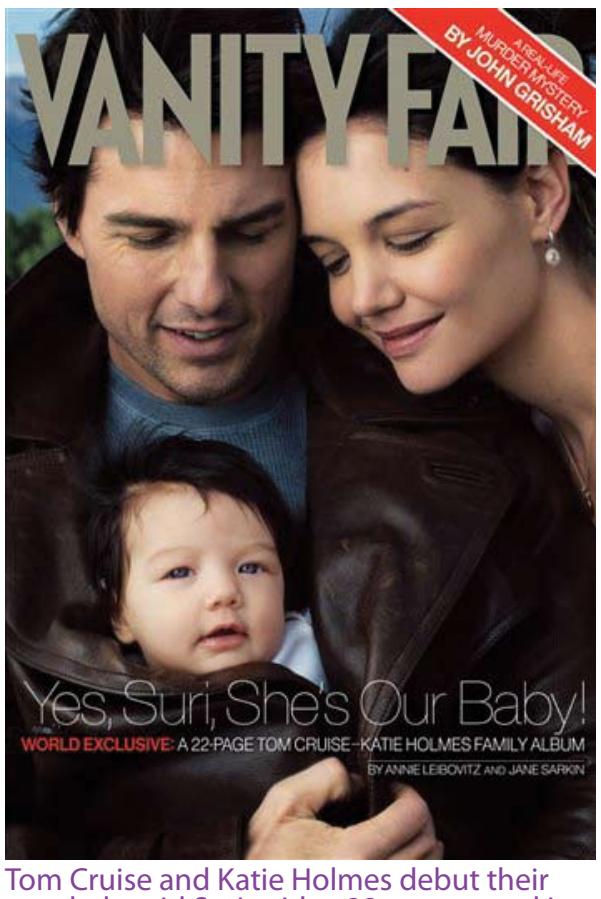
Summer 2006 ....What You Missed



Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes debut their new baby girl Suri, with a 22 page spead in Vanity Fair.

Justin Timberlake brought Sexy back with his new album FutureSexLoveSounds.

Fifa World Cup Final held in Berlin, Germany. Italy vs. France 2-1, Italy coming out with the victory.

Superman Returned this Summer, hitting number one

Lollapalooza August 4-6 , Grant Park, Chicago. 3 Days, 8 Stages along with 130 live bands.

Australian Crocodile Hunter, Steve Irwin, tragically died in freak accident when filming off the coast of Australia.

Terrorist threats alarm UK and US airports resulting in passenger delays and the banning of all liquids in carry-on luggage.

Talented and Enthusiastic Multi-Taskers Become Assistant Principals

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Jeff Boggan

Jeff Boggan is quite possibly the busiest man at Loy Norrix. He balances his life as a pastor, father of five and his new job as director of the Freshman Academy.

Having worked as an administrator for many years before coming to Norrix, Boggan has a lot of experience working with the high school demographic. Before he came to Norrix, he worked with young men at Star Commonwealth, a treatment facility for young men.

His secret for balancing his busy life comes from the support his family gives him.

"I have a beautiful supportive wife. I lean heavily on her for support because she is strong in the areas I am not strong in. I cannot do what I do everyday by myself. I need my wife, children, and the teachers here... I have great support," said Boggan.

Boggan loves almost every moment he is on the LN campus because he is very invested in his job.

"I am in demand all the time, and so I am giving of myself all the time. I make my entire day about the students and staff. I am all about building people up and serving people. I feel in doing this job I am not only serving the school, but also our community," said Boggan.

Boggan knows the freshman need someone who is willing to work with them over and over until all students understand about behavior within the school and achieving during their time at Norrix. He believes that acts of violence around the school, including gang related incidents, can be controlled through the Freshman Academy.

"We need to teach the students how we are going to be together in this building. That's why we need to set the limits and rules. There is not one answer, and I wish there was. When I look at all the students here at Norrix, I see good kids. As teachers, we must find the strength in them, and help them see that strength," said Boggan.

Valerie Boggan

No more Mr. Nice guy! There has been a crackdown in the disciplinary department at Loy Norrix this year. Valerie Boggan, new assistant principal in charge of discipline, is "holding kids to higher expectations."

Boggan took the vacant assistant principal position at the beginning of this year. This job was very appealing to her.

"I love working with children, and working to create change. In this position, I am able to work with children and create systemic change," said Boggan.

This year, one of Boggan's goals is to create a discipline department that is based on higher expectations and a supportive staff. Boggan is convinced that by being 'real' with students she can develop a discipline department that fits the needs of all students.

"Even though we have been holding these students to higher expectations, we have created a discipline department that is supportive and listens to concerns. As a result of this supportive nature by the staff, students are able to trust more, and eventually student leaders emerge," said Boggan.

Boggan uses a method called 'de-escalation' to help calm people down when they are upset.

"It helps bring a child back to a state of calm. I do this by the tone of my voice, affirming the person's feelings, not behaviors and by using a relationships to connect with the child," said Boggan.

When Boggan accepted the job as the disciplinary assistant principal, she had a very serious security problem on her hands. Unacceptable behaviors in the school erupted, and she had to deal with many people who wanted to ruin the school environment.

"We send a message to stop all the hurting behaviors. We do not have to like each other, but we must learn to live cooperatively," said Boggan.

The discipline department is trying to curb the violence in the school by keeping the lines of communication open. Boggan realizes the importance of keeping violence out of the school environment.

"We talk about the laws of the streets versus the laws of Loy Norrix and how to create success within the school. We have talked with certain individuals and with kids in groups together," said Boggan.

Katie Pennington

The guidance office at any high school is the place where students perfect their schedule. This year has brought tremendous change within our own guidance department because Loy Norrix has a new Dean of Students.

Katharine Pennington, former French and history teacher at LN, has undertaken this huge job of overseeing all counseling activities.

" I am really enjoying this job thus far because it is challenging. It forces me to be very organized, have a good memory, and prioritize," said Pennington.

As this is Pennington's tenth year on the LN staff, she knows a lot about how the building works. One of her goals as Dean of Students is to create a scheduling and guidance system that is smooth and painless.

"I would like to make this school more efficient, that includes making it more efficient for students, teachers, and counselors. I plan on doing that by, streamlining the scheduling process and creating jobs that are clearly defined within each department," said Pennington.

Pennington has been able to use a lot of her previous knowledge from being a teacher and apply it to her new job as an administrator.

"By getting to know many kids as a teacher, I know what each child needs. It also helps me remember what the teachers need," said Pennington.

The beginning of the year at LN was very hectic for Pennington because she was overwhelmed with scheduling students and generating an accurate enrollment count. Once these important tasks are done, she will have time to talk with students and teachers more often.

"I am just now beginning to grasp individual tasks. Thankfully, the major problems tended to iron themselves out at the beginning of the year. I am very detail oriented, and I love filling out paperwork," said Pennington.

FOR ONE WORLD BENEFITS CHILDREN

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St. Kizito receives no financial aid from the government. All of their funding comes from Ugandan non-profit organizations as well as gifts from individuals. This is why foundations like 4oneworld and this is why involvement in the community is so important. "We have a responsibility to utilize the resources we have here in the United States to help those less fortunate," said Tara McKinney.

Mimi Nevela, a board member of 4oneworld, said that the biggest challenge is convincing people that it's worth it to help other people in the world. People usually just want to put money into their own community. "If we don't get local involvement," said Nevela "we're not going to get financial."

4oneworld's 2006 goal is to launch a computer literacy program for the St. Kizito school. They need to raise enough money for a five year program that would provide computers, a technology teacher, and internet access. To date, 4oneworld has raised enough money to operate the program for one and a half years. † Nevela says that computers are so important to the education of the St. Kizito students because no one can be considered educated in the modern world without knowing about computers.

Because much of the 4oneworld networking is done through word of mouth, community plays a huge role in this aspect of the foundation. Eric Fischer is the keyboard player for the band The T-LO Effect that went on third after the band, Second Stone. Fischer says that he is friends with the McKinneyís and that 4oneworld asked The T-LO Effect to play at this fundraiser. The band wanted to help out a good cause. Tara also relies on calling local artists for donations of their work and calling local businesses to get them involved.

The board of 4oneworld has many members that are friends and relatives of Wade and Tara McKinney, including Taraís brother, Adam Stubbs. Tara McKinney says that when you start something you need someone that you know.

One woman named Angelique attended the fundraiser because her friend is affiliated with the association. She came because she wanted to help the children.

Further involving 4oneworld with the community is a pen pal project between the Loy Norrix Knight Life staff and the some of the students of St. Kizito.

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Edinah Mushab and classmates work on lessons at St. Kizito school in Uganda; Edinah will be corresponding with a Knight Life student. The results of this exchange will reported in Knight