



# The Immaculate Times

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## Letter from the Editor

Oh, it's another wonderful year with the Immaculate Times! We have big plans for our coming publications and are happy to welcome three new additions to the staff. You might notice a few changes to our graphic design in comparison to the previous year, but we think that, although slight, they will dramatically improve your reading experience.

Also, some of you astute readers may have noticed that many of our articles detail events that happened a (long) while ago. Well, thanks to the same storm that got us out of school for a week, the publication of this newspaper was severely... :( Despite this delay, we hope that you'll bare with us and travel back in time a little bit to relive some key

events :)

Finally, keep up to date on all things mustang, and follow us throughout the year here in print and in cyber-space at our online archive. Enjoy!

- Rachel Giorgio

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## An Interview with an Angel

By Navia Hall

I recently got the opportunity to interview our new athletic director, Mr. Castaldi:

The Immaculate Times (IT):  
What are your favorite sports?

Mr. Castaldi (C) : Football and baseball.

IT: When did you decide to pursue a job in athletics?

C: I always loved coaching and working with kids. I was "a teacher that coached." I coached football for 30 years and baseball for 11 years.

IT: What did you teach?

C: Biology. I majored in health and biology.

IT: What sports did you play in

school?

C: I played basketball and track. I was the All-American Player in the hammer throw in 1975-1976. I was captain as well. I also played in college, Southern State University.

IT: How do you like IHS so far?

C: Actually I hate it—no, no, I love it! It's great getting to know the students. The job is a challenge that I love, especially dealing with new sports teams at Immaculate. I think that sports are an extension of the day and it is a privilege, not a right, to play. It's exciting to see the players work hard and show true sportsmanship here in Mustang Valley.

IT: So what about these singing rumors going around?

C: Yes, I sing, but not as much as I used to. Now it is more like a hobby. I will go and sing with Mrs. Raymond from time to time. I sang Oratorio work. I would sing in Church, at funerals, and weddings. I do miss it sometimes, but I am too busy to work in both my singing and athletic careers.

# It's an Ace!

By Emma Giorgio

It's an ace! The Immaculate volleyball team is a go. The group of approximately 23 girls, including dedicated captains Emma Strenkert and Corrinne Daly, have been working hard to get this far. The girls are very excited to get the season started. As volleyball is only a club right now, the team has been practicing regularly since June of last school year and is scheduling scrimmages. All their hard work is paying off, as next year Volleyball team will be a JV sport at Immaculate. A big thank you from all the girls goes out to Emma and Corrinne for all

the hard work, time, and effort they put into starting up this team and to Coach Velez for so



graciously taking on the task of teaching and guiding this new team through a great year! "I couldn't be happier with the team! Corrinne and I set out to

make a really bonded, happy, and dedicated team and that's exactly what we did. I was blown away by the level of athleticism, skill, and dedication the girls have shown and I look forward to the rest of the season with my favorite girls," said Captain Emma Strenkert concerning the new team. The girls have had a great season and look forward to the coming year.

## Candace Williams Run to Remember by Rebecca Vodola

At barely seven o'clock on a cold Saturday morning, Immaculate High School was awake and bustling. The cafeteria was set up as headquarters and the parking lot was decorated with flags to mark the finish line. Across the street, Tarrywile Park was teeming with runners and volunteers. As cars rolled slowly passed, the drivers surely wondered, "What is going on?"

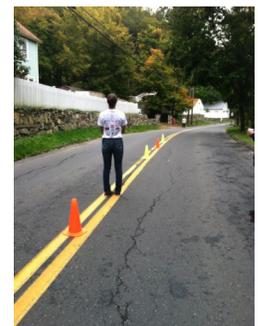
On October 1, 2012, the Candace Lee Williams Run to Remember was being held. The 5K course looped through Tarrywile and the Danbury streets before winding up at Immaculate's Ryder Lane entrance.

Nearly two hundred runners took part, with the top three in every male and female age group taking home a medal. After the run, volunteers and runners alike were invited to Immaculate for refreshments and closing remarks. Candace's friend Allison told the story:

Candace was a 1999 graduate of Immaculate High School. Her friends described her as a fun-loving, but determined girl. On September 11, 2001, her flight has hijacked and crashed into one of the Twin Towers. Eleven years after her untimely death, hundreds of people came to support her friends. This

group of girls administrated the run, this, the second annual.

Doug Scarth of Danbury came in first at just 18:43 and Immaculate High School's own Mr. Esposito took fourth, clocking in at 19:07. The proceeds from the run will be split equally between the Candace Lee Williams Memorial Scholarship Fund at Immaculate High School and Tuesday's Children—First Responder Alliance Program, a program that helps the children of firefighters and emergency personnel who died or were disabled due to the 9/11 events.



Katie Allen cheering on runners.



# HOMECOMING



## Guess Who.....



Is this teenager:

- A. Mrs. Arsenault
- B. Mrs. Stockmann
- C. Mrs. Stone
- D. Mrs. Buckley

Find the answer on the back of this issue!



YouTube. It's a weird and awesome place, with many awesome and hilarious videos. You can find yourself in "that part of YouTube" where you can either find things that you'd rather not see or find new things to try. There is a type of video that can enthrall you and transport you to another world. They're called web shows. The web show I am

### By Jack Nevin

here to talk about today is The Lizzie Bennet Diaries, channel name LizzieBennet. This web series, directed by Vlogbrother Hank Green, is a modern day adaptation of Jane Austin's Pride and Prejudice. This is a classic book but, although it may sound weird, it is perfectly transported into a modern perspective, revitalized it in a new and exciting way. Each episode is about 3-5 minutes and with a new episode being released every Monday and Friday, there are now more than 50 episodes. You follow the life of Lizzie Bennet, the typical grad school girl, and her polar opposite sisters as she deals with her family and friends. It's formatted like a

video diary, detailing her mother's escapades in finding Lizzie and her sisters acceptable spouses. It truly is hilarious and keeps you watching.

This exciting and fascinating web series will keep you enchanted and you'll be counting down the days until the next episodes come out.

Check it out at:  
[www.lizziebennet.com](http://www.lizziebennet.com)

Still want more? You can find a spin-off of the series that follows Lydia, Lizzie's sister (channel name TheLydiaBennet) and all of the characters have accounts on various social networks like Twitter and Facebook.



**Go See Gotye!**  
by Jack Guidera

A few weeks ago, I had the pleasure of seeing Gotye perform in Boston at the Bank of America Pavilion, along with Missy Higgins and Jonti.

The bottom bands were a mixed bag. The first person to play, Jonti, is a friend of Gotye's who's never played at such a large stadium before. Jonti too often clutters his music with electronic filler, covering his talented guitar playing and singing, and lowering the quality of his music. In fact, the only song of his that I really like was one which just included his voice and a ukulele. If Jonti moves away from the heavy sampling, and goes for a more pared down sound, I feel that he will be better received. On the other hand, Missy Higgins, a veteran of the

stage, could've handled a concert all on her own. Her beautiful voice and well-written songs serve as a nice compliment to Gotye's style, and her vulnerability and down-to-earth nature quickly engages the audience. I wouldn't be surprised if she returns on her own concert tour sometime in the near future.

Wally deBacker, known professionally as Gotye, is best known as the writer of the song "Somebody That I Used to Know", but many people do not know that he has released two albums before his most recent one, [Making Mirrors](#). DeBacker's style has been described as "eclectic," which I feel is a fitting term. From a satirical song about abusive telephone companies ("Thanks

For Your Time") to a soulful, mourning dirge about memories of imaginary friends ("Bronte"), Gotye's music covers a wide range of subjects and genres, but always retains a sense of individuality. The best part of the live performance, though, was the videos that played in the background. Though each one was animated by a different team, they brought the songs to life, creating their own stories and emotional connections with the audience, in only the space of a few minutes. If you get the chance to see Gotye live, don't pass it up.

**"Now you're just somebody that I used to know....."**

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