

- ◆ Graduation Picnic—Lums Pond State Park

## Host Family Corner

Hosting two international teenage boys has been both rewarding and at times a little challenging. Leo came to live with us in January 2013 in the middle of his sophomore year. Taylor arrived in August 2013 to begin his sophomore year. Both boys attend Saint Mark's High School and get along very well even though their personalities are different. They are active in band, Model UN, wrestling, lacrosse, working out at the YMCA, and playing guitar. The most challenging part is keeping up with their appetites - we are surprised at the amount of food two teenage boys can eat! They are getting excited as the school year winds down and are looking forward to spending time with family and friends in China over the summer.

*Dawn and John Shearer*



John and Dawn Shearer with Tian (Taylor) Qiu and Lin'ao (Leo) Chen.

## Focus Group

On Saturday, March 12, 2014, several students met with Jerry Xiao, Eva McChesney and Youth Leadership Program Advisors Mike Wilgen and Carl Witte to discuss ideas for improving the YLDP. The program was created to facilitate the personal development of students. By learning how to be organized and set goals, students are then ready to progress towards developing leadership skills. The Renascentia Hall staff appreciates the recommendations suggested by the students and will work to implement the ideas in future workshops. Students participating in the Focus Group were Jing (Nancy) Bi, Yaolin (Helen) Che, Li'nao (Leo) Chen, Yilun (Michael) Lu, Tian (Taylor) Qui, Yiqiao (Aimee) Shao, Ruilin Yang, Yaxing (Connie) Zhang, and Yuchen (Charlie) Zhou.

## Happy Birthday



**Shaqi (Suki) Shi**  
May 7



**Yuchen (Charlie) Zhou**  
May 14